

Diocese of Youngstown
Chancery Office

CONFIRMATION
October, 2004-January, 2005

October, 2004

Sunday, Oct. 10, 11:00 am	Holy Rosary, Lowellville
Thursday, Oct. 14	St. Ambrose, Garrettsville and St. Michael, Windham
Tuesday, Oct. 19	St. Peter, Canton
Tuesday, Oct. 26	Sts. Philip & James, Canal Fulton

November, 2004

Thursday, Nov. 4	O.L. Victory, Andover and St. Patrick, Kinsman
Monday, Nov. 8	St. Barbara, Massillon and St. Clement, Navarre
Tuesday, Nov. 9	St. Joseph, Mantua
Saturday, Nov. 20, 10:30 am	Immaculate Conception, Wellsville; St. Ann and St. Aloysius, East Liverpool
Monday, Nov. 22	St. Joseph, Massillon

December, 2004

Wednesday, Dec. 1	St. Robert, Cortland
Sunday, Dec. 5, 10:30 am	St. John, Canton

January, 2005

Thursday, Jan. 13	St. Luke, Boardman
Monday, Jan. 17	Immaculate Heart, Austintown
Tuesday, January 18	St. Mary, Mineral Ridge
Wednesday, Jan. 19	St. Mary and St. Joseph, Newton Falls

Weekday ceremonies begin at 7:00 p.m.

(Schedule is current as of July 16, 2004)

OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Suggested Intercessions for the Month of August

August 1st EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For every woman who suffers after abortion, that she might be given the grace to embrace the mercy of God and know healing, strength and holiness; *We pray to the Lord:*

August 8th NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those who work for the healing of mothers and their children, that God will strengthen their resolve and make their hands gentle yet strong; *We pray to the Lord:*

August 15th THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

That from her place in heaven, the ever gentle Mother of God might cradle the souls of all deceased children in her loving embrace; *We pray to the Lord:*

August 22nd TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those whose burden of age has grown heavy; that God might teach us to love them, and to assure them of the innate value of their presence; *We pray to the Lord:*

August 29th TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all who work for the Gospel of Life, and especially for those who teach, for patient endurance; *We pray to the Lord:*

Suggested Bulletin Messages for the Month of August

Never be discouraged and never tire, dear brothers and sisters, of proclaiming and witnessing to the Gospel of Life; may you be beside the families and mothers in difficulty... God will never let you lack the help you need to conclude your activities satisfactorily, if you turn to him with intense and constant prayer. -*Pope John Paul II to the Italian Pro-Life Movement (May 22, 2003)*

Human life is a gift from God and as Catholics we have a most grave obligation to defend all human life from the moment of conception until natural death. God help us if we fail in this most fundamental obligation. -*Archbishop Myers, Archdiocese of Newark, "A Time for Honesty," (May 5, 2004)*

I should like particularly to underline how the administration of water and food, even when provided by artificial means, always represents a natural means of preserving life, not a medical act. Its use, furthermore, should be considered, in principle, ordinary and proportionate, and as such morally obligatory, insofar as and until it is seen to have attained its proper finality. -*Pope John Paul II, address before the International Congress on 'Life-sustaining Treatments and Vegetative State,' (March 20, 2004)*

No evaluation of costs can outweigh the value of fundamental good which we are trying to protect, that of human life. -*Pope John Paul II, address before the International Congress on 'Life-sustaining Treatments and Vegetative State,' (March 20, 2004)*

Sometimes your work to build up a culture of life can seem very frustrating – it might seem that your efforts bear no fruit... Do not give up – trust God... Imitate God in his love, his kindness, his patience. -*Bishop Thomas Wenski, Coadjutor Bishop of Orlando, Respect Life Homily, March 14, 2004*

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Suggested Intercessions for the Month of August

August 1 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those being called to renounce riches for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, that they be given the grace to respond with generous hearts, we pray to the Lord.

August 8 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For an increase of faith so that we might, like Abraham, obey the Lord's call, we pray to the Lord.

August 15 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

That through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary we, too, may recognize the great things the Almighty has done for us, and, like Mary, respond with a wholehearted "yes" to God's plan for us, we pray to the Lord.

August 22 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For missionaries and those called to be missionaries, that through their witness many will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south to recline at table in the kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord.

August 29 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all religious serving the needs of the poor and disabled in our diocese, that they may be blessed for their efforts and supported by our prayer, we pray to the LORD.

Bulletin Announcement

Vocation Discernment Weekend

There will be a Vocation Discernment Weekend for single Catholic men and women between the ages of 18 and 40, beginning Friday 6:30 P.M., September 24 and ending at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 26, 2004 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Pittsburgh, PA. The weekend offers:

- Information on discernment, spirituality, prayer, religious life and seminary
- Panel discussion and conversation with seminarians, newer members of religious orders and vocation directors
- Time for prayer in common and personal prayer

There is no charge, but simply an invitation to take an important step toward answering your questions about religious life or diocesan priesthood.

For more information contact:

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Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for August/September

August 1, 2004 (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel Jesus warns, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." It is difficult in our American culture today to heed this warning. Our culture teaches you are what you have rather than what you give.

August 15, 2004 (Feast of the Assumption)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

On the feast of Mary's assumption we are reminded that we are to follow her into glory, as she followed Christ. Mary was a true model of stewardship. She obediently responded to the will of God using all of her gifts to bring about His kingdom.

August 29, 2004 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

September 5, 2004 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts in an accountable manner.

September 19, 2004 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

August 8, 2004 (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Am I waiting for the "right" time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents "later"? Today's Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared- "at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

August 22, 2004 (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself – my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God – is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

September 12, 2004 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "you are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

September 26, 2004 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?