

## October Respect Life Month — Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing

### Now and at the Hour of our Death

We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions. For example, through prayer and regular reception of the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, we obtain grace to live in ever-deeper communion with God and with one another in lives of faith, charity, and justice. We ask for Our Blessed Mother's help now, and we entrust ourselves to her further as we "surrender 'the hour of our death' wholly to her care."

### Forming Our Consciences

Our journey with Christ naturally includes equipping our consciences to make morally good judgments and acting accordingly. Learning about the dignity of human life and the indispensable respect for it, as well as applicable principles for medical care, is particularly important in preparing for our eventual passing. Some bishops offer guides applying moral principles to local legal options. Parish and online resources are also widely available for careful and prayerful study, and the *Ethical and Religious Directives* from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops give direction for health care services to those who are seriously ill or dying.

### A Note on General Principles

No summary can substitute for thorough catechesis, but some general principles are clear. We are entrusted by God with the gift of life, and in response, we care for our lives and health in obedience and gratitude to our Creator. This obliges us to make use of appropriate, effective medical care. However, even effective treatments may at times impose such a great burden that we, in good conscience, may forgo or discontinue them. This applies even to life-sustaining treatments. Of course, nothing should be done or deliberately omitted to hasten death.

### Discerning Treatment Options

Judging the effect and burden of treatments can be difficult, especially as death draws near. To understand health facts and treatment options, we need professional medical advice. To understand Catholic moral teaching, we need to consult Church teaching and those who can faithfully explain it.

### Speaking with Loved Ones

After informing our consciences, we need to inform our families. If we are unable to make decisions, they most often have legal authority to make surrogate decisions on our behalf. Or we may designate a health care agent by a durable power of attorney. Though it is often helpful to also have written, signed documentation, no living will "check box" can ever replace clear conversations about our faith-guided principles. The best option is to choose an agent who will make medical decisions on our behalf in accord with our Catholic faith and Church teaching.

### Accompaniment before and after Death

Those who are sick should not be alone, as multiple popes have reminded us in messages for the annual World Day of the Sick. Patients who have serious or life-threatening illnesses, as well as their families, can be provided with physical, psychological, and spiritual care through team-based palliative care. Hospice care can provide similar integrated care for those nearing death and for their families.

### Hope in the Resurrection

Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life. We need not fear. Christ is with us.

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**[www.sjamescatholicchurch.com](http://www.sjamescatholicchurch.com)**

Bulletin Submissions: call the rectory or email to: [fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net) by noon on Friday.

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 9:00 am.  
Confessions: Saturdays 4:30-5:15 / Sundays 8:15-8:45 / By appointment  
Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday 7:00 am

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# St. James Catholic Church

## October 15, 2017

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon. Oct 16	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tue. Oct 17	Saint Ignatius of Antioch
Wed. Oct 18	Saint Luke
Thu. Oct 19	Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues
Fri. Oct 20	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Sat. Oct 21	Weekday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

Saturday	Oct 14	5:30 pm	Dean, Reagan, Carli & Griffin Ptacek
Sunday	Oct 15	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	Oct 16	7:00 am	†Rose Gruenes
Tuesday	Oct 17	7:00 am	†Stan Kucera
Wednesday	Oct 18	7:00 am	†All Souls Intentions
Thursday	Oct 19	7:00 am	†Deceased Members of Tasler Family
Friday	Oct 20	7:00 am	Dean, Peagan, Carli & Griffin Ptacek, Todd & Jenny Rensh
Saturday	Oct 21	5:30 pm	†Craig Casey
Sunday	Oct 22	9:00 am	People of the Parish

### Minister Assignments

	Sat. Oct 21	Sun. Oct 22
Acolytes	Chris Kems	Erik Carlson
Readers	Marie Gruenes	Patty Benal
Servers	Collin Morrissey	Peter Chohon
	Jacob Feldhaus	Philip Chohon

### Oct 7-8 Collection

Adults	\$3,600.00
Loose	186.94
Second	81.05
Building Fund	500.00
Total:	\$4,367.99

### Monthly Obligations

St. Wenceslaus School	\$ 3,258.33
Bishop Neumann	9,479.00
Total Parish Expenses:	\$ 12,737.33



Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to “Chat With The Pope” to learn more about his missions. Scan this year’s World Mission Sunday poster using Facebook Messenger for your mobile device, or learn more at [ChatwithThePope.org](http://ChatwithThePope.org)

**Coffee and rolls** will be served after Mass on October 22nd. Take the opportunity to mingle with your fellow parishioners during this fun social time.

### LDCCW October Pro-Life

**Diaper Drive**-The LDCCW is sponsoring the 8th Annual October Pro-Life Diaper Drive, collecting diapers throughout the month of October in each of the Lincoln Diocese parishes. A baby in their first year will use approximately 2,100 diapers, that’s only 6 diapers per day. The LDCCW goal is to collect 90,000 diapers which will provide diapers for only 43 babies for one year. Your assistance is needed. Thank you to those that have already donated.

**St. Anthony De Padua Bazaar**-in Bruno on Oct 15, serving from 11:00am-3:00pm. Games, Silent Auction and Live Auction beginning at 3:00pm.

**Service Day Opportunity**-The students at Bishop Neumann Jr/Sr High School would like to say “thank you” to our parish! On Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, students in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are willing to work at the parish, for parish members, or throughout the community. Whether it’s raking leaves, washing windows, or sweeping out garages they want to help! Please complete a request form and return in the collection plate by **Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions can be directed to Missy Chvatal (402-443-4151 or [missy-chvatal@cdolinc.net](mailto:missy-chvatal@cdolinc.net)).

**Dwight Assumption Parish Fall Soup Dinner and Craft/Vendor Fair**-October 22, from 10:30am-1:30pm. Craft/Vendor Fair 9:00am-1:30pm. Mass is celebrated at 10:00am.

**Bishop Neumann High School**-in Wahoo is looking for an evening shift janitor to assist in helping to keep our school clean. Timeliness, attention to details, and a strong work ethic are important qualifications. This is either a full time position with the shift running Monday-Friday 2:30pm-11pm or a half-time position with the shift running Monday-Friday 3pm-7pm. The pay will be \$15-\$20 per hour based on experience. Please contact Fr. Morin or Fr. Zimmer at 402-443-4151 or you can email Fr. Zimmer at [fr.matthew-zimmer@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.matthew-zimmer@cdolinc.net).

There are just 3 short weeks now until our **37th Annual Pancake Breakfast, Raffle, and Silent Auction**. All parishioners with an email address should have received an invite to sign up to work at the breakfast. We need every one's help to make this a success. Please consider signing up to work the 1st or 2nd Shift. If you don't have an email address please contact one of the following committee members to get signed up: Ray Casey ([402-904-0096](tel:402-904-0096)), Arlene Janecek ([402-917-4540](tel:402-917-4540), or Melanie Climer-Wilson ([402-250-3437](tel:402-250-3437)). The box of parishioner envelopes with raffle tickets are on the table in the vestibule in the back of Church. If you haven't done so yet please pick yours up. This will eliminate the expense of having to send them out. Tables for Silent Auction Items have been setup in the hallway to the left of the vestibule. Feel free to drop off your item(s) and put them on the table. Thank you.....

The 2017 Pancake Feed Committee

**Call to Joy Women’s Retreats**-the next retreat dates are January 6 and April 21, 2018. Contact Ann Lombardo at [annmarie-lombardo@juno.com](mailto:annmarie-lombardo@juno.com) with any questions.