

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 14/15, 2009

Mass Intentions **For The Week**

Monday	Nov. 16	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	Nov. 17	6:00 p.m.	Joetta Page
Wednesday	Nov. 18	10:00 a.m.	Bob Fraker
		1:30 p.m.	Lillian Stermer
Thursday	Nov. 19	7:00 a.m.	Gerald Banet
Friday	Nov. 20	8:15 a.m.	Frank Ryan
Saturday	Nov. 21	6:00 p.m.	Deceased D of I Members
Sunday	Nov. 22	7:00 a.m.	Carl & Mary Nix
		11:00 a.m.	Blessed Sacrament & St. Joseph Parishes



The Week Ahead

Sun., Nov. 15 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- RCIA from 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. in the Celestin Center.
- Religious Ed from 9:30-10:45 in the Parish Center.
- High School Scavenger Hunt/Cook-out at 4:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Monday, Nov. 16 – VOCATION PRAYER DAY

beginning at 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the chapel.

- Joseph'ines meeting from 9:00-10:30 in the Celestin Cr.
 - PIE Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Celestin Cr.
- Tuesday, Nov. 17** – Home Game in the Gym between St. Joe and Oakland City at 6:00 p.m.
- Parent meeting for Reconciliation in Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 –

- Social Outreach Meeting at 4:00 in the P.C. Conf. Rm.
- School Board Meeting at 6:30 in the P.C. Conf. Rm.

Thursday, Nov. 19 –

- Blessed Mothers Prayer Group at 6:15 p.m. in Chapel.

Friday, Nov. 20 - Church Cleaning Crew #6 –

Patti Gibson, Shawn Halbig, Diane Dunn, Debbie Austill, Jan Noble.

Dear Friends,

As I sit here in front of my blank computer screen with strict orders from Chris, our wonderful secretary, to get this article written for our bulletin deadline, I can't help but reflect on how beautiful it is outside during this month of November...and how much I'd rather be sitting outside, soaking up what's left of our sunshine before the long winter months set in. Many of us are probably trying to get in one last long walk through the park, one last cook-out, and maybe even one last ride on that motorcycle before it gets stored for the winter. But there's something more about this time of year, this month of November: the trees shed their leaves, the green grass turns brown, and the earth goes into a long slumber of death before new life will "spring" up again.

During the month of November our Church celebrates and remembers our beloved dead. For me, that means remembering my grandmother who taught me about God's unconditional love, the deceased sisters from my community who taught me about religious life, and even my best friend from college who died of a very rare blood disease but still taught me so much about living and enjoying life while she herself was dying.

During this month of November, I invite you to remember your own loved ones who have gone before you, marked with the sign of faith. Who among them taught you about God's unconditional love? Who modeled for you the spiritual life? Who taught you to enjoy each day as it comes and to give thanks for all the blessings you have been given? Look at how beautiful it is outside, and also how beautiful are the ones who have gone before us.

Sr. Kim, OSB



Gifts for God

Nov. 8, 2009 Collection = \$5,159.01
Fiscal Year to date: \$71,462.01

Liturgical Ministers for next week:

6:00 p.m. Saturday, November 21

Lector: Peggy Smith
Hosts: Mary Jane Paul, Terry Theys
Presenters: Alan Weiss Family
Servers: Seth Stevens, Sydney Weiss, Alyssa Koberstein
Head Usher: Frank Creedon
Greeters: Charles Ingram, Bill Lutz, EloiseReeves/Carl Bell

7:00 a.m. Sunday, November 22

Lector: Gary Maier
Hosts: Mark Wade, Rick Coleman, Dan Gilbert
Presenters: Rob Dunn Family
Servers: Jake Hartman, Dalton Halbig, Mark Turner
Head Usher: Lonnie Greenwell
Greeters: Gene Allen, Dave Specht, Bruce Wheatley

11:00 a.m. Sunday, November 22

Lector: Melissa Shoultz
Hosts: Debbie Neufelder, Jennifer Schneider
Presenters: Mike Riedford Family
Servers: Jessica Smith, Matt Smith, Emily Fortner
Head Usher: Joseph Hurst
Greeters: J. D. Wildt, Glenn Fischer, Linda Yeryar Families
CLW Emily Schmitt & Jennifer Schneider

SCRIPS

6:00 p.m. Mass Saturday, November 21 Kelli Mayer
7:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, November 22 Angie Paul
11:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, November 22 Vicki Dunn

PLEASE CONTACT PAT KERMODE IF YOU CAN'T WORK YOUR SCHEDULED TIME AT 664-5496.

The PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY needs your help! Perhaps you can't knit or crochet. Maybe you just don't seem to have the time. That's OK! Still want to be involved??? We invite you then to help us by donating any unused yarn you might have. Yarn can be dropped off at St. Joseph Parish office. All colors and textures accepted! Any questions, call Sr. Kim at 812-385-2617.

SCAVENGER HUNT: The annual high school food drive to benefit the local pantry is Sunday, November 15th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. on the Parish Center parking lot. A Cook-Out at Fr. Ron's house will follow the collection efforts. We invite all parishioners to "stock-up" for this event. If you would like to donate prior to the Scavenger Hunt, items may be dropped off at the Parish Office anytime during the week of Nov. 8-14. This year, in particular, the needs of the poor are great. In addition to food, we will be collecting diapers, toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo and soap. Thank you for your generosity.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

On the 16th of each month, St. Joseph hosts a *Vocation Prayer Day*. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Day Chapel from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. You are invited to come and spend time with our Lord as we pray for our adopted seminarian and religious and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- November 17, Parent Meeting for Reconciliation Prep.
- November 25-27, Thanksgiving break – no school.
- November 29, Thanksgiving break – no Religious Ed.



PIE COMMITTEE PROJECTS:

Below are some programs/projects the Partners in Education (PIE) committee paid for this past year. We are greatly appreciative to this committee and all of you who donated for their fundraising efforts and their constant work on behalf of our School.

Grandparents Day, Red Ribbon Week, AR Parties, AR Quizzes, 5th Grade Graduation, Catholic Schools Week, Outreach, Field Trips, Field Day, DARE Party, Flagpole, School Sign, Teachers \$100 Start-up Money, Back to School Swim Party, Teacher Appreciation Week, School Awnings, Playground Playhouse, Playground Landscaping, Computer Programs.

PIE Committee Members are: Holly Patterson, Shane & Rachel Matthews, Mike & Billie Pflug, Jennifer Schneider, Zuniga Kluesner, Shellia Cochran, Angie Wethington, Jennifer Riley, Carisa Dove, Vicki Dunn, & Paul Delor.

CHICKEN DINNER RAFFLE WINNERS:

- \$500.00 Marge Dougan, \$100.00 Lonnie Greenwell
- \$100.00 Lisa Vinnedge \$100.00 Robert Reinhart
- \$100.00 Samantha Cutsinger

HELP WANTED:

RCIA Program is in need of child care workers on Sunday mornings once a month from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. Please call Maegan Edwards at 677-2850 or the parish office at 385-2617 if you would like to help. This is a great way to serve your church and show our RCIA participants that we are a parish that cares.



Thank you to Fr. Joe Butz and all those who made the Parish Mission a great success. Those who attended were surely blessed by each evening's prayer, Fr. Joe's homily, and the time of fellowship that followed. We are now renewed as a faith community. Let us go forth to serve. Amen! Alleluia!

Kevin Skendzel representing **Diocesan Publications** (our Bulletin Publisher) was at our parish last week. He has been renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office at 385-2617. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

November 15, 2009

Mass Intentions For The Week

Sunday November 15 9:00 a.m. Donna Meyer
Thursday November 19 6:00 p.m. Leonard & Lydia Mills
Sunday November 22 9:00 a.m. Jerad McConnell

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday before the following week.



Gifts for God

WEEKLY GIVING Nov. 08, 2009

43 - Adults \$3013.00 - Loose \$124.90

Total - \$3137.90 Last Week - \$2113.00

Weekly Budget Need: \$2061.00

Liturgical Ministers:

9:00 a.m. Sunday, November 22, 2009

Lector: Barb Verley
Euch. Mins.: Presider
Host: Lori Stolz
Gift Bearers: Alan Will Family
Greeter: Roberta Peter & Janice Rausch
Ushers: Mike McConnell, John Davis Jr.
John Davis & Ken Dupps
Servers: Joe Schulten & Noah Elmore

Weekly Readings

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3, Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18, Mark 13:24-32

Monday: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63

Psalms 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158

Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31, Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-8

Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31, Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15

Luke 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29, Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15

Luke 9:41-44

Friday: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59, Ps: 1Chronicles 29:10-12, Luke 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13, Ps 9:2-3, 4, 6, 16, 19

Luke 20:27-40

MAKING ENDS MEET

"It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book." – Daniel 12:1

The end of the Church year reminds us of the end of the world. "It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time" (Dn 12:1). "Men will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the earth" (Lk 21:26). "Indeed, had the Lord not shortened the period, not a person would be saved. But for the sake of those He has chosen, He has shortened the days" (Mk 13:20). "False messiahs and false prophets will appear performing signs and wonders to mislead, if it were possible, even the chosen. So be constantly on guard!" (Mk 13:22-23) The Lord tells us to "stand erect" and hold our heads high (Lk 21:28) when the world ends. The way to have this confidence is to live for the Lord right now. If we end this year totally committed to the Lord, totally forgiven of sin, and totally forgiving of others, we can have confidence that we will be right with God at the world's end. If the world were to end today, what would you do? Saint Francis of Assisi had the right answer when he said: "I'd do what I'm doing now." Obeying the Lord is our only security for the future and the only security we need. *Reflection from Presentation Ministries*

The next Ministry Schedule will be coming out soon. If you would like to do one of these ministries or be taken off, please see Lynn Hook .

Fr. Ron and My Church Family,

It was such an honor to hear that I was selected this year to get the Brute Award.

Oakland City and Blessed Sacrament has been home to me for 80 years. My faith is the greatest blessing my parents could have ever given to me. It has sustained me throughout my life raising my family and the extended family also.

Thank God and all of you for being there for me. My prayers are with you always.

Bless all of you! LaRae

YEAR OF THE PRIEST
JUNE 19, 2009 – JUNE 19, 2010

An Open Letter from the Princeton Council 1131 of the Knights of Columbus:

On June 19, 2009, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated *The Year of the Priest*. In his remarks, the Pope affirmed that the “essential nucleus of Christianity” is found in the Heart of Jesus. It is a love that invites us to focus outside ourselves and make ourselves a gift of love without reserve.

Addressing all the faithful, Pope Benedict reminded us the Priest is a servant of love and is indispensable for the Church and the world. He recalled the duty of all the Church to pray for priests noting that their sanctification depends not only on their own efforts, but also on the intercessory prayers of the faithful to Christ, the Eternal High Priest.

During *The Year of the Priest*, the Knights of Columbus urge all Catholics to connect with present and future priests. The Knights regularly support seminarians through the national Refund Support Vocations Program and through the Support Our Seminarians Program in Indiana.

The Knights of Columbus Princeton Council 1131 wishes to say “Thank You” and “God Bless” to Father Ron and all of the Priests of the Evansville Diocese. We pledge to keep you in our prayers. We encourage all parishioners to pray for them also.

--William V. Tuley, Grand Knight, Princeton Council 1131

NEWS FROM THE HILL

Many of you will remember Nick Seib, the seminarian who spent one summer working in our parishes. Nick recently wrote one of our parishioners with the following update.

I thank you for your prayers and support. It means a lot to me and to all the seminarians here. We appreciate it. I am two months into my third year. Six in total. I can tell you that this has been a challenging semester. A hard workload, but the subjects are interesting. I ask you to continue to pray for me and for my discernment. I know that God will lead me to good places and I'm willing to walk wherever that is.

*God Bless,
Nick*

Please remember to pray for Nick and all seminarians in the diocese. If you would like to write to him, his address is: Nick Seib, St. Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, Indiana 47577

YOUR FAMILY AND THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS

The Year for Priests is a good opportunity to help children learn more about the priesthood and how we can make a difference to our priests. Try these ideas. **Adopt a priest:** Pick a priest to pray for and choose a special prayer that you say for him every day. **Send a card:** Thanksgiving is a great time to remember your priest. Send a card thanking him for answering God's call and bringing the sacraments to your family. **Have a movie night:** Watch a movie about Catholic priests. There are some fun movies like “The Bells of St. Mary's” or “Boy's Town,” or you can find a contemporary one by using the bishops' website (www.usccb.org/movies). **Take your family to Mass every weekend:** This is the best thing you can do for your priest.

ST. BONIFACE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:

Join us for the St. Boniface Annual Christmas Bazaar on *Sunday, November 29th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.* in the school gym and cafeteria. This event features activities for the kids; a silent auction; basket raffle; Chinese Auction; Santa's Sweet Shoppe; Christmas Gift Boutique; and a rummage sale of gently used Christmas items. Lunch, including homemade soups and grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, will be served in the cafeteria. Bring the family and have some holiday fun.

SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Sunday, Nov. 22, Providence Center, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Breads, pies, cakes, cookies, fudge, candy, jam and jellies homemade by sisters. Brunch available in O'Shaughnessy Dining Room. Gift Shop open 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Liturgy at 11 a.m.

Events at the Ferdinand monastery during the town's Christkindlmarkt weekend: Advent/Christmas Concert by the sisters' chorus and handbell choir — monastery church at 3 p.m. EST, November 22; “Christmas in the Crypt” (beneath monastery church) artwork displays and sales, music, and baked goods — Friday evening through Sunday; For Heaven's Sake, the monastery gift shop — Christmas items, specialty cookies from Simply Divine bakery, and much more; Tours of the monastery — 1, 2, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.thedome.org for more information.

The next meeting of Rainbow Catholics in Christ at St. Mary Church in Evansville will be on Thursday, November 19 at 6:30pm (CST) when we will view the film, “*For the Bible Tells Me So.*” This is a powerful story of five very normal, very Christian, very American families and how they handle the realization of having a gay child. The film offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity. *Everyone is welcome.* For additional information please contact Deacon Joe Stofleth at 425-1577; 453-3048, or jstofleth@evansville-diocese.org.