

Doctrinal Section by Fr. Voelker

The Participation of Catholics in Political Life

At the basis of all these tendencies lies the ethical relativism which characterizes much of present-day culture. There are those who consider such relativism an essential condition of democracy, inasmuch as it alone is held to guarantee tolerance, mutual respect between people and acceptance of the decisions of the majority, whereas moral norms considered to be objective and binding are held to lead to authoritarianism and intolerance.

But it is precisely the issue of respect for life which shows what misunderstandings and contradictions, accompanied by terrible practical consequences, are concealed in this position.

It is true that history has known cases where crimes have been committed in the name of "truth". But equally grave crimes and radical denials of freedom have also been committed and are still being committed in the name of "ethical relativism". When a parliamentary or social majority decrees that it is legal, at least under certain conditions, to kill unborn human life, is it not really making a "tyrannical" decision with regard to the weakest and most defenceless of human beings? Everyone's conscience rightly rejects those crimes against humanity of which our century has had such sad experience. But would these crimes cease to be crimes if, instead of being committed by unscrupulous tyrants, they were legitimated by popular consensus?

Democracy cannot be idolized to the point of making it a substitute for morality or a panacea for immorality. Fundamentally, democracy is a "system" and as such is a means and not an end. Its "moral" value is not automatic, but depends on conformity to the moral law to which it, like every other form of human behaviour, must be subject: in other words, its morality depends on the morality of the ends which it pursues and of the means which it employs. If today we see an almost universal consensus with regard to the value of democracy, this is to be considered a positive "sign of the times", as the Church's Magisterium has frequently noted. But the value of democracy stands or falls with the values which it embodies and promotes. Of course, values such as the dignity of every human person, respect for inviolable and inalienable human rights, and the adoption of the "common good" as the end and criterion regulating political life are certainly fundamental and not to be ignored.~St. John Paul II

What is "Value Them Both?"

VALUE THEM BOTH is the proposed state constitutional amendment for life supported by the Catholic Bishops of Kansas. The amendment is crucial because the Kansas Supreme Court recently created a nearly unlimited "right" to abortion, including taxpayer-funded abortion, teens seeking an abortion without parental knowledge or consent and late-term abortions. Once passed, the **VALUE THEM BOTH** will help protect mothers and their unborn babies from the abortion industry. Please pray for passage of **VALUE THEM BOTH**.

Seasons of Hope

A new "Seasons of Hope" series will be starting on Oct 21 at St. Mary's from 7-9pm. This 6 week course is based on our Catholic Faith & is for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. The cost is \$10 to cover the materials. For more information, please contact Carol at 316-772-8201 or Cheryl at 316-249-3779

Adoration Hours

After reconsideration the Adoration Hours will remain as they are now, Mon 8am - Wed 7am.

Congratulations!

Sawyer Alexandra Bills was Baptized last Sunday. Sawyer is the daughter of Thane Bills & Jacqueline Root & the granddaughter of Joe & Stacy Root.

Stewardship Theme 2021

This years theme is FIAT (*let it be done*) "Mary as Mother, became the first 'disciple' of her Son, the first to whom he seemed to say: 'Follow me'..." Pope St. John Paul II

Baby Bottle Campaign

If you didn't get a baby bottle you can still participate, just use any container at home and place donation in an envelope to turn in. Please return baby bottles or donations on October 25th.

October Mass Counts

Counters are still needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. 2 counters are needed for each weekend Mass thru the Nov. 1st Masses.

Substitute Teachers Wanted

If you or someone you know is interested in substituting at St. Mary Catholic School, please contact Joshua Bargdill at (316)282-1974. Substitutes need to have a teacher license or an emergency substitute license. To obtain an emergency substitute license one needs a minimum of 60 college credits. Our school can help you apply for the license.

Mass Volunteer Schedule, October 2020

3 & 4	Lector	Ushers/Volunteers	Cantor / Counters
5:30 PM	Marvin Neises		
8:30 AM	Ruthe Spexarth		Liz Wasson
11:00 AM	Joe Gerber		Elaine Robinson & Mike Armendariz
10 & 11	Lector	Ushers	Cantor / Counters
5:30 PM	Carol Denno		
8:30 AM	Kirk Bridges		Carrie Bridges
11:00 AM	David Wendling		David Wendling & Barb Ward
17 & 18	Lector	Ushers	Cantor / Counters
5:30 PM	William Wendling		
8:30 AM	Jean Anne Gleason		Liz Wasson
11:00 AM	Tessa Wendling		Pat Howard & JonAnn Duffek
24 & 25	Lector	Ushers	Cantor / Counters
5:30 PM	Marvin Neises		
8:30 AM	Ruthe Spexarth		Carrie Bridges
11:00 AM	CYM		Greg Weninger & Barb Ward
If you cannot be there on your given day, please find your replacement. Thank you for your stewardship.			

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:30pm +Fr. Jerry Beat by SHCC

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00am +Jerry Hickert by Bill & Tammi Ediger

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00am +Delores Carmichael by John & Ruthe Spexarth

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00am +Gerry Woodward by Judy & William Laflin

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

5:30pm People of the Parish of Sacred Heart by Bill & Tammi Ediger

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:30am +Norma Wendling by Joe & Joann Bergkamp

11:00am People of the Parish

Dates to Remember:

Altar Society: 2nd Wed, 7pm, Parish Center

Anointing of the Sick: 1st Tue. during 5:30pm Mass

Confirmation: Spring of 2021

CYM: Postponed till further notice

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon 8am till Wed 7am

(Rachel Gomez Coordinator - 316-830-6262)

Finance Council: TBD

First Communion: 1st Sunday in May, 11am Mass

Italian Dinner: Sat. Feb. 13th, 2021

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K of C: 4th Mon, 7:30pm, Hensley House

Ladies Breakfast: 1st Thur, Golden Harvest 8:30am

Pastoral Council Mtg: TBD

PSR: Sun, 9:45am -10:45am,

Stewardship Mtg: TBD

Sick and Homebound

Carolyn Armendariz	Lynndell King
Larry Ayala	Ronda Meyer
Margaret Bergkamp	Bentley Sanchez
Kirk Bridges	John Spexarth
Pat Breckunitch	Irene Stone
Mary Ann Bumm	Jim Vaughn
Martina Chavez	Mary Walters
Shelly Drake	Kenny Weber
Charlene DesCoteaux	Christine Wright
Anthony Gomez	
Marsha Grattan	All of our Care
Katherina Gripp	Home Residents

Souls of the Faithful Departed

Shaun Corcoran 4/2020
Michael Duron 3/2020
Catherine Gonzales 9/2020
Francis Landwehr 5/2020
John Redinger 8/2020
Butch Spexarth
Mary Alice Takacs
Alec Tillman 7/2020
Norma Wendling 5/2020



Please Pray for our Service Personnel



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Catch us on the web at www.SacredHeartHalstead.com & Facebook

October 18, 2020 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: See Schedule on back under Mass Intentions

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am

Confessions: Saturday 4pm - 5pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

See Schedule on back under MASS INTENTIONS

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Oct 18: Pat Howard & JonAnn Duffek

Oct 25: Greg Weninger & Barb Ward

Counters, please note the collection counting room has moved to the small classroom.

Collection for October 11th: \$1,958.00

Please place Sunday offerings in the offertory box as you enter the church for Mass.

Cleaning Schedule (Oct 19 - 24)

Front Entrance of Parish Center: Michelle Armendariz

Main Church Cleaning: Barb Ward

Church Basement Cleaning: Mark & Erica Denno

Wendling House: Ruth Smith

Hensley House: K of C

Parish Hall: Mike Hull & Nina Wendling

Mow Parish Center: Marvin Neises, Cory Harrington

Pray Together Missal

There are missals in the back of church for you to take home & bring with you to Mass.