

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Solemnity of Christ the King

November 25, 2018



Dear parishioners,

I believe we like to focus on Jesus this feast of Christ the King as the victorious king sitting on his throne, wearing a long red robe, and wearing a crown of gold. We feel comfortable with that image.

Our King, however, hangs on the throne of the cross, wears no robe at all, and wears a crown of thorns. He is "a man of suffering." This is how Jesus won his kingdom—not with power and show. Our king has won the victory over sin and death by his own death and resurrection, and our King will return at the end of time to claim his kingdom.

Jesus gained his kingdom by obedience to his Father, by a brand of integrity that cost him his life, by a depth of love that gained it all for us, by a gracious care that envelopes all of us every day and every minute.

What return can I make to the Lord for all he has done for me? He wants our heart, our trust, our love, our obedience in following in his footsteps.

Happy feast of Christ the King to all us subjects and disciples!

Sister Carol

**Congratulations to Kyle and Alison Kwiat** on the baptism of their daughter Tessa Ann. Welcome to the parish family Tessa.

## Weekend Masses

Sat Nov 24	4:00 p.m.	Ellen VonLehmden
Sun Nov 25	10:00 a.m.	Lena Badertscher
Sat Dec 1	4:00 p.m.	Bettie J. Altenburger
Sun Dec 2	10:00 a.m.	Jan Schulte

## Communion Services

Fri Nov 30 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,579.00	Loose \$1,037.00
Children	\$38.20	Total \$3,654.20
73 envelopes returned = 35%		

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

## Assignments for December 1 & 2, 2018

**Money Counters:** Angie Wenger and Deb Goldenetz

### 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter:** Peg Murphy

**Cantor:** Steve McCullough

**Ushers:** Dave and Mary Hoffer

**Lector:** Sr. Carol

**E.M.:** Jim Tabler, Brianna Atkins, Basil Meyer

**Servers:** Grace Myers, Calvin Frideger, and Jacob Granger

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** John and Sarah Schulte family

**Cantor:** Steve McCullough

**Ushers:** Todd Phillips and John Schlumbohm

**Lectors:** Amy Tabler and Caitlyn Couch

**E.M.:** Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Logan Welch, Cathy Hermiller, Becca Schlumbohm

**Servers:** Drew, Ken, and Nick Lovett

## **Readings for December 2, 2018**

### **First Sunday of Advent**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

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**St. Nick Breakfast** is next Sunday, December 2, after 10:00 Mass hosted by our God Squad high school youth. Join us for breakfast along with games and activities for kids. Donations are accepted, and all proceeds go toward God Squad purchasing Christmas gifts for Adopt-a-Family. See you there!  
For now we have three projects to help the poor.

- We are collecting personal hygiene products for women who are poor. The collection box is in the social hall.
- We are collecting food and paper products for the local food pantry. These can go on the table in the main entrance. These things will be taken to the food pantry on November 26.
- You will find the Giving Tree in the main entrance. We are gifting the poor of Appalachia, Heartbeat, and two local families. Please be very attentive to the due date—December 8.



**Thank you** to all who do small tasks consistently to keep our parish running smoothly—to our staff for doing their jobs so well; to all the liturgical ministers: servers, ushers, greeters, lectors, choir, cantors, Eucharistic ministers, Sheila and Tammy; to Edna Conkling for laundering the linens and robes; to Linda Kinn for tending the votive candles; to Dennis and Shar Dunlap for caring for the oil candles and the baptismal font; to the money counters.... **Thank you** to all for the big and small things that you do!

**New Heritage missals are here!** The new liturgical year begins with the vigil Mass on Saturday, December 1. To make the process of switching out the missals more efficient we are hoping everyone will take the missals out of their covers and stack the old missals at the end of the benches. On Monday, November 26, at 6:30 p.m., everyone who can help is invited to join us to put the new missals in the covers and put them in the pew racks.

**Advent** begins with the vigil Mass at 4:00 o'clock on Saturday, December 2. Little Blue Books are available. Please also check the shelf in the main entrance to see if you can help with carrying an Advent candle.



**Don't forget** to come to the birthday party after the holy day Mass on Friday, December 7. The Mass for the feast of the Immaculate Conception is at 6:00 o'clock.

### **Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in Bluffton**

You can help Habitat for Humanity on Tuesday, December 4 right here in Bluffton. At 9am, a group of people are needed to load furniture (45 desks, 35 hutches for those desks, 25 dressers and 12 bunk beds) at Lincoln Hall, Bluffton University campus. The furniture is being donated to the Lima Habitat for Humanity ReStore. The money raised from the resale of these items will help build affordable, decent homes in the Lima Area.

Please contact Mark Suderman, Volunteer Coordinator, if you can help: [mark@habitatlima.org](mailto:mark@habitatlima.org) or 419.222.4937

On Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services is offering a **Tree of Remembrance Memorial Service** at the Centre at Bluffton, 601 N. Main Street. 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. Families may begin arriving at 1 p.m. followed by a brief memorial service at 2 p.m. At the conclusion of the service, the ornament is yours to take home. Additional ornaments are available for purchase. All families are welcome regardless of which funeral home provided the services. Light refreshments will be provided. There is no charge to attend; however, reservations are requested. To make a reservation or for more information call 419-358-2051.

## **P.R.E.P**

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

**K-6:** Class is Wednesday, November 28, 6:30 to 7:30.

