

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Feast of Christ the King

November 26, 2017



Dear parishioners,

We have a lot of allure today for little girls to want to be princesses. It all looks so glamorous with the pretty dresses and the castles. If you read the readings from today, you will realize that Jesus' royalty comes with service and with cost.

Jesus, our King, is first of all the Good Shepherd who knows and protects his sheep. He knows each one of us by name; he knows us better than we know ourselves. He is the King of love and care.

He is the King who has power over sin and death. This victory did not come easily. This victory cost him great suffering and his very life. Jesus' real throne was the cross.

The gospel tells us that Jesus is the judge who will come at the end of time to claim his kingdom. He will separate the faithful disciples from the unfaithful. We get very specific instructions for being that faithful disciple, that faithful subject of the King. We need to take these instructions literally, not figuratively. Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick, shelter the homeless, visit the imprisoned.

Perhaps we can give some thought today to how well we live those instructions. Do I do those things? Can I do more? Do I turn a blind eye? Do I need to get started on those instructions?

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Nov 25	4:00 p.m.	Carolyn Yeagle
Sun Nov 26	10:00 a.m.	Jan Schulte
Sat Dec 2	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher
Sun Dec 3	10:00 a.m.	Art Schram

Communion Services

Fri Dec 1 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,328.00	Loose	\$490.00
Children	\$21.37	Total	\$2,838.37

70 envelopes returned = 34%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Dec. 2 & 3, 2017

Money Counters: Angie Wenger, Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer

Lector: Deb Garlock

E.M.: Jessica Wischmeyer, Brianna Atkins,
Basil Meyer

Servers: Grace Myers and Jacob Granger

10:00 a.m.

Greeters: John and Sarah Schulte family

Cantor: Karen Phillips

Ushers: Todd Phillips and John Schlumbohm

Lectors: Mel Heitmeyer and Caitlyn Couch

E.M.: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Logan Welch,
Larry Hoffman, Becca Schlumbohm

Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Jonathan Hoorman

Readings for December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:33-37

Advent begins with the Mass on
Saturday, December 2!

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Thank you to all who helped with the Thanksgiving liturgy.



gifted a family from Adopt-A-Family.

Save the date! The Waiting for St. Nick breakfast will be next Sunday, December 3, after the 10:00 Mass. See you there! All proceeds go to

Lectors, the Handbook for Lectors is here for the new Church Year. Please pick up your copy from the table in the main entrance.

Mustard Seed Gift Shop is keeping Christ in Christmas! Their Christmas items will be on display after Saturday, November 25. Mustard Seed Gift Shop is located in Glandorf, behind St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Summer Camp There are envelopes in the pews marked "Make a Difference Today!" Help our youth attend Catholic Youth Summer Camp. You may drop the envelope in the collection basket. If you write a check please make it out to St. Mary's and write "Summer Camp" on the memo line.

Evening Song First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson St., Bluffton, invites all to attend an Evening Song and Prayer service in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 8:15 p.m. Evening Song and Prayer is a contemplative service of worship at the end of the day, when we sing our prayers and pray our songs. With song and in silence we will intercede for the world, the church, our community, our loved ones and ourselves. The service lasts about 45 minutes.

Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services is offering a **Tree of Remembrance Memorial Service** in Bluffton at the Centre at Bluffton, 601 N. Main Street, on December 3rd, 2:00 p.m. All families in attendance will receive a free glass ornament personalized with the name and dates of their loved one that will be placed on the Christmas Tree.

There is **no charge** to attend; however reservations are requested. To make a reservation or for more information call 419-358-2051 or email the funeral home at chilesbl@wcoil.com

The Giving Tree for Christmas is up in the main

entrance. This year our gifts will go to Booneville (Appalachia), Heartbeat, and three local families. Our return date for Booneville is Dec 6. We connect with a parish in McCartyville so that Sister Marge can pick up our gifts on Dec. 10. No one drives them down after that date. Please be prompt!



Sunday, December 3 (6:30-8:00pm) Live Nativity on the St. Francis Campus, 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin.



Journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and rediscover the wonder of Christmas! Please park behind St. Francis Home to meet your guide for the journey. Please wear comfortable shoes and warm clothes. Donations of **NEW** scarves, hats, gloves & socks will be collected for those in need. Sponsored by St. Francis Community. **For more info, call Sr. Edna Michel at 419.443.1485.**

Lent It's time to order study materials for the Lenten small groups. If you are interested in participating in a small group, please sign up in the main entrance.

P.R.E.P

We are still in need of an aide for third grade. Speak to Kelly if you are willing to help.

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

K-6: Next class is Wednesday, November 29th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Also, on the 29th there will be Reconciliation for grades 3 through 6 and anyone else who would like to go to confession.

Rehearsal for the Christmas program begins on Wednesday, November 29, 7:00-7:45 p.m.

God Squad: The next event is the Waiting for St. Nick Breakfast, Sunday, December 3, after the 10 o'clock Mass. Thanks to the God Squad, Dave and Mary Hoffer, and Logan and Lisa Welch for coordinating this event!