



November 16, 2008

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MASS TIMES

Holy days and weekday masses – check the bulletin
Saturday – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday – 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday – 3:30 p.m. and daily after morning Mass

BAPTISM

Expectant couples/parents of newly born children,
contact the office for information.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the parish office at least 6
months before the wedding and prior to making
other arrangements.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is a process through which adults are fully
initiated into the Catholic faith. For more
information, please call the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday / 8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome new parishioners. Come by or call the
office to register. When moving out of the parish,
changing address, phone number or any other
information, please notify the parish office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due in the parish office by e-mail or in writing by
11:00 a.m. on Monday.
ddavis@stmarysgreensburg.com

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – NOVEMBER 17

Prayer Group – 7:00 p.m. – Ed. Building

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 18

Rosary for the unborn – 11:30 a.m. – church

Card Party – 1:00-4:00 p.m. – ed. building

Adult Choir – 6:00 p.m. – Church

Finance mtg. – 7:00 p.m. – office

Stewardship – 7:00 p.m. – office basement

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 19

Religious Education – 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 20

RCIC – 5:30 p.m. – office

1st Reconciliation – 6:45 p.m. – church

RCIA – 7:00 p.m. – Ed. bldg.

ACT – 7:00 p.m. - office

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the sick and suffering and their families of our parish and community:

Betty Behlmer, Ron Blanford, Marie Craig, Linda Creamer, Dave Denny, Mary Dickman, Dick Froehling, Mike Green, Matthew Heath, infant, Paul Huber, Patty Huser, Liz Johnston, Susie Loyd, Aaron McCrary, Sandy McFarland, Ralph Meer, Betty Melton, Tom Ogden, Jeremy Phillips, Gish Ray, Dick & Blanche Russell, Don & Anna Marie Schwering, Thomas Shazer, Cortney Snyder, Lucille Stewart, Jeff & Phyllis Turner.

Please pray for all of our armed forces serving both abroad and in the U.S. especially for:

Stephen AmRhein, Ben Brancamp, Joe Davis, Mike Eggleston, Chris Gauck, Jonathan Gibson, Paul Hellmich, Adam Herbert, Kipper Hull, Edward Hurt, Todd Lecher, Jeff McNeal, Joe McCullough, Steve Redmon, Kevin Rohr, Eric Saylor, Victor Tumilty, Brent Wright, & Francis Young.

If you have a friend or loved one that you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office @ 663-8427. They will remain on our list for 4 weeks.

WEBSITE

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Bulletin Deadline for November 29/30

(Thanksgiving) bulletin

All information by e-mail or in writing must be in the parish office no later than November 19 at 11:00 a.m.

2009 Parish Calendar at all doorways of the church. We have ordered enough for each family to have one calendar.

Can You Help

A lady in our parish is seeking a ride to 4:30 p.m. mass each week. She lives in town and since her surgery she is not released to drive. If you could help in this important way, please call Vickie Fee at 527-2612.

CRHP Continuation Committee meeting, Monday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office conference room.

Reconciliation

The sacrament of reconciliation focuses on our need to be healed so that we can experience a restored relationship with God and our neighbors. The rite of reconciliation reflects this focus by encouraging each church to have an open, welcoming room where we can experience the healing touch of Jesus and listen to God's word in scripture.

The sacrament reminds us that Jesus is a friend who accepts and strengthens us, not a judge who scrutinizes us as we confess a list of sins. It also demands that we let go of our sins in order to show Jesus' way to others.

We welcome the children preparing for 1st reconciliation to receive this sacrament this week. As the parish welcomed each child into the faith community at baptism, we now invite and welcome these children to the celebration of the forgiveness of the Lord.

Blood Drive

Here is a gift opportunity that will cost you only an hour of your time that will benefit as many as three people. PLAN NOW to go to the Blood Drive at the Knights of St. John hall on Monday November 17th between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. God has given you your life; now share it with your neighbor. You'll be glad you did.

Adoration Chapel

Just a reminder, adorers should plan in advance to have your hour covered if you will be out of town, etc. on Thanksgiving. Please check with your hourly coordinator if you need a sub. Thanks for your commitment to this devotion. Monica O'Brien

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Nearly 37 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, and 13 million of those are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. Please donate prayerfully and generously to CCHD next weekend to help those in poverty help themselves.

New St. Joseph Missals available at the parish office for \$5.00.

Pastoral Musicians

A special invitation is given to attend the Saint Cecilia Sing and Mass and Blessing of Pastoral Musicians by Archbishop Buechlein on Sunday afternoon, November 16 at S.S. Peter & Paul Cathedral beginning at 4:30 p.m. A reception will follow at the Catholic Center.

The Year of St. Paul 2008-2009

The Journey in Captivity/Malta

Everyone reached the island; some swam to shore, while others drifted there on planks or debris from the ship. This simple and idyllic leg of their journey – “The natives showed us extraordinary hospitality; they lit a fire and welcomed all of us” (Acts 28:2) – symbolizes how the Pagan world was welcoming the Gospel. After the danger had passed and the shipwreck, Luke viewed this wonderful stop in Malta as the taste of the dawn of a resurrection. While Paul was placing a bundle of brushwood on the fire, a viper attached itself to his hand. He shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no harm... and the island’s inhabitants took him to be a God (cf. Acts 28:6). As well, Paul healed the father of the chief of the island, laying his hands on him, and on the crowd of sick who came to him. Finally, “They paid us great honor and when we eventually set sail they brought us the provisions we needed” (Acts 28:10).

Oldenburg Academy’s Open House - November 20th

Mark your calendars for Oldenburg Academy’s annual Open House on Thursday, November 20th, from 6 pm to 8pm. The evening begins in the OA Auditorium at 6 pm with a welcome and brief overview of the Academy and our mission. Student-guided tours of the campus will be available throughout the evening. Visitors have the opportunity to meet faculty, to interact with OA students and to see our beautiful campus. We welcome all to stop by the cafeteria for refreshments compliments of the OA parents and friends. Plan to come and learn more about the spirit of Oldenburg Academy – we welcome you all!

For more information about Oldenburg Academy or the upcoming Open House, please call the Annette Hunger in the admissions office at 812-934-4440 ext. 231 or via email at hunger@oldenburgacademy.org.

St. Maurice Church, Decatur Co. annual Turkey &

Sauerbraten Dinner Saturday, November 22 serving from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Meal served at the St. Maurice Hall. A free will offering will be taken.

St. Mary’s of the Rock annual Whole Hog Sausage and

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, December 7 from 7:00 to noon at Klee Hall. Menu: whole hog sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, eggs, fried apples, homemade coffeecakes and rolls. A free will donation will be taken and the public is welcome. Proceeds to benefit the religious education program.

Child Care Provider Needed

Seeking a child care provider for our daughter who is almost four years old. We desire occasional day care in the provider’s home. If interested, please contact Diane Simmonds at 663-3612.

Dear Community,

I will serve as the chaplain of the week at Decatur County Hospital from November 18-24. This means I go to the hospital every day and visit all the patients that request a visit by the chaplain. This is a service of the Greensburg Ministerial Association of which I am a member.

There will be a meeting of the finance committee and the stewardship committee this Tuesday November 18.

You are requested to take the flowers off the graves in our cemetery by November 19.

Thank you for your cooperation.

There will be a reconciliation service on Wednesday, November 19, at 6:45 p.m. for the Jr. High Religious Education children and their parents. We expect at least 60 people. We will have a number of priests to help with confessions.

On Thursday, November 20, there will be a 1st Reconciliation service for the 4th grade and their parents. The service will be at 6:45 p.m.

On Thursday, November 20, there will be a raffle and social at the K of C at 6:00 p.m. at which time four Colts tickets will be raffled off.

Fr. Bruno Lischwe will preach all the Masses November 22-23. He will be promoting the Liguorian magazine while giving his homily.

At 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 22, we will have a reconciliation service for second and third grade children and their parents. We will have extra priests to help with this service.

On Sunday, November 23, there will be the annual Thanksgiving prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Church of Greensburg. The collection will be donated to the Pregnancy Care Center here in Greensburg.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, the great American essayist and philosopher, said: “It requires a great deal of boldness and a great deal of caution to make a great fortune, and when you have it, it requires ten times as much skill to keep it.”

These words are good advice for businessmen, poker players and the servants in today’s Gospel. Jesus’ story tells us how the first two servants boldly and wisely invested the master’s money and made their fortune. It was the timid servant who simply preserved the money who was the one punished.

What is our own stewardship of God’s gifts to us? Keep smiling, Msgr. Knueven

✚ MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY – NOVEMBER 17****7:15 a.m.** Clarence Fisse**TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 18****7:15 a.m.** Paul Koors
Vera Hooten**WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 19****7:15 a.m.** Franklin Corya**8:30 a.m.** Greg Lux**THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 20****7:15 a.m.** Pauline Holtkamp**2:30 p.m.** Mary Joan Schoettmer
(Hickory Creek Nursing Home Mass)**FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 21****7:15 a.m.** Martha Holman
Agnes Middendorf**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – NOV. 22/23****4:30 p.m.** Rosemary Koors**7:00 a.m.** Clifford Walke**9:00 a.m.** Clement Peters**11:00 a.m.** For all people**👤 SERVERS****WEEKDAY/NOV. 17-21(Monday-Friday)****7:15 a.m.** Danielle Schroeder
Molly Redmon**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – NOV. 22/23****4:30 p.m.** Allison & Erin Hamilton**7:00 a.m.** Tyler Luber – Jacob Moorman**9:00 a.m.** Jordan Lloyd – Blake Rolf**11:00 a.m.** Blake Thomas
William Wattering**👤 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****SATURDAY/SUNDAY – NOV. 22/23****4:30 p.m.** Rita Hellmich – Diane Humpert
Priscilla Kramer – Bert McQueen

Sandy Meyer – Cindy Nelson-Schlarb

7:00 a.m. Sally Koors – Mary Ann Luken

Carol Ann Nobbe – Kathy Nobbe

Mary Ellen Menkedick – Linda Luber

9:00 a.m. Rita Burkert – Susie Colson

Sharon Crites – Nancy Fogg

Ben Fischer – Mary Green

11:00 a.m. Darlene Banks – Dennis Hagerty

Jennifer Blankman – Maryellen Connor

Angie Fontanilla – Marietta Hagerty

👤 LECTORS**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – NOV. 22/23****4:30 p.m.** Linda Ricke**7:00 a.m.** Scott Johnson**9:00 a.m.** Laura Jo Tebbe**11:00 a.m.** Dick Rust**School Zone**

October is a very busy time at St. Mary's School. We kick off the month with Fire Safety Week and our annual visit from the Greensburg Fire Department to teach valuable fire safety lessons. It is Right to Life month and we celebrate Red Ribbon Week at the end of the month where we learn about the dangers of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol to our young lives. October is also Missions month. Then, of course, there is Halloween. This year the kindergarten classes decided to combine two events for one good cause. After our trip to the pumpkin patch, we decided to carve our Jack-o-lanterns at school and use them to raise money for the Missions. Students first had to plan the face they wanted to carve by drawing it on paper. Then, with the help of Mrs. Tina Kramer and Mrs. Rocio Lara and the kindergarten teachers, students took turns carving the face of their own Jack-o-lantern. We use blunt pumpkin carving knives and the students had a great time scooping out the seeds and popping out the pieces of their faces. We read books about the life cycle of a pumpkin and students got to examine the seeds and feel the pulp.

After all of the pumpkins were carved, we put them on display for the whole school to see. Students were asked to "vote" for their favorites by putting loose change in the Jack-o-lanterns of their choice. The winner of the "voting" was the Missions because all of the money we collected - \$120.57 - will be donated to that cause. It was great to have fun in the name of charity!

Speaking of having fun, St. Mary's School celebrated Grandparents' Day on October 31. Since it fell on Halloween, our theme was, "Our Grandparents are a real TREAT!" Grandparents were invited to visit the classrooms, view musical performances in the gym, and even eat school lunch with their grandchildren. Our music teacher, Miss AnnMarie Colson, had the students in fine voice as they sang praises to the Lord in honor of the grandparents. Our cooks worked overtime to feed about 200 grandparents and guests, not to mention the usual crowd of students. Teachers made room in the classrooms for the honored guests to catch a glimpse of what their grandchildren do all day at school. It is hard to say who enjoys the day more, the students or their guests. On thing is certain, everyone leaves with a smile on his face that day.

The Saturday 4:00 Mass at St. John's in Enochsburg has been moved to St. Maurice Church, Decatur County. This began November 1st.

Thank You

Our heartfelt thank you to our children, their spouses and family for the wonderful open house celebrating our 50th Anniversary.

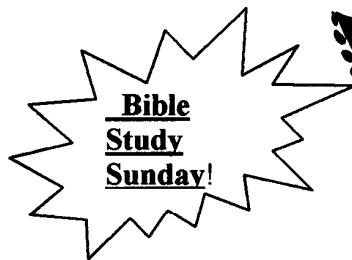
Thank you to Msgr. Knueven for the beautiful Anniversary Blessing at Mass.

Thank you to family and friends who came and shared in our celebration for the many cards, gifts, flowers and well wishes.

These memories will be treasured forever.

God's blessings to all.

Budd & June Ryle



Youth News

Andi's email: andmackee44@yahoo.com

Bible Verse of the Week: For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. I Thessalonians 5:5 (today's 2nd reading)

PENNY WARS

(as of November 5th)

- 1st ~ Freshmen ~ 34,192
- 2nd ~ 8th grade ~ 15,204
- 3rd ~ Sophomores ~ 14,706
- 4th ~ Seniors ~ 13,042
- 5th ~ Juniors ~ 8,254
- 6th ~ 7th grade ~ 3,832

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

Any current high school, college students or adults interested in going we would love to have you. We are going to Nashville, TN, June 28th - July 3rd. If you sign up after the first of the year your spot cannot be guaranteed so sign up early. I will be doing a first deposit mailing November 26th. More information can be found in the youth room of the parish office.

BIRTHDAYS

Nov 16th - 22nd

- Sun: Sara Treash
Brittany Blasdel
- Mon:
- Tues: Jordan Kramer
Morgan Menkedick
- Wed:
- Thurs:
- Fri:
- Sat: Tony Moorman

Saint of the Week

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

MARTYRS

- † 1860? - June 3, 1886; 1885-1887: Canonized in 1964
- † Uganda
- † Patron of African Catholic Action, youth

All martyrs' stories are inspiring, but the martyrdom of young people really makes us think.

By 1879 the first Catholic missions were started in Uganda and other parts of Central Africa. Under King Mtesa missionaries preached, people studied the faith, and many believed in Jesus. Unfortunately King Metesa was succeeded by King Mwanga, who began persecuting the Christians in Uganda.

Charles Lwanga was a young man, probably in his late teens, who was a page in the court of King Mwanga. After Mkasa, the Christian master of the court pages, criticized the king for his immoral acts and for murdering a group of missionaries, the king had him beheaded. On the same night Mkasa was martyred, Charles, a catechumen, was baptized. Charles replaced Mkasa as head of the pages and continued to encourage the young men to refuse to take part in the pagan customs of the country. Later a young page refused to become involved in the king's immoral acts and confessed that the page named Denis was instructing him to be a Christian. This angered the king so much that he sent for Denis and thrust a spear through his throat. Then Mwanga summoned all the pages and separated the Christian pages from the rest. He commanded his soldiers to kill Charles Lwanga and his friends. Most of the pages were under the age of 25. The youngest was 13 years old.

In prison Charles inspired the others to be courageous and faithful. The boys were executed 37 miles away. Three were killed on the road. Charles was burned alive. The others met the same fate or were beheaded. They prayed and sang enthusiastically at their deaths.

After their deaths, many other Christians were persecuted and killed. The example of these teenagers and men inspired other people, and in Africa the faith grew and spread. It has refused to die.

"BECAUSE THE SUN CANT SHINE EVERYDAY...WE HAVE FRIENDS."

Oldenburg Academy Orchestra and two guest orchestras will perform a free concert together during the Oldenburg Orchestra Musik Fest

Oldenburg, IN – The Oldenburg Academy Orchestra will be hosting the Oldenburg Orchestra Musik Fest on Saturday, November 22 and Sunday, November 23. Everyone is invited to Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception for a free concert on Sunday, November 23 at 3 pm. Please join us as we welcome the Padua Franciscan High School Orchestra from Parma, Ohio near Cleveland and the St. Ursula Academy Orchestra from Cincinnati, Ohio.

There will be over 110 high school orchestra musicians on the Oldenburg Academy stage for this concert, which will last for about an hour. Sr. Gloria Gallagher, OSF, (former Oldenburg Academy Orchestra Director) will return to Oldenburg's stage to lead the combined orchestra and audience in the opening song, *The Star Spangled Banner*.

Selections to be performed include classical, pop, film music, and the ever popular American favorite *The Stars and Stripes Forever* by John Philip Sousa. Some of the classical pieces include *The Moldau*, *Orpheus in the Underworld*, *Handel's Hornpipe*, *Grand March from Tannhauser* by Wagner, and the *Sandpaper Ballet* by Leroy Anderson. A jazz favorite will be *Take Five*. Film score selections include *The Theme from Star Wars*, *James Bond*, *Magnificent Seven* and a true movie favorite, *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception is a Franciscan Catholic co-educational college preparatory high school committed to academic excellence, social responsibility, leadership and personal growth for our students who will excel in our ever-changing world. Oldenburg Academy is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg. For more information, visit www.oldenburgacademy.org or contact our Admissions Director at 812.934.4440.

Messiah

On Saturday, December 6th, at Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Rd. in Carmel, the critically acclaimed, *Indianapolis Baroque Orchestra* (IBO) along with the *Meridian Vocal Consort* (MVC) will perform George Frideric Handel's sacred oratorio, *Messiah*. While there are many different performances of *Messiah* annually throughout the world, this one is truly special in that it features all Baroque-period instruments making it the only historically informed (time-period authentic) performance you will find in the Midwest. This major work will also be performed in its entirety. Because the length of the performance is just under three hours, two intermissions will occur and refreshments will be provided. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students. They are on sale in our church office Monday - Friday and will also be sold the night of the performance. If there are any questions, please feel free to call our parish at 846-3850.

There will also be a performance on Friday, December 5th at Trinity Episcopal Church, N. Meridian at 33rd St.. To purchase tickets for that performance, please call 926-1346.

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House

November 21-23, 2008 - "Hope Happens: The 'Small s' Sacraments" - A weekend retreat with author Kathy Coffey \$150 per person/\$250 per married couple/Begins 7:00 pm on Friday evening and will conclude by 12 noon on Sunday.

November 24, 2008 - "A Day of Reflection on the Psalms with Fr. William Munshower" 8:30 am - 2:30 pm \$35 per person

December 1, 2008 - "Morning for Moms with Laura Phillips"/8:30 am - 1:00 pm/\$30 per person

December 5-7, 2008 - "Comfort Ye My People" - An Advent retreat for women only with Fr. Ben Hawley, SJ

The cost is \$150 per person

December 11, 2008 - "Advent Dinner and Concert with Tony Avellana" - Join us for this 3rd Annual Dinner and Concert with Christian Music Artist Tony Avellana. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm with the concert to follow in our chapel. The cost is \$35 per person. Single reservations are accepted or reserve your table of 8.

December 18, 2008 - "Come away and rest awhile" - Silent non-guided reflection day/\$25 per person

December 31, 2008-January 1, 2009 - "Following the Star: Discovering Christ in our Midst" - Fr. Jim Farrell, Director of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House and Fr. John McCaslin, Pastor of St. Anthony and Holy Trinity Parishes in Indianapolis will be the presenters for this special overnight retreat. The retreat will begin with check in any time after 4:00 pm and will conclude with brunch on New Year's Day. The cost is \$135 per person or \$250 per married couple and includes the program, overnight accommodations, a festive New Year's Eve dinner, a late night Mass to welcome in the New Year, a New Year's celebration, a guided meditation experience and several conferences.

More information for any program can be found on our website at www.archindy.org/fatima where you can also register or call (317) 545-7681, fax (317) 545-0095 or contact Sandy Pasotti at spasotti@archindy.org.

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