



Mass Intentions

- Monday** Nov. 21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00 p.m. Ed Henderson, Jr.
- Tuesday** November 22nd Cecilia, virgin/martyr
8:30 a.m. Albert Robert Havanas
- Wednesday** Nov. 23rd Clement I, pope/martyr; Columban, abbot; Bl Miguel Augustín Pro, priest/martyr
5:00 p.m. John Radachi
- Thursday** November 24th Thanksgiving Day
Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & co., martyrs
9:00 a.m. Helen Mahl
- Friday** Nov. 25th Catherine of Alexandria, virgin/martyr
8:30 a.m. Marie Borgmann
- Saturday** November 26th
9:00 a.m. Ruth Connors
4:30 p.m. Gordon Freeman
- Sunday** November 27th 1st Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m. Paul Matus
11:00 a.m. The Martin and Meanor Families



Readings for the Week of November 21st

- Mon: Rv 14:1-5; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tue: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thur: Sir 50:20-24; Ps 138:1-5; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3-6, 8; Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
Sun: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Phyllis Birmingham** and for the consolation of her loved ones.

In your prayers...

This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, especially: **Arlene, Bette, Betty, Carmen, Charlie, Chris, Doug, Kelly, Linda, Mary, Pat, Patricia, Richard, Sharon, Tom** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Faith Direct (11/04/16)	\$7,033.00
Sunday Collection (11/13/16)	\$8,975.01
Helping Hands Ministry	\$1,698.80
Envelopes	246

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Coll. Nov. 20th - Catholic Campaign for Human Develop.]
[2nd Collection November 27th - Capital Improvement Fund]
Matching Funds current total: \$9,790.00



My Friends,

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is already here! I think we are at a point in our world when we need to focus on all the blessings that are ours. It is hard to be angry or fearful if we have nurtured a grateful heart. I would like to suggest a couple of opportunities available this week to express our gratitude to God.

This Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, the churches of Elyria will once again gather for an ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service at the Wesleyan Village beginning at 7pm. The churches are working together to promote Elyria as a 'Compassionate City' as part of our bicentennial celebration in 2017. Our show of support at this Thanksgiving Service is a fitting way to begin this initiative.

On Thursday, Nov. 24th, we have our 9am Mass here at St. Mary's. 'Eucharist' is a Greek word that means Thanksgiving. There is no better way to celebrate this day than by gathering at the Lord's table to give thanks for all of our blessings.

Finally, I want to propose a new Thanksgiving tradition. Everyone knows about Black Friday and Online Monday shopping. This year there is a national movement to add Giving Tuesday as a promotion for 'online giving' to various charities. We have enrolled St. Mary School as a recipient of these online donations. It would be a great way for anyone, especially our alumni, to make a gift to the school.

To make a donation, go to weGiveCatholic.org and select *St. Mary School, Elyria* as the recipient of your gift. There will be public advertising of this opportunity. I would encourage you to make this information known to alumni and friends of St. Mary's.

Finally, a reminder of the opportunity for our parish to raise funds through a \$25,000 matching grant. We are presently at \$9,790. Hopefully, we can take full advantage of this opportunity before the end of the year.

Fr. Charlie

CASH EVERYDAY IN JANUARY CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!



Each calendar sells for \$10 and entitles you to 31 chances to win that day's cash prize. Due to postal regulations, we are no longer able to mail these calendars so we ask that you please stop outside the

Weigand Room and pick up your envelope of calendars. They make great Christmas stocking stuffers!



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St. Mary Church along with its family & friends are sponsoring a **Free Thanksgiving Dinner** on Thanksgiving Day from **12-3pm** in the Parish Hall. All Are Welcome!



Blood Pressure checks are available this Sunday, Nov. 20th from 9-11am in the Weigand Room.

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This Week in our Parish

Monday November 21st
5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
6:30 p.m. P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings +
Family Thanksgiving Prayer Service - Church

Tuesday November 22nd
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria
6:00 p.m. Brownies - Green Room
7:00 p.m. Evangelization - Conference Room

Wednesday November 23rd
11am-12:30pm Set-up for Thanksgiving Dinner - Hall
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A - Conference Room

Thursday November 24th

12 Noon-3pm Thanksgiving Meal - Parish Hall

Sunday November 27th
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children
11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building

200 Club Winner: 11/20/16 Kelly Copa #206
* 200 Club dinner invitations have been mailed to all club members. If you did not receive your invitation, please contact Lori at 759-6760.



The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at 12:00 noon in the Weigand Room. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Please call your reservation to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140 by Fri., Dec. 2nd. The Children from St. Mary School will perform part of their Christmas Choral Concert. Time will be available for those who wish to stay and play bingo. We look forward to a great meal, sharing new ideas and hope that you will bring a friend with you.



Altar & Rosary Society Annual Bake Sale This Weekend! - November 19th & 20th

Let the Altar & Rosary Society ladies do your holiday baking this year. Stop by after Mass to purchase delicious holiday treats outside the Weigand Room.

All proceeds will benefit the Altar & Rosary Society and assist them with all they do for St. Mary Church.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP "*Hopeful Hearts*" is for grieving seniors 60+. It meets the 4th Tues. of each month from 1-2:30pm in the Holy Spirit Parish Family Center, 410 Lear Rd. Avon Lake. The next meeting is Nov. 22nd. Meetings are open to the community. No charge. No reservations required. Sponsored by Hospice of the Western Reserve & Holy Spirit Bereavement Ministry. For information call: Chemarra Bryant, Bereavement Coordinator, HWR, 440-892-6680 or Mary Lou 440-933-4423.

Thanksgiving Masses - Prayer Services

If you are attending the: **PSR Family Prayer Service** -
Monday, November 21, 7:30pm,
the **All School Mass** -
Tuesday, November 22, 8:30am,
or the **Thanksgiving Day Mass** -
Thursday, November 24, 9:00am



We encourage you to bring a non-perishable food donation as part of the Offertory Procession. Thank you!
[Donations will benefit the Elyria Hospitality Center.]

Ecumenical Prayer Service - Tuesday, Nov. 22nd - 7pm
at Wesleyan Village, 80 West Ave., Elyria
Come, Give Thanks & Celebrate with your Sisters and Brothers!

ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT ~ The Spiritual Development Commission is sponsoring an Advent Family Night, in the Weigand Room on Tues., Dec. 6th from 6-8:30pm. Our Advent Family Night this year centers on the Feast of St. Nicholas. Celebrating this feast in Advent brings a bit of festivity to the season. St. Nicholas helps us remember that Christmas is a feast of love, hope, kindness and generosity. The evening is meant to be fun as well as educational. Children of all ages are most welcome. Invite grandparents and other family friends to share this experience with you. A light supper & beverages will be provided. The cost for the evening is \$7.00 per family. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the Church. Registration deadline is Wed., November 30th.



Beginning Nov. 26th, we will have our "**GIVING TREE**" set up outside the Weigand Room. As you have in the past, we encourage you to participate in the "**GIVING TREE**" again this year. We have requests for items from Catholic Charities Family Center, Elyria Health Dept., Birthright, Blessing House and Genesis House. These requests will be placed on Christmas tree ornaments and hung on a tree located outside the Weigand Room. Parishioners are encouraged to take one (or more) of the tree ornaments, purchase the gift, wrap it and place it under the tree. Please be sure to attach the tags securely to the packages so that they will get to the correct organization. This outreach program brings Christmas to those most in need in our community and is a great way of showing concern for one another. **All gifts will need to be collected by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th** in order for them to be distributed in time for Christmas. ~ Thank You!

Sponsor A Veteran for Christmas.

The Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky is a facility with 600 male & female residents. Almost 60% of the residents are from Lorain or Cuyahoga County and have nothing when they arrive. My goal is to make sure each resident receives a gift during the holidays. This is my 4th year doing this ambitious project. I coordinate with the Veterans Home on what the residents could use and put together various combinations of men & women's toiletries. It costs \$20 to sponsor a Veteran and each gift is wrapped and hand delivered. I need people who would like to sponsor one or more veterans. If you have the ability to help, please contact Cindy Urig 440-567-4319.

Thank you for your past and continued support!