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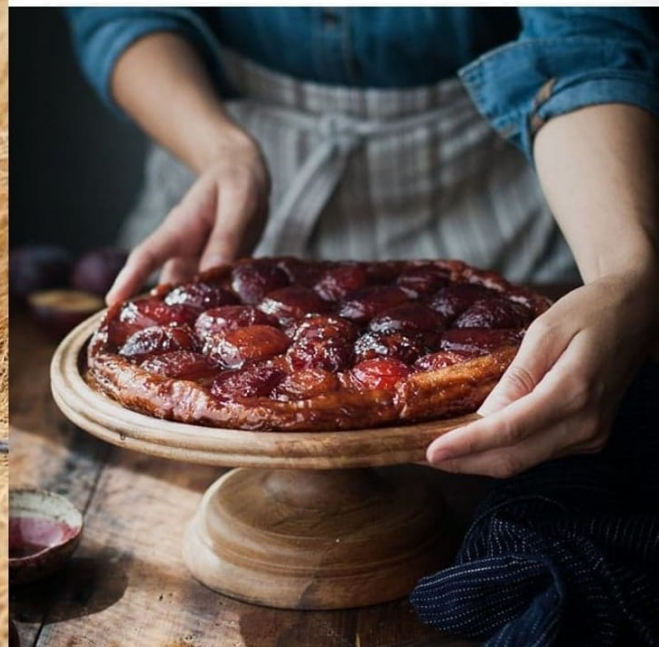
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OFFICE HOURS

M,T,Wed. Th, F 7:00am-3:00pm



Our Lord does not  
look so much at  
the greatness of  
our actions, or even  
at their difficulty,  
as at the love with  
which we do them.  
—*Saint Thérèse of Lisieux*



## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Daily Mass: WED. THU, FRI -8:30 am**  
**Tuesday 5:30PM**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM**  
**Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:45 AM**  
**Pastor: Fr. Joseph Gates**

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OCTOBER 1, 2023



<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30am Req. By:	<b>OCTOBER 3</b> <b>+POOR SOULS</b> Kay
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30am Req. BY:	<b>OCTOBER 4</b> <b>+THERESA DUMAIS</b> Son, Christopher
2nd. Int Req. By:	<b>+RICHARD RUSSO &amp; ELLE LETIZIA</b> Sheridan Family
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30am. Req. By:	<b>OCTOBER 5</b> <b>+JEANNIE VAN COONEY</b> Mary Louise Williams
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30am	<b>OCTOBER 6</b> <b>+MR. &amp; MRS. JOHN SOMMER</b> 50TH Wedding Anniversary
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00 pm Req. By:	<b>OCTOBER 7</b> <b>+ROBERT TAYLOR</b> Cindy Rippee
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00am Req. By:	<b>OCTOBER 8</b> <b>+CARSON HERNANDEZ</b> Hernandez Family
9:45 Req. By:	<b>+SUSAN LOMONACO</b> Husband Morris
2nd Int. Req.By:	<b>+JOHN WINTERS</b> Wife

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#### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 136: Ez 18:25-28

Psalms: 25:4-9

Second Reading: Phil 2:1-11

Gospel Reading: Mt 21:28-32

#### **SACRAMENTS:**

##### **Contact the Office**

**Baptism:** For registered & active parishioners: **Baptism instruction is required for Parents.**

##### **Reconciliation:**

Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM

In the main Church Or by Appointment

**Weddings:** Must be arranged with the pastor at least **6 months before the date** desired.

#### **Last Rites & Anointing of the Sick**

##### **Due to the Distance from Parrish Manatee Hospital:**

St. Joseph: 941-756-3732

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##### **Lakewood Ranch Hospital:**

Our Lady of the Angels: 941-752-6770

##### **Doctor's Hospital Sarasota:**

Incarnation: 941-921-6631

St. Patrick's: 941-378-1703

#### **\*DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE\***

**If in Hospice at home—please call as soon as possible preferably during the day!**

**Funerals:** Please contact the Office for a meeting for Dates, Readings, and Music. There are certain policies in place at St. Frances Cabrini for the respectful burial of your loved ones.



## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### MONDAY HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

455: Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:2,16-23 650:Mt 18:1-5,10

#### TUESDAY

456: Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1-7 Lk 9:51-56

#### WEDNESDAY ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

457:Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-6 Lk 9:57-62

#### THURSDAY ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKI

458:Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b12 Ps 19:8-11 Lk10:1-12

#### FRIDAY ST. BRUNO & BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER

459:Bar 1:15-22 Ps79:1-5,8-9 Lk 10:13-16

### Supporting our Diocese

Our Goal to support the Diocesan Offices, Missions, and Charities.

Goal: \$198,000.00

Raised So Far: \$165,779.84



### Parish Focused Giving

Helping to relieve our Parish of St. Frances Cabrini Debt!  
Debt Free by 2023

Goal: \$407,446.85

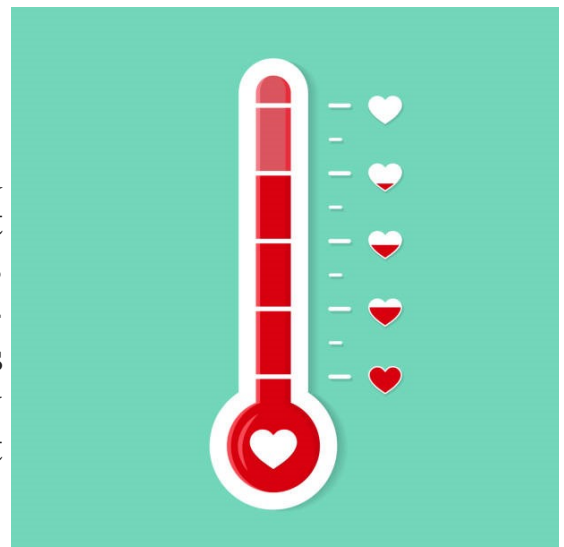
Raised So Far: \$131,835.00

## 2023 Catholic Faith Appeal

Every year, the Diocese of Venice places a goal for each parish to provide a certain amount towards an overall needs of the Diocese. For 2022, **our Parish responsibility is \$198,000**. Our hope is to fulfill our obligation early and ensure our support for these essential programs for the Southwest Florida community. We ask if you have any additional resources you wish to support Catholic organizations with, that you donate to the Catholic Faith Appeal. Your support, which is fully tax deductible, will provide assistance to thousands in our area.

### Debt Free by 2023

We'd like to thank everyone for their continued help in lowering our Parish Debt. As of July 31'st 2022 we were at \$485,402.00. As of July of this year we are at \$198,135.02. Thanks to your generosity we were able to **pay off \$204,793.95** which is a breath taking amount! Let's us continue to glorify the Lord in this progress and hopefully be Debt Free by the end of 2023!



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## 40 Days for Life Overview

From **September 27 through November 5**, our community will unite with many others from coast to coast – and internationally – for a major simultaneous pro-life mobilization – the 40 Days for Life campaign. Faithful believers are praying that these efforts will mark the beginning of the end of abortion.



## Vision and Mission

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a **vision** to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion.

The **mission** of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. For more information: [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com)



**A wonderful "Thank You" to Heady Nupsl (who made the Kraut, Red Cabbage, Spätzle, and Brats) and the Hospitality Team for making this years Oktoberfest an evening to remember.**



## Fall Fish Fry

"The Knights of Columbus will be having a drive-through fish fry on Friday, 20 Oct from 5 to 7pm.

Tables will be set up outside, weather permitting.

Come enjoy fish, shrimp, fries and slaw and support the Knights as they continue to support the parish."





# TWENTY –SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church</b>					
<b>Financial Report</b>					
<b>July 1, 2021 to June 30,2022</b>					
<u>Income</u>					
General Offertory/Parish Collections/ Bequests		\$	783,568.79		
Other Income & Donations		\$	171,607.75		
Total Income		\$	955,176.54		
<u>Expense</u>					
Personel/Insurance/Ministries		\$	410,461.43		
Budg. & Grounds/Prop. Tax/ Utilities		\$	189,987.16		
Gen. Admin/ Contracted Services/ Other		\$	201,575.14		
Total Expense		\$	802,023.73		
Income is greater than Expense		\$	153,152.81		
Comments: Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is not included in this report.					
The past fiscal year has seen our parishioners returning to church and the addition of new parishioners as our community continues to grow. We are thankful for this and look forward to it continuing in the future. The above financial report is indicitive of this growth.					
In addition we have collected \$131,835.00 towards our loan debt of \$407,446.85.					
I thank you and bless you for your generosity and continued support.					

## Question 6: Why is Contraception a sin

In 1968, Pope Paul VI issued his landmark encyclical letter *Humanae Vitae* (Latin, “Human Life”), which reemphasized the Church’s constant teaching that it is always intrinsically wrong to use contraception to prevent new human beings from coming into existence.

Contraception is “any action which, either in anticipation of the conjugal act [sexual intercourse], or in its accomplishment, or in the development of its natural consequences, proposes, whether as an end or as a means, to render procreation impossible” (*Humanae Vitae* 14). This includes sterilization, condoms and other barrier methods, spermicides, coitus interruptus (withdrawal method), the Pill, and all other such methods.

### The Historic Christian Teaching

Few realize that up until 1930, *all* Protestant denominations agreed with the Catholic Church’s teaching condemning contraception as sinful. At its 1930 Lambeth Conference, the Anglican church, swayed by growing social pressure, announced that contraception would be allowed in *some* circumstances. Soon the Anglican church completely caved in, allowing contraception across the board. Since then, all other Protestant denominations have followed suit. Today, the Catholic Church alone proclaims the historic Christian position on contraception.

Evidence that contraception is in conflict with God’s laws comes from a variety of sources that will be examined in this tract.

### Nature

Contraception is wrong because it’s a deliberate violation of the design God built into the human race, often referred to as “natural law.” The natural-law purpose of sex is procreation. The pleasure that sexual intercourse provides is an additional blessing from God, intended to offer the possibility of new life while strengthening the bond of intimacy, respect, and love between husband and wife. The loving environment this bond creates is the perfect setting for nurturing children.

But sexual pleasure within marriage becomes unnatural, and even harmful to the spouses, when it is used in a way that deliberately excludes the basic purpose of sex, which is procreation. God’s gift of the sex act, along with its pleasure and intimacy, must not be abused by deliberately frustrating its natural end—procreation.

### Scripture

Is contraception a modern invention? Hardly! Birth control has been around for millennia. Scrolls found in Egypt, dating to 1900 B.C., describe ancient methods of birth control that were later practiced in the Roman empire during the apostolic age. Wool that absorbed sperm, poisons that fumigated the uterus, potions, and other methods were used to prevent conception. In some centuries, even condoms were used (though made out of animal skin rather than latex).

The Bible mentions at least one form of contraception specifically and condemns it. *Coitus interruptus* was used by Onan to avoid fulfilling his duty according to the ancient Jewish law of fathering children for one’s dead brother. “Judah said to Onan, ‘Go in to your brother’s wife, and perform the duty of a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother.’ But Onan knew that the offspring would not be his; so when he went in to his brother’s wife he spilled the semen on the ground, lest he should give offspring to his brother. And what he did was displeasing in the sight of the Lord, and he slew him also” (Gen. 38:8–10).

The biblical penalty for not giving your brother’s widow children was public humiliation, not death (Deut. 25:7–10). But Onan received death as punishment for his crime. This means his crime was more than simply not fulfilling the duty of a brother-in-law. He lost his life because he violated natural law, as Jewish and Christian commentators have always understood. For this reason, certain forms of contraception have historically been known as “Onanism,” after the man who practiced it, just as homosexuality has historically been known as “Sodomy,” after the men of Sodom, who practiced that vice (see Gen. 19).

Contraception was so far outside the biblical mindset and so obviously wrong that it did not need the frequent condemnations other sins did. Scripture condemns the practice when it mentions it. Once a moral principle has been established in the Bible, every possible application of it need not be mentioned.

### Apostolic Tradition

The biblical teaching that birth control is wrong is found even more explicitly among the Church Fathers, who recognized the biblical and natural law principles underlying the condemnation.

In A.D. 195, Clement of Alexandria wrote, “Because of its divine institution for the propagation of man, the seed is not to be vainly ejaculated, nor is it to be damaged, nor is it to be wasted” (*The Instructor of Children* 2:10:91:2).

Hippolytus of Rome wrote in 255 that “on account of their prominent ancestry and great property, the so-called faithful [certain Christian women who had affairs with male servants] want no children from slaves or lowborn commoners, [so] they use drugs of sterility or bind themselves tightly in order to expel a fetus which has already been engendered” (*Refutation of All Heresies* 9:12).

Around 307 Lactantius explained that some “complain of the scantiness of their means, and allege that they have not enough for bringing up more children, as though, in truth, their means were in [their] power . . . or God did not daily make the rich poor and the poor rich. Wherefore, if any one on any account of poverty shall be unable to bring up children, it is better to abstain from relations with his wife” (*Divine Institutes* 6:20).

(Catholicanswers.com)



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Augustine wrote in 419, "I am supposing, then, although you are not lying [with your wife] for the sake of procreating offspring, you are not for the sake of lust obstructing their procreation by an evil prayer or an evil deed. Those who do this, although they are called husband and wife, are not; nor do they retain any reality of marriage, but with a respectable name cover a shame. Sometimes this lustful cruelty, or cruel lust, comes to this, that they even procure poisons of sterility [oral contraceptives]" (*Marriage and Concupiscence* 1:15:17).

The apostolic tradition's condemnation of contraception is so great that it was followed by Protestants until 1930 and was upheld by all key Protestant Reformers. Martin Luther said, "[T]he exceedingly foul deed of Onan, the basest of wretches . . . is a most disgraceful sin. It is far more atrocious than incest and adultery. We call it unchastity, yes, a sodomitic sin. For Onan goes in to her; that is, he lies with her and copulates, and when it comes to the point of insemination, spills the semen, lest the woman conceive. Surely at such a time the order of nature established by God in procreation should be followed. Accordingly, it was a most disgraceful crime. . . . Consequently, he deserved to be killed by God."

John Calvin said, "The voluntary spilling of semen outside of intercourse between man and woman is a monstrous thing. Deliberately to withdraw from coitus in order that semen may fall on the ground is doubly monstrous. For this is to extinguish the hope of the race and to kill before he is born the hoped-for offspring."

John Wesley warned, "Observe, the thing which he [Onan] did displeased the Lord—and it is to be feared; thousands, especially of single persons, by this very thing, still displease the Lord, and destroy their own souls." (These passages are quoted in Charles D. Provan, *The Bible and Birth Control*, which contains many quotes by historic Protestant figures who recognize contraception's evils.)

**The Magisterium:** The Church also, fulfilling the role given it by Christ as the identifier and interpreter of apostolic Scripture and apostolic tradition, has constantly condemned contraception as gravely sinful.

In *Humanae Vitae*, Pope Paul VI stated, "[W]e must once again declare that the direct interruption of the generative process already begun, and, above all, directly willed and procured abortion, even if for therapeutic reasons, are to be absolutely excluded as licit means of regulating birth. Equally to be excluded, as the teaching authority of the Church has frequently declared, is direct sterilization, whether perpetual or temporary, whether of the man or of the woman. Similarly excluded is every action which, either in anticipation of the conjugal act, or in its accomplishment, or in the development of its natural consequences, proposes, whether as an end or as a means, to render procreation impossible" (HV 14).

This was reiterated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: "[E]very action which, whether in anticipation of the conjugal act, or in its accomplishment, or in the development of its natural consequences, proposes, whether as an end or as a means, to render procreation impossible is intrinsically evil" (CCC 2370). "Legitimate intentions on the part of the spouses do not justify recourse to morally unacceptable means . . . for example, direct sterilization or contraception" (CCC 2399).

The Church also has affirmed that the illicitness of contraception is an infallible doctrine: "The Church has always taught the intrinsic evil of contraception, that is, of every marital act intentionally rendered unfruitful. This teaching is to be held as definitive and irreformable. Contraception is gravely opposed to marital chastity, it is contrary to the good of the transmission of life (the procreative aspect of matrimony), and to the reciprocal self-giving of the spouses (the unitive aspect of matrimony); it harms true love and denies the sovereign role of God in the transmission of human life" (*Vademecum for Confessors* 2:4, Feb. 12, 1997).

**Human Experience:** Pope Paul VI predicted grave consequences that would arise from the widespread and unrestrained use of contraception. He warned, "Upright men can even better convince themselves of the solid grounds on which the teaching of the Church in this field is based if they care to reflect upon the consequences of methods of artificially limiting the increase of children. Let them consider, first of all, how wide and easy a road would thus be opened up towards conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morality. Not much experience is needed in order to know human weakness, and to understand that men—especially the young, who are so vulnerable on this point—have need of encouragement to be faithful to the moral law, so that they must not be offered some easy means of eluding its observance. It is also to be feared that the man, growing used to the employment of anti-conceptive practices, may finally lose respect for the woman and, no longer caring for her physical and psychological equilibrium, may come to the point of considering her as a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment, and no longer as his respected and beloved companion" (HV 17).

No one can doubt the fulfillment of these prophetic words. They have all been more than fulfilled in this country as a result of the widespread availability of contraceptives, the "free love" movement that started in the 1960s, and the loose sexual morality that it spawned and that continues to pervade Western culture.

Indeed, recent studies reveal a far greater divorce rate in marriages in which contraception is regularly practiced than in those marriages where it is not. Experience, natural law, Scripture, Tradition, and the magisterium, all testify to the moral evil of contraception.

**If people must not be taught religion, they might be taught reason, philosophy. If the State must not teach them to pray it might teach them to think. And when I say that children should be taught to think I do not mean (like many moderns) that they should be taught to doubt; for the two processes are not only not the same, but are in many ways opposite. To doubt is only to destroy; to think is to create. - G.K. Chesterton Daily News, June 22, 1907**



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