



THE LORD'S FLOCK

Sheep are high-maintenance animals. They are not very intelligent. Without guidance and care, especially in a climate like Israel's, they would die quickly from predators, starvation, or just their own slowness. The scriptural image of us as the Lord's flock is not terribly flattering to us, since it is only the never-ending diligence of a watchful shepherd that allows the flock to survive. The feast of Christ the King was intended to call the world back to Christ as the sole power of the world, to bring back a flock that had been scattered by many negative forces of the growing industrial, scientific, and war-torn world of the early twentieth century. It is fitting that, as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear about Christ the Shepherd who cares for us and who, likewise, will be there at the end of time. Interestingly enough, as the Gospel illustrates, our own destiny is determined by the way we have been "shepherds" to the rest of the flock. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Each day parents feed "the hungry", give drink "to the thirsty", "welcome", "dress" and "care for" their children. In today's gospel Jesus is telling parents: "You are blessed by my Father because when you did this for the little ones, you did it for me." The normal routine of raising a family is holy and can make us saints. Be sure to thank someone who cared for you when you were in need.

SIGN-UPS If anyone is interested in being a Eucharistic Minister at Thanksgiving Day Mass, sign up sheets will be in the Sacristy.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING On Tuesday, December 6th the Ladies of Blessed Sacrament will again be entertaining the residents at the Presbyterian Lodge at 2628 Elmwood Avenue at 7:00pm. Why not spend an hour or so to bring some "Christmas Joy" to the shut-ins at the nursing home. They really enjoy hearing the carols! Please call Marge Wiertel at 454-4811 or Carrie Sciamanda at 455-8725 if you plan to attend. We certainly hope you can join us!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 10:00am in the cafeteria. Breakfast buffet will consist of eggs, sausage, donuts, milk, juice and coffee. Cost is \$4.50 per person. Entertainment will be provided by the Erie Playhouse Showstoppers. Children 10 and under will receive a special gift! Call Carla Matczak at 864-9674 for reservations by Monday, November 21st. PTC and the Ushers are hosting the breakfast.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH will be having their 17th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Marketplace Grill on Thanksgiving Day for the area lonely and those in need. Each year, they serve nearly 1,500 hungry people. They are in need of homemade or store bought pies for the dinner. Pies may be delivered to the Villa Maria Community Living Center on Wednesday, November 23rd from 8am – 8pm. Please do not deliver pies to the Marketplace Grill. Financial contributions are also being accepted to cover the dinner expenses and to assist those in need throughout the year through the ministries of the Sister of St. Joseph.

FOOD BANK Anyone who would like to donate food gift certificates or money for our Parish Food Bank for the upcoming holiday season, please drop it off at the Parish Office.



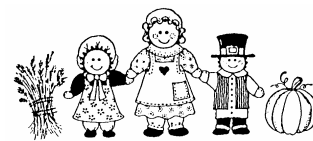
THIS IS A DAY FOR THANKS ~ A day in which we see or hear or feel the wonder of the other moments of the year.

THIS IS A DAY FOR TIME ~ A day in which we think of pasts that make our present rich and future bountiful.

THIS IS A DAY FOR JOY ~ A day in which we share a gift of laughter warm and gentle as a smile.

ABOVE ALL, THIS A DAY FOR PEACE ~ So let us touch each other and know that we are one. For these and other blessings we thank thee, God.

On this Thanksgiving Day, be thankful for all that you have – family, food, health, shelter – take the time to tell those you love that you are thankful for them in your life.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE PRIESTS AND STAFF

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS will be held at 9:00am. During the offertory, parishioners are invited to bring up a bag of non-perishable items that will be given to our parish food bank families during December. There will be baskets available for monetary donations.

DOORS LOCKED The back entrance across from the fieldhouse will be locked from Tuesday morning 11/22 through Saturday 11/26. The floors are being stripped and waxed. If you park in the back for church you will NOT be able to enter through those doors for daily Mass and for Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE will be held at Elmwood Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7pm. All are invited to attend, a reception will be held following the service.

GIVING TREE will be in the vestibule of Church in time for our Thanksgiving liturgy. Please take a name off the tree, purchase a gift for the person and return it UNWRAPPED with the name tag attached. Gift recipients are from our Parish Food Bank and Emmaus Soup Kitchen. Our Confirmation class will be wrapping the gifts as part of their Advent service project. Besides the generous donations of gifts, we will be collecting wrapping paper, ribbon and tape for the project. The Blessed Sacrament Community has always been overwhelmingly generous with this project – let's continue this wonderful tradition of giving! All gifts are due to the Parish Office by Friday, December 16th.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS Please return your pink envelope marked "Memorials and Altar Decorations for Christmas" by Sunday, December 11th.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, November 25th. ☺

Christ the King

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for all of the sick and shut-in of our Parish Family.

Mass of Christian Burial was given to Evelyn Fitzgerald. The prayers and sympathy of the Parish Family were extended to her family. May she rest in peace.

31 CLUB VOCATIONS – MASS REMINDERS

Monday 11/21 Diane Fisher
Tuesday 11/22 Gerry Fagan
Wednesday 11/23 Jim Zink, Viola Kuhn
Thursday 11/24 Mary Hoffman
Friday 11/25 Donna Reusch
Saturday 11/26 Shirley Kiehlmeier, Kevin Kunik
Sunday 11/27 Mary Maloney, Mary Zbach, Jim Zink, Barb Pronko, Martha Lata

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

Monday 11/21 – Marge Wiertel, Jack & Shirley Kenehan, Helen Imler

“RAISE THE ROOF LOTTERY”

Tickets are \$5...get yours now!!

You can't win if you don't have a ticket!!

Our winners for this past week:

11/7 Fr. John Detisch #443 \$50...Rita Parker #444 \$10...unsold ticket #442...**11/8** Marilyn Balliett #454 \$50...unsold ticket #455...unsold ticket #453...**11/9** Dr. Raymond Dombrowski #997 \$50...Ron Groner #998 \$10...Betty O'Hara #996 \$10...**11/10** unsold ticket #601...unsold ticket #602...unsold ticket #600...**11/11** Heather Bithell #323 \$50...unsold ticket #324...Melanie Ropski #322 \$10...**11/12** unsold ticket #076...unsold ticket #077...unsold ticket #075 **11/13** Harvey Onorato #751 \$100...Cathie Wiesel #752 \$10...Mary Pope #750 \$10.

DECEMBER & JANUARY TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

LOTTERY TICKETS December and January tickets are now available in the Parish Office and after Mass. These make nice stocking stuffers, St. Nicholas Day gifts or that last minute gift exchange for your Kris Kringle!! Where else can you buy a \$5 ticket and have 3 chances to win every day for a month? Get your ticket today!!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will not meet on Sunday, December 4th [Breakfast with Santa] Sunday, December 25th [Christmas] or Sunday, January 1st [New Year's Day].

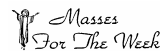
NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

A CHRISTMAS GIFT OF PEACE St. Benedict Academy Alumnae Assoc. and the Benedictine Sisters present a Christmas choral concert in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the sisters on Friday, November 25th at the Warner Theatre at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased at the Civic Center Box Office or through Ticket Master 456-7070.

ST. GEORGE ALUMNI THANKSGIVING GATHERING will be held on Saturday, November 26th. Plans include attending 5:30 Mass, tour of the school and time to reminisce. Light refreshments will be provided. Cost is \$5, make reservations by calling 864-0622.

OLP CADILLAC BALL “Golden Memories” the Cadillac Ball will be held on Friday, December 2nd at Rainbow Gardens from 8-midnight. Dave Stevens Big Band will provide the music for a “smoke free” evening of dancing and good times. Tickets are \$10 per person and is BYOB with beer, pop and mixers included. Call 868-1831 for tickets.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament in Memory of Jim Carideo from his family.



Monday, November 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 +David Rieder / Wife & Son [anniversary]

8:00 +Pearl Torrelli / Mr & Mrs Walter Wilhelm [birthday]

Tuesday, November 22 – St. Cecilia

7:00 +Mary Pirrello / Husband & Children [wedding anniversary]

8:00 +Peg Radack / Son [birthday]

Wednesday, November 23 – St. Clement, St. Columban & Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro

7:00 +Roy Hughes / Parents [anniversary]

8:00 +Mary Allen / Don & Trish Bennett

Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Day

9:00 +Patrick Reinsel / Joe & Helen Bury [birthday]

Friday, November 25 – St. Catherine of Alexandria

7:00 +Joseph & Mary Rodrigues / Frank & Betty Twaroski

8:00 +John Whaling, Sr. / Family [anniversary]

Saturday, November 26 – Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent

5:15 +Virginia V. Miller / Ann & Ludwig Wizlinski

Sunday, November 27 – First Sunday of Advent

7:30 +Clarence Mitchell / Granddaughter

9:00 +Joseph Santone / Family

11:00 +Dr. Fred Bove / Family [anniversary]

7:30 *People of the Parish

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT – November 13, 2005

Weekly Need:	\$ 9,200.00	
Adult Offering:	\$ 7,000.50	558 envelopes (1259)
Loose Collection:	\$ 707.65	
Youth:	\$ 74.30	85 envelopes (500)
Young Adults:	\$ 40.50	19 envelopes (192)
Total	\$ 7,822.95	

SINCE JULY 1, 2005 (START OF FISCAL YEAR)

Offertory Budget YTD:	\$184,000.00
Offertory Received YTD:	\$168,919.26
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -15,080.74

2005 ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Assessment:	\$ 55,629.00
Total Pledged to Date:	\$ 66,041.00
Paid to Date:	\$ 59,377.00
# of Pledges:	454

Our Roof Goal:	\$100,000.00
Overage from CSA:	\$ 10,412.00
Gifts towards the Roof:	\$ 2,970.00
Gift from PTC	\$ 1,000.00
YTD Profit from	
“Raise the Roof” Lottery	\$ 9,300.00
Parish Capital Improvements	\$ 6,665.50
(gold envelope)	
Balance to reach goal:	\$ 69,652.50

CHILDREN'S CORNER

During the past week some of our children noted on their church envelopes some ways they shared their time and talents: “I cleaned my room, I watched my baby sister for my mom, I cleaned my room, I helped my mom, I helped my mom clean up my sister’s mess in the play room, I helped make a cake for my aunt’s birthday, I celebrated my Samuel’s 2nd birthday, I helped rake leaves, I help my dad, I will do chores around the house, I made my brothers laugh, I raked leaves, I helped paint the spare bedroom, I helped put the bed together, I helped Grandma with her shopping, I helped a friend get up when they fell at school, by being nice and respectful and loving, I helped my friend move to another spot when her leg was broken, I helped UNICEF.” We thank them for sharing their time, talent and treasures by using their church envelopes.