

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

November 20, 2016



Dear parishioners,

I find myself most easily thinking of Jesus as King in glory—sitting on a throne with a beautiful crown. The readings remind us that Jesus is indeed the Anointed One of God, that is great above all else, that he has redeemed us. The gospel though tells us how he became king—his throne was a cross, his crown was a crown of thorns, he redeemed us with his very life. His ultimate sacrifice makes Jesus deserving of all our allegiance. He IS our king. The title is not of our making.

Sometimes at the holy hours on Monday nights I say to Jesus “What were you thinking?!” Jesus is God. Yet he gave up all of that and became one of us with all our limitations. And even in that limitation he gave everything he could give to show us God’s love—incredible suffering, humiliation, taunting, mockery, until death. What did that feel like for him? How can we be glib about that? What return do we make for that gift? How do we show our appreciation and our love?

Each one of us needs to work that out. It’s a good day for giving some thought to the kind of subject I am before this heavenly king.

Sister Carol

Thanksgiving Mass Don’t forget our Mass of Thanksgiving is Thanksgiving Day morning, Thursday, November 24, at 9:00 o’clock.

Weekend Masses

Sat Nov 19	4:00 p.m.	Ellen VonLehmden
Sun Nov 20	10:00 a.m.	Jim Badertscher
Sat Nov 26	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt Eldon (Ike) Businger
Sun Nov 27	10:00 a.m.	Jerry Musser

Communion Services

Tue Nov 22	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Nov 25	<u>No Service today</u> at St. Mary’s	

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,463.00	Loose	\$823.62
Children	\$61.63	Total	\$3,348.25
78 envelopes returned = 38%			

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for November 26 & 27, 2016

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer and Jason Granger
4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Basil Meyer

Cantor: Dave Roby

Ushers: Hank and Carol Schroeder

Lector: Jenny Roby

E.M.: Bob Minto and Edna Conkling

Servers: Abygail Kettels and Kendal Giesige

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Basil Meyer

Greeter-West Door: Deb Buck

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Jeanne and Jerry Wehri

Lectors: Lisa Welch and Jan Schulte

E.M.: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten,

Tom Schulte and Linda Kinn

Servers: Alyson Kettels, Julia Mehaffie, and
Makayla Schweingruber

Readings for November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44

Communion service—There will be no Communion service the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25.

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Thank you again to the Pastoral Council for hosting the lunch for the mini-retreat. Special thanks to Wes, Nick, and Ben Lovett for setting up and to Shar Dunlap, Greg and Edna Conkling, Jennifer Tschuor, and Basil Meyer for taking care of things in the kitchen. And **thank you** to all who came.



The Year of Mercy comes to a close today, Sunday, November 20, the Feast of Christ the King. Let us remember that every day and every year is a time to be grateful for God's mercy to us and to pass on that mercy to those we meet—especially to those who are poor, oppressed, and marginalized.

It's that time of year again! We will be switching out the missalettes/hymnbooks for the new liturgical year. If you can help, we would greatly appreciate that. Please join us on Saturday, November 26, at 8 o'clock in the morning.



Advent begins this weekend, Saturday evening, November 27. It is a joyful time of expectation when we reflect on Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, his presence in our hearts, and his coming at the end of time. The Little Blue Books and copies of "The Word among Us" are available in the entrances. Take some time to decide how you are going to make time to keep focused this holy season.



Advent by Candlelight

On Monday evening, November 28, we will have a special prayer "Advent by Candlelight" in the church at 7:00 o'clock. Afterwards we will have some light refreshments to celebrate our being together in faith.

2017 March for Life Interested in attending the 2017 March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 27, 2017? Join the College and Young Adult bus trip sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo! The trip is only \$129 per person, but college students get a special discounted price of \$99! Our trip includes an overnight stay at the Hyatt Place in downtown Washington, D.C., as well as free time to tour the city. We depart late evening on Thursday, January 26, and return late evening on Saturday, January 28. If you have any questions, contact Respect Life Program

Coordinator Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org or 419-244-4933. Deadline to register is Thursday, December 15. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

The holiday season is normally a time of joy, but when someone you love has died, it can be a time of loneliness and pain. Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services is offering a **Tree of Remembrance Memorial Service** on Sunday, December 4, 2016 in Bluffton at the Centre at 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 2:00 p.m. At the conclusion of the service, the ornament is yours to take home. Additional ornaments will be available for purchase. If you would like an additional ornament please call prior to the service date to order so we may have them ready for you.

Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services presents the Tree of Remembrance Memorial Service as a gift to the community. **All families are welcome regardless of which funeral home provided the services.** Light refreshments will be provided following the service. 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: No class on Wednesday, November 23 due to Thanksgiving.

Jr. High & God Squad: Class is today, Sunday, November 20th 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.