

WELCOME TO
St. Augustine Catholic Church

MONROE & EAST CLINTON STREETS, NAPOLEON, OHIO 43545

PASTOR: Fr. J. Douglas Garand

DEACON: Jon Gottron

PARISH MANAGER: Laurie Brubaker • SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Ginny Minnick

Join us for worship

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - school year
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. - summer

Spanish Mass - 2nd Sunday each month, 1:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / FORMATION

*Educating all our children for lifelong, faithful,
participating membership in St. Augustine Parish*

- **ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL** (Pre K-8)
Ginny Minnick, Principal, 419-592-3641
- **PARISH RELIGION PROGRAM** (1-8)
Sunday morning, 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. during school year
Catholic Education for Parish children attending public school
- **LIFETEEN** (High School Youth)
Every other Sunday at 5:30 p.m.
- **PRE-SCHOOL** during Sunday 10:30 Mass



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM To schedule instructions for the Sacrament of Baptism: contact the church at 419-592-7656 before your child is born. Classes are held once every two months.

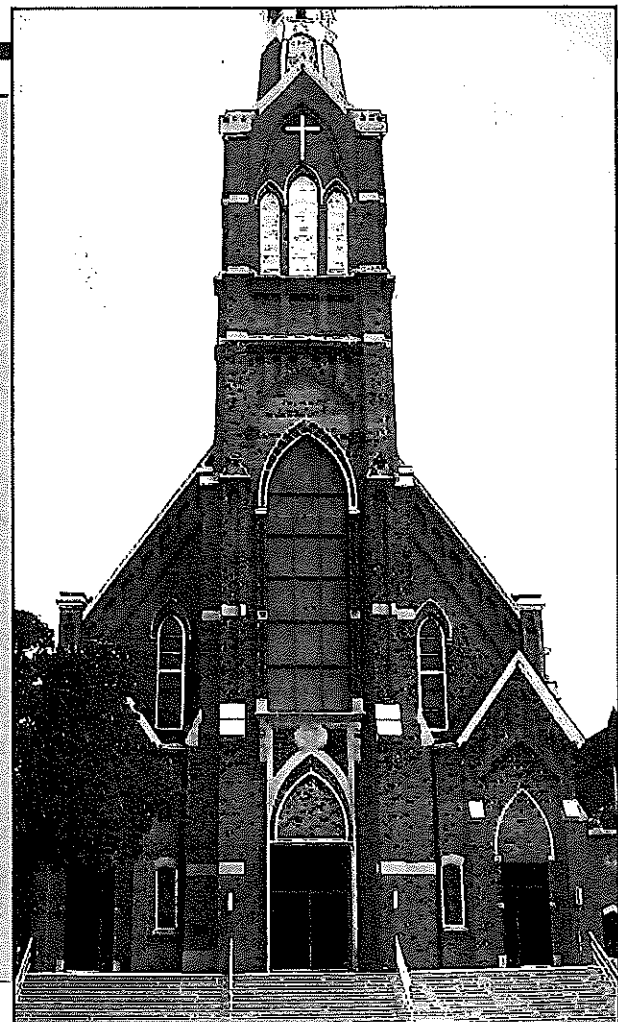
RECONCILIATION Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK The Parish Office should be notified whenever any parishioner is suffering from severe or prolonged illness. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered by request.

MARRIAGE "As soon as a couple makes a decision to marry and at least six months before the anticipated wedding date they are to make contact with the priest/deacons in order to begin the various steps of the Marriage Preparation Program" (Diocese of Toledo Directive). Official dates for wedding celebrations at St. Augustine Parish must be approved by the Pastor or Parish Deacons.

ADULT INITIATION / FULL COMMUNION - RCIA Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the Catholic Church is invited to be a part of this formation process. Call the Parish Office for details.

HOLY ORDERS / VOCATIONS Contact the Parish Office.



REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday * 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed Mondays and Weekends

Parish Office: 210 E. Clinton St. 419-592-7656

Parish Email: saintaugustineoffice@gmail.com

Parish Fax: 419-592-6316

Parish Website: www.staugie.net

Deacon Jon Gottron 419-966-7106

Choir Director - Alain Miller 419-966-2019

School: 722 Monroe St. 419-592-3641

School Email: ginny.minnick@augustinenapoleon.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society 419-592-0438

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please arrange to register at the Parish Office

PRAYER CHAIN ~ Contact Janet Creager at 419-592-5799

Dear Parishioners:

Bread is a symbol of the person and work of Jesus in John's great Eucharistic teaching in Chapter 6, and this Eucharistic theme continues over the next four weeks of Scripture readings.

The multiplication of the loaves is a lasting image of the Eucharist. Jesus wanted to use this humble gift of a few loaves and fishes to feed a multitude, and more (12 baskets were left!). Logic and human reason often say to us, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish." But Jesus asks that even such meager supplies as these, together with the trust and generosity of disciples of every age, be stretched to their limits. "...It will never be enough until we start to give it away."

For the believer, Jesus is much more than a miracle worker; he himself is heavenly food. What does Jesus' Eucharistic presence mean for us? Does our participation in the weekly and daily celebrations of the Lord's meal transform us into people of gratitude, loving kindness, justice and charity? How do we express gratitude? Is the Eucharist giving direction to our life?

Don't we often wonder where we will find what is needed to accomplish what must be done? Today's miracle reveals God's gift of amazing resources available to each of us. We must feast on the Body and Blood of the Lord for our real energy and life.

Peace,

Fr. Doug

Ministries for the Liturgies

Saturday, July 31, 2021 4:30 p.m.
Lector: Nelda Irving
Servers: Nick Nahrwold, Volunteer
Extraordinary: Ginny Bauer, Karen Westhoven
Min. of Com.:
Ushers: Sue Urban, Will Wagner
Sunday, August 1, 2021 8:00 a.m.
Lector: Volunteer
Servers: Volunteers (2)
Extraordinary: Deacon Jon Gottron,
Min. of Com.: Gwen Howe-Gebers
Ushers: John and Jan Stover
Sunday, August 1, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Lector: Becky Hilvers
Servers: Jude, Phoebe and Nola Davis
Extraordinary: Deacon Jon Gottron, Cheri Schuette
Min. of Com.:
Ushers: Jeff Burkhart, Ty Siclair

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 24, 2021
4:30 p.m. - Bud Burken
Sunday, July 25, 2021
8:00 a.m. - Paul Verhoff
10:00 a.m. - For the Parish
Monday, July 26, 2021
No Communion Service
Tuesday, July 27, 2021
8:45 a.m. - Communion Service
Wednesday, July 28, 2021
6:00 p.m. - Bud Burken
Thursday, July 29, 2021
8:45 a.m. - Communion Service
Friday, July 30, 2021
8:45 a.m. - Mass
Saturday, July 31, 2021
4:30 p.m. - Dr. Rey Soriano
Sunday, August 1, 2021
8:00 a.m. - For the Parish
10:00 a.m. - Keli Baker

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Tellers: August 2, 2021 - Phil and Marian Parsons,
Andy Driskel, Joanne Westhoven

Save the Date

FORMED Family Focus

Watch: *The Way of St. James*

Book: *How to Raise Good Catholic Children*

Audio: *Right Here, Right Now*

Learn: *Formed Now! Does Faith Take a Vacation?*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - Bishop Thomas would like to extend his thank you to all who have taken the time to pledge money to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your generosity is a blessing. We are 96.47% of the way to our goal of \$3 million. Thank you again for your attention. Thank you for considering a gift to this Appeal. And most of all, thank you for being my parish family. Our parish has currently pledged \$21,937.25, which is 84.36% of our goal of \$26,004. If you haven't yet made your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing so soon so that we can make our goal of 100%. So far, we have recorded 132 pledges from our parish.

SACRED MUSIC UNVEILED EVENT - to take place at St. Richard Parish, 333 Brookside Dr., Swanton on Sun., Aug. 1. Join a choir of young adults from Toledo and Ft. Wayne as they share the joy and beauty of sacred music in liturgy, concert and seminar. All are welcome! Free and open to the public. Part I - the Mass at 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Part II - the Concert at 3:00 p.m. Part III - the Seminar - immediately following the concert (45 minutes).

FESTIVAL (ST. LOUIS PARISH, CUSTAR) - to take place on Sun., Aug. 1 from 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. There will be BBQ chicken dinner, kids games, kiddy tractor pull (at 2 p.m.), marketplace, raffles (grand prize \$3,000) - something for all ages!

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER FOR LIFE - sponsored by Project Rachel, will be held the last Monday of each month (July 26) at 7 p.m. at St. Rose Church, 215 E. Front St., Perrysburg. Each month the hour will begin with a short reflection before we enter into silent prayer and adoration. Contact Kerstin Pakka, Project Rachel Coordinator at 419-260-5811 or kpakka@toledodiocese.org for more information.

WANT TO GET INTO THE FAIR FREE? We need fair shuttle drivers!!! Sign up in the back of church or simply call the office at 419.592.7656 to see what is available. You will be given one free pass for the day you select.

ENTERING CANAAN DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING FOR WOMEN - sponsored by Project Rachel. Event will take place on Sat., Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is for women suffering from a past abortion. Cost of retreat is \$25. For more info and confidential reservations, contact Kerstin Pakka, Project Rachel Coordinator at 419-260-5811 or kpakka@toledodiocese.org.

ST. JOHN'S (DEFIANCE) MEN'S RENEWAL OF THE HEART FELLOWSHIP COOKOUT - event to take place on Sat., Aug. 7 at Neil Seimet's home, 15630 Blosser Rd., Ney, Ohio. All area men and their friends are invited to a morning of fellowship, sharing and good cook-out food. There will be sharing on the theme "Overcoming the Giants in Our Life." This is an ecumenical effort to bring all men together to share love for Christ in Brotherhood. We will be outdoors so no mask required. Bring your chair, and a great spirit for brotherhood. RSVP (if possible) so we can plan for lunch. Go to grwestrick@gmail.com or call 419-784-3975 / Martin 419-782-3418. Time: Coffee/Rolls at 8:30 a.m., Sharing at 9:00 a.m., Lunch/Fellowship at 11:30 a.m.

PROJECT RACHEL - Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion? Contact Project Rachel for confidential help in starting your healing journey. God's mercy is abundant and waiting for you. Go to kpakka@toledodiocese.org - www.hopeafterabortion.com Or call 419-260-5811.

PROJECT RESPECT ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - event to take place on Sat., Aug. 21 at Eagle Rock Golf Club, Defiance. Registration includes 18 holes, golf cart, and lunch. To register as a team or as an individual, visit the events tab at <https://projectrespectuwo.org/> or call Mark at 419-636-5692. Business sponsorship opportunities are also available. Proceeds from the event help fund positive character education in our local communities. Project Respect is the educational program of CPC Women's Health Resource.

As God's steward, you are called to take an active role in your church - Volunteer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat., July 31 Confessions 3:30 p.m.
Rosary 3:55 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	4,666.75
On-Line Giving	\$	2,227.00
Mailed In/Dropped Off	\$	1,092.50
School	\$	130.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	24,885.75

To use the convenient online giving option, please visit:
www.staugie.net and select online giving from the side menu.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Robert "Rob" McLimans (19) - 7/26/98
Robert A. Downey (91) - 7/28/08
Eleanor H. Irving (92) - 7/30/03
Joyce L. Reinbolt (56) - 7/30/14
Joseph J. Distel (68) - 7/31/98
Marvin Eis (79) - 7/31/11
Mary A. Motycka (95) - 7/31/19
Wilma Tajblik (80) - 8/1/19

Remember those who have gone before us, please pray for them. Due to space we are listing only the past 25 years. If you would like a parishioner listed who passed away longer than 25 years ago, please contact the office.

IN MEMORIAM

We would like to offer our heartfelt sympathy to Maria Pullen and her family following the death of her husband, Shane, and to Georgia Fortner's family following her death. May Shane and Georgia now be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

FRIDAY ADORATION will take place each First Friday of the month after 8:45 a.m. Mass until 5:30 p.m. We will have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church and would appreciate folks filling the day so that our Lord is not exposed on the altar without anyone present. If you are not able to come for your hour of adoration, please call Jane Recker at 419-508-0711. The day will end with Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

RECENT BAPTISM - Welcome to the newest member of our parish - Wesley George Frey, son of Joel and Katie.

FROM THE SCHOOL

It's getting closer to back-to-school time! Here are a few tips to make the transition easier. Getting enough sleep is critical to children's well-being and ability to learn. Establishing a bedtime routine before school starts to help children fall asleep and get a good night's rest is incredibly important to academic success. Children rest better if they do not have caffeine after dinner, get regular exercise, and turn off all electronic devices an hour before bedtime. Heading back to school is exciting and a little nerve-wracking. Talking to your children and preparing them ahead of time can be very beneficial.

Become a Saint!

St. Augustine offers Preschool through 8th Grade with small class sizes and dedicated teachers providing a wonderful faith-based academic experience. We offer affordable onsite Before-care beginning at 7:00 am and After-care program available until 6:00 pm. We have a Full Day Preschool Program with limited openings available for the 2021-22 school year. Our Kindergarten is currently enrolling if your child was born before September 30, 2016. Please call the school office to schedule an individual Kindergarten Screening. If you are interested in more information, please call the office at 419-592-3641. Thank you for considering this important investment in your children's future!

Blessings to your family,
Ginny Minnick, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7/26 - Analuisa DelaRoca, Alexander Myles, Yris Reyes, Jacob Spurgeon, Nicolette Stiltner, Mitchell Vajen, Justin Wulf

7/27 - Brandy Fields, Maximiliano Garcia, Edmundo Somoza

7/28 - Reese Wagner, Jacob Weideman, Joshua Weideman

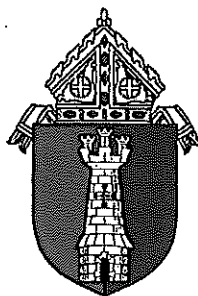
7/29 - Josue Arrizon-Martinez, Abigail Baker, Craig DeLong, Joseph Krueger, Denise McColley

7/30 - Kate Irving, Amy Morman, Sophia Pullen

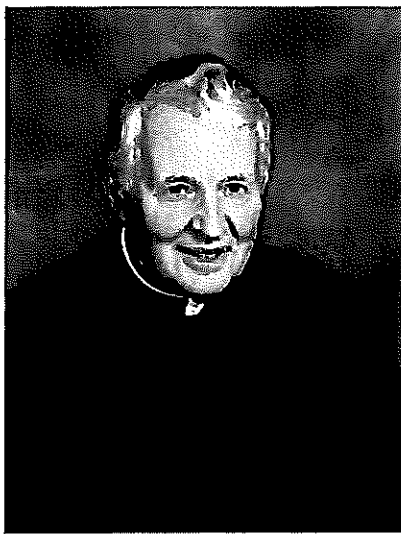
7/31 - Sydney Eicher, Courtney Kovar, Ava Miller, Rebecca Tejkl

8/1 - David Steingass

Go with love and always go with God



In Memoriam



FATHER DANIEL J. ZAK

Fr. Daniel J. Zak, 79, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Saturday, July 10, 2021.

Father Daniel J. Zak, a Roman Catholic priest of the Diocese of Toledo since 1967, passed away in his sleep on July 10, 2021, in Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo, Ohio. He was 79 years old. He was born on November 4, 1941 to Thaddeus and Adeline (Brzozka) Zak. His parents and twin brother, Dave, pre-deceased him. He is survived by brothers, Jim (Sharon) and Ted (Eileen); along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Growing up, he attended St. Adalbert Parish and School (1947-1955) and went on to St. Francis de Sales High School (1955-1959). After graduation he attended St. Meinrad Seminary College in Southern Indiana (1959-1963) earning a degree in Philosophy. He also conducted postgraduate studies at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary College in Cincinnati, Ohio (1963-1967) earning a M.A. in Theology, Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio (1963-1965) studying Political Science, St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri (1966-1967) studying Social Work, Youth in Community and Juvenile Delinquency, and finally the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio (1968-1975) earning a Masters in Education/Counseling and Guidance. As a Diocesan priest, Dan held assignments at St. Clement Church (Toledo), Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (Sandusky), Lima Central Catholic High School (Lima), Associate Director of Vocations Department (Toledo), Diocesan Director of Vocation Department (Toledo), Co-Pastor (with Father Jim Back) of Corpus Christi Parish at the University of Toledo (Toledo), Summer Chaplain at Cedar Point Amusement Park (Sandusky), Parish Chaplain at St. Thomas More University Parish (Bowling Green) and finally Pastor at St. Richard Parish (Swanton). On July 1, 2012 Dan was granted Senior Status. In over 50 years of service, Fr. Zak was also involved in numerous other ministries including: Associate Member of the Sisters of St. Francis Sylvania since 1984, Student Lounge at Corpus Christi University Parish (dedicated in his honor on September 27, 1998), Rotary Club Member – including mission trips (3) to Honduras, Home Repair Ministry – founding member (arm of Maumee Valley Chapter of Habitat for Humanity (2009 to present), Heartbeat – board member (2012 to 2017), Prison Ministry Team – Toledo Correctional Institution and Corrections Center of NW Ohio, The Sophia Center at Lourdes University – counseling and spiritual direction, Christian Leadership Program @ CCUP University of Toledo – counseling and spiritual direction, Christian Appalachian Project – alternative spring break experience repairing and building homes in Kentucky – spent over 25 years coordinating students to attend and then working with them and other college students from all over the country. And the list goes on. Although never being a smoker, he was diagnosed with Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in 2017. Fr. Zak's condition deteriorated over time requiring him to use supplemental oxygen for the past two years. The last 90 days, he had been in St. Luke's Hospital, Rosary Care Center, Flower Hospital and finally Hospice of Northwest Ohio where he succumbed to his illness. He will be remembered as a dear friend to everyone who knew him. He officiated at over 320 marriages during his tenure and impacted thousands of college students from around the country particularly those from Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo. His legacy will be measured by the lives of those whom he touched over these past 50 years. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on July 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., with the Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo, as the principal celebrant. Interment Services followed in Resurrection Cemetery in Toledo, Ohio. Memorials may take the form of contributions to the Rev. Daniel J. Zak Trust or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

TO HAVE TO HOLD TO HONOR

Natural Family Planning

*Supporting God's gifts of
love and life in marriage*



To have ... God has given each man and woman an abundance of gifts and marriage is one of them!

What would you think of a person who has an amazing gift, a gift that brings lasting happiness, but doesn't open it? Even more bewildering, what if the gift is in plain sight, but the person still does not open it? Sounds strange? Not really. For a variety of reasons, from distractions to presumptions, from insecurity to arrogance, from fear to foolhardiness, people can easily miss a gift. This all-too-common human inclination to not see the forest for the trees can make us laugh or cry depending upon what it is that we missed. With this in mind, let us remember that as people of faith, we don't want to miss God's gifts to us—they are, after all, from the Lord God Himself. And, they are given to us for our ultimate happiness! Let's take a look at these gifts, especially that of marriage and the family.

God, the great gift-giver, is the one who gives life to every man and woman. This life is directed to the fullness of joy and eternity since the Lord God made men and women "in His image" (see Genesis 1: 27). God's gift of life is multifaceted. The gift of life unfolds to reveal many related gifts, all willed by God, including personhood—one's identity as a precious child of God; human sexuality (created as male or female) with its fertility—the ability to co-create with the Lord of all creation; the capacity to love like God, to forgive, empathize, and form small communions of persons in families, friendships, businesses, citizenships, and so forth. Finally, as if all this were not enough, God crowns His creation with His ultimate gift of salvation through His son Jesus—"For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son so that everyone

who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Added to this abundance is God's gift of the universal vocation to holiness and union with Him. Within it, God calls each man and woman to specific vocations which, hopefully, they will discover in their life's journey. A central vocation for many (but not all), is the call to marry and form a family. Since "humanity passes by way of the family" (*Familiaris consortio*, 86), marriage and the family are important to everyone. In fact, and as St. Paul VI taught,

"Marriage ... is far from being the effect of chance or the result of the blind evolution of natural forces. It is ... the wise and provident institution of God the Creator, whose purpose was to effect in man His loving design" (*Humanae vitae*, 8).

God, as the author of marriage, willed that man and woman would be joined in such a way as to help each other to grow in holiness (the "one flesh" union that Scripture reveals) and to protect and nurture new life within their covenantal union. Pope Francis reminds us that in the center of the home, "we see the father and mother ... with their personal story of love ... embody the primordial divine plan clearly spoken of by Christ himself: 'Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female?' (Mt 19: 4)" (*Amoris laetitia*, 9). Marriage and the procreation and nurture of children speak of God's promise of love and life!

To hold ... is to understand, accept, and embrace God's gifts!

When we consider God's gifts to us, we respond in gratitude and joy. At the same time, we also have a responsibility to seek understanding, to deepen our knowledge about God's gifts so that we can accept and embrace them more fully in our lives. Over the centuries and through the guidance of

the Holy Spirit, Catholic teaching on God's gift of human sexuality, marriage, and family have done just that—they reveal God's truth. And so, we can rejoice that ...

- God created humanity as two sexes—"Male and female He made them" (Gn 1: 27)—with different but complementary gifts. This mutuality in difference is especially seen in the distinctive and unique fertility of the husband and the wife, where they must unite in the conjugal act in order to bring new life into the world. And, "That is why a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body" (Gn 2:24).
- "Marriage is the icon of God's love for us" (*Amoris laetitia*, 121). St. Paul compares the love of a husband to wife as Christ's love for His Church (see Ephesians 5: 32). Marital love, therefore, is marked by faithfulness, permanence, and openness to life (see *Humanae vitae*, 8–9).
- God made marriage for one man and one woman who freely give consent to each other for "the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring" (Canon 1055; see also *Gaudium et spes*, 48–50; *Humanae vitae*, 8–12).
- Children are gifts from God and contribute to their parents' welfare (see *Gaudium et spes*, 50).
- God willed that the "essential properties of marriage are unity and indissolubility, which in Christian marriage obtain a special firmness by reason of the sacrament" (Canon 1056). This means that since the baptized Christian is part of Christ's body, it is the Lord who fortifies the marital bond.
- The acts in marriage by which the union of the spouses takes place "are noble and honorable; the truly human performance of these acts fosters the self-giving they signify and enriches the spouses in joy and gratitude" (*Gaudium et spes*, 49).
- God willed that the marital act is for the union of husband and wife AND procreation.

The last point above needs some reflection. It is a mistake to think that Catholic teaching means that every time a husband and wife have conjugal relations it is only for the purpose of conceiving a child. Spouses should engage in the conjugal embrace to give of themselves to each other to fortify their spousal union. At the same time, and as St. Paul VI warns,

They are not free to act as they choose in the service of transmitting life as if it were wholly up to them to decide what is the right course to follow. On the contrary, they are bound to ensure that what they do corresponds to the will of God the Creator" (*Humanae vitae*, 10).

To honor ... God's gifts we must protect them and live them following God's design!

There are many ways to honor God's gifts of marriage and family. Husband and wife honor their marriage by living faithfully with each other and doing nothing that will divide their marital union. As they make decisions about their lives, they no longer think "I" but "We." They honor their marital communion when they express to each other tenderness, compassion, generosity, and self-sacrifice. They share this life-giving love with their children, extended family, and friends.

Within the context of marriage, the methods of NFP stand as a real support. That is because they do nothing to harm God's gifts. Instead, NFP teaches spouses to understand their fertility and work with God's design. The wife learns how to observe her biological signs of fertility and she and her husband work together to understand whether God is calling them to become pregnant or not. If postponing conception, they simply refrain from the marital act during the fertile time of the wife's menstrual cycle. No drugs or devices are used. In this way, they do not reject God's gifts but rather respect and honor them.

When husband and wife accept, understand, and embrace God's gifts for married love, they honor God. They can maintain the "integrity of the powers of life and love" placed in them by the Lord (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2338). And, in doing so, husband and wife ensure the unity of their persons and marriage (*Ibid*).

Through the use of the methods of Natural Family Planning, spouses can "experience the gift of married love while respecting the laws of conception," thereby acknowledging that they are "not the master of the sources of life but rather the minister of the design established by the Creator" (*Humanae vitae*, 13). Married couples who wish to fully live God's gifts to them set their feet on solid ground where they can live their wedding promises as God intended—to have ... to hold ... to honor!

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