

St. Mary's Catholic Church

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2016



Dear parishioners,

We have three things we are keeping in mind today. First, at our Mass we are remembering those who died during the past year. We give thanks for the light that they were for us while they were among us: Ed Murphy, Libby Schmenk, Jim Badertscher, Jeff Brodman, Jerry Musser, Ike Businger, and Lou Ann Osborne. They are reminder to us to be prepared and to live our lives well every day.

Second, we are taking up a collection for those devastated by Hurricane Matthew. Hurricane Matthew killed more than 500 people in Haiti when it struck two weeks ago, leaving more than 175,000 without homes, and more than a million more struggling to survive in what United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called "absolute devastation." The UN estimates at least 1.4 million Haitians are now in need of urgent assistance as clean water, food, and medicine are in short supply, and an ongoing cholera epidemic threatens to worsen and spread after dozens of cholera treatment centers were destroyed. It's a call for us to be generous.

Third, we welcome the homeless families of Family Promise to share our facilities as their home for this week. The goal of Family Promise is to bring them back to stability with adequate employment and affordable housing. We can help with this temporary housing and with food and companionship.

Please reach out with your compassion, your kindness, and your concern.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Oct 29	4:00 p.m.	Jerry Musser
Sun Oct 30	10:00 a.m.	Ike Businger
Sat Nov 5	4:00 p.m.	Jerry Musser
Sun Nov 6	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Gary Ferguson

Communion Services

Tue Nov 1	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Wed Nov 2	10:30 a.m.	Hilty

First Friday

Fri Nov 4	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's
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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,360.00	Loose	\$598.00
Children	\$62.53	Total	\$3,020.53
77 envelopes returned = 37%			

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for November 5 & 6, 2016

Money Counters: Angie Wenger and Tonya Meyer
4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer

Lector: Caitlyn Couch

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

Servers: Zane and Grace Myers

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch

Greeter-West Door: Lisa Welch

Cantor: Karen Phillips

Ushers: Trent/Todd and Colin Phillips

Lectors: Mel Heitmeyer and Shannon Wannemacher

E.M.: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Logan Welch,
Megan Dulle, Mackenzie Butler

Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Jonathan Hoorman

Readings for November 6, 2016 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5

Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38

All Saints Day is Tuesday, November 1. It is a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate the Mass on the vigil, tomorrow evening, October 31, at 7 o'clock.

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Parish mini-retreat

Sunday, November 13, we will have our first mini-retreat for the year. We will have lunch immediately after Mass. Our speaker will be Tamara Al-Sammarraie Mansi. She will talk about Islam so that we might understand it better as a religion. We will conclude with prayer. Please sign up on the shelf in the main entrance if you plan to attend.



Elections

Remember to exercise your duty and privilege to vote. We have an obligation to form our conscience about the issues and the candidates. Do not abdicate your responsibility. There is info from the bishops on the bulletin board.

Family Promise Our turn to host Family Promise begins today October 30. The families will be with us until the morning of Sunday, November 6. The giving board is in the main entrance. Please be sure your donation is in the kitchen by noon today! If you want to help with serving the meals or with staying overnight, call Bethany Barnhart 419-615-5833 or Julia Miller 419-303-9285. Thank you! Please remember also to pray for our families that they find adequate employment and safe, affordable housing.

The Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday evening, November 1, at 7:00 o'clock, in the library.

The annual Immaculate Conception Parish Craft Show will be Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Ottoville Parish Center. There will be many vendors displaying their goods and talents. Food will be available. The event is sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society. Everyone is welcome!

Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. **A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings, and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. Participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on November 11-13, 2016 at Howard Johnson in Lima, OH. To apply, go to www.wwme.org or call Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210. Weekends are offered throughout the year; visit www.wwme.org to find out more!

We are inviting all of you to our **Christmas Open House**. **The Mustard Seed** is decorating and pulling out all the stops to put you in the Christmas Spirit, so mark your calendars, **Tuesday, November 1 - Saturday, November 5 with normal business hours**. (Tues, Thurs, and Fri 9 to 5, Wed 12 to 8 and Sat 8 to 1.) We will have Advent and Christmas merchandise available so let us help you with your Christmas Shopping and Keep Jesus in your Gift Giving. The Mustard Seed is located behind St. John's Catholic Church in Glandorf. Look for the large OPEN red, white and blue flag 419-538-7220.

Landeck St. John the Baptist Church Dinner will be held next Sunday, November 6 in the Landeck Church Basement. Serving will be from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. Carry-outs are available. The dinner includes all you can eat Sausage & Homemade Sauerkraut or Pancakes & Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Pie and Ice Cream. Adults cost \$8.00 and children cost \$4.00. Please join us.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Ottawa is having its annual Fall Festival on Sunday, November 6, 2016. Chicken and Roast Beef Dinners will be served Family Style from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Carry-out dinners are available. Adults cost \$9.00 and children under 12 \$5.00. Other features include: Country Store with crafts, Baked Goods, Holiday Items, Games and Raffles.

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: Next class is Wednesday, November 9, 2016 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Also, there is a Parent meeting for Reconciliation.

No class November 2 due to Family Promise.

Jr. High & God Squad: Next class is Sunday, November 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

November is Community Market receipt month. Turn in your Community market receipts to your favorite PREP class students. Place your receipts in the envelopes (each grade K through 6 has their own envelope) in the narthex. Everyone is invited to bring your receipts and place in one of the envelopes – parents, neighbors, grandparents, and friends.