

**Parish Council elections** are today! Ballots are at the entrance of church. All members 18 or older are asked to fill out the ballot and place in the collection before you find a seat. The ballots will not be distributed due to Covid restrictions.

Reminder to return your **Stewardship Time and Talent Ministry Sheet** that you received in the mail. We are always in need of volunteers for the church. There are many of you with great talent! Meaning of Stewardship: the job of supervising or taking care of something.

**Volunteer ministry schedules** for October are available in the lobby.

**Rockford Food Pantry** is in need of items, the following are a few you can pick from: Canned beef, chicken or beef broth, peanuts, peanut butter, canned tomatoes, tomato sauces. Breakfast: breakfast bars, oatmeal and cereal. You can place them in the basket in the lobby at your convenience.



**Rockford Historic Mural Dedication** will be held Sunday, Oct 4th at 3:00pm at 201 S Main St Rockford. Please bring your own lawn chairs, practice State guidelines for COVID, in case of rain event will be cancelled and rescheduled. Bicentennial souvenirs and books will be on sale during the dedication. Rockford Carryout will have chicken dinners available for \$7.50 - - presale tickets only - - call 419-363-2855 by Tuesday, Sept 29th to reserve dinners. Pick up from 4-5:30pm. More info call 419-363-3032 ext 1.

**Prayer service** In conjunction with the “40 Days For Life, Fall Campaign”, members of Mercer County Right to Life will sponsor a Prayer Service held at the Chapel at the Maria Stein Shrine, 2365 St John’s Rd, Maria Stein on Thursday, Oct 15th at 7:00pm. All Christians of all denominations are invited to spend time in prayer for the Transformation of Minds and Hearts !! All are welcome to attend. Any questions, please call Marie 419-268-8180.

**Chicken Barbeque at IC, Celina** — On October 4 from 9:00 a.m. until sold out the Celina Knights of Columbus 1800 will be selling chicken dinners served by 2 Willy’s Barbeque. As in the past there will be a drive thru on Wayne Street in front of IC Elementary School. There also will be waffle sales. In the past we have sold out early so don’t be shut out. Thanks to all who have supported these sales in the past. With your support the Knights of Columbus has been able to do their charitable work.

**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/](https://ivotecatholic.org/)

**Mercer County Right To Life Essay Contest** - Mercer County RTL will sponsor two essay contests for the following age groups: 9th / 10th grade and 11th / 12th grade. The cash prizes for each group are as follows: 2nd place: \$200.00 and 1st place \$300.00! All participants will receive a McDonald’s gift card. Each educational or persuasive essay is to be 600 – 800 words, and to have one of the following topics: ‘Why I Am Pro-Life’, ‘How I Defend My Pro-Life Position’, or ‘How I Can Assist the Pro-Life Movement’. Essays will be scored equally by four criteria: grammar, facts, creativity, and inspiration. All essays expected to reflect the pro-life convictions held by Mercer County Right to Life. Please include in subject line of the email submission: contestant name; in the message portion please list: address, age group essay is to be entered, and school. Essays to be e-mailed to [prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com](mailto:prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com) before October 31 deadline. Good luck!