

As we prepare for election this year, the Bishops of the United States have asked us to consider 5 non-negotiables before we vote. In other words, these five current issues concern actions that are intrinsically evil and must never be promoted by the law. Intrinsically evil actions are those that fundamentally conflict with the moral law and can never be deliberately performed under any circumstances. It is a serious sin to deliberately endorse or promote any of these actions, and no candidate who really wants to advance the common good will support any action contrary to the non-negotiable principles involved in these issues.

How should a **CATHOLIC VOTE?**

1. Abortion

The Church teaches that abortion is the intentional and direct killing of an innocent human being, and, therefore, it is a form of homicide.

The unborn child is always an innocent party, and no law may permit the taking of his or her life. Even when a child is conceived through rape or incest, the fault is not the child's, who should not suffer death for others' sins.

2. Euthanasia

Often disguised by the name "mercy killing," euthanasia is also a form of homicide. No person has a right to take his or her own life, and no one has the right to take the life of any innocent person.

In euthanasia, the ill or elderly are killed, by action or omission, out of a misplaced sense of compassion, but true compassion cannot include intentionally doing something intrinsically evil to another person.

3. Embryonic Stem Cell Research and Human Cloning

Human embryos are human beings. "Respect for the dignity of the human being excludes all experimental manipulation or exploitation of the human embryo" (CRF 4b).

4. Homosexual "Marriage"

True marriage is the union of one man and one woman. Legal recognition of any other union as "marriage" undermines true marriage, and legal recognition of homosexual unions actually does homosexual persons a disfavor.

5. Religious Freedom

Any form of taking away our religious beliefs or watering them down to fit into a culture is never permitted.

In the Words of Archbishop Aquila...

This is the most important guidance I can give: allow your ongoing personal encounter with Jesus Christ and the Church to guide your political decisions. I say this because we believe that the truth about ourselves and the world we live in is revealed in and through him. Our society suffers and has suffered for quite some time because too few people live an integrated life – one that does not divide "the personal" from "the public."

Some, both in politics and in the Church, have stated that it is the Church that needs to change her teaching to include abortion, same-sex unions, and even euthanasia. Yet, in faithfulness to Jesus Christ, to the Gospel and to Sacred Tradition, the Church cannot change her teaching on these issues without denying Christ. She would cut herself from the vine and only wither away, as promised by Christ. The further we move away from Jesus Christ and his teachings, the more our churches will empty.

We are where we are today because too many Catholics and other people of faith have embraced the ways of the world and not the ways of Christ. They have not served as leaven that transforms society, but rather have condoned evil and the throw-away culture that Pope Francis frequently reminds us to reject.

<http://denvercatholic.org/voting-catholic-2016/>

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"...be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." -2 Timothy 4:2


It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into

the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

**October 16, 2016
Twenty-Ninth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

Mon., Oct 17 7 PM +Grant Hanson (Birth) by Anna Nolz
Tue., Oct 187 PM +Tillie Leier by James & Tami Leier
Wed., Oct 198 AM +Joe Becker (Birth) by Frances Becker
Thurs., Oct 208 AM +Larry Moch by Mr & Mrs. John Hammer
Fri., Oct 218 AM +Thomas Schumacher by Deacon Gary & Jeanne Schumacher
Sat., Oct 225 PM +Paulette Wentz (Anni 10/16) by Irene Horner & Family
Sun., Oct 2310 AM +Our Parishioners
Sunday Care Center 8:45 AM +Andrew & +Anna Nolz by Joe Nolz Helper: Lorraine Reis

 Rosary 25 minutes before weekend Masses.

 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 6 AM Thursday until midnight Friday.

**Stewardship of
Treasure**

This Week: \$ 4,862.74

Parish Announcements



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

FORMED is now up and running! To access the videos, movies, e-books, and talks, just go to formed.org, and enter the parish code **T2TKH2**. Call Tanya in the office to help you get set up on the computer in our library, if you don't have internet at home.

Class of 2017 Rome Senior Prep Day - Sunday, Oct 16th from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Please bring a potluck item to share.

No CCD Wed., Oct 19 for 7-12. No CCD Sun., Oct. 23 for 1-6.

Wedding - Please pray for **Kevin Bitz and Mindy Bernard** who were married at St. Philip Neri on October 15th.

World Mission Sunday will take place on October 23rd. There are envelopes in your packets to help you to support our missionaries and their mission of spreading the gospel.

Attention CCD Teachers and Parents - On Sun., Oct 16 from 3:30-4:30 pm, Mary Hanbury, the Diocese Director of Catechesis, will be giving an update on the new standards and curriculum for Religious Ed K-8th that will be implemented next year. She will explain the results of the ACRE assessment that the 5th and 8th grade students took last spring.

Holy Land - Oct. 25 to Nov. 5 Fr. Pfeifer will be away leading a pilgrimage to Israel, "Walking in the Footsteps of our Lord in the Year of Mercy." Let Father know any special prayer requests by Sun., October 23rd. Mass times: Mon., Oct. 24th - 8 AM; Tues., Oct. 25th - 7 PM (Fr. Katanga); No Mass Oct. 26th or 27th; Fri., Oct. 28th - 8 AM (Fr. Katanga); Sat., Oct.29th - 5 PM (Fr. Johnson); Sun., Oct. 30th - 10 AM (Fr. Johnson); Mon., Oct. 31st - All Saints Day Vigil - 7:30 PM (Fr. Johnson); Tues., Nov. 1 All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) - 7:30 AM (Fr. Johnson); Wed., Nov. 2 - All Souls Day - 8 AM & 8:30 AM (2 Masses Fr. Johnson); Thurs., Nov. 3rd - 7 PM (Fr. Katanga); No Mass on Fri., Nov. 4th, and Sat., Nov. 5th - 5 PM (Fr. Eckroth)



Powerful new class starting Tues., Oct. 18!

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A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER

Class consists of 8 sessions after Mass on Tuesdays. Call Jackie Weigel (471-2516) or the parish office with questions.

Announcements, Cont.

St. Philip Neri Parish Inquiry Class - Monday nights throughout the year from 7:40 to 8:40. All are welcome!

Oct. 17 - The Life of Christ including the Nativity, the Hidden Life of Christ, the Public Life of Christ, the Passion and Death, the Resurrection and Ascension, and the Four Gospels

Oct. 24 - No Class. Fr. Pfeifer in the Holy Land

Oct. 31 - No Class. Fr. Pfeifer in the Holy Land

Nov. 7th - The Catholic Church (Divine institution by Christ, St. Peter and the Apostles, four marks of the church: one, holy, catholic, apostolic)

Nov. 14th - Sin and Morality (free will and conscience, actual sin: venial and mortal, occasions of sin, the seven deadly sins)

I really enjoy the inquiry classes, as I have learned a great deal and am excited to learn more. My favorite part so far was the segment on the angels. Did you know that the angels weren't created in Heaven? Thank you, Fr. Pfeifer; you are doing an awesome job!!
- Doreen Fettig

Adoration - We need another adorer Fridays at 1 pm, 2 pm, and 4 pm. Signing up for a slot means you are responsible for that time. You do not have to be there every week, but you need to call a sub if you can't make it. In order to continue having the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist at Adoration, we need more people to sign up. Please encourage others to sign up for open slots. Contact Maria Regner or Fr Pfeifer for more information.

Parish Council meeting on Tuesday night (Oct. 18) and **Finance Council** meeting on Wednesday night (Oct. 19).

KC 1st (Admission) 2nd (Formation), and 3rd Degree (Knighthood) Initiation - Sun., Oct 23 at St. Anthony Parish in Linton. Enter on West end. Arrive at 11 AM. Contact Deputy Rick Glatt at 254-5591 for details.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Pray to end abortion!!

Sept. 28 to Nov. 6 - Meet at the Grotto of Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and Earth and pray the rosary every Wednesday at 7 PM.

 **St. Philip Neri
Catholic Church**

Confessions: 1/2 hr before every Mass, 1 hour before Saturday Mass, OR by appointment.

Weddings: Contact Fr. Pfeifer at least 8 months prior.

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Pfeifer before Godparents are chosen.

	Saturday, Oct 22
<u>Sacristan</u>	Phyllis Johnson
<u>Lectors</u>	Phyllis Johnson, Charlotte Brendel
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	G. Marquart, B. Silbernagel, V. Becker, W. Gross
<u>Servers</u>	Charmaine Haas, Mckenzie Haas, Darissa Becker
<u>EMHC</u>	Phyllis Johnson, Rick Regner, Paul Haegele

	Sunday, Oct 23
<u>Sacristan</u>	Mark Wangler
<u>Lectors</u>	Janae Weigel, Taylor Grunefelder
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	T. Schwartzenberger Family
<u>Servers</u>	Yikealo Breidenbach, William Kleppe, Tucker Schneider, Alexis Schneider, Claire Piatz
<u>EMHC</u>	Kelly Breidenbach, Jim Fettig, Cindy Weigel