

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • NOVEMBER 12, 2017

THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, November 14

Tuesdays @ 10

Wednesday, November 15

8:30 – 11:30 - Eucharistic Exposition

6:00 pm – 7:30 Social Action meeting

7:00 - 8:30 pm - Wisdom Bible Study

Thursday, November 16

7:00 – 9:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 18

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Fair Trade Sale after 4:30 Mass

Sunday, November 19

8:45 am – 10:30 am – Confirmation Preparation

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

Fair Trade Sale after both Masses



Readings for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 13-20
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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.

GRATITUDE WEEKEND NOV. 11-12- THIS WEEKEND

The Social Action Team 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 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!

GIVING TREE- NEXT WEEKEND

Starting next weekend, St. John Fisher will be setting up a giving Tree in the gathering space. The Giving Tree displays tags containing gift ideas for local residents in need of assistance this coming Christmas season. The tags benefit Inter Parish Ministry; the Tom Geiger House; and A Caring Place Pregnancy Help Center.

All gifts must be returned to St. John Fisher no later than 12:00 pm on Sunday, December 10th. Please be sure to sign out any tags you take on the sheets provided near the tree. Questions, contact Anne Roberto at 310-9755. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Fr. Del ... Points to Powder, Part 8

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.

In 1965 a dogmatic statement was made in one of the documents of the Second Vatican Council, *On Divine Revelation*. The document instructs us on the importance of God's Word in the life of the Church. We can sometimes look upon the Word of God as a sort of history lesson, telling us what God did *in the past*. This approach to scripture is only part of the truth. Our belief is that when every we hear the scriptures proclaimed in worship, or pray the scriptures in small groups, or pray them alone, God speaks to us in the *present moment*.

For example, we sometimes hear the comment, "When I'm at Mass I want to read along with the lector, or priest, or deacon. I learn better that way." Let me gently challenge this approach to the Word of God. When we realize that God is speaking to us in the *present moment* through His Word, we encounter Christ in a whole new, dynamic way. He's speaking to us *now*. This is a very different understanding than learning *about* God, or reading the Bible like a history book. The Word of God is not so much about learning, as it is experiencing.

Whenever we open the Word of God, we are encountering God's presence in a concrete, practical way for our life now. Read a paragraph from *Verbum Dei*, or *Divine Revelation*:

In His goodness and wisdom God chose to reveal Himself and to make known to us the hidden purpose of His will (see Eph. 1:9) by which through Christ, the Word made flesh, man might in the Holy Spirit have access to the Father and come to share in the divine nature (see Eph. 2:18; 2 Peter 1:4). Through this revelation, therefore, the invisible God (see Col. 1:15, 1 Tim. 1:17) out of the abundance of His love speaks to men as friends (see Ex. 33:11; John 15:14-15) and lives among them (see Bar. 3:38), so that He may invite and take them into fellowship with Himself. (*Verbum Dei [On Divine Revelation] ch. 1, par. 2*)

Yes, God speaks to us as friends. You read it right. God longs to be with each of us in an encounter that is practical and real. As the later Fr. Walter Burghardt, S.J. once summed it up, in God's Word, Christ is revealed to us, not *again*, but still.

Take some time this week to open your Bibles — maybe even blow the dust off them — and listen to what God is saying to you, your family, or a group with whom you might pray. A good beginning might be to read the upcoming Sunday's Gospel, even asking the question, "If I were to preach next Sunday, how would I connect this reading to what's going on in the world right now?" This is how present God is in the Word and in the world.

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

SERVER SCHEDULE

November 18th and 19th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – David Isaacs, please volunteer, we need 1 more server.

Sunday, 9:00 am – Cole & Ethan Kueper, please volunteer, we need 1 more server.

Sunday, 11:00 am – Andrew Kroeger, Francesca Damiano, Stephen Kroeger

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

November 18th November 19th

St. John Fisher

Saturday

4:30 pm – Fr. D. Staigers

Sunday

9:00 am – Fr. P. Crone

11:00 am – Fr. P. Crone

St. Veronica

Saturday

4:30 pm -- Fr. D. Doseck

8:00 am -- Fr. D. Staigers

9:30 am – Fr. D. Staigers

11:30 am – Fr. D. Doseck

ADULT PARISH PARTY SIGN UPS

There will be sign up for the Adult Parish parties that benefit St. Vincent Mission in David, Kentucky the weekends of November 18-19 and December 2-3. Cost for each guest is \$30.00 and all proceeds support the mission and our St. John Fisher mission trip. Thanks to the generous parish members willing to host a fun evening, there is a party every month from January through May. Parties include a pre-Super Bowl Bash, wine tasting, cooking lesson and delicious dinners. Please join other parish members to celebrate together and support a worthy cause. There will be a sign up table in the gathering space after every weekend Mass.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALE NEXT WEEKEND

Your favorite coffee, tea, chocolates from Fair Trade will be available after Mass next weekend.

VOLUNTEER TUTOR NEEDED

The St. John Fisher Tutoring Team has an immediate need for someone to work with a 4th grade student on Wednesday afternoons from 5-6 pm, at the Public Library. For more information, please contact Shelia Becker, 474-1174 or sbecker3@cinci.rr.com

OCTOBER 2017 OFFERTORY

Weekly Offertory - \$32,935

Electronic Giving - \$10,635

Actual Offertory Received - \$43,570

Budgeted Offertory - \$48,500

For the first four months of the fiscal year, our offertory contributions are under budget by almost \$13,000. Your financial support is crucial to the success of our parish and we very much appreciate any help you can provide in closing this gap. Thank you for your generosity!



Please pray for the family of Father Giles Pater, our pastor from 1996 to 2006, whose funeral was celebrated on Thursday, November 9th at St. John Fisher. May he rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 13

8:00 am – Joan Hogan

Tuesday, November 14

8:00 am – Communion Service

Wednesday, November 15

8:00 am – Greg Bauke

Thursday, November 16

8:00 am – Michael Griswald (Marv & Jackie Heller)

Friday, November 17

8:00 am – Donna Laycak

Saturday, November 18

4:30 pm – St. John Fisher Community

Sunday, November 19

9:00 am – Jack Frede (His Family)

11:00 am – Dr. Paul Hurtubeise (Moiria Reed)

Church Cleaning Team Nov. 17 – Bob & Joan Eisen

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 KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

our parishioners who are sick and in need of your prayers: John Collins, Lee Murrell, Also, please continue to pray for those parishioners who are homebound, in nursing care facilities, or have chronic illnesses.



NATIONAL DONOR SABBATH WEEKEND

People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves organ, eye and tissue donors. It is possible to donate life to others as a living kidney or partial liver, lung, intestine or pancreas donor. Register your decision to Pass Life On when you renew your drivers license.

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