

St. Mary's Catholic Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2016

Dear parishioners,

This weekend we are bathed in God's goodness and grace. The second reading has one little phrase that struck me: "...for not all have faith."



Father Howe often asked us if we made an act of faith each day. Do we say "Lord, I do believe. Help my unbelief"? I think we are prone to forget that faith is a gift—a supernatural gift, a theological virtue. It's a gift that needs to be cared for and nurtured.

We are blessed to journey with Mark Willis and Robert Flores whom God has called into faith. In the Rite of Welcome they will for the first time be introduced to the parish. For those of you who have walked the RCIA journey, you know this is a big day. It is the first day of commitment to the gift of faith. Mark and Robert have already been meeting each Thursday to do a cursory study of faith and Church. Now they will begin in earnest to reflect on the mysteries of our faith.

As part of the ceremony you are asked if you will offer your prayers and support for them. I trust you will take that seriously. Please introduce yourself when you have an opportunity. They are finding their place in the community. And please do pray for them often so that their hearts are wide open to all the gifts God has in store for them.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Nov 5	4:00 p.m.	Jerry Musser
Sun Nov 6	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Gary Ferguson
Sat Nov 12	4:00 p.m.	Janet Maenle
Sun Nov 13	10:00 a.m.	Gene Badertscher Imajean Mathewson

Communion Services

Tue Nov 8	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Nov 11	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,047.00	Loose	\$813.00
Children	\$41.26	Total	\$2,901.26
73 envelopes returned = 35%			
Hurricane Matthew: \$806.00			

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for November 12 & 13, 2016

Money Counters: Deb Buck and Deb Goldenetz
4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jan and Diana Emmert

Cantor: Jenny Roby

Ushers: Dave and Shirley Siefker

Lector: Jason Swartzlander

E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Jeanne Parinello,
Amanda Woolley

Servers: Derek Swartzlander and
Courtney McLaughlin

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Sherry Heitmeyer

Greeter-West Door: Mel Heitmeyer

Cantor: Kevin Vance

Ushers: Mike Maag and Nick Marcum

Lectors: Brian Miller and Matt Ellerbrock

E.M.: Julia Miller, Jenna Kimmel, Cathy Hermiller,
Crystal Ellerbrock, Candace Vance

Servers: Kaden Reneker, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for November 13, 2016

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1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

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Don't forget!!

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 today 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 Thank you to all who in anyway helped with hosting our families for Family Promise. We received a note from the Center to say thank you also. In the annual report we learned that last year 13 host churches in Lima, Bluffton, and Wapakoneta participated. With the help of over 500 volunteers and over 10,000 volunteer hours, between 62-80 family members are served each year. 100% of the families have found permanent housing. Our giving board has helped to provide 11,000 meals for homeless families. We also helped provide temporary housing for 2100 nights. They are starting a program to help adults obtain their GED. Our little helps to accomplish a great deal.

A new Knights of Columbus-produced documentary film on Divine Mercy is airing across the country on ABC-affiliated stations. Music for this film was composed and scored by Sean Beeson, a parishioner of the Diocese of Toledo who is a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Bethlehem. Narrated by actor Jim Caviezel, *The Face of Mercy* explores the history and relevance of Divine Mercy by exploring the powerful visions of a merciful God revealed to St. Faustina, the key role played by Pope John Paul II who propelled the message of Divine Mercy onto the world stage, and the Year of Mercy bestowed upon the Church by Pope Francis. The airings are presented from Oct. 16 to Dec. 16. For more information about the film, including broadcast times and the DVD release, visit faceofmercyfilm.com.

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

The Finance Council will meet Tuesday evening, November 8, at 7:00 o'clock, in the library.



Sweaters for Seniors Allen County Council on Aging hope to reach out to seniors this Christmas with warm sweaters. Many seniors wear their coats in the house because they don't have a warm sweater. If you have extra cardigans that are clean and in good condition that you would be willing to donate, please bring them to the social hall by Sunday noon, November 20, and we will transport them to the collection site. Make sure they are gift-worthy. If you wish, you may also bring a new sweater.

The Bluffton University Nutrition Association (BUNA) will hold its annual Harvest Dinner, benefiting both the Bluffton Community Assistance Corporation and the Lima-based Churches United Pantry, from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson St., Bluffton. This year's dinner will include homemade soup, bread and dessert. Nonperishable food items will be accepted, as will cash and checks made payable to BUNA. All proceeds will benefit the two food pantries.

P.R.E.P

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

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

Jr. High & God Squad: Class is today, 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.