

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY: Nov. 17, St. Elizabeth of Hungary
NO MASS

TUESDAY: Nov. 18, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
6:30 p.m. +John Steffel

WEDNESDAY: Nov. 19, **SCHOOL MASS**
9:15 a.m. +Helen Diehl

THURSDAY: Nov. 20
6:30 pm Pro-Life

FRIDAY: Nov. 21, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m. +Monica Fillman

SATURDAY: Nov 22,
5:00 p.m. +Bob & D’Nell Shingledecker

SUNDAY: Nov. 23, **Christ the King**
8:30 a.m. +Charles Baker
10:00 a.m. +Anna Hohenberger
11:30 a.m. +Moises Andonegui
+ Signifies the intention is for a deceased person

LITURGICAL ROLES

Nov. 22: SATURDAY – 5:00 P.M.
Deacon: Nick Varano
E. Ministers: B. Rath*, B. Bechtol, D. Garcia,
H. Grossheim
Lector: E. Crigger
Servers: E. Burns, A. & J. Jackson
Greeter: K. Adkins, R. Jimenez

Nov. 23: SUNDAY – 8:30 A.M.
E. Ministers: Tom Weber*, D. Snyder, F. Commisso
K. Homier
Lector: C. Zimmerman
Servers: J. & J. Snyder, R. Homier
Greeter: V. Lieswyn, E. & V. Ovalle

Nov. 23: SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.
E. Ministers: S.* & J. Bodenbender, M. Boff,
K. Bryant, R. & M. Buehrer, R. Elliott
Lector: S. Strickler
Servers: D. & E. Ponce, B. Bodenbender
Greeter: C. & A. Flory, G. & S. Koester

Nov. 23: SUNDAY – 11:30 A.M.
E. Ministers: M. Mojica*, J. & D. Drown, R. & L. Perez
Lector: T. Mahaney
Servers: D. & R. Romero, P. Elliott
Greeter: A. Puente, S. & R. Romero

Brookview: R. & C. Kehnast
Harborside: M. & K. Homier
Hospital: F. Commisso
Homes: D. Snyder, J. & C. Stever, Tom Weber,
D. & D. Weisgerber

Family Perspective: Like the servants in today’s gospel, God has given us special assets and expects us to totally invest ourselves in them. Laziness or being too busy is not tolerated. Family was freely given to us and is our most precious asset. Invest yourself!

SUNDAY OFFERTORY REPORT

Collection Counters: Nov. 24: J. & M. Froelich,
N. Zimmerman

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		11/9/2008
Sunday Envelopes & loose cash (248)		\$ 10,582
Children's Envelopes (25)		\$ 20
All Saints Day (5)		\$ 170
Fuel Offering		\$ 382
TOTAL		\$ 11,154
WEEKLY NEED		\$ 9,900
Projected Year to Date Need - 19 wk		\$ 188,100
Actual Year to Date Collections		\$ 167,682
Year to Date (Loss)		\$(20,418)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE COUNT: **1008**

Stewardship in Action: We are looking for families to light the Advent Candles at all masses during Advent Season. Please contact Dave or the parish office (419-782-7121) to volunteer you or your family. We will be changing the Mass missals on Nov. 28th at 9:30 a.m. The more people to help the less time it will take.

"Well done, my good and faithful servant . . . Come, share your master's joy." Matthew 25:46 The master's words of praise and welcome for the servant who used his talents well are the same words that each of us hopes to hear when we meet God face to face. *"Well done, my good and faithful servant . . . Come share your master's joy."* We use our "talents" well when we live simply, make God a priority in our lives and share our gifts with others.

Lectors: Your 2009 “Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers” is available in the sacristy for pickup. We will begin using these on the 1st Sunday of Advent which is Nov. 30. Please pick yours up today, and sign your name on the sheet provided.

Carpet Cleaning: The church will be closed on Sunday, Nov. 23 after 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm on Monday, Nov. 24 so we can clean the carpets.

Readings for the Week of November 16, 2008

Sunday	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30
Monday	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144; Lk 20:27-40

FAITH FORMATION

Early Childhood and Children's Liturgy of the Word

at 10:00 Mass next week.

Eucharist Year I and Eucharist Year II

Regular classes Wednesday, November 19, 6:45 to 8:00.

No classes Nov. 26 due to Thanksgiving.

Confirmation I and Confirmation II

Confirmation Year II attend class on Nov. 19, 6:45 to 8:30.

Confirmation I attend Youth Ministry on Nov. 19, 7:00 to 8:30.

Thank you, Sandy Diehl, for teaching on Nov. 5, and to Beth Rath and Belinda Winkler for facilitating the classes each week.

No classes Nov. 26 due to Thanksgiving.

Youth Ministry for grades 7-12

Plan to attend Wednesday Nov. 19, 7:00 to 8:30.

(Game room open at 6:00.)

Wed. Nov. 26. will be a game night. Your friends at St. Mary's are invited too!

Girls, bring snacks. Guys, bring pop.

Thank you to the Jacksons for the supper on Nov.5.

Happy Birthday Rebecca Malone, Nichole Schelling, Nathan Gilbert, and Brock Reiman.

Youth Choir Practice Tues. Nov. 18, 7:00.

The Youth Group will be selling desserts at the K of C Fish Fry on Friday, November 21. Could any one donate desserts to help? Bring them to the rectory by Nov. 21. Then go and enjoy the Fish Fry! Thank you!



Our collection of food for the Catholic Food Pantry at St. Mary's for our local community will be next Sunday. Please be generous. Place non-perishable food items in the blue bins at the doors of the church. "Whatever you do to the least of your brothers and sisters, you do unto me", says the Lord.

We will also be collecting food and money to donate to the Food Pantry at our Thanksgiving Day Mass.

The Food Pantry gives out an extra bag of food during the Christmas season with enough food to do a Christmas dinner. Please remember those in need when you are doing your food shopping and pick up some extra things to donate. They are also requesting hand soap, deodorant, shampoo and other personal toiletries.

The spirit of giving you already possess
Buying gift cards from SCRIP will make it "low stress"
Place your order on Monday
Save yourself the trip
Earn money for the school
Just by buying through SCRIP!

SCHOOL NEWS



This week will be our last five-day school week in November! Next week we dismiss on Tuesday at 1:00 for our Thanksgiving weekend. I hope you have been enjoying the beautiful November!

Some reports:

1. In our school election on November 4, seventy students voted. The results were a tie - 35 votes for John McCain and 35 votes for Barack Obama. A BIG thank you to the fifth graders who coordinated this project. They were knowledgeable and very professional.

2. Students raised \$2,519.40 with our Magazine Drive. This was very good since we tried a new approach this year. We did not offer any prizes - except for a few "special" magazines selected by the company. This did not meet our projected goal so I will not have to wear an Ohio State shirt! Thanks to everyone who supported this project.

3. We raised \$148.24 for United Way through our Spare Change Drive. Again, thanks for your participation in this community fund raiser.

We have begun our annual Food Drive. Last year, we brought in around 4,000 items. We are hoping to bring in at least one more item this year. Our drive ends on November 25 at the 9:15 school liturgy.

If you would like to bring in any items, please feel free to drop them off at either campus office.

CONGRATULATIONS to last year's DCTV class under the direction of Mrs. Moore! One of their programs, an interview with Cindy Mack and Rita Kissner that included slide show of the downtown buildings as they look now and sketches of how they could look if revitalized, won a Philo award in the K-6 grade category. Students were: Christian Driftmyer, James Howard, Tony Mayer, Brandon Niese, Katie Hancock, David Michel, Aubrey Stanfield, Gabe Areguin, Katelyn Hoeffel and Vincenza Tremonte.

On Monday, grades 3-6 will be going to the YMCA. Grades PreK-2 will head to the YMCA on Friday.

Our three years old will be attending the Festival of Trees on Tuesday. This special Pre-School Day is held every year. The children participate in craft time, snack time and story time. Each student is encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item or a new toy for the Toy/Food Tree. Thank you Volunteer Connection of Northwest Ohio!

On Wednesday after our liturgy, the students will have their Buddy Activity.

As you can see, our students have been very busy with academics, activities and service.

Reminder: DCS Benefit Calendars and Scrip gift cards make GREAT Christmas gifts! Have a good week and remember to have an attitude of gratitude! Miss Sandy

Social Justice Opportunities

1: Campaign for Human Development: Nearly 37 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, and 13 million of those are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. Please donate prayerfully and generously to CCHD next weekend to help those in poverty help themselves. Visit www.povertyusa.org to learn more. Envelopes are available in your Sunday envelope packet.

2: Defiance County Furniture Bank: Do you have items around your house you do not need? The Defiance County Furniture Bank, managed by St. Mary Parish, Defiance, can help you. Good usable basic furniture, beds and bed frames, bed linens, baby items, house wares (dishes, pots and pans) or working electrical appliances are needed. Please call the Furniture Bank at (419)782-2776 to make your donation. What better way to dispose of items in your home that you do not need and at the same time help the less fortunate of the greater Defiance County area. Cash donations are always welcomed. Thank you!

Thanks to the members of St. John's for their help with the Furniture Bank. We have several men that have been helping out and they are Jim Mack, Dan Wagner and Dick Boff. If we have missed anyone our apologies to you.

Eucharistic Adoration – OLPH Devotions: Come to adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, November 18, at 4:00 pm at St. Mary Church. In this time when we are suffering crisis in our world, or our individual fears, anxiety can debilitate or crush our inner peace. St. Paul says the antidote to anxiety is prayer, petition and a spirit of thanksgiving. These prayers have to be ongoing, and done with thanksgiving. You have to make your requests to God. You can do this before the Blessed Sacrament. There will also be Devotions to OLPH, and recitation of the rosary.

The Men's Renewal Team will be meeting on Monday November 17th at 7:30 pm at Martin Nezick's home. Meetings are open to all men of the parish. Come join us for an evening of prayer, discussion, and fellowship. If you have any questions or need directions please contact David Weber at (419) 782-0463 or talk with any member of the team.

ST MICHAEL'S RIDGE Annual Cemetery FALL CLEANUP: Any decorations and flowers need to be removed by November 22nd. Please do not put anything new up until November 26th.

Thank you, St Michael's Ridge Cemetery Committee

GENERATIONS OF FAITH



If you couldn't make a Generations of Faith session last week, let me tell you what you missed. Bob and Nancy Nadeau and Dave and Sandy Diehl organized the food and fellowship in the school cafeteria. Many generous parishioners baked holiday cookies, helped households sign in, and pitched in to set up and clean up. On footprints cut out by Defiance Catholic School students, participants wrote a step each had taken to act for justice. The Weaver and Drown families literally set the table during the opening prayer. Multiple lectors described the situation of poverty in the U.S., while Samantha Stegeman gave the statistics a human face through powerpoint. Catechists Ericka DeCola, Ann Blunt, Bonnie Nally, Pam Lightle, Janice Elliott, Cheryl Hinojosa, Belinda Winkler, Mary Steyer, Franci Zimmerman, Jane Sewell, Barbara Ensign, Traci Flory, Paula DeCola, Beth Bechtol, Melissa Jones, and the Youth Ministry Teams engaged children and adolescents in the topic in age-appropriate ways. Fr. Todd and Dave Moninger teamed up to make the connection between the Eucharistic liturgy and Jesus' call to put the poor and vulnerable first. Junior High students dramatized the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus via a video filmed by Carol Moore. Rick Small capped the sessions by emphasizing how influential parents are in teaching children to be aware of people in need and generous to them. And the younger children delighted everyone with their rendition of the song "I Just Wanna Be a Sheep." Special thanks to each person who contributed to this intergenerational faith formation experience. Your presence and efforts strengthen the entire faith community. God bless you everyone! Sr. Mary Dean

A Divorced & Separated Retreat, "When God Calls in the Night" will be held February 6-8, 2009 at Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House, Carey, OH. During what may seem the darkest times God still seeks to fill us with light. Come experience God's presence, know His love, live His healing. Rev. Chris Vasko, former director of parish Divorced & Separated Ministry, missionary and retreat director will offer this prayer-filled weekend. For information contact the Family Life Office of Catholic Charities at 419-244-6711, Ext. 404 or 409.



**Knights of Columbus
Fish Fry
Nov. 21 from 4:30 to 7:00
K. of C. Hall
Bake Sale by St. John
Youth Group**