

Church Roof Replacement – Depending upon the weather, Lawson Brothers Construction, Inc, Lima, OH will be onsite Wednesday to complete our long-awaited roof replacement at a cost of \$19,815. The steeple has already been repaired and a new cross added on top by Wellman Brothers, Coldwater, OH at a cost of \$4,330. Resealing the entire parking lot is the third project that will be completed hopefully within a few weeks. The East side of the parking lot was due for resealing last year, but we held off until this year so that the entire parking lot would look more uniform. Taylor Painting and Striping will reseal and restripe the entire parking lot at a cost of \$6,905.96. All three projects total \$31,050.96. \$8,803.50 from the 2020-21 Budget have been allocated for these projects and the remaining \$22,247.46 will come from savings. Your continued generosity in the offertory is what makes all these projects possible and helps us continue passing on the gift of faith for St. Teresa for years to come.

Good Friday Collection – As many recall, Good Friday was one of the suspended liturgical celebrations during the shutdown. While some still contributed to the Good Friday collection that supports Christians and shrines in the Holy Land, some may have missed the opportunity. The US Bishops have designated September 12th & 13th as another opportunity to support Christians and shrines in the Holy Land. If you would like to contribute to the Good Friday collection, please use your designated offering or use an envelope marked “Good Friday Collection” and place it in the regular offertory.

USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund – Some parishioners have asked how they may be able to make a financial donation to help those afflicted by **the wildfires in California and Hurricane Laura along the Gulf shore**. Funds may be placed in envelopes marked for the “USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund” and put in the regular offertory. These funds will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care, and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts; and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church. Funds will be used in response to Hurricane Laura and any other disasters that occur and will be distributed where they are most needed.

Fr Tim Talks — check out the short videos on IC website under Education/Fr Tim Talks. The latest is about sin and suffering.

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy - IC Church starting Tuesday, Sept 15th until election day, Nov 3 will pray the rosary beginning at 6:00pm. Our country is very much in need of prayer, especially during these times. Please devote a bit of time to pray to Jesus and Our Blessed Mother on behalf of our country and our world. Mask and social distancing is highly recommended in church.

Suicide Awareness Community Walk—ASSURE September 19, 2020 at Mercer County Fairgrounds. Registration opens at 8:00am, opening ceremonies at 9:00am, Walk anytime between 9-12. Register day of the walk or online at www.assuremc.org.

The Heritage Day Celebration at the Maria Stein Shrine is an annual event. Stop by to see the raffle baskets (St Teresa Parish donated one!) and quilts on display beginning Sept 1st. Heritage Days will be held on Sunday, Sept 20th 2-5:30pm. Enter the pie baking contest, purchase chicken dinner (pre-sale only by Sept 15th) or enter to win \$1000! Go to mariasteinshrine.org/heritage-day-celebration for more info.

The Catholic Way to Vote - Help Build the Kingdom on Earth — We are called to live our faith in all aspects of our lives, but – when it comes to voting – this can be difficult. Over the next several weeks, immerse yourself in the Church’s teaching and gain a fuller understanding of the Church’s commitment to a consistent ethic of life which guides us to be advocates for a variety of issues related to life and human dignity. Of course, not every issue is morally equivalent, nor can commitment to one issue excuse indifference to the rest. We will not be telling you for whom or what to vote. Rather, to inform your vote we encourage discernment, prayer, and a universal call to holiness and compassion. Visit the Archdiocese of Cincinnati website <https://ivotecatholic.org/>

Mercer County Right To Life T-Shirt Design Contest — Mercer County RTL sponsored T-Shirt Design Contest will be facilitated this year with the cash prize of \$300 dollars for the winning design! The winning design will be used for the 2021 ‘Pro-Life T-Shirt Day’. All participants will receive a gift card to McDonald’s. Contest rules: designs must have a maximum of two colors and utilize one side of a t-shirt. Design entries to be submitted to: prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com by October 31, 2020. Scores will be based on inspiration and creativity. *Previous runner-up entries will be entered into the 2020 contest* Good luck!

