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FOR THE FAMILY:

THE ADVENTURES OF CARLOS CATERPILLAR ~ *The Adventures of Carlos Caterpillar* is on FORMED. According to FORMED: "Hola! I'm Carlos Caterpillar! I'm just like you-except, of course, I'm a caterpillar. I love to have fun! And since I'm young, I'm still earning about life, so sometimes I get myself in situations that can be hard to wriggle out of? Ay, ay, ay! That's why I'm lucky to have Uncle Pedro, a butterfly with a lifetime of experience that he is always willing to share. Uncle Pedro remembers what it was like to be a little caterpillar that is just beginning to learn about life, and he is patient with me while I learn. He always reminds me how important it is to do the right thing because he wants me to grow up to be the best butterfly I can possibly be. And so do I! Do YOU want to be the very best YOU can possibly be? Then come with ME and worm your way into 'The Adventures of Carlos Caterpillar!' Come on! It'll be fun!"

FOR ADULTS:

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE/CATHOLIC SAINTS ~ St. Thomas, the Apostle's **Feast Day is July 3rd**. *St. Thomas the Apostle/Catholic Saints* is on FORMED. According to FORMED: "Mary McGeehan joins Dr. Ben Akers for a discussion of the life of St. Thomas the Apostle. They dive into Scripture to explore the life, leadership and personality of this heroic and saintly man."

THE ONE THING NECESSARY: TRANSFORMING YOUR INTERIOR LIFE ~ SS. Martha, Mary and Lazarus' **Feast Day is July 29th**. According to FORMED: "In the story of Mary and Martha, Jesus tells us that the most essential thing in our faith is to spend time with him. In this talk, Matthew Leonard dives into meditative and contemplative prayer as a crucial part of the Christian life."

IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA ~ St. Ignatius of Loyola's **Feast Day is July 31, 2024**. *Ignatius of Loyola* is on FORMED. According to FORMED: "This modern and very human take on the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, often called 'The Saint of Second Chances,' is an incisive and thrilling look at the life of the real man behind the legend. In his lifelong quest to become the heroic knight of his fantasies, Ignatius stares death in the face again and again, having his leg shattered by a cannonball in battle, driven to near suicide by his inner demons, finding himself imprisoned, accused of being an illuminati, and finally finding his life in the hands of the Inquisition. Through it all, he would come to see the hand of God working in his life, shaping the self-obsessed sinner into the loyal and passionate soldier-saint."

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"LOVE CHRIST...LIVE CHRIST"

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF JULY 21, 2024

(Please note that Masses in italic print are at St. Mary's; a cross before the name indicates deceased.)

Saturday, July 20	4:30 PM	+Emil Pozderac by Jim & Ruth Birong
Sunday, July 21	8:30 AM	Josh & Maria Montagnini by Father Jonas
<i>Sunday, July 21</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	<i>+Vince Costello by Allan & Suzanne Tozzi</i>
Tuesday, July 23	7:00 PM	+Irving Corn by Janet Smith
<i>Wed, July 24</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>	<i>+John Miday</i>
Thursday, July 25	8:30 AM	+Audrey Kapelewski by Ronnie Hlssner
Friday, July 26	8:30 AM	+Mike Oser by Joe Yingling Family
Saturday, July 27	4:30 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, July 28	8:30 AM	+Anne-Marie Borel by Bonnie & Chris
<i>Sunday, July 28</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	<i>+Theresa Sommer by Jim & Karen Hough</i>

OLM Confessions: Tuesday 7:45-9:00 pm; Friday 3:00-4:00 pm; Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm or by appointment***

St. Mary Confessions: Sunday before Mass by request or by appointment

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	21	
Mon	22	
Tue	23	7:45 PM Confession-OLM Church
Wed	24	7:00 PM K of C Meeting Officers/Directors-OLM Conference Room
Thur	25	
Fri	26	8:00 AM Rosary before Mass-OLM Church 9:15 AM Adoration-OLM Church 3:00 PM Confession-OLM Church 6:45 PM Benediction-OLM Church
Sat	27	3:30 PM Confession-OLM Church
Sun	28	

Our Lady of Mercy Stewardship Week of July 14, 2024

Adult \$1,161.00 Loose \$265.00
Candles \$62.00 SVDP \$220.00
More Life \$500.00
Building Fund \$1,150.00

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Stewardship Week of July 14, 2024

Adult \$987.00 Loose \$200.00
Helping Hands \$13.00

ST. MARY'S SAVE THE DATE ~ *The Hog Roast and Square dance at St. Mary's will take place on **Saturday, September 28th**. More details will be forthcoming.*

GOOD NEWS ~ Bishop Edward Lohse will be joining us on **Saturday, September 21st** for the celebration of the anniversary of the dedication of the church and our parish picnic and will be blessing the new artwork. Just another reason to save the date. More details will be forthcoming.

STORYBOOK EXPLORERS ~ Join us **Tuesday, July 30th at 6:15 pm**, in the OLM Narthex, as we explore our fourth and final tale of the Summer, "Gus Finds God" by Michael P. Foley. This book is an excellent way of helping children (and grown-ups) come to terms with the spiritual nature of God and of the human mind, all through an exercise advocated by St. Augustine of Hippo, the greatest Christian thinker of the first millennium. Also, *one* explorer will be the recipient of a very special prize. Come join us! For a detailed summary of the current book, please refer to this session's flyer on the bulletin board. *Jessica Olenick*

A SUMMER WITH THE SAINTS ~ Let's celebrate! Children who have participated in "A Summer with the Saints" and their immediate family are invited to attend our reading program conclusion celebration: "Saints Social". Join us **Sunday, August 18 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the OLM Narthex** for the gift basket prizes raffle, food, and fun! Kindly **RSVP by Sunday, August 4**. Please text me at (740) 457-9213 or email (library@olmcarrollton.org) with your name and number of guests.

A SUMMER WITH THE SAINTS ~ It's been a joy learning more about the Saints with all of you. Keep up the great work! We have reached the halfway point in the program. As a reminder, the date for all completed **Book Review sheets** to be returned is **Sunday, August 4th**. The final day to pick up **Book Bucks** will be **Sunday, August 11th**, the conclusion of our summer reading program. *Jessica Olenick*

LOST & FOUND ~ Within the library you'll find a bin reserved for OLM's unclaimed personal belongings. Every **January and July** all items that remain unclaimed get donated, to free up space. As a reminder, the contents stored within the lost and found bin will be **donated by the end of this month**. *Jessica Olenick*

 **K of C** ~ Monthly Officers/Directors meeting will be **Wednesday, July 24th at 7:00 pm in the OLM Conference Room**.

ITEMS TO BE PLACED IN THE COMING WEEK'S BULLETIN NEED TO BE GIVEN TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY NOON.

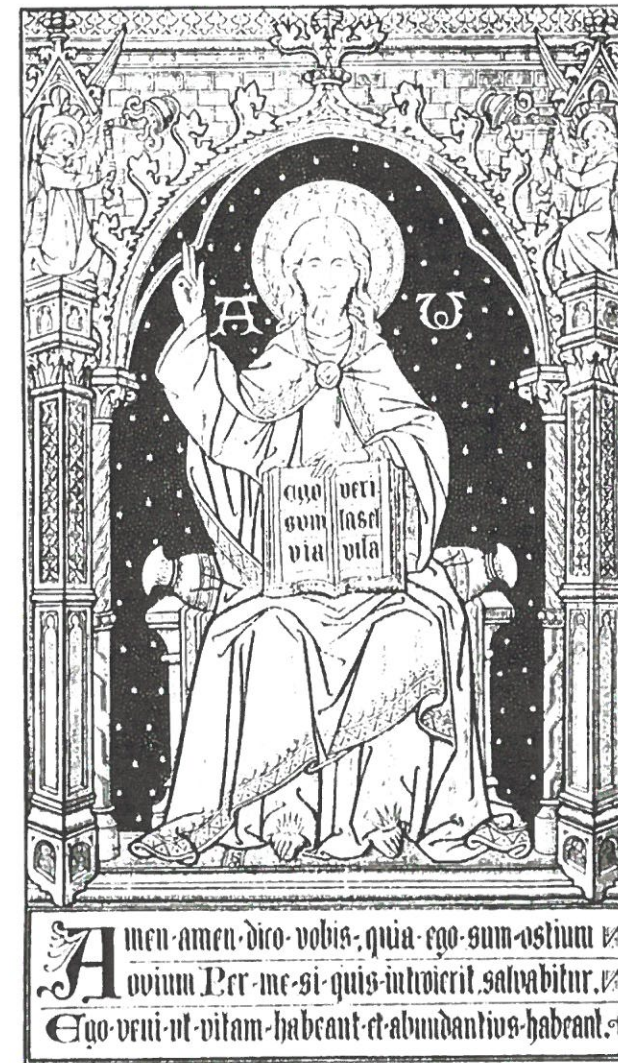
DPSC ~ Thanks to all who participated in the 2024 DPSC. Your generosity helps to continue the Mission of the Church. For those who have not yet responded, you are encouraged to send in your pledge card. You can place it in the collection basket, or mail it directly to the Diocesan Pastoral Center using the pre-addressed DPSC envelope. Additional pledge cards are available at the parish office and in the entrances to the church. You can also contribute to the campaign online at give.diosteub.org. All funds received through the DPSC are donor restricted and will remain in the Diocese of Steubenville.

DPSC FROM FR. JONAS ~ If you have never given to the DPSC, please consider giving this year, even if it is a small amount. Even though both parishes usually exceed the goal, there is not high participation in giving. Last year OLM had a 39% participation rate and is currently at 38% for this year. St. Mary's had a 51% participation rate and is currently at 42%. It would be great to see those numbers rise into the 90% range to show our support for the Diocese.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN ~ The local KofC council will run their traditional baby bottle campaign from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend with 100% of all proceeds going to AIM Womens Center in Steubenville. Bottles may be picked up in the narthex/vestibule. Please drop your loose change in the bottle and return by Labor Day. For more info, contact Dan Hitchcock, 786-810-3712 or Jack Sowko, 330-627-4410.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL GROUP ~ Carrollton and the surrounding area has a Catholic homeschool group. If you are homeschooling or interested in homeschooling in the future, you may want to join us! Contact **Jessica Dougherty** for more information at **740-381-8581**.

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SUNDAY HOMILIES ~ Don't forget that if you would like to listen to or send others the homilies from **Sunday Mass**, they can be accessed on soundcloud.com. On the website, search **FoJo**, Fr. Jonas' user name. Look for the picture of Jesus giving communion at the Last Supper to verify you are at the right place. You can also go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/olmcarrollton/ or the website at olmcarrollton.org to hear his homilies.

NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK ~ July 21-27, 2024 is National NFP Awareness Week. The dates for Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Please see the bulletin insert by Rev. Robert R. Cannon, MA, JCL.

OLM GREETERS~ The Burgett Family this week and the DeSimone Family next week.
Happy Birthday OLM ~ Katherine Allen 7/21; Jessica Olenick 7/22; Pam Travis 7/23; Shawn Dougherty 7/27
Happy Birthday SM ~ Alexander Paul 7/22; Abraham Nay 7/24; Roxanne Neice 7/27
Happy Anniversary OLM ~ to all those celebrating in July.
Happy Anniversary SM ~ to all those celebrating in July.

If you or any family member is ill or hospitalized or we have removed a name that should not have been, please inform the parish office.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Prayer Needs

Brenda Sandefur, Harold Wolbert, Claire Shockey, Elizabeth Wolford, Shelbia Otte, Anthony Tozzi, Dan Grossi Family

Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Needs

Vicky Oboy, Rose Rombough, Anna Schiavone, Claire Shockey, Bob Meyer, Jack Sowko, Zach Oboy, Shirley Dale, Kristine Stenger, Matthew Kwisnek, Paycen Havens, Denise Dale Nedrow, Scott Kazer, Hunter Leake



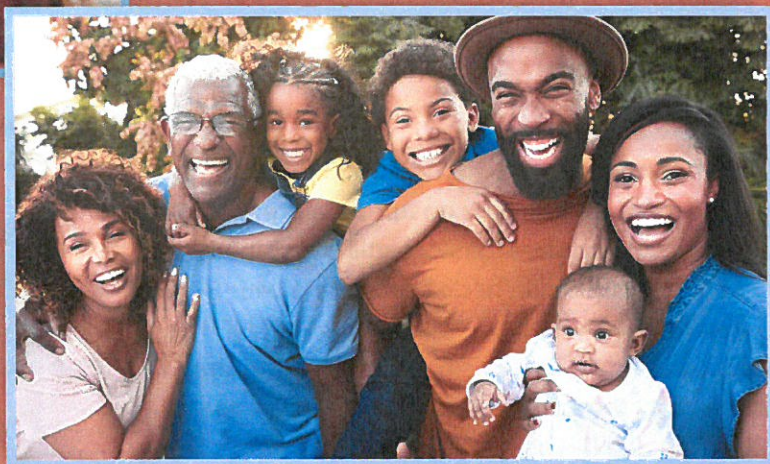
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BEYOND MEASURE

Natural Family Planning...
supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage

Married Love and the Gift of Life

By Rev. Robert R. Cannon, MA, JCL



Married love is a sacred gift beyond measure. As Pope Francis writes, “Love is more than a mere feeling” its fruitfulness “allows us to experience the happiness of giving” (*Amoris laetitia*, 94). The unique giving of self by the spouses reflects God’s love—love beyond measure!

In the book of Genesis, from the very beginning of creation, God designed marriage to image His love in the world—love that is permanent, faithful, total, and fruitful. God created marriage to be a covenant of shared love to unite a man and a woman for the whole of life, to become one flesh. “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body” (Gen 2: 24). Between a baptized man and a baptized woman, marriage is a sacrament instituted by Christ (see *Code of Canon Law*, c.1055, §1, §2).

Marriage as envisioned by God has a richness and depth far different from the typical secular approach to marriage. The bishops of the United States

expressed this uniqueness very simply in this clear teaching about the purpose of marriage which is:

[M]ore than a civil contract; it is a lifelong covenant of love between a man and a woman. It is an intimate partnership in which husbands and wives learn to give and receive love unselfishly, and then teach their children to do so as well. (*Married Love and the Gift of Life*, p. 3).

At the heart of marriage lies the gift of human sexuality. The two-fold powers of love and life shared by spouses expresses a “nuptial” hope-filled quality. Love comes to life in the one flesh union of spouses. By its very nature and purpose, married love is meant to be a total gift of oneself. When a husband and a wife give themselves entirely to each other, their sacrificial love imitates the saving love of Christ poured out for our salvation.

One virtue often not mentioned regarding marriage is marital chastity. Chastity of mind, heart, and body supports fidelity in married love. Chastity empowers spouses to honor these gifts. It fosters a selfless, generous love, and reverence for each other. The virtue of chastity strengthens spouses to reject anything that would harm the dignity and sanctity of their marriage. It is a powerful antidote against a secular culture that undermines the sacred nature of marriage and family. An important aid to marital chastity are the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP).

Today we are fortunate to have ethical methods of NFP which can aid a married couple in their desire to become pregnant or postpone a pregnancy. By understanding the signs of fertility and infertility a married couple can better cooperate with God's plan for their marriage. The methods of NFP help spouses to act responsibly in stewarding the gift of fertility they both share. Chastity is an essential element in NFP as spouses embrace God's design for marital love. That is because the NFP means to postpone or avoid pregnancy is periodic sexual abstinence. When the couple discerns that God is not calling them to have another child, they then do nothing to harm God's design of love and life. They simply abstain from the marital embrace during their time of fertility. Through marital chastity, husband and wife learn how to express their love through the wisdom of restraint—meaning that they will discover and live those little ways of expressing tenderness, respect, and consideration to each other. Then when they move into the infertile time of their fertility, husband and wife can be free to express their love as only they can in marriage.

If you are married or getting engaged to be married, consider learning a method of NFP. The practice of an NFP method will be a blessing in your marriage. NFP can help you and your spouse to embrace God's gifts of human sexuality, fertility, marital love, and parenthood. If a husband and a wife want to nourish their love and grow their family, NFP methods can become a practical and ethical support of their marital union.

Learn More

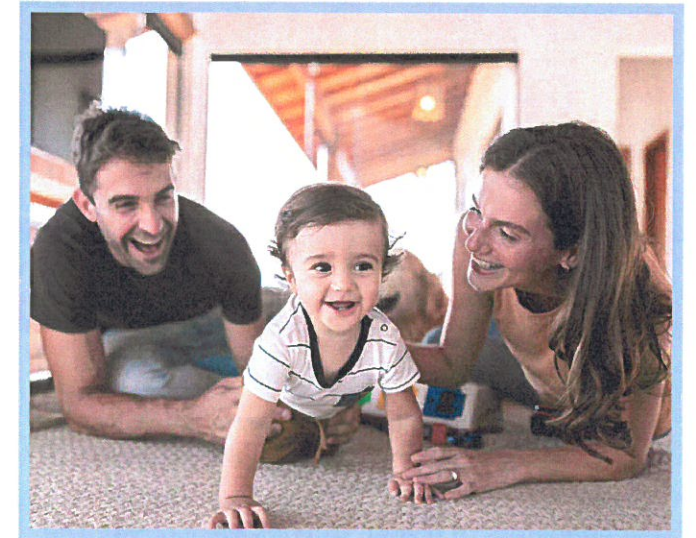
The US Bishops' NFP Program has good information for your marriage at uscbb.org/nfp.

To learn more about Catholic teaching on marriage, married love and responsible parenthood, see uscbb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/church-teaching.

Read the US bishop's document *Married Love and the Gift of Life* at uscbb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/catholic-teaching/upload/Married-Love-and-the-Gift-of-Life-English-version.pdf.

To learn more about NFP see uscbb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/what-natural-family-planning.

Want to learn a method of NFP? Visit uscbb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/nfp-national-providers.



Fr. Cannon is a priest of the Diocese of Venice and is currently serving as the chancellor of the Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA.

Questions? Contact nfp@uscbb.org.

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