

**TRUE STEWARDSHIP** The gospel message proclaimed throughout the New Testament invites us to live in harmony with the world. This is a challenge to care for the world and be stewards of all that God has given us. Like generations before us, we are entrusted with the care of the earth so that generations to follow may enjoy the same gifts. Sometimes, however, we are absorbed into the ways of the world. When we are of the world, we rely heavily on the power of wealth, beauty, fame, and accumulation of material possessions. We want earthly possessions and carelessly turn our hearts from the responsibilities of stewardship and conservation. The readings today challenge us to walk away from the world so that we might inherit our share of God's kingdom. How we live our lives directly reflects our love for God.

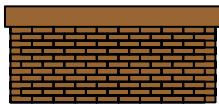
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**STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK** Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES** The gospel today challenges us "to testify to the truth". While we are good at pointing out NEGATIVE truths such as the shortcomings of others, we tend to be silent about the POSITIVE truths. Try looking at the good actions and decisions of others each day.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will not meet next week, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, due to Breakfast with Santa.

**FIRST FRIDAY** is this Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Adoration after the 8:45am Mass followed by Benediction at Noon.



**BUY-A-BRICK** The Knights of Columbus are embarking on a mission to have a sign for our parish constructed in front of church. It will be an electronic sign that will allow us to post events, Mass schedule, sporting events, etc. They will be selling engraved bricks for \$50 a piece to help offset the cost. These bricks can be a memorial for a loved one or personalized with your family name or in honor of someone. Order forms are available in the Parish Office.

**SECOND COLLECTION-BULLDOG ATHLETICS** The athletes and cheerleaders will take up a second collection today at all the Masses. This collection will benefit all of the athletic programs at Blessed Sacrament. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** The Ladies of Blessed Sacrament will be entertaining the residents of Presbyterian Lodge on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm Please call Marge Wiertel at 454-4811 or Carrie Sciamanda at 455-8725 if you would like to join them. All are welcome, hope to see you there.

**PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS** The next class will be held on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am in the basement meeting room. Please call the Parish Office to register.



The Giving Tree

**THE GIVING TREE** is all decorated and full of ornaments for you to take! Please take an ornament 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 from the 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 us continue this wonderful tradition of giving! All gifts are due to the Parish Office by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**BS FAMILY DAY AT SPLASH LAGOON** On Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> Blessed Sacrament PTC will host an all-day event at Splash Lagoon. One flyer per family, available in the vestibule of Church, is required and must be presented at the time you purchase your passes. All friends and families of Blessed Sacrament are invited to attend. This is guaranteed to be a fun and enjoyable way to end the Thanksgiving Holiday

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** Your sponsor certificates are due by **November 27<sup>th</sup>**! Sponsors need to get a certificate of sponsorship from their home parish in order to be a sponsor (this includes parishioners of Blessed Sacrament)! **On December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, there will be no afternoon session. ALL candidates and their sponsors will attend the 5:45 class with the Rite of Enrollment to follow the session at the 7:30 p.m. Mass. Please remember your assigned snack!!

**SIGN-UP SHEETS** will be available this weekend in the Sacristy for Christmas and New Years for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers.



**SAINT MARTIN CENTER** is in desperate need of blankets, coats, scarves, gloves, hats, etc. (basically anything to keep people warm). They are also in need of household necessities such as pots, pans, dishes, silverware, appliances to cook warm meals and curtains. These are some of the items given to clients on vouchers so there is no cost to them. However, because of the cooling temperatures, especially at night, they are running out of these items faster than they can get them into the thrift stores. Also, if people make donations, they could be designated for utility costs to help alleviate some of the high natural gas costs - again, as it gets colder out, people are having to decide whether to buy groceries or pay their gas bills. You can donate to St. Martin Center at 1701 Parade Street between 8:30 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday or call 814-452-6113 to schedule a pick-up if you live within the Erie city limits.

**SNOWBIRDS** It is that time of year again when some of our parishioners go south or west for the winter. If you would like the bulletin sent to you while you are gone, please call Diane at the Parish Office. It is always nice to see bulletins from different places, so please bring some bulletins home with you in the spring! The Post Office can forward your envelopes during the months you will be gone or we can put you on an inactive status. If you prefer the inactive status, please let us know.

**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

## Christ the King

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

Mass of Christian Burial was given to John Ciotti who died this week. The prayers and sympathy of the Parish Family were extended to his family. May he rest in peace.

### CONGRATULATIONS

to the following Villa Maria Students who earned honors in the first quarter:

**First Honors:** Ali Chojnacki, Jessica Dill, Angela Lombardi, Julia Luthringer, Lauren MacWhirter, Stephanie Milhisler, and Melanie Moore **Second Honors:** Amy Oldach

### 31 CLUB VOCATIONS – MASS REMINDERS

Monday 11/27 Mary Maloney, Mary Zbach, Jim Zink, Barb Pronko, Martha Lata  
Tuesday 11/28 Msgr. Magraw  
Wednesday 11/29 Helen Felice, Julia Parana  
Thursday 11/30 Gerry Ward, Terry Shannon  
Friday 12/1 Marilyn Balliett, Mary Jo Fulton  
Saturday 12/2 Lee Zaremba, Sue Shannon, Ella Flick  
Sunday 12/3 Holly Konopka, Patricia Brown

### CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

Mon 11- 27 NO SCHOOL  
Tues 11-28 Bill Schriefer, Gina Lintelman, Eileen Widomski and Mary Fiske  
Wed 11-29 Cindi Orlando, Lisa Jones, Joni Medvec, Sue Kelly and Marion Inman  
Thurs 11-30 Marianne Zimmerman and Lisa Kaveney  
Fri 12-1 Bob McGowan and Janet Fisher

### “RAISE THE ROOF LOTTERY”

Tickets are \$5.00...gets yours now...

#### Our winners for the past week:

**11/13** unsold ticket #329...Dr. Dombrowski #330 \$10...Vera Barna #328 \$10...**11/14**...Bob Carroll #657 \$50...John Facchino #658 \$10...Lisa Celeski #656 \$10...**11/15** unsold ticket #190...unsold ticket #191...Jo Krivonak #189 \$10...**11/16** unsold ticket #041...unsold ticket #042...unsold ticket #040...

December tickets are now available...  
they make great gifts for St. Nicholas Day!!

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank the following business for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin. Please patronize our advertisers; they make our bulletin possible.

### QUINN FUNERAL HOME

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament in memory of Stanley Baniewicz from Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kujawski.



#### Monday, November 27 – Weekday

7:00 +Clarence Mitchell / Family \*\*  
8:00 +John Whaling, Sr. / Family [anniversary]

#### Tuesday, November 28 – Weekday

7:00 +Josephine Proba / Flaherty Family \*\*  
8:00 +Anna Golembiewski / Anna Wisniewski

#### Wednesday, November 29 – Weekday

7:00 +All Souls \*\*  
8:00 +Frank Fedor / Mrs. Lois DiNicola & Mrs. Dorothy Patama

#### Thursday, November 30 – St. Andrew

7:00 +Theodore Niebauer, Sr. / Son – Ted Niebauer, Jr. \*\*  
8:00 +Eileen Anderson / Edith McLaughlin

#### Friday, December 1 – Weekday

7:00 +Marcella & Walter Zink / Family \*\*  
8:45 +Giovanni Ciotti / Family

#### Saturday, December 2 – Weekday

8:00 +Mary Camera / Mr. & Mrs. Casimir Rzomp \*\*

#### Vigil: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

5:15 +Frances Letizo / Letizo & Winiarczyk Families [anniv]

#### Sunday, December 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

7:30 \*People of the Parish  
9:00 +Jim Carideo / Family [anniversary]  
11:00 +Maria Giuseppa Cipicchio / Family [anniversary]  
7:30 +Robert MacWhirter / John and Chris Shalkham  
\*\*held in the Chapel – use Greengarden entrance

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT 11/12

DUE TO THE DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN COMPANY...  
ALL FIGURES FOR 11/19 AND 11/26  
WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

**Why God made Moms...** by Elementary School Students  
She is the only one who knows where the scotch tape is...

Mostly to clean the house...

To help us out of there when we were getting born...

#### **How did God make Mothers?**

He used dirt, just like the rest of us

Magic plus super powers and a lot of string

God made my Mom just the same like he made me...he just used bigger parts

#### **What did Mom need to know about Dad before she married him?**

His last name

She had to know his background. Like is he a crook?

Does he make at least \$800 a year?

Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

**If you could change one thing about your Mom, what would it be?**

She has this weird thing about keeping my room clean...I'd get rid of that

I'd make my mom smarter, then she would know that it was my sister who did it and not me

I would get rid of those invisible eyes in the back of her head!