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## MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

As Americans, we enjoy many blessings and strengths, including a tradition of religious freedom and active political participation. Now more than ever we are facing serious challenges that are both political and moral. As faith-filled Christians we are called to participate in public life in a manner consistent with the mission of our Lord, a mission that he has called us to share. As Pope Francis teaches:

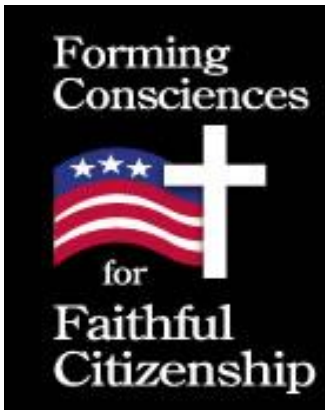
*An authentic faith . . . always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters. If indeed "the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics," the Church, "cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice." (Evangeli Gaudium, no. 183)*

The candidate you support and the vote you cast in the upcoming conventions and election will have lasting effects. Take the time to study the issues, find out where the candidates stand, weigh everything against the moral teachings of the church and make an informed decision. Above all **PRAY** –for our cities and states, for our country, for our world, for God’s kingdom here on earth!

### A CITIZEN’S PRAYER

God our Father,  
 you see us your children  
 living here in an unsteady  
 and confusing world.  
 Help us to remember  
 that your ways  
 give more life than  
 the ways of the world.  
 Give us strength to  
 hold onto our faith in you  
 and to keep alive our joy  
 In your creation.  
 Guide our choices as we  
 study the candidates,  
 weigh the issues,  
 and cast our vote.  
 Bless our country one  
 nation under God.  
 Amen.

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## CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY

Whether you do it with fireworks, parades, cookouts or family reunions, be sure to celebrate the freedoms that make our country great. The Painter Norman Rockwell summed it up in *The Four Freedoms* - a series 1943 oil paintings: *Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear*. May we all enjoy those blessings this year!

## SUMMER TIME FUN

Summer is always a fun time, full of enjoyable memories. Children are out of school, most families go on vacations, and everything is a little more laid back than usual. Here at MOSACK'S we hope that you are spending enjoyable and quality time with your family. Here are some ideas to get you started:

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT:** Conquer the hectic pace of technology that has many families drifting apart. Bring your family closer together with a family game night! At MOSACK'S there are a lot of fun and religious educational games that are enjoyable for everyone!

**SUMMER MOVIES:** Buy one of our religious and inspirational DVDs. Topics range from the lives of the saints, church history, religious dramas and many great Christian titles. After watching the movie, have a discussion with your family about the film.

**BOOK CLUB:** Start your own family or neighborhood book club! We have tons of books for people of all ages! Choose one to discuss – or better yet compare several titles. You do not have to all be reading the same book to have a book club! Variety will make it more interesting!

**PRAY TOGETHER:** Make time for God this summer and pray as a family. Remember the old saying, *"The Family that prays together stays together"*. Prayer unites us all. Try praying the rosary together or gathering for brief daily reflection before meals. We have many great resources for prayer books that can be good for anyone!



**GROW IN FAITH:** Just because its summer does not mean that we should take a vacation from learning! Continue to educate yourself on your faith and your children! Pick-up one or more of our educational resources from the Didache Series, or the Catholic Catechism.

**PLAY TIME:** We have many fun learning activities for children that come in the way of games, or for the younger ones, Little Prayer Buddies Huggable Stuffed Animals that recite prayers and other scripture passages.

What we hope is that you and your family grow closer together and deeper in your faith and love for God. Our friendly staff here will be glad to assist you in all of your needs. May God bless you and your family with a safe and enjoyable summer.



## Celebrated Grandparent's Day - Sept. 11th

### Activities to celebrate Grandparent's Day:

- Make a scrapbook of a favorite memory that you share with your grandparents.
- Talk to your grandparents about what school was like when they were your age. What was their classroom like? How many were in the class? What did they like about school? What did they wear? eat for lunch? How did they travel to school?
- Is your grandparent good at knitting, baking, golf, sewing, gardening, caring for pets? If so, ask them to teach you.
- Write a prayer or a poem for your grandparent to slip in the card you send. Include a photo of you and your grandparents!

Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience have given them. Grandchildren bless their grandparents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart forever. Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. Willow Tree Figurines capture the special relationship, decorative frames display favorite photos, greeting cards share messages of love. Visit your Grandparents, send a card, say a prayer and find a way to honor their love on Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.



### To a Special Grandparent

There are very special "Grands"  
To listen and to share,  
To give me wise advice  
And show how much they care.

I can count on them  
When I need a helping hand.  
I go to them because  
I know they will understand.

They are a treasure to our family.  
A joy to be around  
They know just what to say  
When I'm feeling down.

Of all the people in my life  
I bet that you'll know who  
Holds my fondest memories  
Grandma, Grandpa -it's YOU!



## TIM K.

## SALES ASSOCIATE OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

Tim, was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio. He attended the University of Toledo, graduating in 1974 with a degree in education. At this time he also graduated from the ROTC program and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army National Guard whereupon he reported to Ft. Belvoir, Virginia for training. In 1975 Tim obtained a position with the Mentor Public Schools as a physical education teacher. This brought him to Lake County where he has resided ever since. During the course of his teaching career he was called to numerous stints of active duty with the National Guard in support of various disaster relief missions in the State of Ohio and also in support of Operation Desert Storm in 1991. He also spent 6 months in Central America in 1999 providing assistance to the local population in the wake of the destruction from Hurricane Mitch. He retired from the National Guard in 1999 and from the Mentor Schools in 2004. After working several part time jobs in 2005 - 06, he began working as a sales associate at Mosack's Church Goods and Religious Gifts in 2007 where he has remained until now.

Tim has been happily married to his wife, Emma, for 28 years. He has 4 grown children and 6 grandchildren. He attends Advent Lutheran Church in Mentor.





## NATIONAL SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY Stockbridge, Massachusetts

The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy is a ministry of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the authentic promoters of the message of The Divine Mercy. Located in the heart of the Berkshire Hills in western Massachusetts, the Shrine sits on 350 acres, known as Eden Hill.

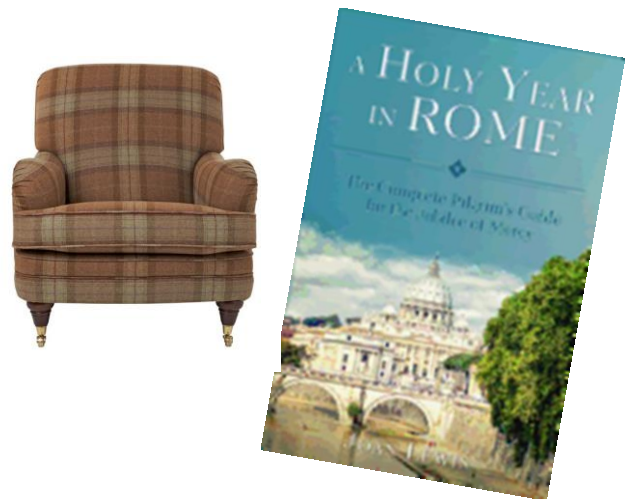
The Shrine offers many opportunities for inspiration and devotion. Pilgrims find refreshment of soul at Mass, Reconciliation, the 3 o'clock Chaplet of The Divine Mercy, and personal adoration of the Eucharist. Enter the Holy Door and obtain the Year of Mercy indulgence. Stroll throughout the beautiful grounds and visit the many statues and candle shrines - like the Lourdes Candle Grotto and Holy Family Shrine. The groves of St. Therese and St. Francis each offer an oasis for silent prayer and contemplation. Several sites on Eden Hill, including the Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine and the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, devoted to deceased children, offer unique memorial and devotional opportunities.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy

## ARMCHAIR JUBILEE JOURNEY

Do you want to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy, but can't travel to Rome? Are you too far away from the Religious Shrines or Cathedrals that have been designated as "Holy Door Pilgrimage Sites"? Are you homebound with disability or confined to a hospital bed? Consider making and ***Armchair Jubilee Journey!***

Find a book, travel DVD, or scripture study guide to help you reflect on God's infinite mercy. Here is one we can recommend: **A Holy Year In Rome** by Joan Lewis.



In this definitive guide to the Jubilee of Mercy, EWTN's Rome Correspondent, Joan Lewis, takes you back in time for a look at the history of Jubilees, and then brings you to the present with a visit to the seven pilgrim basilicas of Rome and the immeasurable treasures of Rome and the Vatican.

Joan shares with you the many special graces you can receive this year, as well as countless fun facts such as the significance of the Holy Doors, the key features of Catholic architecture, the liturgical customs that are unique to the Jubilee of Mercy, how to obtain an indulgence, and so much more.

Whether you make a pilgrimage to Rome or are celebrating this extraordinary year in your own home, EWTN's Joan Lewis is an excellent guide!



## PRAY WITH ST. IGNATIUS

Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit order, was born in 1491 – the youngest of 13 children. He was a military officer, just like his father and not interested in anything but the army. Severely injured in battle and facing months of recuperation in bed, Ignatius asked for novels about knights and soldiers to pass the time. However, the only available books were stories about Christ and the saints. Anxious for any distraction, Ignatius began to read and was converted. He became a soldier for Christ.

Placing his sword before the statue of Mary Our Lady of Montserrat, he made a lifelong vow to Christ Jesus the King of the Universe. For a time, he fasted and prayed living in a cave in the desert. He went back to school and at the University of Paris met several friends (among them St Francis Xavier) who came to share his vision of a life living for God alone. The Jesuit motto attributed to St. Ignatius is *“Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam” (AMDG)* which is translated in English as *“for the greater glory of God”*. His feast day is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

## DAILY EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

*(a simplified version from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius)*

- 1. Become aware of God’s presence.** Be still and know that God is present. Ask for God’s grace to help you in reviewing your day, to direct your attention to where it will be most useful.
- 2. Express gratitude.** Give thanks to God for all the gifts received. Know that God is at work in your life. Savor all the moments of goodness in your day.
- 3. Review your day.** Watch it like a movie in your head. Ask for God’s grace to know your sins. Where could you have been more loving? Pay attention to your emotions. When we reflect on the times we did or did not act with God’s grace, we can be more sensitive to developing better habits. We can become more aware of our need for God.
- 4. Repent, express sorrow, or ask forgiveness for the times you failed to follow God’s will,** and ask Him to be with you the next time you encounter a similar situation. Give thanks to God for the grace that enables you to follow his will freely. Rejoice in God’s mercy. Choose one feature of the day and pray about it.
- 5. Resolve to cooperate with God’s grace and guidance.** Look toward tomorrow. Ask God to help you put your hope and trust in Him.

## LEARN THE PATRON SAINT FOR YOUR PROFESSION AND FOLLOW THE PATH TO HOLINESS

The custom of assigning patrons to trades and professions has passed down from the Middle Ages when every guild had a saint. In those days guild members celebrated the feast day of their patron by taking the day off from work, attending a mass celebrated in the saint’s honor and walking in a public procession. The tradition of assigning patron saints to various professions continues to be very popular today. (*Saints for Every Occasion* by Thomas J. Craughwell)

### PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY:

*Blessed are you, Lord our God, who enhances our lives with work. Help us to use the work of this day, to perform it with mindfulness and attention, with care and devotion that it will be holy and healing for us and for all the earth.*  
Amen

As Labor Day approaches, take time to find the patron for your profession and be thankful for the dignity and creative challenge of your unique tasks. Find ways to incorporate God’s work into your day. Give thanks for the job you have or make plans for advancement or new employment as needed. Pray for the needs of others and volunteer your services to the less fortunate among us.

Visit [www.mosacks.com](http://www.mosacks.com) and search under Jewelry / Saints Necklaces for Patron Saint Medals or call our knowledgeable staff at 1-800-779-8887 for assistance in identifying your Patron Saint





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## STAFF ASSOCIATE OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST

Eileen has been working part time at MOSACK'S for 6+ years. She also works full-time at the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland in the Secretariat for Clergy and Religious – a position she has had for the past 25 years. *"I love both jobs, they are related to my faith and through them I have acquired some wonderful people in my life. I love to read, tend to my flowers and my garden, listen to music and watch movies. I'm also on the selection committee to rate movies that are entered for the Cleveland Film festival in my spare time. I love animals; I have a Love Bird and a Miniature Poodle named Mocha. I like to keep busy and enjoy spending time with my family and friends."*

## Teachers and Students Start Back-To-School

Teaching and sharing the Catholic and Christian faith with children and young adults is a very real challenge. Educators are entrusted with inspiring, safeguarding and nurturing young minds as well as teaching basic skills. Create a vibrant classroom setting with the latest books, posters, and prayer guides from MOSACKS.

Choose a striking visual aid to help students memorize the most meaningful prayers and biblical passages including the Our Father, Hail Mary, Apostles Creed, Ten Commandments and Seven Sacraments.

Pick-up a copy of [Children's Daily Prayer 2016-17](#) or one of the many Educational Publications used by DRE's, PSR, and Grade School Teachers that are in stock now.

Quantity discounts and FREE shipping on orders over \$100. are available at [www.mosacks.com](http://www.mosacks.com). Make it a safe and fruitful school year!



**JIM D.**

## STAFF ASSOCIATE OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

Jim writes and coordinates MOSACK'S customer outreach programs through email and Facebook. He helps maintain our website with current pricing and new merchandising offerings. He has been with MOSACK'S for 5+ years. Jim is also a successful public relations and marketing communications writer and is a graduate of Kent State University. He is married and has 3 grown children. Jim lives in Mentor with wife, Denise.

### Back To School Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the fragrance of a new box of crayons arranged like a rainbow in each perfect row. Thank you for each bundle of snowy white notebook paper, awaiting fresh possibilities; may they remind us that you make all things new and bless us with abundance.

Thank you for the ruler which helps measure our accomplishments. Thank you for pencil top erasers that remind us that making mistakes as a normal part of human learning.

As we lay out our clothes for these first days of school, help us to remember to put on Christ each day too.

But mostly God, help us to remember that Jesus is always our best and most devoted teacher. May we never outgrow His lessons on how you want us to live and love. Amen.