

# Saint Mary's Parish

*A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach*



The Feast of Christ the King

November 26, 2006

## Our Parish Office

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### Rosemary States

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### Kathy Warren



## Scripture REFLECTIONS

### THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



Are you the King of the Jews?" Pilate is repeating the charge of blasphemy made by the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus' answer that his kingdom is not of this world only further serves to confuse Pilate; he does not understand the concept of God and heaven. Instead of passing judgment on false charges, he allows a jury to decide which man should be released, Jesus or the murderer Barabbas. Barabbas' peers make up the jury, and pronounce the sentence.

The Kingdom of God, the very kingdom Jesus spoke of, belongs to the poor and the lowly. This means those of us who have accepted it with humble hearts. (CCC 544) His time on Earth did not reflect the life of a king; born and raised in humble surroundings, he experienced hunger, thirst, ridicule, torture and finally death. In living our lives in dedication to loving and helping those of similar experiences, we proclaim our love for Christ the King and wait to share in his Kingdom!

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The financial sacrifices required of Catholic parents today to provide a truly Catholic College education are enormous. All of the funds received through this collection help defray these costs in the form of financial aid. Your contributions directly benefit students from all over the United States, including our own diocese, by funding scholarships for those who would not otherwise be able to attend. The students receive personalized attention in a wide range of programs, combining an excellent liberal art curriculum with courses in their major fields of study. Grounded in the philosophy of Catholic intellectual tradition, these students are well prepared for success in life and ready to make a difference in today's world. Please give generously!

## Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

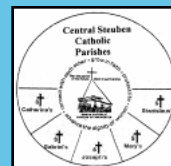
Weekday Masses:

Tuesday ♦ Wednesday ♦ Thursday ♦ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday - 5:00 p.m.

Scripture/Communion Services  
Monday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** November 26, Christ the King  
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Susan Heary Sharra  
By Anna Mae and Don Mills
- MONDAY** November 27, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
- TUESDAY** November 28, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. *To schedule this Mass as a memorial for your  
Loved one, please call 776-3327*
- WEDNESDAY** November 29, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. *To schedule this Mass as a memorial for your  
loved on. Please call - 776-3327*  
5:00 p.m. *To schedule this Mass as a memorial for your  
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- THURSDAY** November 30, Andrew, the apostle  
9:00 a.m.. In Memory, Raymond and Mildred Craig  
By Agnes Harvey
- FRIDAY** December 1, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Laurie Shaver Shifflette  
By her mother, Marcia Shaver  
10:30 a.m. Infirmary
- SATURDAY** December 2, Weekday  
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation  
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Esther Abraham  
By her daughter, Karen
- SUNDAY** December 3, First Sunday of Advent  
9:00 a.m. RCIA - Rite of Acceptance  
In Memory, Janet Beyea  
By Mary Fisher

There are many Mass intentions available in the upcoming months. (Stipend is \$10). Please call the office to schedule.



### SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

November 18/19 2006

We are unable to publish donation totals this week because, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the bulletin had to be sent to the publisher before our weekend Masses.



### Liturgical Assembly Schedule

Dec. 2- Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts  
Dec. 3 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Willing Hearts  
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



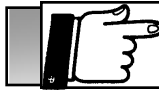
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#### Upcoming Second Collections

November 25/26 - Maintenance

December 2/3 - Catholic University

December 9/10 - Insurance



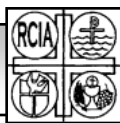
## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** November 26  
No Religious Education  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Parish Council  
1:00 p.m. Sunday Supper, O'Malley Hall  
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101
- MONDAY** November 27  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir - Church  
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice - Church
- TUESDAY** November 28  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Room 101  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202
- WEDNESDAY** November 29  
7:00 p.m. RCIA, Rectory Dining Room  
7:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee, Rectory
- THURSDAY** November 30  
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202/203
- FRIDAY** December 1
- SATURDAY** December 2
- SUNDAY** December 3  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by the Boyd Family  
10:30 a.m. Religious Education  
1:00 p.m. Sunday Supper, O'Malley Hall  
7:00 p.m. AA, O'Malley Hall



## Happy Birthday To You!

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|-------|-----------------|-------|----------------|
| 11/27 | Savanna Calisto | 11/30 | Ann Hochreiter |
| 11/28 | James Rusak     | 11/30 | Shirley Sheils |
| 11/28 | Agnes Harvey    | 12/01 | Megan Glass    |



## Becoming a Roman Catholic

**T**he Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) welcomes those who have not been baptized and baptized Christians who wish to become full members of the Catholic Church to a Journey of Faith. RCIA Sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings through Easter. Our next Inquiry Session is Wednesday, November 29 at 7 p.m. Our topic will be **Advent-What's it All About?**

On Sunday, December 4 at the 9 a.m. Mass, we will introduce our Candidates and Catechumen and ritually request your acceptance of them into our parish community. There is still time to join the RCIA process. For more information, please contact Deacon Ray: 776-3327.



**G**ift cards for Tops, P&C and Kwik Fill are sold after mass and throughout the week in the parish office. St. Mary's receives 5% of the face value for every card we sell. They are great for gifts or for your own use!



## Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

### Parish Council Recommends Continuing Trial

Following a review of both spoken and written comments from parishioners, St. Mary's Parish Council has recommended a continuation of the trial renovation period begun in September, until all suggestions are reviewed. At the November 8 Parish Dinner and Discussion, and in written comments solicited at weekend Masses, several parishioners requested that other options be tried before a final decision is reached concerning the placement of the choir to the rear of the altar. While all praised the quality of our parish choir and many voiced strong support for the current sanctuary configuration (which extended the "Sanctuary" - the liturgical space where the altar, the ambo and the presider's chair are placed forward into the assembly,) a parishioners stated that the placement of the choir at the same level as the altar and presider's chair "distracted" them at significant times during the Mass.

Several comments suggested that other locations for the choir (to the left or right of the altar or in the back of the church) should be tried before a decision is reached. Still others believed that elevating the altar, ambo and presider's chair a level higher than the choir would make the new arrangement more acceptable.

At its Monday, November 13th rehearsal, the choir situated itself in the space to the left of the altar (ambo side). Fitting twenty two singers, the piano and choir director into this space was a distinct challenge.

Meanwhile, our custodian George Hoffman, with help from Mike Slovak and I, built additional platforms to raise the altar, ambo and presider's chair a full step higher. A slightly shorter and narrower platform with rounded edges was retrieved from the basement. The placing of this platform increased aisle space in front of the altar by about a foot. Some comments had suggested that more space would improve the flow of the Communion procession.

I believe that extending the trial renovation period is a very good idea. It will allow us to continue to address parishioner concerns related to the visibility of the presider, ambo and altar. With open minds and hearts, we can enhance our worship environment and experience without compromising the safety and liturgical concerns that led to our need for renovations in the first place.

Personally, I am grateful to all who have kept a positive and open attitude even when challenged. I am especially grateful to those who attended our Parish Dinner and Discussion, openly voiced their opinions and trusted that the Renovation Committee, the Council, and I were earnestly working to both listen and lead.

### CMA ~ Solicitation Continues

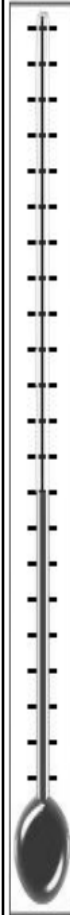
This weekend, we continue our In-House solicitation for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet completed a pledge card or made a gift, please do so in the back of church following Mass or at Sunday's Coffee Hour.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.

*Deacon Ray*

# CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**PARISH GOAL: \$26,971 PLEDGED: \$13,818.88**  
**116 Recorded Donations as of 11/14 Avg. Gift is \$119**



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## DINNER & DISCUSSION

Advent Light: An evening of prayer, sharing, service and song

Our next Dinner and Discussion will take place on Wednesday, December 13 when our theme will be Advent Light. Following Mass at 5:00 p.m. celebrating the Feast of St. Lucy, a saint who is often invoked by those with eye trouble, probably because her name means "light." Following Mass, we will be led in procession by "St. Lucy" to O'Malley Hall where we will enjoy dinner by candlelight. At about 6:15 p.m. children and adults will prayerfully decorate and wrap presents which will be distributed at Christmas to needy area families. All who are able are encouraged to bring small gifts of candy, school supplies, etc. to be attached to each wrapped gift.



Our evening will conclude with a brief Service of music and light in the church. The evening will end by 7:15 p.m. Since this event will be intergenerational in nature, we encourage both individuals and families to attend.

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