

Blessings to Ponder at Thanksgiving

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world;
If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the worlds wealthy;
If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week;
If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world;
If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare, even in the United States;
If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not;
If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer a healing touch.

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 also be baskets for monetary donations.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE this year will be held at Mount Calvary Lutheran, 32nd and Greengarden, on Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00pm. Monsignor Magraw will be the homilist.



The Giving Tree

GIVING TREE It is that time of the year again! Our Giving Tree will be going up this week so when you come to Mass next weekend please take a tag from the tree, purchase a gift, wrap it and return it **with the tag securely attached** to the Parish Office by **Thursday, December 16th**. This has been a successful tradition for years because of your generosity. Thanks for all your support.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Please return your pink envelope marked "Memorials and Altar Decorations for Christmas" by December 12th.

SECOND COLLECTION today is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please help support the people in our community who are in need by donating to this special collection. "The poor shall inherit the earth." Perhaps through the many blessing they receive through your support the poor shall inherit the goodness of the earth while present in the pew next to you. Give generously and get the gift of a lifetime, the smile of a child in need.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA will be held on Sunday, December 5th beginning at 10am in the cafeteria. The cost is \$4.50 per person which includes a breakfast buffet, entertainment, and of course...SANTA! Please call 864-9674 for tickets by November 22. Sponsored by Blessed Sacrament PTC and Ushers.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the feast of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year. Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service. —James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING is today and our parish has the opportunity to pause from our busy and hectic schedules to reflect before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on our altar. We encourage parishioners to accept the assigned time for adoration and come to church for Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction will end the day at 5:00pm. Since our parish and school are named in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, it is only fitting for us to make time to pray before Him. As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches we are mindful for the many blessings that are ours! Please accept our invitation and join us in celebrating the Feast of Christ the King.

Time of Adoration

Noon to 1:00pm
1:00 – 2:00
2:00 – 3:00
3:00 – 4:00
4:00 – 5:00

Last Name begins with

A, B, C, D, E
F, G, H, I, J
K, L, M, N, O
P, Q, R, S, T
U, V, W, X, Y, Z



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING
FROM THE PRIESTS AND STAFF
OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, November 26th. ☺

THOUGHTS ON GIVING "Brothers and sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." Colossians 1:12. How do you thank God for making you an heir to the kingdom of Heaven? How do you care for and support that kingdom that you will inherit some day? These are the questions that every good steward must answer both here on earth in our daily lives and when we meet God face to face in His eternal kingdom.

THANK YOU to Betty Weber for donating the money to pay the "vet bill" for our broken camel from the church crèche. The donation is in memory of her first husband Howard N. LaFontaine and second husband John R. Weber.

The Feast of Christ the King

OUR PARISH FAMILY

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



HOLIDAY REQUEST Anyone who would like to donate food gift certificates or money to our Parish Food Bank for the upcoming holiday season, please call Mary Ann at the Parish Office. We can really use your help this holiday season.

**HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
FAMILY ~ FAITH ~ FUTURES
MERCYHURST PREP – Sunday, November 21st
12:30 – 3:00pm
THREE UNIQUE SCHOOLS ~ ONE COMMON PURPOSE**

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE will be holding input sessions again in regards to the future growth and success of our parish/school. The sessions will be held on Tuesday, November 30th and Thursday, December 2nd at 6:00pm and at 7:30pm and on Saturday, December 4th at 10:00am. All sessions will be held in the cafeteria. If you are interested in sharing your views about Blessed Sacrament, please call either the School Office at 455-1387 or Joyce at the Parish Office at 454-0171 to sign up for a session.

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

Monday 11/22 – Lisa Dietrich, Sue D'Aurora, Marge Wiertel, Shirley & Jack Kenehan

31 CLUB VOCATIONS – MASS REMINDERS

Monday 11/22 – date available
 Tuesday 11/23 – Jim Zink, Viola Kuhn
 Wednesday 11/24 – Mary Hoffman
 Thursday 11/25 – Donna Reusch
 Friday 11/26 – Shirley Kiehlmeier, Kevin Kunik
 Saturday 11/27 – Mary Maloney, Mary Zbach, Jim Zink
 Sunday 11/28 – Monsignor Magraw

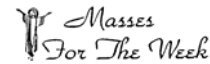
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
 Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14;
 Mt 24:37-44

The Knights of Columbus at St. Boniface are sponsoring the Broadway production of *Late Nite Catechism*, an uproarious piece of theatre, on Saturday, December 4th at St. Boniface, 9367 Wattsburg Rd (Route 8). Seating is limited so reserve your tickets early! For tickets and/or information call 825-4439.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL ~ CLASS OF 1972 is holding their 32nd year class reunion. For more information call Charlene 454-2347 or Michael at 459-3275.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament in memory of John J. Sedlock from Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brabender.



Monday, November 22 – St. Cecilia

7:00 +Henry Sokolowski / Family
 8:00 +Peg Radack / Family

Tuesday, November 23 – St. Clement, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

7:00 +Roy Hughes / Parents [anniversary]
 8:00 +Dorothy Wray / Sophie & Ralph Bruno [wedding anniv]

Wednesday, November 24 – St. Andrew Dung-Lac

7:00 +David Rieder / Wife & Son
 8:00 +Patrick Reinsel / Sil & John Danowski [birthday]

Thursday, November 25 – St. Catherine of Alexandria

9:00 +Richard Grumblatt / Family

Friday, November 26 – Weekday

7:00 +All Souls
 8:00 +Julia Detrick / Marie & Ted Elsesser

Saturday, November 27 – Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent

5:15 +Fred Bove / Family [anniversary]

Sunday, November 28 – 1st Sunday of Advent

7:30 +Mary Santo Pietro / Family [birthday]
 9:00 +Harry Roberts / Marty Roberts – Wife and
 Daughters Karen & Cheri [anniversary]
 11:00 *People of the Parish
 7:30 +John Whaling, Sr. / Family [anniversary]

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

November 14, 2004

Weekly Need:	\$ 9,319.23	
Adult Offering:	\$ 6,858.35	540 envelopes
Loose Collection:	\$ 659.16	
Youth Offering:	\$ 48.55	65 envelopes
Total:	\$ 7,566.06	

*Thank you for your generous support of our parish needs.
 Please remember Blessed Sacrament Parish in your Will.
 This assures our Parish continued financial strength.*

SINCE JULY 1, 2004 (START OF FISCAL YEAR)

Offertory Budget YTD:	\$ 186,384.60
Offertory Received YTD:	\$ 150,411.69
Surplus/Deficit:	\$ -35,972.91

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Assessment:	\$ 56,699.00
Pledged to Date:	\$ 31,866.00
Paid to Date:	\$ 29,855.00
# of Pledges:	379

CAPITAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Pledged to Date	\$ 502,585.31
Paid to Date	\$ 419,638.08

# of Pledges	707
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