

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, November 21

4:30 p.m. Jo Lakota

SUNDAY, November 22—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Reading I: Dn 7: 13-14; Reading II: Rv 1: 5-8

Gospel: Jn 18: 33b-37

8:30 a.m. Lawrence & Ann Cermak

10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, November 23—St. Clement I, St. Columban, Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro

Reading I: Dn 1: 1-6, 8-20

Gospel: Lk 21: 1-4

6:30 p.m. Kerry Kipfstuhl

TUESDAY, November 24—St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

Reading I: Dn 2: 31-45

Gospel: Lk 21: 5-11

7:00 a.m. Marge & Jack Byrne

WEDNESDAY, November 25—St Catherine of Alexandria

Reading I: Dn 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28

Gospel: Lk 21: 12-19

THURSDAY, November 26—Thanksgiving Day

Reading I: Sir 50: 22-24; Reading II: 1 Cor 1: 3-9

Gospel: Lk 17: 11-19

9:00 a.m. Agnes Deininger

FRIDAY, November 27

Reading I: Dn 7: 2-14

Gospel Lk 21: 29-33

8:30 a.m. Tereza Chylla

SATURDAY, November 28

Reading I: Dn 7: 15-27

Gospel: Lk 21: 34-36

Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m. Ruth Wilkes

SUNDAY, November 29—First Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Jer 33: 14-16

Reading II: 1 Thes 3: 12—4: 2

Gospel: Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36

8:30 a.m. James Corrao

10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish



From Fr. Dan Fickes and the staff of St. Therese Parish!

Please join your parish family for a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 26. Everyone is invited to be part of the offertory procession, with their gifts of non-perishable food or monetary offerings for our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Items especially needed are: spaghetti sauce, instant mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, brownie & cake mixes, canned vegetables (mixed, carrots, corn, peas), stew, manwich, chili, ravioli, beef-a-roni, pancake mix & syrup.

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27. There will be no bingo on Thanksgiving.

Collection-November 14/15

Collection: \$7,637.80* Envelopes Used: 295

World Mission: \$5 St. Vincent de Paul: \$10

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$20

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$15

Contribution in memory of Evelyn Maruna: \$635

*figure includes the following:

Restoration: \$99 Parish Use Only: \$422

School: \$54 Children: \$29.30

All Saints: \$5 All Souls: \$35

Christmas: \$40 Flowers: \$338

Solemnity of Mary: \$28 Immaculate Conception: \$8

Faith Direct: \$1,541

Thank You!

Pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Joshua Stebal, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Don Tews, Laverne Griffiths, Jess B. Palker, Michelle Cozens, Shirley Zwilling, Robert Thomas, Rita Pawloski, Raymond Pavlik, Naomi Conter, Michael Kobie, Keith Thomas, Jeannie Wolfendale, Dori Herout, Linda Voracek, Dolores DiBaggio, Richard Schultz, Larry Pentek, Robyn Buckley, Joseph Sciko, Sophie Tessmer, John Thomas, Sr. Felicia Mann, John Zenda, Jeff Bucell, Celine Chepeus, Michelle Triska, Laura Anzelec, Diane (Kipfstuhl) Wieland, Chris Lackney

Stop down in the hall after all masses this weekend for coffee and donuts hosted by the Decorating Committee. Gift cards will be available for purchase.



Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you know? Who, according to the Book of Numbers, owned a talking ass?

Answer below.

Peace & Justice Gem

To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us.

Pope Francis I

YOUTH GROUP

Youth412 wishes our volunteers and parishioners a wonderful Thanksgiving! We are grateful for your support! Teens: Don't forget to submit your registration for our Christmas Bowling Party December 6!

Nancy Heineke, Youth Minister

YOUTH412 is a cluster program of St. Martin of Tours, St. Monica, Saints Peter and Paul & St. Therese.

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Weekend Drawing

The winners of our weekend drawing for last weekend were Betty Visconti and Rosemarie Scraga. Congratulations!



The St. Therese Giving Tree will make its annual appearance next weekend in its usual place near the baptismal font. If you are interested in participating, please take a gift tag from the tree. After you purchase your gift, please make sure that

THE TAG IS SECURELY TAPED TO THE PRESENT. Return your gift to the tree before December 19 so that it may be sorted for distribution. There will also be envelopes available near the tree for those who would rather contribute cash to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. These envelopes can be placed in the collection basket on Saturdays and Sundays. Thank you ahead of time for your never-failing generosity. Your kindness will brighten up Christmas for many needy families



Attention Altar Servers

There is an altar servers' meeting on Sunday, December 6, at 3 p.m. in the church hall. We'll address any concerns or questions you may have, and we will close by enjoying some pizza!

Annual Reverse Raffle

Time is running out to buy tickets for our Reverse Raffle, which will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Friday, November 27! The grand prize is \$3,500. Tickets are \$60 which includes a delicious meal. An additional meal is \$30. If you are unable to attend, but would like a number, the cost is \$35. Tickets are available for purchase at the rectory office and the All Saints Federal Credit Union, or contact Dan Chermonte at 216-407-8033.

Pancake Breakfast

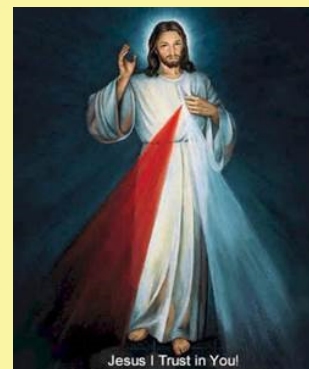


St. Therese Boy Scout Troop 361 will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the St. Therese church hall. The cost is \$5 for all -you-can-eat pancakes, sausages and beverages. There is a \$20 maximum cost for families. We

hope you can join us, and as always, thank you for your support!

Jesuit Retreat House

There are some Advent retreats coming up at the Jesuit Retreat House. For information, please contact JRH at 440-884-9300 or visit www.jrh-cleveland.com. The Jesuit Retreat is located at 5629 State Road in Parma.



Deacon Bob Bugaj will conduct a Divine Mercy Holy Hour on Sunday, November 22, at 2:30 p.m. here at St. Therese Church.

Answer: Balaam. See Numbers 22: 22-30

Liturgical Ministers Meeting

There is a meeting for all liturgical ministers on Sunday, November 22, at 2 p.m. in the church hall. This meeting is for all ushers, greeters, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, lectors, senior servers, choir members, and music ministers. Fr. Pete Colletti, pastor of St. Michael Parish, will speak.

Free Thanksgiving Day Meal



No one should eat alone on Thanksgiving Day! Join us for a HOME STYLE TURKEY DINNER with all the traditional sides plus dessert on Thursday, November 26, at St. Monica Parish school cafeteria, 13623 Rockside Road. Serving time will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are handicap accessible. Come celebrate Thanksgiving with family, neighbors, and friends. ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

Christmas Concert



A Christmas concert with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir will take place on Friday, December 4, at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave. in Cleveland. The concert is free and open to all. No tickets or reservations are required. Free secure parking is at the Cathedral Plaza Garage, Rockwell Ave. and East 9th Street.

Coats for Kids Drive



The Garfield Hts. Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Coats for Kids Drive during the month of November. A box for your donations of new or gently used coats, hats and gloves will be in the vestibule of the church. Cash donations can be sent to council at Knights of Columbus 4130, 10806 Granger Road, Garfield Hts., OH 44125, Attn. Coats for Kids. Please make checks out to Knights of Columbus 4130. **The final drop-off date is December 6.** Thank you for your generosity.

John Paul II Academy News

First quarter honors have been announced at John Paul II Academy. Those students recognized for Effort include: Dylan Bartchak, Misty Whitelock, Deanna Allen, Kasey Rives, Kenneth Krawczyk, Jeffrey Pokorny, Ryan Arnold, Kaetlynn Donahue, Megan Hamilton, Julie Ann Oropesa, Justin Pokorny, Paul Priebe, Megan Cervenka, Matthew Cervenka, and Mena Pobega. Those students achieving Second Honors include: Chloe Brown, Raniel Cervantes, Dillon Foulkes, John Oropesa, Maissie Rott, Georgia Barnes, Savannah Horner, Jack Peters, Devon Cash, Jamani Merriweather, Matthew Nieszczur, Edward Orzel, James Newton, Douglas Orzel, Elizabeth Angel, Jonel Cervantes, Tyler Kidd, and Charlie Nieszczur. Those students achieving First Honors are: Luke Salem, Matthew Cermak, and Sydney Peters. Congratulations to you all!

Christ the King Eucharistic Celebration

Come experience some inspiring and uplifting prayer time with our Lord as the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus (3649 East 65th Street in Cleveland) offers a special celebration of Eucharistic Devotion on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 22, at 4:30 p.m. With its beautiful music, moving singing, traditional pageantry, and procession it is sure to help bring you closer to Jesus. Call 216-341-9091 for more information.

On Care of Our Common Home

Sr. Meagen Dull, SND, presents an overview of the Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis, "On Care of Our Common Home, *Laudato Si*," on Tuesday, November 24, at 7 p.m. at St. Malachi Hall, 2459 Washington Ave. in Cleveland.

Annual Day of Recollection

The annual Day of Recollection sponsored by the Diocesan Enthronement Center of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on Sunday, November 29, at St. Casimir Parish, 8223 Sowinski Ave. in Cleveland from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event will be conducted by Rev. Eric Orzech, spiritual director. Tickets are \$20, which includes dinner. For further information and tickets, call Marlene at 216-447-9375. All are welcome!

Help Wanted

Marymount Child Care Center is looking for a responsible, caring adult to work with young children between the hours of 2 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. If interested, please call Michelle at 216-581-3540.

The All Saints Federal Credit Union is looking for an individual to fill a position at the Credit Union. It is for 20 to 25 hours per week with banking and/or credit union experience. Please send your resume to 5269 East 104th St., Garfield Hts., OH 44125

Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Adult Catholic Education

The next ACE session is on Thursday, December 10, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Basil the Great Church, 8700 Brecksville Road in Brecksville. Sheila McGinn, Ph.D. will present "From Jewish Sect to Christian Church: The Early Faith Community."



We have several gift cards for different stores and restaurants, etc. in stock at the rectory and many more we can order. Get some of your Christmas shopping done early by purchasing your gift cards here. That way you also benefit the parish!

From Fr. Dan:

For three weeks in October the Synod on the Family took place in Rome, the 14th ordinary general assembly since 1965, when Pope Paul VI established the Synod of Bishops. It is an advisory body of bishops from around the world that assists the Pope in governing the church. This latest assembly surprised many observers by asking that the church's practice toward couples who have divorced and remarried be softened. Catholic teaching for many centuries has been that marriage is for life and that remarriage is not possible in the event of divorce unless the first marriage is annulled. Anyone who fails to abide by this is not to receive Communion because he or she is committing adultery, the church teaches. For many reasons the rate of divorce has increased greatly during recent decades. This has left the church's hierarchy to wrestle with the question of how to respond to this crisis. Among bishops around the globe there is disagreement, with some maintaining that the church's ages-old teaching must remain unchanged and others urging that God's mercy demands some easing of church practice. "The church's first duty is not to hand down condemnations or anathemas, but to proclaim God's mercy," Pope Francis said to the bishops on the last day of the gathering.

A minimum of a two-thirds vote of the 270 bishops assembled was required for approval of any change, and this threshold was met. The Synod of Bishops therefore has recommended to the Pope that people who have remarried should, under the guidance of priests, discern decisions about their spiritual lives. This process of discernment is known as the internal forum, the forum of conscience.

The document reads, "The conversation with the priest, in internal forum, contributes to the formation of a correct decision on what is blocking the possibility of fuller participation in the life of the church and on steps that might foster it and make it grow." Now the Pope is considering the synod document, which also concerns other matters that touch on family life. Among them are artificial contraception, decisions about having children, and homosexuality.

Informed commentators have said that this assembly of the synod was remarkable in the transparency in which it operated. Pope Francis strongly expressed his desire for this. In previous assemblies there was little hint of any disagreement among the bishops, though certainly such differences of opinion existed. The Pope asked for honest debate, as opposed to silent acceptance of the Vatican's position. Consequently, the bishops who disagreed with Pope Francis' wish for greater leniency stated their views strongly, followed by some heated discussions within the assembly. In the early church, when Paul disagreed with Peter on his behavior towards Gentile believers, he pulled no punches, as Galatians 2: 11-14 shows. Fortrightness was good for the church then, and so it is now.

The Week Ahead

Saturday & Sunday, November 21/22

Coffee & Donuts after all masses, H
Choir Practice after 10:30 Mass, C
Liturgical Ministers' Meeting 2 p.m., H
Divine Mercy Holy Hour 2:30 p.m., C

Monday, November 23

Boy Scout PLC Meeting 7 p.m., R
Parish Council 7 p.m., H

Tuesday, November 24

PSR 6:30 p.m., S
Liturgy Comm. Meeting 7 p.m., R
AA 8 p.m., H

Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving)

NO BINGO

Friday, November 27

Reverse Raffle 6 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall

Saturday, November 21

Cub Scout Hike, 9 a.m., meet at hall

KEY: H: parish hall R: rectory C: church S: school

