

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • NOVEMBER 5, 2017

THIRTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, November 7

Tuesdays @ 10

Wednesday, November 8

8:30 – 11:30 - Eucharistic Exposition

7:00 - 8:00 pm - Wisdom Bible Study

Thursday, November 9

7:00 – 9:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 11

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

5:30 pm – Gratitude Weekend in Gathering space

Sunday, November 12

9:30 am – 10:50 am – First Reconciliation Class

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Gratitude Weekend in Pater Hall



Readings for 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PARISH DAY OF RENEWAL!

On Saturday, December 2nd, we will have a Family Parish Day of Renewal from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Please plan to attend and hear Fr. Del Staigers and Fr. David Doseck share their thoughts about “Parish: The Place People Call Home.” This event is open to the entire family and more details will be in future bulletin articles and on our website. The only cost will be a small contribution for lunch. Registration materials and information about the children's involvement will be available in coming weeks.

PARISH FOOD DRIVE THIS WEEKEND

Just a reminder, the annual parish food drive is this weekend to benefit Inter Parish Ministry. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Donations should be dropped off in the designated area of Pater Hall by 12:30 pm on Sunday. Thanks for your support.

GRATITUDE WEEKEND NOV. 11-12

Have you shared your time and talent with other St. John Fisher parish members and groups this year? The social Action Team is once again hosting Gratitude Weekend Nov. 11 and 12 and wants to thank each of our church's many generous volunteers who make St. John Fisher a great place to worship and a loving, caring community. Please stop by our table after any weekend Mass and receive a “Thank You “ flower and enjoy some special treats. Your gift of time and talent make our church a reflection of Christ's love. Thank you!

Fr. Del ... Points to Ponder, Part 7

For the coming weeks, I will be addressing some topics that people have raised about the Catholic faith, not dogmatic pronouncements, but approaches to lead to a deeper understanding of the riches we hold as followers of Christ.

On this seventh installment of questions that people have about church, it might be a good time to review our understanding of the Sacraments. The primary Sacrament, of course, is Jesus Christ. We refer to Christ as the Sacrament of the Father, whom we encounter each moment of our lives, if we will only be aware of his presence. The Sacrament that flows directly from Christ is the Church, his body of believers.

Once we open ourselves to the great Mystery of Christ's presence in the world, and only then, can we talk about “The Seven Sacraments.” Because as Catholics we believe in what we call the *Sacramental Principle*, namely that God encounters us in ways that we can understand, each of the sacraments uses created matter to communicate God's activity with us: water, oil, fire, bread, wine, words, laying on of hands, etc.

Our seven Sacraments are typically divided into three categories. Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Sacraments of Healing: Penance/Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Sacraments of Commitment: Holy Orders and Marriage. Each of these Sacraments are encounters in which Christ is the one who acts upon and with us.

We often talk about *receiving* a sacrament. To be sure, there is a sense in which we receive Sacraments by the power of the Holy Spirit. But we need to be careful that we do not understand this to mean that we are passive in the reception of the Sacraments. We receive the Sacraments, but we also *celebrate/do* the Sacraments which require our active participation in order for them to have transformative meaning in our lives. Sacraments are not magic. Sacraments are celebrations of God's powerful mystery at work in our lives, which means that we may experience God in ways we never imagined, or could never do on our own.

Finally, a word of hope regarding Sacraments. Using the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas, Catholics hold that grace builds on nature; grace does not obliterate who we are as human beings. In other words, God sees the human being as good, and the Sacraments are given to us to perfect the goodness that God sees in us. This is good news!

In these times when we focus on gratitude for God's bounty, may we be especially grateful for the bounty of God's care for us through the Sacraments of Christ.

SERVER PROCEDURES-TRAINING TODAY!

We will be implementing new serving procedures on the first weekend of Advent, Dec. 2nd & 3rd. There will be a mandatory server training for **ALL** servers on Sun. Nov. 5th after the 9 am and 11am masses. If you cannot attend this training, please contact Sharon Scott at 513-232-2044 to make other arrangements.

All ministers may check their future schedules at:
www.ministryschedulerpro.com?user=stjfvolunteer

SERVER SCHEDULE
November 11th and 12th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Grayson Moellering, please volunteer, we need 1 more server.
Sunday, 9:00 am – Jordan Fanning, Lilly Sharp, please volunteer, we need 1 more server.
Sunday, 11:00 am – Arlyn Scott, Mary Forte, Aris Remsen

PRESIDER SCHEDULE
November 11th November 12th

St. John Fisher Saturday 4:30 pm – Fr. D. Doseck Sunday 9:00 am – Fr. D. Staigers 11:00 am – Fr. D. Staigers	St. Veronica Saturday 4:00 pm -- Fr. D. Staigers 8:00 am -- Fr. D. Doseck 9:30 am – Fr. P. Crone 11:30 am – Fr. P. Crone
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ADULT PARISH PARTY HOSTS NEEDED

Once again the Social Action Team is organizing Adult Parish parties to raise money for St. Vincent Mission in David, Kentucky. Party hosts select the date, time, type of party, theme and number of guests. Parties are scheduled from January until June. You may host by yourself or with a group. In November parish members will sign up and pay \$30.00 per person to attend your party, with your guest's fee going to St. Vincent Mission. Parties can be casual or formal with or without a specific theme. This is a great way to get to know people in the parish and to share your creativity and hospitality. Please contact Marty Rauen at mmrauen@gmail.com if you have questions or are interested in being an Adult Parish Party Host. Thank you!

HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS & SCARVES!

The Forever 50 Group invites all parishioners to donate new items between now and November 13th. Help needy children, teens & adults keep warm this winter! A basket is in the Gathering space for your donations. IPM (Inter Parish Ministry) will distribute the items you donate. Thank you!

GIVING THANKS MASS

The Forever 50 Group invites all parishioners, especially those over age 50, to a special Mass on Monday, Nov. 13th at noon. We will give thanks for all the blessings received during the year. After Mass we will meet for lunch in the National Exemplar at Mariemont Inn. (Each person is responsible for their own check) sign up at the poster in the gathering space to reserve your seat for lunch.

TURKEY DINNER AT ST. MARGARET/ST. JOHN

The annual turkey dinner at St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 6000 Murray Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45227 will be held on Sunday, November 12 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. The price for the meal is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. This price includes the entrée, vegetable, potato, drink, and dessert. The hall is handicap accessible. All are welcome to enjoy this annual meal.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 6
8:00 am – Gayle Brockman ((Mary Dean Grote)
Tuesday, November 7
8:00 am – Communion Service
Wednesday, November 8
8:00 am – Larry Bruemmer (Patty Murray & Nancy Borak)
Thursday, November 9
8:00 am – Michael Griswald (Tim & Carol Donahue)
Friday, November 10
8:00 am – Intentions of Lawrence Scherer (Gloria Timberlake)
Saturday, November 11
4:30 pm – St. John Fisher Community
Sunday, November 12
9:00 am – Geraldine Maday (The family)
11:00 am – Dolores Rolfes (Phil & Hazel Germann)

FORMED- BASEBALL'S MIKE SWEENEY

All-star Mike Sweeney speaks to 5000 young adults about his own experience of living his Catholic Faith from when he was a high school jock, through his time in Major League baseball. With humor and humility, he shares the circumstances that led him to completely center his life on God, and how the Lord wants to personally be involved in your life, too. Mike relates how pivotal choices led to his amazing ride with Christ. Here's how easy it is to get FORMED: Go to www.formed.org. You should see a box: "Register-Sign up free using your parish code." Type in the parish code B68MWG. Now set up a username and a password, which will be used to access FORMED. FORMED has recently released several new apps so that you will be able to access the website from your mobile devices. If you have any questions, call Jim Crosby in the parish office at 561-9431, ext 113, or email him at jimc@sjfchurch.org



Please remember in your prayers the family of Kathy Steinmetz, whose funeral was celebrated at St. John Fisher on October 20th. May she rest in peace!

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

our parishioners who are sick and in need of your prayers: John Collins, Lee Murrell, Fr. Giles Pater.

Also, please continue to pray for those parishioners who are homebound, in nursing care facilities, or have chronic illnesses.



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