

# *St. Mary's Catholic Church*



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*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
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Today we will hear of horrifying signs that may portend the end of the world: earthquakes and famines, wars and persecutions. Even though these warnings were given two thousand years ago or more and the world has not yet ended, they can still spur us to action now. As we celebrate Mass today, let us look at our lives and consider what we should change and then resolve to do so now.

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## **Cycle C -- Reflections on the Readings**

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

Theme: **Faithfulness in waiting for Christ.**

Fidelity, steadfast faithfulness, is an ongoing challenge to Christians and all people of goodwill. This virtue is essential to marriage and family, church and religion, business and politics.

In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells the utter ruin and destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem. Upon the Lord's visitation, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the Temple authorities rejected Him, and consequently destruction visited upon them. Today, let us look at the great beauty of the Temple, and also consider its ruin and the cause of it.

### **The Beauty and the Grandeur of the Temple**

The Jews had only one Temple, the Temple at Jerusalem, where sacrifices were offered. It was the national shrine of Israel and was considered God's own house in the midst of His people. The first Temple, the most magnificent, was built by King Solomon. It was unfortunately destroyed by the Babylonians in the year 587 B.C. The second Temple was built in 515 B.C. under the leadership of Zerubbabel, after the Jews returned from their exile.

At the time of Jesus, the Temple had been 46 years in building, and workmen were still engaged on it. It was beautiful that even the enemies of Herod, has never know what beauty is." Such was the beauty of the Temple. But it was a beauty, which was destined to be annihilated.

## Christ Departed from the Temple

Whenever we speak about a temple or a church, more than its pomp and glory, we should be concerned about the Presence of God in it, its administration according to His will and the fellowship of His disciples. We read in the Gospel of Matthew that Jesus, before His prediction of the destruction of the Temple, 'left the Temple and departed from it (24:1).' When He departed from the Temple, its sanctity, glory and defense departed. Three days after He departed the veil of the Temple was rent, making everything in the Temple common and unclean.

Although the Lord departed from the Temple, He did not depart from His disciples. When He left the Temple, the disciples, too, left and came with Jesus. It is always good to be where Jesus is; it is always good to cast off, what Jesus cast off.

The most beautiful and magnificent Temple in the world turned into the most ruinous heap. Shakespeare said, "For the sweetest things turn sourest by their deeds; Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds." The corruption of the best is the worst.

My dear brothers and sisters, God, the Almighty, has created a beautiful soul in each one of us, and had made His abode therein. If we drive away His Presence, it will become desolate, as desolate as the Temple of Jerusalem. Let us all keep this temple clean and pure.



Fr. Raphael will be joining the youth for the NYCY in Indianapolis for November 20-24<sup>th</sup>.

## Motivation for the week

### Don't insult the things you wish you could have



'One afternoon, a fox was walking through the forest and spotted a bunch of grapes hanging from a lofty branch.

'Just the thing to quench my thirst,' he thought.

Taking a couple of steps back, the fox jumped and just missed the hanging grapes. The fox tried again but still failed to reach them.

Finally, giving up, the fox turned his nose up and said,

**'They're probably sour anyway,' and walked away.'**



**iowa right to life**  
LIVE. BREATHE. DREAM.

### Right to Life Regional Training

St. Patrick Parish in Council Bluffs is hosting a regional training meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. for those interested in reversing the Iowa Supreme Court's 2018 decision finding a fundamental right to abortion in Iowa's Constitution.

The court's ruling put at risk restrictions on late-term abortions, taxpayer funding of abortion on demand and parental notification before an abortion by a child. The Iowa bishops support an amendment to correct and clarify our state Constitution does not secure a right to an abortion.

The presenter will be Tom Chapman, executive director of the Iowa Catholic Conference. Those who attend will receive information about the Church's teaching on human dignity and practical resources on how to contact legislators and parishioners on the constitutional amendment proposal.



## **Origin of Thanksgiving Day**

Thanksgiving Day Origin Thanksgiving is America's preeminent day. It is celebrated every year on the fourth Thursday in the month of November. It has a very interesting history. Its origin can be traced back to the 16th century when the first thanksgiving dinner is said to have

taken place. Journey of Pilgrims

The legendary pilgrims, crossed the Atlantic in the year 1620 in Mayflower-A 17th Century sailing vessel. About 102 people traveled for nearly two months with extreme difficulty. This was so because they were kept in the cargo space of the sailing vessel. No one was allowed to go on the deck due to terrible storms. The pilgrims comforted themselves by singing Psalms- a sacred song.

### **Arrival in Plymouth**

The pilgrims reached Plymouth rock on December 11th 1620, after a sea journey of 66 days. Though the original destination was somewhere in the northern part of Virginia, they could not reach the place owing to winds blowing them off course. Nearly 46 pilgrims died due to extreme cold in winter. However, in the spring of 1621, Squanto, a native Indian taught the pilgrims to survive by growing food.

### **Day of Fasting and Prayer**

In the summer of 1621, owing to severe drought, pilgrims called for a day of fasting and prayer to please God and ask for a bountiful harvest in the coming season. God answered their prayers and it rained at the end of the day. It saved the corn crops.

### **First Thanksgiving Feast**

It is said that Pilgrims learnt to grow corn, beans and pumpkins from the Indians, which helped all of them survive. In the autumn of 1621, they held a grand celebration where 90 people were invited including Indians. The grand feast was organized to thank god for his favors. This communal dinner is popularly known as "The first thanksgiving feast". There is however, no evidence to prove if the dinner actually took place.

While some historians believe pilgrims were quite religious so, their thanksgiving would've included a day of fasting and praying, others say that the Thanksgiving dinner did take place.

### **Turkey and First Thanksgiving Feast**

There is no evidence to prove if the customary turkey was a part of the initial feast. According to the first hand account written by the leader of the colony, the food included, ducks, geese, venison, fish, berries etc.

### **Pumpkin and Thanksgiving Feast**

Pumpkin pie, a modern staple adorning every dinner table, is unlikely to have been a part of the first thanksgiving feast. Pilgrims however, did have boiled pumpkin. Diminishing supply of flour led to the absence of any kind of bread.

The feast continued for three days and was eaten outside due to lack of space. It was not repeated till 1623, which again witnessed a severe drought. Governor Bradford proclaimed another day of thanksgiving in the year 1676. October of 1777 witnessed a time when all the 13 colonies joined in a communal celebration. It also marked the victory over the British.

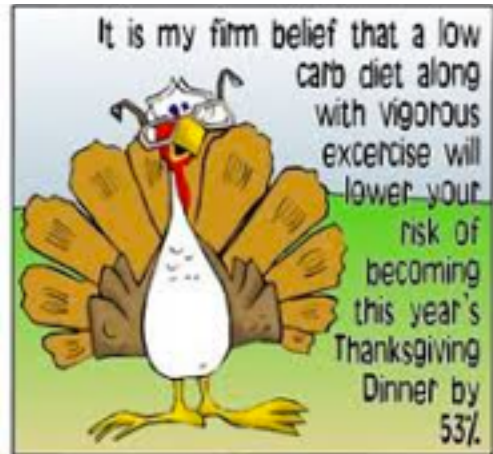
After a number of events and changes, President Lincoln proclaimed last Thursday in November of thanksgiving in the year 1863. This was due to the continuous efforts of Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor. She wrote a number of articles for the cause.





## Thanks!!

For nearly 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has been the official domestic anti-poverty program of the Catholic bishops in the United States. Raising public awareness about poverty, its causes, and working to break the cycle in the U.S., the [annual collection](#) is coordinated nationally by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to be held in parishes the weekend of November 23-24. More than 38 million people live in poverty in the United States. This collection assists community leaders who work to expand access to affordable housing, health care, and education. The collection also supports the development of worker-owned businesses, and advocates for changes to structures that keep people in poverty. This national collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD's community and economic development grants, as well as its education programs aimed at raising awareness of poverty and fostering hope in communities across the nation.



Dr. Gustav Giblets expounds on the benefits of a low carb diet for poultry. CUZ...  
'Nobody buys a 7 Pound Turkey'

### **Summer Camp**

Are you thinking about summer plans already? Catholic Youth Camp is! Registration is open for summer 2020! Get your children signed up now. They'll be among the first to use the NEW cabins being built at CYC. Go to [stmcenter.com](http://stmcenter.com) for details.

### **Bishop's Discernment Retreat**

This is a unique opportunity: Men who are high school seniors or older and thinking about priesthood are invited to join Bishop William Joensen on retreat Dec. 20-22. Email Vocations Director— Father Ross Parker at [vocations@dmdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@dmdiocese.org) or call 515-237-5050 for more information.

# The Parable of the Fig Tree

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 13:6-9 (NIV).



U S B F E R T I L I Z E T T A  
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 J F U B E A J D H E A P Y K N  
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YEARS	THREE	LOOK	LEAVE	FRUIT
DOWN	FIND	VINEYARD	MAN	TOLD
PLANTED	USE	SOIL	ALONE	FIG
FERTILIZE	DIG	PARABLE	TREE	CUT



## Holy Humor

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit.

He asked his father, who was a minister if they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut, then we will talk about it."

A month later the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said, "Son, I'm really proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get hair cut!"

The young man waited a moment and replied,

"You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair."

**His father replied, "Yes son and they walked everywhere they went!"**

## St. Mary's ladies !!



The Ladies Guild of St. Mary's Shenandoah have invited us to join them for their Holiday gathering on Monday Nov. 25th @ 6 p.m...They will be serving soup and will also have a gift exchange.

If you would like to be included in the exchange please bring a pair of christmas socks(can purchase at dollar tree), fill with small useful things (chap stick, Hand sanitizer, hand lotion, candy, gum, dental floss:),etc., after you get them filled, tie them together with a ribbon and bring along! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

*Coming Soon.....*

*Nov. 24—ICC Thanksgiving service @ 5 p.m.—Baptist church*

*Dec. 8— Children's Mass*

*Dec. 15—ICC Holiday Dinner*

*Dec. 22—Christmas pageant and Ambassador service*



### **Holiday Decorations.**

As we all know we lost all the christmas tree decorations in the flood waters, including our tree that was stored in the basement of the rectory. Shenandoah St. Mary's had an extra tree that they have graciously given us. But, we will need ornaments!!! If you would like to donate a few ornaments or picks for the tree in **Red, White, or Silver**, we would be all set for Christmas! Thanks!



NCYC is November 21-24, we are sending 10 youth and 2 chaperones, if anyone would like to donate drinks or snacks for the trip please leave them downstairs or contact Monica @ 713-358-3422



### **Readings for the week of 11-17-19**

**Sunday:** Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chrn 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

**Next Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

# ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

## PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES

JOSH SIMMONS

JACOB ANDERSON

JUSTIN PHILLIPS

DERRICK HUBARD

STEVEN ANDERSON

COLBY MCGINLEY



11-15 Ethan Roberts

11-21 Cassidy Hobbie

11-25 Suzie Moores

11-26 Alex Dewhirst

11-27 Jeff Phillips

11-28 Kelcie Gaines

11-30 Katrina Gude

12-1— Marvel Travis

12-3—Joe Whitehead



11-26

Marty & Carolyn Maher



Greg Andersen  
Grady Secht

Reese Kemp

James Dowling

LeRoy Herscheid

Noah Howe

Mary Lou Miller

Dottie Dankof

Isacc Durr

Robert & Nancy Dalton

Todd Quick

Verona Mitchell

Joel Loggins

Kenneth Russell

Bill Long

Henry Johnsen

Lawrence DuBois

Angie Witter-Childers

Pat Sheldon

Joe Kirk

Tim Konecny

Esther McCowan

Shawn Collins

Drake Travis

Martha Gude

Gloria Green

Larry Dalton

Vickie Graham

Glen Whitehead

Ronda Shirley

Zayne Osborn

## Your Contributions

November 10, 2019

Tithes-\$1715.14

Plate-\$67.00

Biscuits and gravy  
\$240.00

Thank You!!!

<b>2019</b>	<b>November 17</b> 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	<b>November 24</b> Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 8:30	<b>December 1</b> 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30	<b>December 8</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30 <b>Children's Mass</b>	<b>December 15</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:30
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Dave & Kim Dowling	Dan & Lori Goodman	Richard & Linda Dewhirst	Jim & Ruth Flokes	Marty & Carolyn Maher
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Dan Goodman  Annie Wakefield	Rich Dewhirst  Denny Travis	Robbie Travis  Vince Hilton	Anne Hendrickson  Dan Goodman	Joe Travis  Annie Wakefield
<b>Servers</b>	Avery Dowling  Cora Moody	Kylie Foster  Addison Foster	Brady Hutt  Isaac Hutt	TBA	Emily Hutt  Alyssa Dowling
<b>Lector</b>	Joe Travis	Kathleen Lorimor	Mark Gude	High School	Rick Jamison
<b>Mass Setup</b>	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie
<b>Cantor</b>	Cara & Children's Choir	Beth/Kim & Evan	Kim/Evan	Kim-Upstairs  <b>Kate/Cara Cora/Cora</b>	Beth/Amelia
<b>Accompanist</b>	Kate/Emily	Nancy	Donna	Nancy-Upstairs  <b>Cale/Nichole Joseph/Emily</b>	Nancy
<b>Coffee and Donuts</b>	Jim & Cheryl Owen	Kathy Moody Angie Sheldon	John & Joyce Travis	Youth Biscuits and Gravy	ICC Holiday Dinner
<b>Wash Linens</b>	Ruthie Paper	Ruthie Paper	Marilyn Gude	Marilyn Gude	Marilyn Gude
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