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CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 25, 2007

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday	November 26	Weekday
	8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday	November 27	Weekday
	8:00 a.m.	Vince Ross
Wednesday	November 28	Weekday
	8:00 a.m.	Deceased of the McLaughlin Family
Thursday	November 29	Weekday
	8:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday	November 30	Andrew, apostle
	8:00 a.m.	Mike Burney
Saturday	December 1	Weekday
	4:00 p.m.	Gladys Ainslie
Sunday	December 2	First Sunday of Advent
	7:30 a.m.	Mike Burney
	9:00 a.m.*	St. Mary Community
	10:30 a.m.	Louise Harris
	6:30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving



IF
YOU
ARE
KING
OF
THE
JEW
SAVE
YOURSELF.
LK 23:35-43

* Co-operative nursery available in Parish Center



This past fall Archbishop Pilarczyk issued a Pastoral Letter to the Faithful of Cincinnati on Gratitude. The title of this Pastoral Letter is "GIVING AND DOING THANKS." It was published in the Catholic Telegraph for all of the faithful to read.

In this Pastoral Letter Archbishop Pilarczyk states that "Gratitude can be a kind of thermometer to diagnose our spiritual temperature, and to what extent we are spiritually healthy." In other words, gratitude is a symptom of holiness. Holy people are grateful people.

The key to gratitude is "Remembrance." When we remember, we are grateful. When we forget, we are ungrateful. That is why the word "Remembrance" is used so much in the Eucharist. To the degree that the Eucharist helps us to remember, it enables us to be a grateful people.

The Eucharist empowers us to be a grateful people not just on Thanksgiving Day, but all year long, every day of our lives. The Eucharist instills in our lives a grateful heart.

IN OUR PARISH

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK	Sunday	No PSR or Youth Ministry
	Wednesday	Parish Pastoral Council at 7:00 p.m.
	Thursday	Lector Training at 7:00 p.m.
	Friday	Buckeye Making at 10:00 a.m.
	Saturday	St. Vincent de Paul at 9:00 a.m. Buckeye Making at 10:00 a.m.
	Sunday	Rite of Acceptance at 9:00 a.m. Mass

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY: November 17-18

\$10,746.00	279 envelopes	Campaign for Human Dev.	\$1,243.00	81 envelopes
\$7.00	7 children			

Thank you, your dedication to the continued fiscal health of the parish is greatly appreciated. Only those who use their contribution envelopes may request a yearend statement of contributions.

2007-2008 contribution envelopes are now available in the back of church



LECTOR TRAINING: An initial training session for Lectors will be Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you feel called to this ministry please call Anne Langsdale at the Parish Offices 937-746-5404 to make a reservation to attend the session.

A FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY AMONG US: Help fill the food baskets for those whom the St. Vincent de Paul Society assists during the holidays. Bring your non-perishable food items to the Parish Hall after Mass on the weekends of December 2 and 9. This is a great way for families to put their faith into action and make a difference.



Parish School of Religion

PARENTS OF 3rd GRADERS WHO ARE PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Remember to turn in the certificate which is located in the back of the student book when you've finished preparing your child for the sacrament. **The certificate must be returned to Deacon Steve by December 2 if your child is to make First Reconciliation on December 5.**

WORD HAS IT ST. NICHOLAS IS COMING TO ST. MARY'S ON SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 8, 2007. Children, come and see St. Nicholas and hear his story. Parents, enjoy fellowship with other members of our community and help to focus on how we can continue Jesus' message of living the Gospel in our lives. The program is from **10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** **Tickets will be on sale after the 4:00, 9:00, 10:30, and 6:30 Masses this weekend in the Parish Hall.** Prices for adults are \$5.00 and for children 2 -12 yrs. old \$3.00.

NO PSR CLASSES THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.



COMING SOON – THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE. Those inquiring about becoming members of our Catholic Church have been meeting since summer. They now are prepared to make their first formal declaration of their intentions. It is our privilege to welcome them through this first of the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). **The Rite of Acceptance will take place at the 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, December 2, 2007.** Please pray for the inquirers as they prepare for this important step and continue their journey with the Lord.

WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT THE END OF THE WORLD? Our beliefs differ significantly from some other churches in regard to the Second Coming of Christ. Discover what those differences are and what they mean for you by attending the next RCIA session this **Thursday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.** The RCIA is for everyone – inquirer and Catholic alike!

DID YOU KNOW? In the Book of Revelation and other apocalyptic writings, special imaginative language, tone, and images are often used which are not meant to be taken literally.

THE GIVING TREE: When you return your gifts to the Giving Tree please secure your tag to the gift and mark all gifts. They are coded to be delivered to specific organizations and specific people so the coding is essential. These gifts should to be brought back no later than December 2, so they can be distributed before Christmas.



Thank you for your awesome generosity.

God Bless, Barb Abney



LADIES! It was so good to see the financial results of the Christmas Bazaar! We did well, thanks to the efforts of St. Mary Ladies' Society members and the support of the parish. With great joy we were able to write generous checks to the Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul. We will also purchase 40 hams for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas baskets. We praise the Lord for the success He has given us!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU FROM YOUTH MINISTRY! The generous response to our muffin sale last weekend is a blessing to the youth ministry program. We thank everyone who purchased muffins and made donations to our program. We hope to reach more teens in the parish and continue the amazing renewal of our ministry. You have helped to make that possible.



REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR WINTER RETREAT: Our annual High School retreat is coming up quickly. We will be going to Kirkwood again this year. The retreat will be held December 8 – 9 and your deadline to register is Sunday, December 2. Pick up your registration at the back of church or call Janet Huelsman at 937-746-8709.

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, call on His Name; make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him, tell of all His wonderful works. (1 Chronicles 16:8-9)

NO YOUTH NIGHT THIS SUNDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

IMPORTANT DATES IN YOUTH MINISTRY:

- ☺ November 25 – No High School Meeting – Thanksgiving Break
- ☺ December 2 - High School Youth Night, 7:15
- ☺ December 5 – Volunteer at Food Pantry 5 – 7
- ☺ December 8-9 – High School Winter Retreat
- ☺ December 16 – High School and Junior High combined Youth Night 7:15



OUR DOORS ARE OPEN: No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. Mary Parish.

CABBAGE ROLLS!! The Ladies' Society still has frozen cabbage rolls which were for sale at the bazaar. A package of 4 rolls is only \$8.00. These are available in the Parish Hall after Mass. Take home a package or two for your freezer or dinner tonight!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS: The SVdP gift tags on the Giving Tree are geared to a specific age group and sex. We will help provide Christmas for 40 of our families. Each family will receive gifts and food for the holidays. Gift cards to K-Mart, Wal-Mart and Kroger's are always appreciated. Please return gifts in a Christmas bag with the tag by December 9.

On the tree are tags for the Gift of the Magi, an agency of Catholic Charities which gives grants to our families throughout the year. We try to return a small percentage of their money to them. If you choose not to take a tag but would like to help, you may put a donation in an envelope marked SVdP and drop it in the basket under the tree.

BUCKEYES!! We are going to make Buckeyes on Friday, November 30 at 10 a.m. and Saturday, December 1. Anyone interested in helping to make them should meet in the Parish Center kitchen. We will form the Buckeyes on Friday and dip and package them on Saturday.

Buckeyes will be for sale after the Masses on December 1 and 2 for \$10 per pound (approximately 20-26 pieces). Last year Buckeyes were sold out, so get yours before they are gone! The profit will benefit SVdP to help the needy have a Merry Christmas. Call the SVdP helpline, 937-746-1355, to volunteer or pre-order.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 14400 held the first business meeting on November 19. During this meeting Officers were elected, and the Activity Director positions (Church, Community, Council, Family, Membership and Youth) were filled. Thanks to all who stepped up to move this Council forward. Meetings will now be the 2nd Wednesday of the month, Next meeting on December 12, with the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. We are now planning activities for the upcoming months. If you would like to become a knight, please contact Jeff Rohde at 937-748-0836, or George Spears at 937-477-9834.



NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

December 1-2	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	6:30 p.m.
Servers	Sean Gleason Arizona Craycraft	Allison Moore	Sean Pfeifer Katie Pfeifer	Patrick Avellano Taylor Schlachter	Marisa Werling Matthew Werling
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeff Calton Lynne Calton Ashley Calvert Joe Borosic	Diane Kinsworthy Regina Gogol Mark Dietsch	Mary Buchholz Greg Buchholz Carolyn Cusumano Pat Brazie	Judy Martin Judy Beatty Martha Ilg Marge Braun	Ed Koslow Ron Onderko Ken Fish Debbie Fish
Lectors	Lynn Wurzelbacher	George Gogol	Mike Pfeifer	Walt Beatty	Tim Werling
Gift Bearers	De Graff	Foley	Guffey		Onderko

PARISH LIFE INFORMATION

Office Phone No. 937-746-5404

Office Hours 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday—Friday

Anointing of the Sick: Call immediately in case of a serious illness. Hospitals can no longer call for you.

Communion to the Homebound: Call the office to arrange a visit.

Reconciliation: available at announced Reconciliation Services and Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

Matrimony: Call the rectory for an appointment before setting a date. Six months of preparation are required.

Baptism: Preparation is required before Baptism, preferably during pregnancy. Call the rectory to make arrangements.

Religious Vocations: Check www.cincinnati vocations.org or call Rev. Kyle Schnippel, 513-421-3131

Bulletin Deadline: noon the Tuesday before the weekend. E-mail notices to Annelpasmf@sbcglobal.net.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

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BEYOND THE PARISH

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS

RETREAT will be at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, November 30 - December 2. This retreat is to help heal the emotional and spiritual wounds from combat. A highly qualified team of Army, Air Force and V.A. Chaplains will lead the retreat, which is free of charge. For further information call 877-925-7625. Share this information with other veterans.

GETTING SUPPORT FOR GRIEF AND LOSS DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

Celebrating the holidays following a loss can present unique challenges for people. This workshop will assist people in honoring their grief and getting support during the holiday season. This free program will be November 28 at InnerVisions Books, 8556 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati, and December 4 in the undercroft of Holy Trinity Parish in Norwood, at 7:00 p.m. To register or obtain additional information call Sandy Keiser at Catholic Social Services, 513-241-7745.

NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

has been celebrated in November since 1990 to draw attention to the growing number of children in America's foster care system that are available for adoption and wait for permanent families.

- ✦ More than 114,000 children in foster care are available for adoption. Their birth parents' legal rights have been permanently terminated and they are left without a family.
- ✦ More than half of these children are nine years of age or older.

For more information about adoption from foster care, contact Catholic Social Services of SW Ohio 513-241-7745 or your local county children's services agency.

UD LIFE LONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

offers seniors from the Greater Miami Valley the opportunity to join a variety of informal discussion seminars. If you are interested in receiving a Winter program brochure, in moderating a seminar or volunteering some time please call Special Programs and Continuing Education at 937-229-2347.

Thought for today

The Church needs shepherds. Pray that the bishops will lead us well and rely on the power of God.
(2 Samuel 5:1-3)