



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
PSR News
September 16, 2019

September – Seven Sorrows of Mary



September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. The feast day for Our Lady of Sorrows is normally celebrated on September 15th. This year the 15th fell on a Sunday. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows dates back to the twelfth century. Since then, Catholics have recognized seven events in the life of Mary that caused her great sorrow. That is why the image of Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows often shows her with seven swords piercing her Immaculate Heart. The swords represent her sorrows. Known as the Seven Dolours of Mary, these sorrows are:

- The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)
- The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15)
- Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50)
- Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17)
- Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30)
- The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37)
- The burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47)

5th & 6th Grades

Our 5 & 6th grade classes were the first two classes to go to mass together. They did a SUPER job greeting people as they entered the church for the 11:15 a.m. mass. Parishioners were happy to see the students active in the parish. GREAT JOB 5th and 6th Grade!

Coffee Anyone

Just a reminder, there is FREE coffee in the cafeteria located in the basement of the school building during PSR for parents and guardians. Stop by and relax while your child is in class.



Kindergarten / 1st Grade Retreat

The Kindergarten and 1st Grade retreat will be held on Saturday, September 28 from 9:30—11:30 am. This is a great opportunity for the kids to pray, have fun, and learn about their faith outside of the classroom. The retreat is free of charge and registration is due by Monday, September 23. If you need another copy of the registration form, contact Teresa Palmer at tpalmer@stjb.net or by phone at 513-367-9086 x 218.



*19th Annual Parish Picnic
Friday, September 20, 2019
5:00pm—10:00pm
Stricker's Grove, St. Rt. 128, Ross, Ohio
Come for the fun!*

Bring your family and friends for just a cash donation at the door.
Pack a picnic supper, but no alcohol please. Concessions and grilled sandwiches are available. All the rides are open from 6 to 10 P.M.
Bring corn hole games, cards and board games too!
The gate opens at 5 P.M. There's a big shelter for everyone!

Please bring a non-perishable item for the St. Vincent de Paul food barrel.

1st Reconciliation / Communion Paperwork

A First Communion packet came home with your child Sunday. It will also be emailed to you . Please be sure to ask your child for the packet. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3 at 7pm. This will be a parent/ child meeting.

September Car Conversations

As parents, we often are busy running from work, home to pick up your children, taking them to practice, hitting a drive through for dinner, and then home to get them ready for bed. How much time do we really talk to our children about the faith during the week? Here is an idea. Have you ever thought about praying or talking about the faith with your children in the car? Here are a couple of examples to start a conversation.

- ◆ **God is bigger than our worries!** Share a time that your faith in Jesus helped you get through a hard time.
- ◆ **What is your favorite part of God's creation?** Take turns sharing what brings you joy about it, and how it shows us how marvelous God is.

Upcoming Dates

September

- * September 18 - Grades 7&8 First Class 7pm
- * September 22 - Grade 4 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass
- * September 28 - Retreat Grades K & 1 at 9:30
- * September 29 - Grade 3 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass

October

- * October 2 - Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
- * October 3 - First Reconciliation Parent / Child meeting 7pm
- * October 6 - Grade 1 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass
- * October 6—FACS meeting at 9:55—School Cafeteria
- * October 13 - No PSR
- * October 19 - Retreat Grades 3 & 4 at 9:30
- * October 20 - Grade 2 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass
- * October 27 - Grade 6 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass

