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Monday - Thursday: 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Friday: 8:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.

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Thursday	9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.
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### Bernadette's Brew

Open Sundays after morning Masses. Bring a bulletin and join us for coffee, donuts or fritters, and fellowship! We look forward to seeing you there!

### Chapel Candles

Chapel candles are available for purchase during regular office hours and before Saturday 4:00p.m. Mass. Candles are \$3 each.

*Please make checks out to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*

## A Balancing Act

Dear Friends,

Last year mask mandates were inserted into our normal routines. No matter which side of the issue you took, you were sure to know others who took the opposite position. That sadly led to tension, hostility and much worse between individuals, in families and communities at large. And now we have a mandate redux with the COVID-19 vaccine. And many of you have asked, "what does Catholic moral teaching have to say about vaccines and mandates?" As a pastor it is not my role to argue pro or con for the medical efficacy of the vaccine but to offer moral and pastoral guidance in light of the teachings of our Faith.

There is a lot to unwind here, so bear with me. In general, we all have a moral obligation to participate in the common good. So, for instance we pay taxes to help maintain public order and safety with police, fire and sanitation departments etc. And we are also morally obliged to help maintain public health by not knowingly or intentionally spreading infectious disease. That can be as simple as covering your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough. But it also can mean participating in vaccinations. By doing so you are helping to stop the spread of infectious disease and in fact some vaccines have been so successful that they have wiped out some diseases, for example small pox. So, as a general principle, Catholic teaching supports the use of vaccines and even encourages it as one way of participating in the common good.

The question is also being asked, "does Catholic teaching support an individual's right to refuse a vaccine?" Yes, because the Church also teaches that no one should be compelled against their will to take an action that would violate their conscience, if it is well-formed and well-informed. In the case of the current COVID-19 vaccine there are some well-founded, legitimate moral concerns, which is why some are objecting to being vaccinated.

First it is an experimental vaccine (the FDA did not approve it despite what you have heard, the vaccine being put into people's arms in the US is still under emergency authorization. What they approved is the next generation of the COVID-19 vaccine but that is not in use in the US. Their "approval" was a bit of a sleight of hand.) No one can be compelled to take an experimental vaccine or drug according to Catholic teaching and even according to the FDA ethical guidelines.) Secondly this vaccine did use fetal tissue from an aborted fetus. The tissue being used was from an aborted fetus from the 1970's but the cell line has been constantly reproduced since then. Many vaccines (including many childhood vaccines) do use tissue from aborted fetuses and the US Bishops have been objecting to it for many years and asking manufacturers of vaccines to use other tissue. In the case of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines this fetal tissue was used in the testing or confirmatory stage of development but not in production. In the case of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine it was used in the actual production of their vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccines currently in use are morally tainted because of this.

When that is the case, we have a moral obligation to use an alternative that is not morally tainted, if one is available. In this case no alternatives are available and since that is the case the Bishops have stated that one can licitly take the vaccine under protest. This would be considered remote material cooperation with evil. As you can see the fetal tissue cell line that was originally procured from an abortion is far in the past and our participation is also far removed from the process. But still we don't ever want to normalize or justify immoral or evil means to justify the ends. Abortion is always a grave evil and the instrumental use of human beings even for good ends should never be condoned, hence if taken, taken under protest. It is why we should insist that pharmaceutical companies use ethical and moral means to develop treatments.

That being said, no one is ever obliged to take a vaccine in general. And if someone should object to being vaccinated then accommodation should be made. This is how conscientious objection works. Based on a well-formed and well-informed conscience an individual may object to participating in certain actions or behaviors. The classic example is conscripted military service. If a person objects to taking up arms against another even in defense of the common good, they are granted an exemption but with a caveat: they are still required to serve the common good in a non-combatant role.

The principle of conscientious objection is a long-held principle in Catholic moral teaching and also in our Western jurisprudence. A healthy society finds ways to accommodate moral objections to serious issues.

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## Pray With Us

## A Balancing Act - Continued

But as you can see there is a tension between the common good and an individual who conscientiously objects. Resolving that tension requires a compromise or to strike a bargain. For instance, while you may be granted an exemption from military service you will still have to serve the same amount of time in some civilian role or position. Likewise, with exemptions from the COVID vaccine you may be required to be tested regularly for the virus or take other protective measures. If you conscientiously object you have to be willing to accept some sort of substitute requirement.

That is generally how it should work. Admittedly there are situations when excessive coercion is used to make an individual comply such as detention or imprisonment or loss of livelihood. That is why when we conscientiously object, we have to be prepared for the consequences. In a reasonable society those consequences would be some sort of even trade-off. But as history shows power puts a blindfold on reason and those who refuse to violate their conscience can suffer unreasonably.

While Catholic teaching supports the use of vaccines it doesn't support the involuntary use of vaccines. So, we find ourselves in a position where individuals may licitly take this vaccine under protest but also where individuals, based on their conscience may morally object to taking the vaccine. And remember part of our participation in the common good of society is upholding moral rights (an individual's right to conscientious objection) as well as moral responsibilities (an individual's duty to protect public health). During this Pandemic we are being stretched to do both at the same time. A balancing act that only love, tolerance and understanding can prevent us from tipping over into acrimony.

Love, Fr. John B.

## 40 Days for Life

**40 Days for Life:** Help save lives in Glendale. You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization. "40 Days for Life" has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! Here's how to take part: Vigil is held from 6:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Monday—Saturday at the Glendale Planned Parenthood. Contact Tammy O'Connor at [letusnotsleep@yahoo.com](mailto:letusnotsleep@yahoo.com) or (901) 275-5869.

## Mass Intentions

**October 24: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00a.m.: Gale & Keith Wesolowski†

11:00a.m.: Our Lady's Guild Sunday

1:00p.m.: for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

**October 25:**

Matthew Egan†

**October 26:**

Rose Sheehan†

**October 27:**

Gene Urbany†

**October 28: Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Timothy Pease - Happy 36th Birthday!

**October 29:**

Living & Deceased Members of the Fals, Diedrich & Gajczak Families

**October 30:**

8:30a.m.: Darrell Zettek†

4:00p.m.: Living & Deceased Members of the Gillmeister Family

**October 31: Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00a.m.: Richard Pakan†

11:00a.m.: for Healing for Beecher Smith

1:00p.m.: for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6;  
Mk 10:46-52

**Monday:**

Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21;  
Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:**

Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk  
13:18-21

**Wednesday:**

Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday: Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

**Friday**

Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday**

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 4-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk  
12:28b-34

## Serve With Us



**FEED. CLOTHE. HOUSE. HEAL.**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus: What do you want me to do for you? And he answers, "Master, I want to see". Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely. *Last month, through your gifts, our conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's mercy to 70 family members providing over \$20,000 for rent, utility and other bills. God Bless You!*

### Charity Weekend

Next weekend, the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, our St. Vincent de Paul conference will be collecting donations 30 minutes *BEFORE* each Mass. *Your generous donations provide the funds used to purchase Food Vouchers for those in need who come to us for help. Thank you.*

## Safe Environment Training Drive

Need help with your Safe Environment Training, to be able to continue your discipleship efforts? This vital training helps keep the most vulnerable among us safe.

Join Kaitlynn for a Safe Environment Training Drive on November 5 and November 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Madonna Hall. Bring your laptop, iPad, or other tablet/ internet enabled device and Kaitlynn will assist you in completing your training. Kaitlynn can help if you don't have one of these devices! Please contact Kaitlynn at (623) 344-7292 or [keaton@ololscw.org](mailto:keaton@ololscw.org) for more information.

*Any issues regarding the background check have been resolved. Please speak with Kaitlynn if you have further questions.*



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Catholic Daughters are proud to be sponsoring *Pasta With the Pastor* on Saturday, October 30 in Madonna Hall from 3pm-6pm. Dinner includes salad, an entree of Pasta (with Father John's special sauce) meatballs, dessert and beverage. plus you will get the opportunity to have pasta with Father John. Tickets are still available at Our Lady of Lourdes office or by contacting Rosemary Dougherty at 623-750-8479. We look forward to seeing you there and having this event be the huge success it has been in the past .



Pictured from L-R: Joyce Stalians, Claudia McDunn, Father John, Joan Cosson, Rosemary Dougherty, Lynn Conner, and Holly Zody

### Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, November 17** at 9:30a.m.: Monthly Meeting, held in Madonna Hall

**Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.: Cookie Walk, held in Madonna Hall

**Wednesday, December 15** at 11:00a.m.: Advent Brunch, held at Briarwood Country Club

Mark your calendars for the Rummage Sale on February 25-26. Save all your donations. We will gladly take them. For large pieces contact Lucy Horner at (623) 584-9452 for pickup.

In Unity and Charity

## Giving

### Your Sacrificial Giving - October 10

#### Plate Giving

Plate Giving (cash & check)	\$9,855.55
Mission Giving	\$307
Plate Giving (electronic)	\$12,778.33
Total Plate Giving This Week	<b>\$22,940.88</b>

#### Other Giving Inside the Parish

Maintenance Fund	\$512.50
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#### Other Giving Outside the Parish

Respect Life Ministry	\$107.50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,522
Gospel of Life	\$110

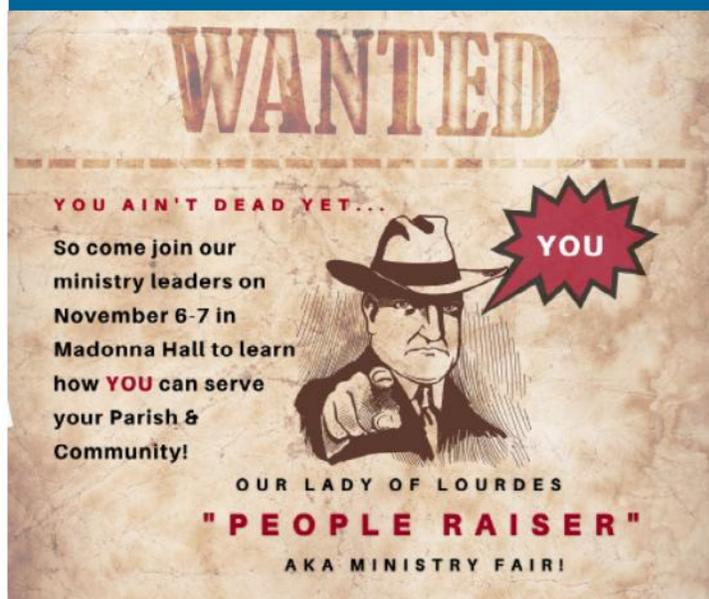
## URGENT NEED:

The Aid to Women Center is in dire need of 7 infant car seats. The moms are ready to deliver but the babies cannot be released from the hospital without a car seat!

For information on how you can help these moms and babies, please contact Terese Boas at [boasfmlly@comcast.net](mailto:boasfmlly@comcast.net) or (904)

718-3322

## Join Us



## Don't Miss It: Pasta With the Pastor

This is the last weekend to purchase Pasta With the Pastor tickets! Tickets are available before and after weekend Masses or in the office during office hours!



Other items needed by Aid to Women Center will be collected before or after each Mass next weekend:

- Diaper bags
- Bibs
- Pacifiers and teethingers
- Diapers (greatest need in sizes 4-6) & wipes
- 9m-2T clothing
- Baby shampoo, soap, and lotion
- Stuffed animals
- Breast pumps
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