

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 13, 2005



Our Parish Office

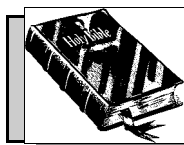
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Scripture REFLECTIONS

Spiritual Richness

We have all heard the expression “the rich grow richer while the poor grow poorer.” This is true all too often. The parable in today’s Gospel passage would seem to be a further indication of this unfortunate reality. The parable does in fact end with the master saying to his servants, “For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

What we must keep in mind, however, is that the point Jesus is making in this parable has nothing to do with material wealth. Rather, Jesus is speaking about spiritual realities. Those who are spiritually rich will become richer, while those who are spiritually deprived will become poorer.

The reason the servant buried the talents in the ground was because he was afraid of the master. His fear was not rewarded, and neither will ours. Living in fear of God, and failing to act because of it, will lead to spiritual poverty.

Living a life of spiritual richness begins with the recognition that God loves us. Once this reality takes hold of us, we are in store for a life of blessings upon blessings. Then we are able to take healthy risks for God, not becoming paralyzed with worry about potential failures—or even our own sinfulness—because we know that God loves us. In this way we can all become rich, no matter what we possess.

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The Central Steuben Catholic Parishes' Adult Education Committee presents. . .



ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?

Understanding Protestant Evangelicals
Presented by Daniel Hull, M.A.

Director of Continuing Education
St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry

Sunday, November 20

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Saint Gabriel's Church Hall

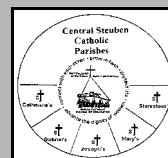


ST. BERNARD'S
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

Mass/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ✧ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Weekday Masses
✧ Tuesday and Thursday - 5:00 p.m.

Scripture/Communion Services
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:00 a.m.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation
1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



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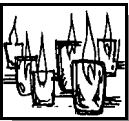


LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	November 13, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time In Memory, Dick Perry By Bill & Deb Brinkhus
MONDAY 9:00 a.m.	November 14, Weekday Communion Service
TUESDAY 5:00 p.m.	November 15, Albert the Great In Memory, Cardinal Bernadine By Bill & Deb Brinkhus
WEDNESDAY 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	November 16, Margaret of Scotland Communion Service Healing Mass, In Memory, Sally Fagan By Dorothy Wager
THURSDAY 5:00 p.m.	November 17, Elizabeth of Hungary In Memory, Stanley Czajkowski By The Dinehart Family
FRIDAY 9:00 a.m.	November 18, Dedication of Ss Peter & Paul Communion service
SATURDAY 3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	November 19, Weekday Reconciliation In Memory, Curtis Murphy By His Family
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	November 20, 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time Special Intention of Al & Mary Gaudino By nephew, Pete & Mary Gaudino



Christmas Craft Show
Sunday, November 13
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
In St. Mary's O'Malley Hall

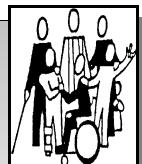


The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning for the intentions of Rita Dwyer requested by Betty Tunney



Assembly Schedule

Nov. 19 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Heavenly Hash
Nov. 20 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Luminaries



SAINT MARY'S PARISH
"Where Giving Is An Investment
In Our Faith and Our Future."

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

November 5/6, 2005
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$5,756.61 **THANK YOU!**
Saturday Second Collection for Heating Bills \$93.00
Sunday Second Collection for Youth Ministry \$200.56
465 People worshiped God at St. Mary's this weekend.



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9:00-4:00 pm	November 13 Christmas Craft Show No Religious Ed today
7:00 p.m.	AA, Room 101
MONDAY 6:00 p.m.	November 14, Bell Choir practice
7:15 p.m.	Choir practice
7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts, Room 202
TUESDAY 6:30 p.m.	November 15, Boy Scouts, Rooms 202,203
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.	November 16, Liturgy Meeting, Rectory
7:00 p.m.	Praise & Healing Mass
7:00 p.m.	RCIA - Room 101
THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.	November 17, Cub Scouts, Rooms 202, 203
FRIDAY 7:00 p.m.	November 18, Ultreya, Rectory
7:30 p.m.	NA, Room 101
SATURDAY 2:00 pm	November 19, Chicken/Biscuit Dinner, O'Malley Hall Benefit of Bath Community Day Care
1:00 p.m.	NA, Room 101
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.	November 20, Religious Education K-12
10:15 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
7:00 p.m.	AA, Room 101
7:00 p.m.	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service—St. Thomas Episc.



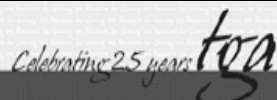
Happy Birthday To You

11/13	Armand St. Pierre	11/15	Jennifer Patterson
11/14	Alyssa Carpenter	11/15	Cynthia Perkins
11/15	James Johnson	11/16	Marshall Dickson
11/15	Donald Mills	11/19	Lafonza Carter



Charismatic Mass for Healing
November 16 at 7 p.m.
St. Mary's Church

Jesus loves you and wants you to be healed. Come celebrate Mass on Wednesday evening, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. with Father Philip Billotte. Individual prayers for healing will follow the Mass. The month Mass for healing is sponsored by St. Mary's Charismatic Prayer Group which meets each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Dick Perry Room.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN

Saint Mary's Diocesan Ministry Appeal Goal \$27,244
To Date, 79 Parishioners have pledged \$ 8,930
Needed to Reach our Quota \$18,314*

* St. Mary's is required to make up the difference should we not reach our quota.

Please return your pledge care this week.



Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Last weekend's Masses offered a glimpse at the way our parish ministers to people in different ways at different stages of life. On Wednesday night we celebrated our annual Memorial Mass remembering parishioners and loved ones who have been called home to the Lord during the past year by reading their names, tolling chimes and lighting candles. Many family members told me how touched they were by this special Mass. Thanks to our **Choir, Bell Choir and Resurrection Assembly** for lending their presence and to our **Bereavement Luncheon Volunteers** for the ministry they perform throughout the year. I was also pleased that both **Fr. Frank Erb** and **Fr. John Wydeven** could be present for this Mass.

On Sunday, we belatedly celebrated World Youth Day and our own young people with a Mass in their honor. The **Hands of Christ Award** was presented to three high school seniors **Justin Harris, James McKinley and Colleen Sheehan**, our **Children of God Assembly** filled our liturgical roles and a special blessing was imparted on our youth. Thanks to our Youth Minister and Faith Formation Coordinator **Mary Carol Wall**, our **catechists, adult youth group volunteers** and all who share the gift of faith with our young people.

Baptisms were celebrated at both Saturday and Sunday Masses last weekend. As our liturgical year comes to an end, we will celebrate baptism at many weekend Masses. I hope that you agree that we are privileged to experience Baptisms at Mass. They demonstrate our vitality as a parish and, in some cases serve as a welcome home and welcome to our parish to young families. We pray that all of these families will worship weekly with us and become active in the spiritual and social life of our parish. During this year our theme reminds us that **We Are Family!** Our activities will include several **Family Masses**, the institution of a new **Youth Group** for our younger children and soon a weekly **Children's Liturgy of the Word**.

Congratulations to the families of **William Arthur Whaley** and **Brodyn Christopher Baldwin** baptized last weekend, and to soon to be baptized **Noah Daniel Dieg** (November 13), **Julia Grace Saurbaugh** (November 19), **Grace Lynne Stuart** (November 20), **Alexis Isabelle Orcutt** (November 24) and **Lucas Todd Hyer** (November 26).

This weekend several of our young people and adult pilgrims share their memories of their recent trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Atlanta. Last week in this column I shared my thoughts on the NCYC experience. Now I look forward to the comments of others.

Have a good week. Serve one another well!



WE ARE FAMILY!

We Invite You to Join Our Family

Registration Information

St. Mary's Parish is always ready to welcome new members. Our registration process is simple. Just pick up a registration form after Mass from our pamphlet rack near our Main Entrance. Complete the form and bring or mail it to our parish office.

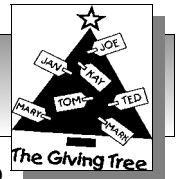
Soon after you'll receive a welcoming letter from Deacon Ray and a phone call from our Parish Life Coordinator Karen Grimmer inviting your participation in an upcoming parish activity or a parish ministry. As a member of our dynamic Parish Family, we expect that you will not only worship with us each weekend—but also join us in one of our parish ministries whenever possible. By participating in our Parish Life and Ministries, you'll meet new friends who share your faith in Christ and have become active members of His body.

Joining the Catholic Church

If you are not baptized or were baptized into another Christian denomination but now seek full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church, we have a special process of welcome and instruction just for you. It's called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** or **RCIA**. These informative sessions are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Zimmer Center (School Building).

If you'd like more information, call or e-mail Deacon Ray at 776-3327 or rdefendorf@dor.org.

St. Mary's Giving Tree



The Christmas Giving Tree is set-up this weekend, so those of you who shop the day after Thanksgiving can get a head start.

As in the past, parishioners are invited to purchase gifts for needy families as indicated on the gift tag. Please take as many cards as possible off the giving tree, purchase the requested gift, wrap it and place the tag that you took off the tree onto the package. Return the gifts to the church by the weekend of December 10th and 11th so they can be distributed well in advance of Christmas.

Catholic Cupboard Gifts



St. Mary's Catholic Cupboard Religious Gift and Book Store is located in the lobby of O'Malley Hall. We sell Catholic gifts, rosaries, cards, devotionals and more. The Cupboard is be open during coffee hours, community suppers and by appointment. Special orders accepted. Contact Kathy Donnelly.