

# FROM THE PASTOR'S PRINTER

## YOU ARE IN FOR A LOTTA GOOD CLUCK

Don't forget St. John's Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 27, 2020 from 11 AM until we run out. Our traffic engineers are working on a smooth and quick drive thru. I have forbidden them to have beer until after the plan has been drawn up and

tested. I suppose that is why they schedule their meetings when they know I can't make it. It should be a great meal to take home. Don't eat and drive; the chicken on your fingers makes the steering wheel slippery.

## ACTING ON WHAT WE HEARD

Last Sunday, many people commented positively on my homily. My family commented as well; my sister said she fell asleep two minutes into the homily and didn't wake up until Communion was almost over. (Sisters can be so cruel!) I told her that it was OK since people her age often fall asleep in the middle of things. (Brothers can be cruel, as well!) My brother asked an insightful question. Did people like it because they thought I was agreeing with their positions, regardless of what their positions were and that everyone else needs to study the Church's teachings on issues? That is a very good question. EVERYONE needs to learn the Church's teachings on the moral implications of issues and party positions – whether Republican, Democrat, Independent, Libertarian, or for H. Ross Perot. (In the last instance, you might want to brush up on current events as well.) What we assume to know, we sometimes don't. Watch the bulletin and/or Flocknotes for teachings from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, who have concretized the general teachings of the popes. What good does it ultimately do for us to vote on issues when our values go against the Kingdom of God because we have not learned them?

The other side of the coin is what good does it do for us to learn the teachings of Christ and his Church

and then not act on them? Election day is not the day to register to vote. Each state has different deadlines for registration to vote. If you are not registered or don't know if you are, check with your board of elections.

Hamilton Co: <https://votehamiltoncountyohio.gov/>  
t: 513-632-7000

Butler Co: <https://elections.bcoho.gov/>  
t: 513-877-3700

Dearborn Co: <https://www.countyoffice.org/dearborn-county-board-of-elections-lawrenceburg-in-8bb/#:~:text=The%20Dearborn%20County%20Board%20of%20Elections%2C%20located%20in,Lawrenceburg%2C%20Dearborn%20County%2C%20Indiana%20state%2C%20and%20federal%20offices.> (I think the guy who created this website got paid by the letter!) t: 812-537-8867

Franklin Co: <https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/>  
t: 614-525-3100

Given the uncertain future of COVID 19, you may want to check on early voting or absentee ballots (by mail). Check with your Board of Elections for details.

## WHO DO WE LIVE FOR?

Some people would say they live for fame; some for money; some for pleasure; some for an ideal. Paul, in today's reading (Romans 14: 7-9) tells us we live for the Lord, and we die for the Lord. If we do this, we will be living for all that is good, noble, and eternal. We will be living for others in the context of living for God – a

husband or wife, parents or children, our fellow Christians and for the true good of our nation and the world. Living for the Lord does not take us out of the world but puts us in it in a saving context. It helps us love others all the more.

## A BLESSED WEEK AHEAD!