

PASTORAL REGION ONE

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Baptisms: Do you need your child Baptized Please call the Parish Office at 937 268 6697

Deacon Ken Stewart & Victor Obasuyi instructors

Regional Confessions: Saturdays 4pm or by appointment

Send your Bulletin Announcements to:

admin@unitedinhope.org or info@unitedinhope.org on Monday

Fifth Sunday of Easter



THE SIX GUIDING PRINCIPLES THE SIX GUIDING PRINCIPLES ADDRESS AREAS LARGELY RELATED TO TEACHING AND SANCTIFYING

Eucharist

Church

Leadership

Stewardship

Love In Action

GENERAL PARAMETERS

- Families of Parishes must follow [canon law](#), civil law, all universal and particular Church law, and archdiocesan policies.
- Families of Parishes must develop a pastoral plan for parish vitality, submitted at least annually, reviewed by the dean, to be approved by the archbishop in conformity with the parameters of the Pastoral Planning Pathway according to the published timeline.
- By September 1, 2022, every Family of Parishes must form a Planning Team, led by the pastor, to coordinate pastoral planning geared toward the unification of the Family by June 30, 2027.
- Every Family of Parishes will have a unified Pastoral Council, with other relevant and necessary consultative groups for specific areas of parish life.
- The Finance Councils of each parish within the Family will work together to appropriately plan for and monitor the finances of the Family of Parishes.
- Competent and qualified staff are necessary to serve the Family of Parishes, especially in the areas of worship, evangelization (including love in action), and administration. As is possible, staff will be unified to serve the entire Family.
- Priests must have a regularly scheduled day off and must be able to take all annual vacation and retreats.
- Priests, deacons, staff and other lay leaders will participate in ongoing spiritual formation and training for leadership.

Visit Family of Parishes

As we prepare to be the family of Parishes beginning July 1, 2022, we are asking everyone to take time to visit a location or more of our family members.

Corpus Christy

527 Forest Avenue,
Saturdays 4:30pm

Our Lady of Mercy

Dayton 533 Odlin Ave Dayton
Sunday 9:00am

Queen of Martyrs 4144 Cedar Ridge Rd Mass Sunday
11am



SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS SUMMARY REPORT

In January and February 2022, we conducted numerous meetings in support of the synod process. These meetings were held in every deanery across the archdiocese as well as by several prayer groups, religious orders, and universities... There were many ideas and thoughts expressed in the meetings, and this report, which has been submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), is a synthesis of these. **To read the report go to:**

www.catholicaoc.org/synod



REGION ONE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

[SA] St. Augustine [SB] St. Benedict

May 14 3:45p [SB] Confessions

May 14 4:30pm [SB] Regional Parishioners

May 15 8:30am [SA] Matthew Hess

May 15 10:30am [SB] Sick & Shut-ins

YOUR STEWARSHIP THANK YOU

ST. AUGUSTINE WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 8: Collection: \$ 911.10, Capital Imp \$50, Education \$ 145, Good Friday \$10

ST. BENEDICT WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 8: Collection: \$4,871., SB Charities \$ 10, Sch \$65, Maintenance \$80



ST. BENEDICT MINISTERS SCHEDULE
MAY 15TH – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Augustine & St. Benedict the Moor Churches: Pastoral Region One May 15, 2022

1st Reader – Judy Baker
2nd Reader – Angel Kelly
Petitions – Deacon Ken
Extraordinary Ministers – Deacon Ken, Susan Smith,
Janice Allen

Reminder

St Augustine Rosary is in person every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Change in Dial in Number for Rosary

New Dial-In Number: 6677701427

Access Code: 556136

Rosary time is every Monday at 11am. Join your church family in praying for the community and each other.



Pray for our sick and Shut-Ins

Mae Wilkinson, Kenneth Bronston, Jessie Campbell Helen Spanish, Pat bell, Betty Jones, Susie Roberts, Angelina Matin, Nancy Green, Mary Dudley, Priscilla Moon, Annena Younger, Keno Hampton, Sherman Mosley, Juanita Newell, Robert Florence, Rita Ellicott, Loure Hayes, Maxine Brooks, Renee' Raisch, Don Hoog and Ray Metzger.

Nursing Homes

Eddie Weaver Mary Scott
Roberta Hickman Heartland of Kettering

Reflection

In loving we identify ourselves truly as the followers of Christ and by so doing join hands with Him in the consolidation of the reign of the Kingdom of God; in the building of a new heaven and a new earth, where His will is done. To love is to truly live! Not to love is to reject the various gifts of God to us and most seriously to reject God Himself Who is love. To reject God is to reject life for He is life. To be without life means to be dead, not just in its mortal form but also in eternity. This is never our wish and lot! May the love of God bring us to love and to live; Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ never missed any opportunity He had of opposition of love. The truth remains that irrespective of how forcefully love is opposed, it will surely have the day because love is divine. Never be discouraged to love sincerely! Love may make you seem like a victim and vulnerable in the eyes of the opposition. Be calm and know that in being victims and vulnerable in the practice of love we become victorious, and this is the very trap to win the opposition over to learn to love. Love as deeply as you can for through love we can heal the world.

Heavenly Father, you created us out of love and through love redeemed us in Christ and in the Holy Spirit. Teach us to love so as to live and reign with You in eternity, Amen.

Happy Sunday.

To teach everybody around Him about the distinguishing mark of those who would be His disciples. This we heard Him re-emphasis in the Gospel Reading of today (Jn 13:31-33, 34-35); “I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, by this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.” One could also say that to be a Christian is to love. The type of love that is rooted in God and in turn ultimately leads back to God. This form of love excludes every form of selfishness. This love builds whereas selfishness destroys! To love and to be selfish can never go together. Nothing has ever renewed and built up the world more than love and nothing has destroyed the world much more than selfishness. When Saint John in his vision contained in the Second Reading of today (Rev 21:1-5) speaks of a new heaven and a new earth, he is referring to the renewal which the reign of the love in and through us brings about, for when love reigns, it is God Himself Who is reigning; *ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est – where Charity is, where love is selfless, God is there.* In such a place “God lives among men. He will make His home among them; they shall be His people and He will be their God.”

To love and to live in love is never without opposition, the type of opposition which the earliest disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ faced as they witnessed to the faith. In the Second Reading (Acts 14:21-27) Paul and Barnabas encouraged the brethren to persevere and be firm in the faith for “we all have to experience many hardships before we enter the kingdom of God.” The greatest opposition to the mission and reign of love in the world is selfishness; a situation where the love of the self which Christ commanded and God wills is replaced with a certain misguided understanding of the self as an entity that must be absolutized to the detriment of others; when the love of self that makes one selfless is misunderstood to be a centralization of the self that makes one see others as means to be utilized and exploited. It is basically for selfish reasons that rancor’s exist in our midst. For selfish reasons brothers and sisters refuse to understand each other and to live together. For selfish reasons couples betray each other and privately and publicly disdain the promises they made before God and His people. Moved by selfishness we sometimes make decisions without considering the consequences of our decisions on others. Selfishness remains the root of the desecration of life in the guise of abortion and choice and the other forms through which life is forceful and crudely blown out. What else but selfishness can account for the exploitation of poor and less-powerful nations by the powerful nations of the world? Suicide is a full-blown fruit of selfishness. On the contrary, the power of love heals, builds, and recreates. Faced with all of these challenges and oppositions, sometimes coming from the most sacred quarters, one could rightly say that we are passing through a moment

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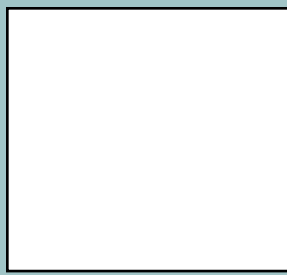
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