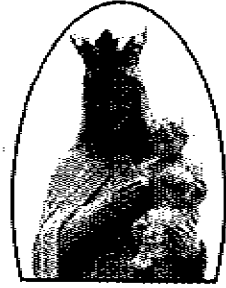


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"LOVE CHRIST...LIVE CHRIST"

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEB 4, 2018

Saturday, Feb 3	8:30 AM	Personal Intentions
Saturday, Feb 3	4:30 PM	People of the Parish
Saturday, Feb 3	6:30 PM	+Regina & Kathie Norman by Dave Norman (St. Mary)
Sunday, Feb 4	8:30 AM	+Bill & Donna Abrahams by Fred LeJeune
Sunday, Feb 4	11:00 AM	+Alice Boron by the Family (St. Mary)
Tuesday, Feb 6		NO MASS
Wed, Feb 7	9:00 AM	+Wendy Neice by Janet Gwynn (St. Mary)
Thursday, Feb 8	8:30 AM	+Fr. Michael Rotolo
Friday, Feb 9	8:30 AM	+Poor Souls
Saturday, Feb 10	4:30 PM	+Douglas Batty by Dale Batty
Saturday, Feb 10	6:30 PM	+Mary Albright by Lowell & Cecelia Kramer (St. Mary)
Sunday, Feb 11	8:30 AM	+Richard & Martha Holub by Susan Haas
Sunday, Feb 11	11:00 AM	People of the Parish (St. Mary)

Confessions before Mass

If you or any family member is ill or hospitalized, please inform the parish office

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

Sun	4	PSR & Adult Ed 10:00 - 11:30
Mon	5	Ladies of Mercy 6:30
Tue	6	K of C 6:00 & 7:00 PM
Wed	7	Bible Study 11:00 AM at the church
Thurs	8	
Fri	9	
Sat	10	
Sun	11	PSR & Adult Ed 10:00 - 11:30

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
Stewardship Week of Jan 28, 2018**

Adult \$1555 Loose \$153 Candles \$23
Building Fund \$602
Hall Rental \$50 LOAN: Balance \$498,000

ST. MARY

Stewardship Week of Jan 28, 2018
Adult \$545 Loose \$38 Candles \$41

WELCOME, FR. SCHIFFER

FROM FOOD FOR THE POOR

FOOD FOR THE POOR~ Feb 3rd and 4th Rev. James A. Schiffer will speak about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Schiffer will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. He served as Catholic Chaplain in the US Air Force for 22 years and pastored 11 years in the Dioceses of Albany before joining Food For The Poor. Donations from OLM and St. Mary for Food for the Poor will be going toward Puerto Rico relief.

ST. MARY NEWS~ Because of your generosity, St. Mary was able to donate \$1000 to the Magnolia Fire Department to use in the construction of their new building.

OLM TO HOST SEMINAR~ Saturday, Feb. 10th, OLM will host a Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Seminar from 9AM to 1PM at the parish social hall. Dr. Petroc Willey, Director of the Catechetical Institute, and Carolyn Crabtree, Catechetical Consultant for the Diocese, will present lectures on Christian Anthropology and Christian Morality. Take this opportunity to grow in knowledge and enter into a deeper relationship with the Lord! Though catechists and teachers, past and present, are strongly encouraged to attend, this is a free seminar for all parishioners! For more information and to RSVP, contact Carolyn Crabtree at ccrabtree@diosteub.org or call 740-282-3631, X-155. See the flyer titled "Mystery & Morality of Man Seminar" along with the day's schedule on the bulletin board.

SOUP'S ON AT OLM~ A soup and sandwich Mardi Gras luncheon is being planned for Sunday, Feb. 11th in the Parish Hall from 11AM-3PM. Your donations are needed for this project to be a success! Please check out the list on the table in the Narthex to see how you can help. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope labeled Soup Luncheon. Pass along the bulletin insert and get the word out. Call 330-476-6285 with any questions.

K OF C NEWS~ (Note the date change for January) K of C Monthly social Hour and Business meeting will be Tuesday, February 6th: 6:00 PM - Social (All are welcome); 7:00 PM - Meeting (Members Only.)



Friday, February 3rd is the last Square Dance of the Season. * First Fish Fry will be Friday, February 16th from 4PM to 7PM. * Cash Bonanza tickets are available! See a Knight member for more information.

CELEBRATION FOR FAMILIES~ Saturday, Feb. 10th, the Diocese will host a celebration of the Church's teachings on marriage and family. Join Bishop Monforton for Mass at 11AM followed by a potluck meal at St. Benedict Church (701 Gomber Ave, Cambridge). RSVP to jschmidt@diosteub.org or 740-373-3643.

CATHOLIC MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL~ Saturday March 3rd from 8AM to 4PM marks a Lenten retreat for the men of the Diocese of Steubenville in Caldwell. This year's theme is "Being a Cloud of Witnesses." See the poster on the bulletin board and future bulletins for more details.

PARISH COUNCIL~ The winter meeting of parish council is February 12 at 6:30 in the conference room.

Happy Birthday: (OLM): Craig Brooks 2/6, Demetrius Carrothers 2/8, Antonia Peters 2/8, Monica Scarsella 2/11.
(ST.MARY): Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all those celebrating in February.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Lucille Fiddler, Brenda Sandefur,
Dave Leyda, Sandy Fiddler,
Rose Marie Shine, Marilyn Schaeffer, The Grossi Family,
Shaun Eichelberger, Richard Neice, Harold Wolbert
Allan Soaff, Florence and Rowene Dieble, Florence Elliott, John
Miday, Beth Wolford

Please pray for all serving in the military and thank them and all who have served our country.

Our Lady of Mercy

Clarence Halter, Jane Gyugo, Naomi Kowal, Erna Graham, Betty Shurtz, Mitchell Lanka, Denny Amelung, Vicky Oboy, Sister Cabrini, Tina Lewis, Robert Jones, Theresa Marchione, Louise Furbee, Gary Shears, Merte Albrecht, Rose Rombough, Jim Haas, Martha Lejeune, Helen Cooms, Bob Rhodes, Toni Peters, Cam Lanka

If you know of someone who is need of prayer, please call Cam Lanka 330-806-5946.

Calendar

Monday

February 5
St. Agatha,
Virgin and Martyr
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

February 6
St. Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

February 7
Weekday
1 Kgs 10:1-10
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

February 8
Weekday
1 Kgs 11:4-13
Mk 7:24-30

Friday

February 9
Weekday
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

February 10
St. Scholastica,
Virgin
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

February 11
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Mk 1:40-45

Dear Padre,

How can I ask my priest for better homilies?

First, let me commend you for not just accepting bad preaching as a necessary evil. Priests are just like anyone else: Each has his gifts, and not everyone is a gifted preacher.

One of the best things parishioners can do for their priest is to give him



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some honest, specific, helpful feedback instead of the generic, "Nice homily, Father." Many people say that so automatically that it's been said to me even when I wasn't the priest who delivered the homily!

Most priests don't get a lot of quality feedback on their preaching.

Some may find it hard to hear a critique, but most would welcome sincere, constructive criticism as long as it comes from the heart and the goal is to make them better preachers. You can even do this in a letter. Just be sure to sign it so he will take it seriously and be able to contact you for further feedback.

Keep in mind that a homily is not the same as a sermon. Whereas a sermon often includes a lot of moralizing, a homily must artfully draw the listener into questions of the human heart and bring that day's Scripture reading to bear on those questions. In that homily we hear in faith how hope, love, sacrifice, and belief in God guide us on our life journey.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

Jesus sends his disciples out to all nations....We too were part of all those people of two thousand years ago. Jesus did not provide a short list of who is, or is not, worthy of receiving his message and his presence. Instead, he always embraced life as he saw it.

—Canonization of Fr. Junípero Serra, September 23, 2015

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39

Offering the Gospel to All

If you asked Jesus what he did while on earth, I believe he would say, "preached and healed." Those were his missions. He had good news to share and a longing to convince his listeners of the truth of this gospel of love and freedom. He was moved because he saw them like sheep without a shepherd. The gospels are nothing other than documentation of Jesus' efforts to preach the gospel!

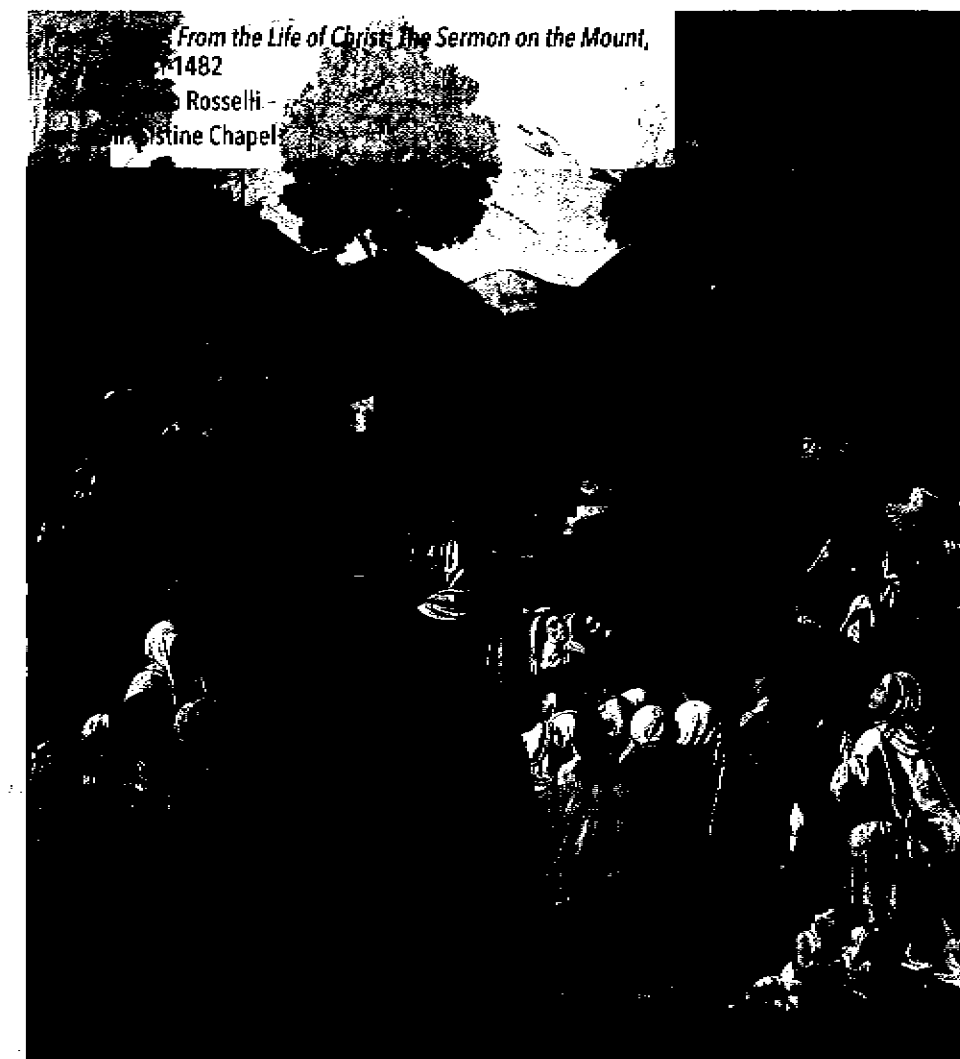
Paul shared Christ's ardor. He was entrusted with preaching to the Gentiles the truth of the Gospel, and he did all he could to convince them of his message. He says he became all things to all, to save at least some. He worked hard during the day so he could pay his own way and offer his message for free. He adapted himself to his audience—their customs and ways of thinking—so they wouldn't take offense at him, closing their hearts to his message.

How many missionaries have used this same approach? Just think of the French Jesuits Sts. Jean de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues of the Great Lakes region, St. Junípero Serra in the West, or Mother Cabrini serving European

immigrants on the East Coast. They learned new languages, ate new foods, and adopted new traditions to insert themselves into these cultures and share the gospel. They took a page out of Paul's book, becoming all things to all to save at least some.

We are modern-day apostles and missionaries. Let's take a page out of Paul's book, and offer this gospel of hope and love to so many souls in need.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



From the Life of Christ: The Sermon on the Mount, 1482
Rosselli -
St. Augustine Chapel

For Reflection

When you look around, what needs for the gospel of love do you see? Which of these needs can you fill as Jesus' apostle?

[Jesus said,] "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also.

For this purpose have I come."

(Mark 1:38)



MARDI GRAS-2018

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon
@
Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall

In Carrollton, Ohio

Sunday, February 11, 2018

11:00 am to 3:00pm

A Variety of Homemade Soups

Sandwiches & Desserts!

\$2.00/Item

Come early & stay late!

All proceeds benefit our Building Fund