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MOSACK'S Church Goods & Religious Gifts





BRAND NEW LOOK FOR MOSACK'S STORE!

The MOSACK'S retail space at 8562 Mentor Avenue has been reimagined and rearranged to provide a brighter, lighter and better shopping experience. The store front and Victorian house where MOSACK'S is located are as charming as ever but now it is easier to navigate and enjoy.

The first floor has been redesigned to open space at the front of the store to prevent bottlenecks by checkout and to allow better flow around the store. The retail and book shelves have been moved and turned so that you can see from the front of the store to the rear. The MOSACK'S book room is easily visible from the front of the store and is no longer the "best kept secret in Mentor"! The rearrangement of the display and book shelves makes it easier to see the items available in the store. The aisles are wider and more comfortable for your shopping experience. We have also worked to display similar items together so that you do not have to hunt in several places to find all options for a particular item that you are interested in purchasing. (continued on page 5)

NEW MOBILE FRIENDLY WEBSITE COMING

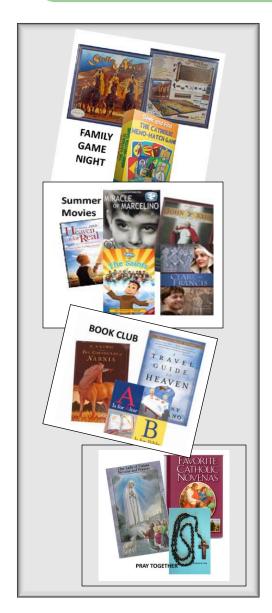
A new, mobile friendly MOSACK'S website is under construction, planned to debut in July. The new site will be crisper, cleaner and easily viewable on all of your devices: desktop, laptop, tablet and phone. The content display will optimize for the device you are using. Categories will be repositioned and tightened up so that you can find what you want in just a few clicks! The website will have new features like E Gift Cards. We want to be sure that our customers enjoy a great shopping experience at www.mosacks.com

Please continue to use the current <u>www.mosacks.com</u> website at this time. It is still a wonderful website with many products to view and purchase. We will place a notification on the front page of the website with the specific date when the updated website will go live and with information on any down time for the site. The down time is expected to be short: around 2 – 3 hours.

We are excited to bring you an updated and mobile friendly website in July. We are working hard at Mosack's to stay at the technology forefront and to bring our customers the excellent online shopping experience that they expect and deserve. If you have any questions on the website or the items available at Mosacks, just send us an email at info@mosacks.com or call us at 800-779-8887.

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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. Visit MOSACK'S updated Children's section for the latest books, puzzles and toys. 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.

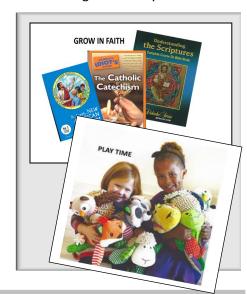
BOOK CLUB: Start your own family or neighborhood book club! We have tons of books for people of all ages! Choose one to discuss – or better yet compare several titles. You do not have to all be reading the same book to have a book club! Variety will make it more interesting!

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.



INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved. On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us. We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come. We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice. We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way. We ask You to forgive us for these times. On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You. Make us a generous people, a holy nation, a people set aside to love You forever, for the sake of the land of the brave and free and the peoples and nations of this world.

Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country. Our land is in need of You, our people are in need of You, our industry and business is in need of You. May we look only to You this Independence Day, dependent on You. Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit, breathe new life into the sinews of this nation. May justice flow like rivers, and righteousness like a never failing stream, until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory, as the waters cover the sea. We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for all eternity. Amen.

(a modern prayer for the United States from www.lords-prayer-words.com)





UPDATED CHRISTIAN MUSIC AND DVD SELECTION





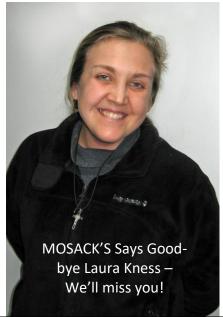


With the closing of Family Christian stores nationwide, MOSACK'S has expanded our selection of Christian Music CD's. The latest collections from Contemporary Christian Artists like Mercy Me, Matt Maher, Chris Tomlin, and Steven Curtis Chapman are in stock, Christian Rock enthusiasts will find Toby Mac, Casting Crowns, Lauren Daigle and Krystal Meyers CD's, Gospel artists include Beverly Crawford, The Booth Brothers, and the Martins. Praise and Worship titles reflect the latest in church music. Of course, MOSACK'S still carries the Catholic Artists, Chants, Mass Settings and Instrumental Favorites that we have always stocked. Specialty Hi God children's CD's and Seasonal Christmas music is available year round.

DVD's have been re-shelved to feature inspirational movies like *Miracles from Heaven* and *The Way*, lives of the saints, and biblical topics. There is a full section of children's Veggie Tales and Brother Francis DVD's – perfect for summer movie night!



ANSWERING THE CALL





CONGRTULATIONS!

To Heidi G. happy winner of our Fontanini Heirloom Last Supper raffle. "This keepsake will look great in my dining room"! Words cannot express the deep joy that I feel in following my vocation, to answer God's call. Ever since I was the young age of 4, I felt a deep calling to religious life, especially when visiting my great-aunt who was a Franciscan nun. I remember wishing that my parents would forget about me, and leave me at the convent with the nuns.

This calling to religious life only grew stronger, and my desire to become a nun became deeper. I began to immerse myself completely in volunteering with the church doing all that I could to help, going to mass every day, and having a deep prayer life. One night, I had a profound dream, in which I knew for sure that God was calling me to become His.

When I finished high school I began to look into different religious orders and contacting them. Unfortunately, they all turned me down because of my medical disorder which causes me to have a constant headache. This deeply sadden me and I began to question what God really wanted from me. I knew that He wanted me, and that I was not called to marriage, so I began to talk to my wonderful and patient spiritual director Fr. Tim about becoming a Consecrated Virgin.

I was doing a lot at my church, St. Bede the Venerable, and was very happy, but I did not feel satisfied, and it did not seem that I was doing enough. There is a quote from St. Augustine that says: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, oh Lord", how true this was for me. During adoration, I asked Jesus: "what do you want from me?" He answered; "Have I not called you to become a nun? Are not all things possible for God?" This answer strengthened my calling and once again I started looking at different orders.

The Mercedarians of the Blessed Sacrament, a order that I never heard of, caught my attention so I decided to contact them. Immediately I got a response and as soon as I visited them, I felt like I was at home. I am so excited to say that after waiting about 20 years I will finally be entering in July, and my heart has never felt more joy then it does now. God is so good and so full of love, that He never abandons us, even when life gets hard. We must always trust in the Lord because he knows the plans for us. Although I used to feel very upset that I could not enter into a convent right after high school, I feel that God made it so in order to meet many wonderful people, such as my co-workers at Mosacks, customers, and many wonderful parishioners all who have become like family to me and who will always be treasured in my heart.

VICTORIA KING BOOK SIGNING

MOSACK"S hosted local author Vicki King on June 24th. Her latest book, <u>Taking AIM Affirming Inspiring Motivating</u>, is a collection of over 200 religious stories that can be enjoyed in several ways. Stories can be read individually, the book can be read cover to cover, and its contents can be used as a daily devotional. The majority of the anecdotes are prefaced with God's Word which will assist in applying His principles to everyday life. Stories come from ordinary mundane events: driving to work, waiting in line, even taking out the garbage! Readers are encouraged to delve deeper into God's Word enabling them to live the life God has meant for them. It makes for inspired reading!

Vicki King was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. After serving three years in the Marine Corps, she earned a degree in accounting from Roosevelt University in Chicago. She and her husband Bill are parents of two grown children and two grandsons. This is her fifth book.



Vicki King (left) *Taking AIM* with two happy customers

MOSACK'S NEW LOOK

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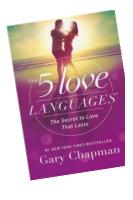
The second floor has also been revamped. Flags and outdoor statues on are on the old porch area of the Victorian house, just up a few steps from the first floor. The fireplace room is more open and can hold special events like author signings. We have a full room of religious statues and medals. We continue to have our Fontanini nativities on display. We always have a little bit of Christmas spirit at MOSACK'S Our extensive greeting card selection is located in the back room of the second floor and the auto related products are in the nook off the card room.

The third floor (yes we have a third floor!) has clergy apparel, sacramental linens, sacramental vessels and seasonal items. Currently, First Communion, Confirmation, Thanksgiving and some Christmas items are on the third floor.

Please stop in to see the renovated space at MOSACK'S. Thank you to Betty and Mary Clare for the vision; Robert and Bill for the muscle, and the whole staff for moving the merchandise and relearning the store. If you cannot find an item you are used to finding at MOSACK'S, just ask a friendly staff member and we will be happy to assist you. We are receiving so many compliments on how beautiful the store is and we are ready to welcome you to enjoy the "new look" to our store.



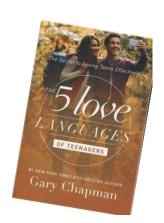
BOOK REVIEW: 5 LOVE LANGUAGES



Falling in love is easy, however, staying in love is the challenge. How can you keep your relationship fresh and growing amid the demands, conflicts, and just plain boredom of everyday life? In the #1 New York Times bestseller entitled <u>The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts</u> by Gary Chapman, you'll discover the secret that has transformed millions of relationships worldwide. Whether your relationship is flourishing or failing, Dr. Chapman's proven approach to showing and receiving love will help you experience deeper and richer levels of intimacy with your partner - starting today. It is as practical as it is insightful. Updated to reflect the complexities of relationships today, this new edition reveals intrinsic truths and applies relevant, actionable wisdom in ways that work. The book includes the Couple's Personal Profile assessment so you can discover your love language and that of your loved one.

For socially, mentally, and spiritually, challenged teenagers who face a variety of pressures and stresses each day, *The 5 Love Languages of Teenagers: The Secret to Loving Teens Effectively* by Dr. Gary Chapman equips parents to make the most of that opportunity. In this the author explores the world in which teenagers live, explains their developmental changes, and gives tools to help you identify and appropriately communicate in your teen's love language. Dr. Chapman offers practical tips on how to:

- Express love to your teen effectively
- Navigate the key issues in your teen s life, including anger and independence
- Set boundaries that are enforced with discipline and consequences
- Support and love your teen when he or she fails



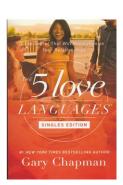
BOOK REVIEW: 5 LOVE LANGUAGES

Another book in this series is <u>The 5 Love Languages: Military Edition</u> by Gary Chapman where he offers advice for military couples. "As soon as I arrived in Afghanistan, I began reading The 5 Love Languages(R). I had never read anything so simple yet so profound." -- Anonymous soldier. If you are in a military relationship, you know the strain of long deployments, lonely nights, and difficult transitions. For extraordinary challenges like these, couples need specific advice. In this updated edition, the author teams up with Jocelyn Green, a former military wife, to speak directly to military couples. They share the simple secret to loving each other best, including advice for how to:

- Build intimacy over long distances
- Reintegrate after deployment
- Unlearn harsh military-style communication
- Rebuild and maintain emotional love
- Help your spouse heal from trauma -and more

With more than 10 million copies sold, The 5 Love Languages(R) has been strengthening millions of relationships for over 25 years. This military edition will inspire and equip you to build lasting love in your relationship, starting today. This book includes stories from every branch of service, tips for expressing love when apart, and an updated FAQs section.

For singles there is the <u>The 5 Love Languages Singles Edition: The Secret That Will Revolutionize Your Relationships</u> by Gary Chapman features simple ways to strengthen any relationship. The premise is simple: Each person gives and receives love in a certain language, and speaking it will strengthen that relationship. For singles, that means you can:



- Understand yourself and others better
- Grow closer to family, friends, and others you care about
- Gain courage to express your emotions and affection
- Discover the missing ingredient in past relationships
- Date more successfully and more lovingly.

Whether you want to be closer to your parents, reach out more to your friends, or give dating another try, This edition will give you the confidence you need to connect with others in a meaningful way. "Nothing has more potential for enhancing one's sense of well-being than effectively loving and being loved. It includes a quiz to help you learn your love language, plus a section on the pros and cons of online dating.

Finally, in *The 5 Love Languages of Children: The Secret to Loving Children Effectively* by Gary Chapman the author asserts that -you may love your child, and then he asks the question - but does your child feel loved? Every child has a unique way of feeling loved. When you discover your child's love language and how to speak it you can build a solid foundation for your child to trust you and flourish as they grow. This book is for parents, teachers, single parents, and more - Drs. Chapman and Ross Campbell offer practical advice for how to:

- Discover and speak your child s love language in dozens of ways
- Use the love languages to help your child learn best
- Discipline and correct more lovingly and effectively
- It includes the love languages mystery game for children.
- Discover the missing ingredient in past relationships



HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!

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. Visit your grandparents, send a card, say a prayer and find a way to honor their love on Sunday, Sept. 13th.

PRAYER OF THANKS

Loving God, You have given us the blessed gift of Grandparents. Thank you for the simple gifts they share: for embracing us with love us, for listening to our little problems and fixing them, for comforting our hurts and making us laugh, for the wonderful stories they tell.

We thank You God, for the generosity of our grandparents, for the special moments in life they never forget, and for the understanding of life they generously have shared with us.

Bless them and keep them safe. May their golden years be filled with the joys of family and treasured memories. Let them know our love and support each day. Amen.

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? have 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!



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.

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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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 is 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



Spiritual School Preparation Begins...

As summer comes to a close and minds turn to preparing for another school year. MOSACK'S is ready to assist those preparing learning environments in school and home. Parents, too, will find resources for encouraging their children as students. As considerations are made for acquiring educational items, MOSACK'S is ready to offer: Christian classroom teaching resources: phonics learning books, posters, and coloring books along with Catholic Educational Books and Formation books, bookmarks, and prizes.

Visit www.mosacks.com and look under two main categories: Classroom Teaching Resource and Stickers, Toys, Games & Puzzles. Other categories that will be helpful in your search are: DVDs and Books and Posters. All these items are available to convey Christian topics in a colorful way while enhancing the school setting and serving as useful tools in learning. Please contact us at info@mosacks.com to enable us to serve you in making this a successful and spiritual school year.



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