

OCTOBER 21, 2018
29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE PASTOR

WELCOME TO OUR OKTOBERFEST

This Sunday, immediately after the 11:30 am Mass, we will celebrate our annual Oktoberfest. It is a bit different, and somewhat more low key, than in the past few years. Because of scheduling problems, we were not able to hold the Oktoberfest on a Saturday (we had booked out every Saturday in October with weddings). As a result, we will not be holding the German Mass. We will have lots of great food and German music.

THE HISTORY OF THE PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

There is a very strange story about Pope Leo XIII and the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel. The Holy Father was at prayer during Mass in 1884, and suddenly he fell to the ground. Some reports say that when those with him came to him, he had no pulse. As they tried to revive him, he suddenly woke up and said that he had been shown terrible things.

Pope Leo later told that he had a vision in which he heard a conversation between God the Father and Satan. Satan asked for one century in which to do his worst and to show that he was still the one in charge of things on the earth. In some versions of this story, God granted Satan his wish and the 20th century was given to him. In another version, Saint Michael the Archangel appeared and drove Satan away. Although there is no definitive account of the story, the second makes more sense to me, for why would God agree to such a request? Nonetheless, Pope Leo feared for the Church and the world so much that he composed the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel and had it recited at all Masses. Those of us old enough to recall the pre-Vatican II Mass remember praying that prayer every week.

A very good case can be made that the 20th century was, in fact, the work of the Evil One. The two World Wars, the Cold War, the Holocaust, the slaughter of millions of people by Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot, and others, the development of and use of nuclear weapons, and the killing of millions of children through legalized abortion make the 20th century the most bloody and murderous in all of history. In addition to this, the sexual revolution has resulted in severe damage to the family and to children growing up in poverty.

When the reform of the liturgy, after the Council, took place, the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel was dropped. For many years, there have been bishops, priests, and laity who have requested that the prayer be reinstated in the Masses. That request has become much stronger in the last few months, as the sexual abuse crisis has risen once again. Many of the bishops of the United

States are giving permission to parishes to include the Saint Michael Prayer, and Bishop Foys has done so in our own diocese. It is up to each parish to decide whether to use it or not. I was one of the priests who requested that we be permitted to use it, and so we will do so here at Mother of God.

Pope Francis, and I have been criticized for saying that the Church is under Satanic attack. I think there is misunderstanding about what is being taught. My guess is that people think we are saying that those priests who abused and those bishops and others in positions of authority who covered up and moved around those abusers are not to blame. The Devil made them do it! That is not what is being stated. The Devil cannot overcome the free will of an individual. He can only tempt us to do evil—he cannot make us do evil. He can tempt someone to abuse, but he cannot force someone to abuse. That requires their free-will decision to act on the temptation. Satan cannot force a bishop to cover up and enable an abuser. He can only tempt them to do so by suggesting that this is the best way to handle the matter. But the individual must accept the temptation and act on it. This is true for all of us, as we face temptation.

By stating that the Church is under Satanic attack, we are saying that Satan has indeed launched his attack on the leaders of the Church, tempting and misleading them to perform terrible acts against children and others. He has influenced leaders to allow a culture in which sexual acts by priests are accepted and tolerated. And he has been incredibly effective.

The Church has always been under Satanic attack. He definitely wants to destroy the Church, and failing to accomplish that, to destroy her witness and her effectiveness in the world. There is a telling scene in the Book of Revelation, where the Devil is seeking to destroy the Woman Clothed with the Sun (the Blessed Mother) and her child. He is prevented from doing so, and the Scripture tells us he then went about seeking to make war on her other children (you and me and the entire People of God).

Satan is real!!! This has been the teaching of the Church from the beginning. In the First Letter of Saint Peter we hear, "Stay sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith." Although Satan has been defeated in the final battle, he still has the power to work in this world, and he does. Pope John Paul II stated: "The battle against the devil, which is the principal task of Saint Michael the Archangel, is still being fought today, because the devil is still alive and active in the world today."

We pray the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel because Satan is real and he truly wishes to destroy the Church of Jesus Christ. He also wishes to destroy each of us. Make the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

part of your daily prayer, especially when you are facing temptation.

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II

On Monday, October 22, the Church honors Pope Saint John Paul II, one of the most important popes in the history of the Church and one of the most important saints of our modern era. Born in Poland to a very devout family, he lost his mother when he was very young. He asked the Blessed Virgin Mary to be his mother, and he developed a deep and remarkable relationship with her. John Paul took as his papal motto, "Totus tuus. Totally yours." He consecrated himself completely to her, asking her to bring him fully to Christ. This spirituality came to him through the book *The Secret of the Rosary*, by Saint Louis de Montfort, in which he teaches total consecration to Mary. He became the most Marianist Pope in all of history.

Karol Wojtyla was raised by his father, and as a young man considered becoming an actor and a playwright. When the Nazis invaded Poland, he became a worker in a limestone quarry. He entered an underground seminary and was ordained a priest. After the Nazis, the Communists took over, and he spent his entire time as a priest and bishop working under and standing up to the Communist government. Father Wojtyla was a brilliant philosopher and teacher and was particularly effective at reaching young people.

Archbishop Wojtyla participated in the Second Vatican Council. In 1978, the "Year of Three Popes," he was elected to be the pope after the very brief pontificate of Pope John Paul I. He took the name, as had his predecessor, to show that he was in line with the two popes who had begun and completed the Second Vatican Council. He was a Vatican II pope.

Over the next 27 years, Pope John Paul would leave a remarkable footprint on the Church and on the world. He is credited, with President Reagan and Prime Minister Maggie Thatcher, with successfully working for the overthrow of the USSR and the liberation of those countries oppressed by them. Called for by a synod of bishops, the Holy Father directed that a new Catechism of the Church be written and published. This was the first new Catechism of the Church since the one written after the Council of Trent. His many encyclicals, and his teachings on the Theology of the Body, mean that his imprint on the mind and the soul of the Church will last for centuries. There are those who want him to be known as Pope John Paul the Great, making him only the third pope to have that title.

PRAY THE ROSARY

We continue our journey of prayer through this October, the month of the rosary. As I have noted in the past, the rosary is one of the most important and powerful forms of prayer offered to us by our Church. It is a way that we

can grow in our relationship with God, with our insight and understanding of the lives of Mary and Jesus. It is a way in which we can pray as individuals, as couples, as families and as friends.

For those of you who are still new to the rosary, and are not sure of the mysteries and the prayers, here is a good website that you might check out.

Association of the Miraculous Medal
www.amm.org.

RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? If so, we have begun the convert instruction classes which are commonly known as the RCIA. They meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays in the Saint Aloysius Center. You can call the parish office to learn more or just show up at the class.

PARISH NEWS

TODAY: CELEBRATE OKTOBERFEST! We will be celebrating Oktoberfest with a parish gathering after 11:30 Mass. Please join us for live music, brats, metts, beer, and other German fare (\$5 per person; \$10 per family). We hope to see you there!

NEW PARISHIONERS BRUNCH: Peruse your recipes. Beginning next week, sign-up sheets will be available in the back of church for parishioners willing to make a breakfast casserole or provide breakfast rolls, coffee cakes or breads for the brunch on Nov. 11 to welcome our new members. The brunch will be at 10:30 in the hall.

NEW PARISHIONERS NOTICE

RSVP to Patti Hoodin Friday, November 2, at phoodin@huff.com; or 513-313-5077. Or call Peggy Price at 859-341-5399. Call for more information.

VIRTUS COMPLIANT VOLUNTEERS: A new Virtus bulletin is now in your account. Thank you for keeping up-to-date on your bulletins!

We offer our sympathy to Carol Imbus on the recent passing of her brother. You are held in our prayers and thoughts. May he rest in peace.

NOTICE: Hearing-impaired devices available. Please see an usher if you need one.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TURKEYFOOT TROT 5K RUN/WALK: Gather friends and family for this enjoyable Fall healthy outing on Sat., Nov. 17. Some of the proceeds raised by MOG participants will benefit our parish outreach ministry. The run starts at Thomas More

College. Pre-registration forms are available on the rail of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Altar in the back of Church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COAT DRIVE: Please save outgrown and no-longer-needed coats for the annual SVDP coat drive to benefit those in need NKY. Both children and adult coats are welcomed. Receptacles will be available in the back of church.

PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

October is Respect Life Month, and you may have noticed that last Sunday we had a table set up by the Perpetual Help altar with empty baby bottles. We did this last year to help Care Net Pregnancy Centers. We may have someone from Care Net speak with us again this year, but we felt we might as well set them out now, hoping that you remembered from last year. There are four Care Net Pregnancy Centers in the area available to help someone who is pregnant and is seeking help. The money contributed to Care Net is used to help these women. Last year we did very well. You can take a bottle, add any extra change you might have and return the bottle to church. You may also put in a check made out to Care Net in the bottle instead of three coins. Thank you very much.

Washington March for Life: The Pro-Life office at the diocese has a family bus going to Washington for this event that includes an overnight stay in Washington and transportation up and back. You'll find that information on the table with the baby bottles, as well as being posted on the bulletin board at the bottom of the steps.

40 Days for Life: The fall campaign has just begun in front of the Planned Pregnancy Center on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati. They are seeking volunteers to commit to an hour of prayer and fasting between 7 am and 7 pm. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Carole Lonneman at clonneman@fuse.net or call her at 859-291-8935.

MOTHER OF GOD MEMORIAL TRUST FUND: In your kindness, please consider making any bequests or financial donations to the Mother of God Memorial Trust Fund. These funds are used only for the preservation of the church.

HOMEBOUND? Do you have someone who needs to see a priest or needs Communion brought to them at home or in a nursing home? If so, please call the office at 291-2288 so Father can arrange a visit to them.

THE MESSENGER: If you are a registered parishioner at Mother of God Church and are NOT receiving the free Catholic newspaper, *The Messenger*, please call the office at 859-291-2288.

ARE YOU A PARISHIONER? Interested in becoming a parishioner of Mother of God? We're interested in you! We will have registration available after all Masses in the back of church. Please stop by our table to fill out a registration form and have any questions answered. We're glad you're here!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION is available at Mother of God Church every Thursday after the 12:05 pm Mass and concludes with Benediction at 5 pm. Would you be willing to spend time in prayer with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? Please call our parish office at 859-291-2288 if we can count on you for a regular time each Thursday afternoon. Or just come in to spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

SUNDAY COLLECTION	10-14-18
Envelopes	\$8,444.00
Loose	\$525.00
Online Giving	\$708.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$9,677.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

INDIANA MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE: Saturday, October 27, from 8 am to 6:30 pm. Join us as we travel to Indiana and tour St. Meinrad Monastery, Monte Casino Chapel and more: All-you-can-eat lunch will be provided at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. Cost is \$60 per person and includes guided tours, lunch, snacks, chartered transportation and tips. Offered by St. Joseph Parish. Contact Tina Klare at tklare@stjosephcsky.org or 859-341-6609, ex. 4023.

2019 MARCH FOR LIFE ADULT/FAMILY BUS: January 17-18, 2019. Please join the Diocese of Covington for the annual pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the 46th Annual March for Life. The March for Life will be on January 18, 2019. An adult/family bus will depart Northern Kentucky on Thursday, January 17, and return Saturday, January 19. Hotel accommodations for two nights are at the Washington Marriott Metro Center. Trip cost: \$325 per person dbl occp., \$270 per person triple occp.; \$240 per person quad occp. (Price includes

two nights' accommodations and bus travel). \$50 deposit due by December 1. For more information, contact Peggy Piccola at 859-392-1500 or email ppiccola@covdio.org

WHITE MASS: The Most Reverend Roger J. Foy requests the honor of your presence at the 3rd annual Diocese of Covington White Mass. The White Mass gathers the faithful to pray for God's blessings upon all who labor in the healing ministry of the Church, such as physicians, nurses, compassionate care ministers, chaplains, mental healthcare workers, and all men and women religious and Catholic laypersons serving in the healthcare profession. A special blessing will be extended to the faithful who care for God's people with compassion. Thursday, October 25, at 6:30 pm, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption.

NEW BEGINNINGS ANNOUNCEMENT: A 10-week session of New Beginnings, a support group for divorced and separated persons, will begin November 8. Meetings will be held on Thursday evenings, from 7-8:30 pm, through January 31. In this faith-based group, participants will find a new understanding of themselves and their relationships and gain the courage to discover a new life. This group is sponsored by the Diocese of Covington and hosted by the Dept. of Catechesis and Faith Formation. Registration is required: call 859-392-1500 ext. 1529. Visit: <https://www.covdio.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/New-Beginnings-Schedule-2018-2019-PDF.pdf>

EXORCIST TALK & BONFIRE SOCIAL: Every young adult (18-39) in the Diocese of Covington is invited to St. Anne's Convent, 5275 St. Anne Drive, Melbourne, KY, from 7:30 to 11 pm, Saturday, October 27, for a bonfire social with the Diocese's exorcist, Fr. Bob Rottgers. Fr. Bob will speak about spiritual warfare and answer questions about his experience as an exorcist. S'mores, snacks and some drinks provided. Bring a blanket or chair. Shelter available if inclement weather. For information, contact Brad Torline at 859-392-1590 or btorline@covdio.org.

ALL NIGHT OF FUN. Friday Nov. 2, we are renting out Town and Country with the All Night laser tag sponsored by Laser Kraze, from 11:30 pm to 5 am. This event is for youth 7th grade and up. The cost is \$25, which includes basketball, indoor soccer, volleyball, soft drinks all night, prizes and games. Fr. Hennigen will be running the Ultimate Frisbee. Please come and bring a group! Join the fun! Any questions, please call John Kidwell at 859-750-3380 or jkidwell@stbarbaraky.org.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 21

Oktoberfest after 11:30 Mass (Hall)

Tuesday, October 23

6:30 pm RCIA (SAC)

7 pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. (Hall)

Thursday, October 25

11 am and 6:30 pm Bible Study (Church)

12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday, October 28

Emergency Shelter Speaker at Masses

9:30 am Mass Ladies Altar Society

Blood pressures taken after both Masses

MASS INTENTIONS

October 21	9:30 am Mile Gunning
	11:30 am The Lueke Family
October 22	12:05 pm Theresa Hicks
October 23	12:05 pm Raymond & Julia Grogan
October 24	12:05 pm No Mass
October 25	12:05 pm Jim O'Brien
October 26	12:05 pm Celine Schoening
October 27	12:05 pm Bob Cetrulo
October 28	9:30 am Rosemary Sketch
	11:30 am Eric Brown, II

HYMNS FOR 9:30 AM MASS

575	God is Our Fortress and Our Rock
Response	Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
712	O Sanctissima
736	You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
525	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

SCRIPTURE FOR OCTOBER 21, 2018: Isaiah 53: 10-11; Psalm 33; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10: 35-45.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Les Miley	Hannah Donoghue
Tom Heidrich	Pam Neal
Ralph Kunkemoeller	Dan Lewin
Shirley Hensley	Margie Huesman
Fr. Ray Hartman	Tom Donoghue
Fr. Ralph Hartman	Jill Felix
Kelly Bowman	Greg Scanlon
Robert Shircliff	Nancy Salzer
Ed Salzer	Connie Gillum
Rachel Hub	Christy Egan
Pat Wiedemann	Jack Kearns
Marie Braun	Richard Kearns
Brent Garten	Mary Lou Wilson
Al Haven	Jim White
Sheryl Hodge	William Freddie
Bill Rice	