

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Feast of Christ The King

November 23, 2014



Dear parishioners,

Why do we need a king? Have you given that any thought? Even more importantly, why do we want a king?

I think we need a king to help us set our priorities right. I know to whom I owe allegiance. I know whose laws I follow. I know whom to support and build up. I know for whom I sacrifice. When Christ is our king, it gives direction to our lives.

Why do I want a king? That adds a whole new dimension. When I want a king, I choose to give my allegiance to him. It carries implication of commitment and perhaps even affection. I choose to become a subject. It is not imposed upon me.

As Christians we choose Christ as our King. He is our King now. His life and death have proven that we can depend on him for protection and guidance. It also proves Jesus' power—not in terms of armies and political strength, but in terms of humble authentic power over life and death, good and evil.

The gospel tells us that Jesus will come to claim his kingdom at the end of time. At that time he will judge our allegiance, which we have proven by the way we have lived our lives. He tells us he will judge us by the way we treated others. Did we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, welcome the stranger, care for the sick, visit the prisoner? My service is often pretty nominal and superficial. I know there is a great deal more that I could do.

Sister Carol



Advent begins with the 4:00 o'clock Mass on Saturday, November 29. Have a holy season!

Weekend Masses

Sat Nov 22	4:00 p.m.	Teresa Rieman
Sun Nov 23	10:00 a.m.	Dorothy Herrmann
Sat Nov 29	4:00 p.m.	Ellen VonLehmden
Sun Nov 30	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hankish Sr.

Communion Services

Tue Nov 25	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Nov 28	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,225.00	Loose	\$395.00
Children	\$ 27.50	Total	\$2,647.50

72 envelopes returned = 34%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for November 29 & 30, 2014

Money Counters: Angie Wenger, Jason Granger
4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Cantor: Sr. Carol

Ushers: Bob Minto and John Parinello

Lector: Laura Jones

Eucharistic Ministers: Jessica Wischmeyer, Basil and Rosemary Meyer

Servers: Derek Swartzlander

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Judy Lester

Greeter-West Door: Basil Meyer

Cantor: Stephanie

Ushers: Mike and Serena Maag

Lectors: Adam Basinger and Pat Lugibihl

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry Wehri, Candace Vance, Dave Gerschutz, Mark Zwiebel

Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Jonathan Schriener

Readings for November 30, 2014

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

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. If you are interested you can email Jessica Wischmeyer at: jwischmeyer@embarqmail.com.

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St. Mary's Parish History

DID YOU KNOW?
St. Mary's Parish was placed under the care of St. Michael Parish, Findlay, after the church was consecrated by Bishop Rappe. From the beginning until 1917 St. Mary's was also under the care of St. Wendelin in Fostoria and St. Anthony in Columbus Grove. In 1917 Bishop Schrembs gave its care to the Redemptorists at St. Gerard's in Lima. In 1932 Bishop Altar placed St. Mary's in the care of the chaplain at St. Rita's Hospital. From 1968 until 1981 St. Mary's was served by Lima Central Catholic High School. In 1981 Father Paul Kwiatkowski was assigned as the first resident pastor. In 1984 he was replaced by Father Gary Ferguson. Sister Yvonne Fischer came as Pastoral Leader from 1994 to 2002.



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.

Giving Tree This year we will again be collecting donations for the Giving Tree. We will be collecting items for Appalachia and Heartbeat Lima along with three families from the Bluffton Food Pantry. There are a variety of things needed including food, toiletries, clothes, and monetary donations. These items don't need to be gift wrapped unless noted on the tag. PLEASE BE AWARE OF THEIR DUE DATES. All items need to be dropped off on or before the date noted on the tag. For any items that need to be kept cold, please feel free to put them in the church refrigerator/freezer. Please attach the tag, so it is visible on all donations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Krystal Giesige at (419) 308-3188.



THANK you to everyone who saved and turned in Community Market receipts. We received a check from Great Scot for \$516.94 which goes to the Religious Education program. Please continue to turn in your receipts. We appreciate it!

Help needed The Liturgy Committee will be changing out the missals on Saturday morning, November 29, at 8 o'clock. It's a long tedious process. Any and all help will be welcomed.

We are hoping to give an opportunity to form small faith-sharing groups for the six weeks of Lent. So that we have plenty of time to accomplish this well we are looking for some of you who might be willing to be small group leaders. If you are interested in finding out about this or in volunteering to do this, please talk to Judy Lester or Shar Dunlap. You may also call the office.

The Mustard Seed is pleased to announce their **Christmas Open House** which will be on Wednesday, Dec 3 (12pm to 8pm), Thursday, Dec 4 and Friday Dec 5 (9am to 5 pm). Come and see the wide selection of religious gifts for all your Christmas shopping needs. There will be old favorites and lovely new items. We have something for every age, so come out and put Christ in your Christmas. The Mustard Seed is behind St. John's Catholic Church in Glandorf.

For those who asked here is Matt's address:
Matt Meyer
3642 Monks Rd.
New Haven, KY 40051

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: No class this week due to Thanksgiving. Next class is Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class & SNLY: Next class is Sunday, December 7th from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Waiting for St. Nick Breakfast

SNLY will host the annual Waiting for St. Nick Breakfast on Sunday December 7. Everyone is invited to a pancake and sausage breakfast after 10 a.m. Mass. A freewill offering will be accepted and donations will be spent on Christmas gifts for SNLY's Adopt-a-Family project. After breakfast St. Mary's will host a magic show at 11:45 for everyone to enjoy.