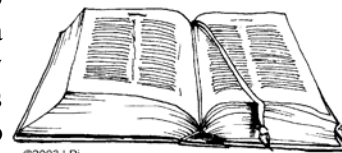


ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Today's Readings: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18/Luke 18:9-14

GOSPEL GLIMPSES Sunday best

Sunday morning 10 a.m. The previous hour's scramble has paid off as we slide into the pew with everyone in one piece, washed, fed and neatly dressed. It took a little extra time, but looking our Sunday best is important. When someone slides into the pew beside us with hair unkempt, or sporting torn jeans and untied shoes, disapproving stares and murmurs cross the sanctuary. Don't they know Christians come to church "ready" to worship in respectful, appropriate clothing?



But it isn't a new, stylish outfit that catches God's eyes. He knows intimately all the wrinkles and stains in our lives, those we wear on the inside as well as the outside. What God cares about is whether we've taken time to clean our heart before we come to church. Have we fallen to our knees like the publican, confessing our sin and unworthiness, accepting His forgiveness and grace? Or rather have we played the Pharisee, polishing our cars or our nails and believing a good appearance reflects a good life? Let's take a moment today to properly clothe our spirit preparing ourselves for a true communion with our Father. Then like the publican, we too can have our sins forgiven and start anew.

Next Sunday's Readings: Wisdom 11:22-12:2/2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2/Luke 19:1-10

Welcome to Fr. Tom Wehinger who is filling in this weekend while Fr. Tim is on retreat.

All Saints Day: November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation for Catholics. Masses for this Feast day will be celebrated:

Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at 5:30 pm
Thurs. November 1, 2007 at 9:15am & 7:00pm

Parish Mass of Remembrance: In the life of the church, the month of November has been a time when we pray in a special and particular manner for all the faithful departed. Thus, here at St. Mary, we usually set aside an evening for a special Mass to pray and remember our own parishioners who have passed away within the last year. This year, we will celebrate our special Mass of Remembrance on Thursday, November 1st starting at 7:00pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Please note that there will also be a reception immediately after this Mass in the Fellowship Hall of the Parish Ministry Center.

Book of Remembrance: During the month of November, we invite you to inscribe the names of your loved ones who have passed away since November 2006 in our Book of Remembrance. This book will be displayed on the left side of the Sanctuary (near the area where the Baptismal Font is located). Each Sunday during the month of November, we will remember and pray in a special way for those whose names are inscribed in our Book of Remembrance.

Joe Niese, St. Mary's Maintenance Supervisor, has accepted a position with the Miller City school system. Joe has been here for almost six years and has been a great addition to our staff. He will certainly be missed, and we sincerely wish him the best.

We are taking applications for one full-time OR two part-time positions. If you or someone you know is interested in this maintenance/custodial position, please submit a resume (with references) to the parish office, attention Joanne. General maintenance skills are needed and some knowledge of boilers is very helpful. The opening is effective immediately. If you would like a job description, pick one up at the Parish Ministry Center.



The November session of Generations of Faith explores the Catholic tradition of respect for the dignity of human life— that every person is created in the image of God: every person is precious. It engages everyone in discovering how to be people of and for life today.

Sign up forms are in the pews and can be turned in as you leave church or dropped off at the Parish Ministry Center. Join us on Sunday, November 11th or Wednesday, November 14th at St. John's and be people of and for life.



**Our Faithful
Departed**

November 1, 2006-
October 9, 2007

Jean A. Hall
Loretta Hoeffel
Robert "Pat" Sargeant
Kenneth Shawley
Richard Trame
Gerald DeVeaux
Bruce Shingledecker
Virginia Burger
Connie Druhot
Skip Yarrington
Ella Jurcevich
Eugene Hoeffel
Louis Janicek
Lucille Westrick
Herbert Carroll
Earline Swary
James Bowers
Marilyn Klenk
Donald Scantlen
Terry Ryan
Catherine Bond
Gerald Nussbaum
William Small
Alfred Zimmer
John Newton
Lois Mekus
James Decker
Kay Johnson
Tony Parsons

Stewardship Witness: Special thanks to Dick & Janice Harrison, Jason & Brenda Waldvogel and Ryan Hobb for sharing with us how faith and the involvement with others has influenced their lives. Please remember to complete your Stewardship form and return it to the parish office. Someone will be contacting you.

Noodle Club News: Join the Noodle Club this Thursday November 1st at 1:00 pm in the School. We would love to have more help— so come give it a try!

Food Pantry Christmas Bags: The Food Pantry once again needs your help in filling our Christmas bags which will be given to each family visiting the Food Pantry during December. Our goal is to provide the families with most of the items for Christmas dinner plus a few extras like candy and some hygiene items. There will be grocery bags with a list of suggestions at the back of church the weekend of November 3 & 4. The filled bags can be returned to the food pantry or can be placed in or next to the food pantry containers at the church entrances. They can be returned anytime in November or December, although we would like them by December 16.

Church Women United: All women of St. Mary Parish are invited to attend World Community Day, Friday, November 2, 2007, at 1:30 pm. This will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church, 5480 Moser Rd.

Co-Host: Defiance Christian Church
Guest Speakers: Katie Katterheinrich, Ravens Care
Jack Palmer, Crescent News
Please bring personal hygiene or cleaning products.
For questions please phone: Jean Lightle-Jackman
419-784-4714 or Anne Steyer 419-784-0564.

St. Mary Youth Group... Please remember to bring your money envelope from the sale of your Elder Beerman Community Day coupon booklets to youth group this Wednesday. More booklets are still available! Any interested parishioner may purchase an Elder Beerman Community Day coupon booklet for \$5. There is a \$10 coupon inside for you to use on Saturday, November 10. We will be selling the coupon booklets until November 7. Contact any youth group member.

Wedding Banns

Banns I Traci Williams & Eric Schultz

A Family Perspective: The bragging Pharisee and the humble tax collector were not the main characters in today's gospel. God is, because what God does within us is more important than what we do. Let go of your agenda and allow His agenda (Grace) to change you and your family.

Sister's Christmas Catechism-Mystery of the Magi's Gold: Take a break from the holiday rush and enjoy an evening of fun at the K of C Hall in Defiance, Ohio. On December 15th, the New York based company, Entertainment Events, will perform the off-broadway show "**Sister's Christmas Catechism- The Mystery of the Magi's Gold.**" Tickets are \$30 for reserved and \$25 for general admissions. All tickets are pre-sale and begin November 1. Ticket price includes: the performance and pre-show hors d'oeuvres. Other pre-show activities include a silent auction, cash bar, live auction, and raffles. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and performance starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. The event is being sponsored by the St. John's Catholic Youth Group in Defiance. For tickets call: 782-7121 or 782-2136. Ticket sales are limited.

Defiance Catholic School News: November 2 marks the end of the first quarter! Report cards will go home the week of November 5 and the following week we will have conferences. Some other happenings:

The students raised \$475 on their October 5th Mini Crop Walk. A big thank you to all students and their families.

During October, students are collecting spare change for United Way. Such an activity raises awareness to the needs in our community. It also encourages students to be involved in a Community Project.

On October 30 at 1:30, grades 3-6 will become a "living rosary". Grades K-2 will join us in this prayer. The service is open to anyone; please feel free to join us. Mrs. DeCola is co-ordinating this and we felt it would be a fitting way to end the month of October since it is dedicated to Mary and the rosary.

Each classroom will be celebrating Halloween on October 31. The teachers have geared the "activities" to the students' age/grade level. A raffle sponsored by the sixth graders will be held at each campus. Proceeds go to their Camp Mohican Fund.

Our sixth grade continues to live out their Mission Statement. So, this Thursday, November 1, they will learn and participate in the ministry of the St. Mary Noodle Club.

EN THEOS - Enthusiasm for the Faith
Why is October 28, Priesthood Sunday, an important celebration for our Catholic Community?

Priesthood Sunday is important for a variety of reasons. The selfless dedication and commitment of our priests is something that needs to be highlighted and recognized. This Sunday is an ideal time to do that. Take the time to send a card, e-mail, text message, or offer some verbal affirmation to your parish priest. Hold your parish priest in your prayers, and pray for his continued dedication and commitment to the people of God.

While this affirmation is important, we cannot forget that priests are human beings. They, like all of us, have the same vocation, the same call to holiness in committing themselves to take on the mind and heart of Jesus. Just as we struggle with all of life's issues, so do they.

Simply because they are ordained does not remove them from the human condition. We should not be surprised or shocked when they reveal themselves as weak, vulnerable, or even sinful. It is essential to remember that we all walk the same human journey, continually in need of God's help, support, guidance and healing touch.

Find a special way to affirm your parish priest today.

On Friday, November 2, the third graders will head to the Toledo Zoo. This trip was originally scheduled for October 19, but rescheduled due to the weather.

Our fourth graders have the option of participating in the 2007-08 Book It Program sponsored by Pizza Hut. This program runs through March. In order to participate, a student needs to read four books a month. When his/her parent verifies that the child has done this, Mrs. DeCola will issue a certificate for a free pizza/A.R. books count as a book read. Once again, school and home are working together to encourage reading!

Thanks to Mrs. Boyd— any student who has parental permission can participate in Artsonia. Artsonia.com is the world's largest online children's art museum. It also celebrates children's creativity and gets parents involved. Check it out— Artsonia.com. Children's artwork will be on display and privacy is respected- no photos can no last names. The artwork can be put on shirts, key chains, cards and then purchased. 15% of the dollars come back to the school to be used to further enhance our art program.

Reminder: Coats for Christmas drop off ends November 2. As I've mentioned before, there are barrels at both campuses.

Happy November! Miss Sandy

Parish Finances - Stewardship of Treasure

Last Week You Gave.....	\$10,352.50
Need Weekly	\$10,885.00
Below Budget.....	(\$532.50)
Contributions to Date	\$173,795.30
\$10,885 x 17 Weeks	\$185,045.00
Year to Date <i>Below Budget</i>	(\$11,249.70)



Monday, October 29

8:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, October 30

8:00 AM Paul & Frances Bruns

Wednesday, October 31

9:15 AM Deceased Members of Batoha & Kunesh Families

5:30 PM John H. Kummerer Sr.

Thursday, November 1

9:15 AM Hazel Cummins

7:00 PM Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish

Friday, November 2

8:00 AM Dr. H.C. Brown
Lucille Halker

Saturday, November 3

4:30 PM Louis Janicek
Lois Mekus

Sunday, November 4

8:00 AM John Newton
Becky Emerling

9:30 AM Respect for all life

11:30 AM Robert Dieringer
Kay Johnson

First Saturday Devotions: “Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness, they shall have their fill.” MT 5:6

Some of the most important questions in life are. “Will I grow in holiness and see Jesus face to face?” Come this Saturday, November 3 to St. John’s beginning with Mass at 8:00 am and worship Jesus through Mary. There will be confession with video teaching and rosary following Mass.

Divorced-Separated Support Group– Do you feel alone, lost, overwhelmed? Are you seeking understanding and support? The St. Joseph Parish Separated-Divorced Support Group has helped over two thousand men and women in this ongoing, experienced ministry. Our group is non-denominational and spiritually based. The 9-week program is offered each fall (September 25-December 4, 2007) and spring (January 29-May 6, 2008). Topics include God and church; feelings of anger, grief, loneliness and loss; single parenting, legal issues and more. Join us on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9 pm at St. Joseph Parish– East Campus on Ravine Dr, Sylvania OH. Typical format: Fellowship 6:30 pm; program/speaker 7:00 pm; small group discussion 8:00 pm. Confidential. For more information or to get on our contact list call St. Joseph Parish 419-885-5791, Linda at 419-754-3444 or Mike at 419-343-9595.

Events For This Week

Monday, October 29

Altar Attendant Training	9:00 am Church
Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm PMC
SVDP	7:00 pm PMC

Tuesday, October 30

Living Rosary	1:30 pm School
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Wednesday, October 31

Youth Choir	6:00 pm Chapel
Youth Group	7:00 pm Chapel
Adult Choir	7:30 pm Church

Thursday, November 1

Noodle Club	1:00 pm School
School Council	7:00 pm School
Mass of Remb. Reception	8:00 pm PMC

Friday, November 2

Spanish Prayer Group	7:00 pm Chapel
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Sunday, November 4

Celebrate the Word	9:30 am School
RCIA	10:30 am PMC
Youth Mass	11:30am Church
Jr. High Service Project	1:00 pm School

Daily Readings for This Week

Readings for the Week of October 28, 2007

Monday:	Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Friday:	Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Saturday:	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11