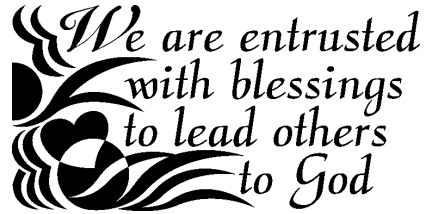


St. Mary's Catholic Church

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2014



Dear parishioners,

As Pope Francis spoke about the Synod of Bishops on Family he told the group that he was grateful for the disagreements that were expressed by the bishops because it would make for further study and better decisions. He also warned about five temptations that beset us all in this day of widely varying moral outlooks:

- 1) A "hostile rigidity" that seeks refuge in the letter of the law;
- 2) A "destructive do-goodism" based on a "false mercy," which is a special temptation for "progressives and liberals";
- 3) Transforming "bread into stone" and hurling it "against sinners, the weak and the ill" by imposing "impossible burdens";
- 4) Coming down off the cross by "bending to the spirit of the world rather than purifying it"; and
- 5) Neglecting the deposit of faith by seeing oneself as the owner rather than its servant and neglecting reality by using "a smooth language in order to say a lot without saying anything."

I marvel at Pope Francis' ability to synthesize and name a situation. Those "temptations" are good for looking at ourselves, too. It's so easy to "con" ourselves about why we should be allowed to do something. We need always to pray for the grace of discernment so that we see clearly the path that Jesus has set for us. If we are to be his disciples, we need to pick up our cross. He didn't say it would be easy. He said it would be very worthwhile!

Sister Carol

Congratulations to Rob and Sarah Davis on the baptism of their son Will Robert. We promise to be examples for him of faithfulness!

Weekend Masses

Sat Nov 15	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt and the Nussbaum & Reddington families
Sun Nov 16	10:00 a.m.	Gene Badertscher and Imajean Mathewson
Sat Nov 22	4:00 p.m.	Teresa Rieman
Sun Nov 23	10:00 a.m.	Dorothy Herrmann

Communion Services

Tue Nov 18	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Nov 21	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,675.00	Loose	\$522.00
Children	\$ 48.57	Total	\$3,245.57

86 envelopes returned = 41%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for November 22 & 23, 2014

Money Counters: Josh Barhorst, Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Dave Roby

Ushers: Hank and Carol Schroeder

Lector: Jenny Roby

Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Minto, Edna Conkling

Servers: Alyson and Abigail Kettels

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Judy Lester

Greeter-West Door:

Cantor: Choir

Ushers: Gloria Vance and Joseph Schriener

Lectors: Lisa Welch and Jan Schulte

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten, Tom Schulte, Linda Kinn

Servers: Brayton Businger, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for November 23, 2014

Feast of Christ the King

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

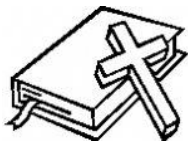
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Blaze of Lights Parade: We are looking for children 5th grade and older or for families willing to walk in the Blaze of Lights Parade alongside of the St. Mary's float to hand out candy. The parade is Saturday, November 29th. If you are interested you can email Jessica Wischmeyer at: jwischmeyer@embarqmail.com.

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Rite of Welcome This weekend we celebrate the Rite of Welcome with Greg Conkling and Ed Howell to introduce them for the first time as our RCIA candidates. As part the ceremony we, the parish, promise to support these men with our prayers and example. Please remember to do that! Congratulations, Greg and Ed. We are so inspired by your response to God's invitation.

Congratulations to our second graders who celebrated their First Reconciliation this past week!

Coffee and Donuts

Next Sunday, November 23, we will be sharing donuts and coffee and fellowship to celebrate the feast of Christ the King and the close of another liturgical year of grace and blessing.



Plan ahead Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 27. We will celebrate Mass that morning at 9 o'clock. Plan to make giving thanks to God a part of your day.

We will also allow this day to be an opportunity to participate in one of the 150 Acts of Service. We will be collecting food and paper products for the food pantry. You may bring your things any time before Thanksgiving.

Birth Parent Informational Meeting Unexpected pregnancy can be scary. You don't have to make decisions alone. Join us on Thursday, November 20, from 7-8:30 p.m. to learn about parenting and adoption. The evening will feature a mother who chose adoption and a mother who chose to parent. Light refreshments will be provided. Call or text Catholic Charities at 419.705.9192 to let us know you are coming or to talk to a birth parent advocate.

The Service Group of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will be holding their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Friday, Nov. 21st. The bake sale will feature a variety of home baked goods including delicious cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, noodles and breads. This annual event will be held in the Mennonite Memorial Home lobby on Friday, Nov. 21 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish History

DID YOU KNOW?

The stained glass windows were installed in the original church in 1940 as part of the celebration of the 75th jubilee of the parish. Their purpose was not to immortalize the donors but to remember the early families who established St. Mary's Parish. How appropriate that after another 75 years we are recalling those families again.

Thank you to Brian and Julia Miller, Dave and Mary Hoffer, Hank and Carol Schroeder, Mel and Sherri Heitmeyer, Jerry and Jeanne Wehri, Jessica Rahrig, Jeff and Deb Goldenetz, Jeannie Parinello, Rita Unterbrink for arranging the details of a wonderful celebration last weekend. **Thank you** to Rhonda Maag for baking the delicious cookies. **Thank you** to Roy Couch and his chamber musicians for the wonderful music for our Sunday liturgy. **Thank you** to all who came to make it a wonderful celebration of many blessings.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the official domestic anti-poverty agency of the Catholic bishops in the United States. Your support helps to end poverty, one community at a time. Working together, we can reach out and touch the lives of those living on the margins of society. Visit www.povertyusa.org to read more details of CCHD's efforts to spread Christ's love by helping to break the cycle of poverty in your community and across the country. The CCHD collection is next week. Please be generous.

The Bluffton University Music Department will host a holiday concert at 2:30 p.m. Sun., Nov. 23, in Yoder Recital Hall. The performance will feature the Concert Band, conducted by Dr. Roy Couch, and chamber ensembles coached by Couch and Dr. Adam Schattschneider. Admission is free.

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy is during the 10 o'clock Mass.

K-6: Class is Wednesday, November 19th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class & SNLY: Class is today, Sunday, November 16th from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.