



**Mass Intentions**

- Monday** Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> Clement I, pope & martyr; Columban, abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, priest/martyr  
5:00 p.m. Baulina Bilandzic
- Tuesday** Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Andrew Dũng-Lạc, priest & cos, martyrs  
8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Mary Keys
- Wednesday** Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> Catherine of Alexandria, virgin/martyr  
5:00 p.m. Robert Bergman
- Thursday** November 26<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day  
\* 9:00 a.m. Helen Mahl
- Friday** November 27<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m. Don Gaydosh
- Saturday** Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. Special Intention for Mary Keys  
2:00 p.m. *Wedding: Antony Andrews & Deborah Riedel*  
4:30 p.m. Jean Baumann
- Sunday** Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent   
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish  
9:30 a.m. Mildred McCowen  
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the James Ross Family

Readings for the Week of November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mon	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Ps Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tue	Dn 2:31-45; Ps Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wed	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Ps Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thur	Sir 50:20-24 ; Ps 138:1-5; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Fri	Dn 7:2-14; Ps Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Sat	Dn 7:15-27; Ps Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sun	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

 **Wedding Banns**

III *Antony Andrews & Deborah Riedel*

*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: *Ann Lou, Ben, Bette, Bob, Carmen, Claire, Dennis, Jo Ann, Kelly, Mary, Mary Ellen, Paul, Tom, Vicki, Zak* and all who have asked for our prayers.



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Sunday Collection (11/15/15)	\$7,885.19
Envelopes	261
Tuition Assistance	\$2,692.83

*Thank you for your generosity.*

[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection November 22<sup>nd</sup> -

Catholic Campaign for Human Development]

[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection November 29<sup>th</sup> - *Home for a Season*]



My Friends,

We live in an 'Age of Entitlement.' We think everything should be handed to us on a silver platter without having to work for it. As a consequence, we never appreciate all that we have. We never seem to be able to satisfy our craving for more. Few find contentment and happiness with what they have.

I challenge you this week to reflect on all your blessings. As we find more and more reasons to absent ourselves from Sunday Mass, I fear we have entered into this age when we feel we are entitled to all that we have. We are not indebted to God for anything.

The Eucharistic Liturgy has two important words. The Greek word 'liturgy' means 'work.' It was a public work of the whole community. We complain that we don't get anything out of the Mass. We are not supposed to, it is work! We bring our lives to the Lord. If we are faithful to the work, we will appreciate all that God gives us. That is where 'Eucharist' comes in. It is a Greek word that means 'Thanksgiving.' If we are faithful to the work, we will have a heart filled with gratitude. We will find contentment with what we have without being driven by our addictions.

These days are important for family life. Pope Francis says to put the cell phones away and be in the presence of one another. This is a time when we do find strength in family gatherings. Let us put things back in perspective. As part of your Thanksgiving celebration, I would encourage your participation at the 9am Mass on Thanksgiving. We also have an ecumenical Thanksgiving prayer service the Tuesday night before at 7pm at the Wesleyan Village. We need to come together in prayer for a world that is becoming more and more dysfunctional when it comes to support of family life. Blessings on your family this week as we give thanks to the God who has been so good to us.

*Fr. Charlie*

*\*One of our hearing assistance receivers is missing - if it was taken home in error, please be sure to return it to an Usher. Thank you!*

**Annual Altar & Rosary Society Bake Sale  
This Weekend! - November 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Let the Altar and Rosary Society do your holiday baking this year. Stop by after Mass to purchase delicious holiday treats outside the Weigand Room. Proceeds will benefit the Altar & Rosary Society and assist them with all they do for St. Mary Church.



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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!



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**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!

## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



### This Week in our Parish

**Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room  
5:45 p.m. Finance Council - Staff Room  
6:30 p.m. P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings  
+ Family Prayer Service - Church @ 7:30pm

**Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria  
7:00 p.m. Evangelization - Conference Room

**Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Green Room  
7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft

**Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**THANKSGIVING**  
12 Noon-3pm Thanksgiving Meal - Parish Hall

**Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>**  
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: 11/22/15 Robert Resar #57  
\* 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 Tues., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 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., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Thanksgiving Masses - Prayer Services

If you are attending the: **PSR Family Prayer Service** -  
Monday, November 23, 7:30pm,

the **All School Mass** -  
Tuesday, November 24, 8:30am,

or the **Thanksgiving Day Mass** -  
Thursday, November 26, 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. 24<sup>th</sup> - 7pm  
at Wesleyan Village, 80 West Ave., Elyria  
Come, Give Thanks & Celebrate with your Sisters and Brothers!

**VIRTUS TRAINING** [for PSR teachers, scout leaders, coaches and anyone who is involved in activities with children] will take place on **Mon., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm**, at **Elyria Catholic High School, rm 110**. No Pre-registration necessary.

### ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT

The Spiritual Development Commission is sponsoring an Advent Family Night, in the Weigand Room on Tues., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-8:30pm. Our Advent Family Night this year centers on the Twelve Days of Christmas song, using the book and printed materials from "Our Father Gave to us" by Rebecca Treon Even. Do you know why this song is referred to as "A Carol Catechism"? ~ Join us and find out. 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 25<sup>th</sup>.



The Giving Tree

Beginning November 29<sup>th</sup>, 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, The Elyria Health Department, Blessing House, Genesis House and Birthright. 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 13<sup>th</sup>** in order for them to be distributed in time for Christmas. ~ Thank You!

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, DECEMBER 4TH: 'Hearing the Call of the Mother Church' presented by Sir Jeffery Abood, KCHS, Speaker and Writer, North Central Lieutenancy Equestrian Order of Holy Sepulchre. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship & good food at LCCC Spitzer Conference Center 11:30am. Tickets: \$17. RSVP by calling 440-244-0643 or [fflorain@gmail.com](mailto:fflorain@gmail.com) by Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

Grief Support Group "Hopeful Hearts" for seniors 60+ who have lost a loved one this year, will meet on Tues., Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1-2:30pm at Holy Spirit Church Family Center, 410 Lear Rd. Avon Lake. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month, are open to the community at no charge, no reservations required. Sponsored by Hospice of the Western Reserve and Holy Spirit Bereavement Ministry. For further information contact JoDee Coulter 440-892-6680 or Mary Lou Kraven 440-933-4423.

### Sending Christmas Cards to Inmates on Death Row

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis calls us to see those among us who are on the margins of society, and to remember that every person has inherent dignity. In Ohio there are 141 people on death row. The Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County invites you to join in preparing Christmas Cards for these 141 people on Thurs., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Conlon Ministry Center at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 41295 North Ridge Rd, Elyria. All materials will be provided. Questions? Contact Ann Clark at [amclark@ccdocle.org](mailto:amclark@ccdocle.org) or 440-366-1106 x12