

THE PASTOR'S CORNER: A TIME FOR GIVING THANKS

It is so appropriate that the word thanksgiving in Greek is *Eucharistia*. As we know, the Body and Blood of Christ is the truest of all "thanksgiving meals." Just as we gather at Mass for our Eucharistic meal, we also gather on Thanksgiving Day with family and friends in a communal meal.

As we plan our family gatherings this week, it is important to show that we are thankful for the meals we will be sharing with our own families that day by performing some type of service to the poor. It is a tradition in many churches to spend the day doing something to help feed those who are in need. In our pastoral region we host a special Thanksgiving meal at St. Cecilia where we serve hundreds of people, including many meals that are delivered to those who cannot join us here at the parish.

In addition to incorporating some service into your family Thanksgiving traditions, it would also be a good tradition to have everyone in the family bring and share a prayer of thanksgiving or a scriptural quote they have found helpful. Let us all join together this week with our families, friends, and Church family to give thanks to God for his abundant blessings.

Amen? Amen!

Fr. Jaxau



We give thanks to God for the graces he showers upon St. Margaret-St. John Parish! His goodness is evident in the generosity of so many parishioners who volunteer their time and gifts in service of Christ's Gospel, in the dedication of our staff and lay ministers, and in the joyful spirit which animates all that goes on in this community. Thank you for making it a blessing to serve this parish community!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jaxau

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THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
We will celebrate Mass on Thanksgiving Day
here at SMSJ at 9AM. Please come and worship
God with us as we thank him for all his gifts
and blessings.

Weekend Masses: Sat. 3PM; Sun. 9AM & 11AM
Daily Masses: Mon. - Fri. 11:45 AM
Rosary: Mon. - Fri. 11:15AM (except First Friday)
Confessions: Mon. - Fri. 12:15PM; Sat. 2-2:30PM;
Sun. 8-8:30AM and 10-10:30AM
Holy Hour: First Friday at 10:30AM (includes Rosary,
Litany of the Sacred Heart and Benediction)
St. Cecilia's Masses: Mon.-Sat. 9AM; Wed. 6:45AM;
Sat. 4PM, Sun. 8AM and 10AM
St. Anthony's Masses: Sun. 8:30AM and 11:30AM
Adoration: Wed. at St. Cecilia from 9:30AM - 8PM

+ THIS WEEK AT SMSJ +

**THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Monday, November 20

11:45AM † Neil Wittberg - Sr. Ann Elizabeth

Tuesday, November 21 - Presentation of Mary

11:45AM † Lois Esswein - B'day Rem. - Ruth Meyer

Wednesday, November 22 - St. Cecilia

11:45AM † Jean Wrublewski - Joan & family

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY

9:00AM † Gordon Baker - Alice Waltz

Friday, November 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY

11:45AM † Mary Russo - Club

**SOLEMNITY OF
CHRIST THE KING**

Saturday, November 25

3:00PM † Gary Miller - Paul & Sylvia Guthrie

Sunday, November 26

9:00AM † Agnes Rupp - Barb Rupp

11:00AM † Pat Fiora - Tankersley Family





Credo (I Believe)

How is God's grace related to our freedom?

God's grace is freely bestowed on a person, and it seeks and summons him to respond in complete freedom. Grace does not compel. God's love wants our free assent.

One can also say No to the offer of grace. Grace, nevertheless, is not something external or foreign to man; it is what he actually yearns for in his deepest freedom. In moving us by his grace, God anticipates man's free response.



A Gospel Reflection

by Father Jason Williams

MATTHEW 25:14-30

“Since you were faithful in small matters, come, share your master's joy.”

Jesus reminds us how incredible our joy will be in heaven, and he encourages us to live with him as our focus and desire. The Church in her wisdom always offers us the chance to hear and meditate on the parable of the talents in these final weeks of the liturgical year. It has many applications for our lives: responsibility, zeal, fidelity, generosity...

God can also speak to us about gratitude through this story. In his goodness God entrusts each of us, just like the people in the parable, with his possessions. He wants us to use those things for our good and the good of those around us. In this way we glorify God and live in anticipation of heaven where we will glorify him for all eternity. To have the investment yield a good return we need to recognize its value. If we don't think what we have is worth anything, we won't do anything with it—just like burying it. How much good we can do when we realize the gifts from God in our lives. This time of year is excellent for reflecting on all the gifts we receive through God's love. Let's thank him for them by putting them to use for the building up of his Kingdom.



Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Cecilia will continue its longstanding tradition of hosting Thanksgiving dinner for anyone who would like to share the holiday with others. **Dinner will be served from noon until 2 PM on Thursday, Nov. 23, in St. Cecilia Commons.** The dinner is free and open to all ages.

Transportation to the dinner and meal delivery are available by calling Margie at (513) 232-0266. All requests for meal deliveries must be made by 5 PM on Monday, Nov. 20.

One of our chief needs each year is for individuals to donate and roast a turkey. We use nearly 70 each year, so the need is substantial. If you can help us in this way, please call Dolores at (513) 871-4191. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

To volunteer, please call Dan at (513) 478-0361. Some of the jobs we need help with include turkey carving (especially Wednesday evening prior to the dinner), serving, washing dishes, preparing carry-out and delivery meals, engaging in hospitality and clean-up. We hope to hear from you soon!



Each month, Pope Francis asks Catholics to pray for special intentions. For November, we pray that Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

BECOMING CATHOLIC. Seeking faith?
Curious about the Church? Want to learn more?
Share your story. Call us today at 513-871-5757, ext. 215.



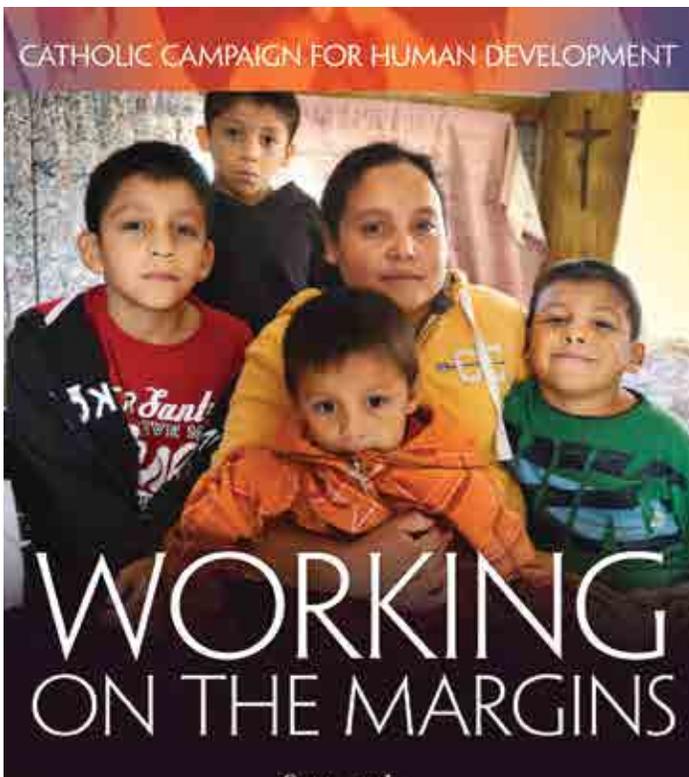
PENSAMIENTOS EVANGÉLICOS

¿CUÁLES SON LOS DONES QUE DIOS HA DADO A TI? EL TIENE CONFIANZA QUE LOS VAS A UTILIZAR POR EL BIEN DE TODOS.

(What are the gifts that God has given you? He trusts that you are going to place them at the service of all.)

What are Your Spiritual Gifts?

God has blessed you through the Holy Spirit with spiritual gifts. He has entrusted these to you for building up his Kingdom even now. Take a few minutes to complete the **Spiritual Gifts Inventory** found on the eastsidefaith.org website. This small investment of time may have great returns on the good God is able to accomplish through your life in this world.



Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous this weekend in your support for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This collection supports programs that give a hand up to the 46 million people who live in poverty in the United States. 25 percent of the funds collected remains in our archdiocese. Learn more about this special collection at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Make your contribution by using the CCHD envelope in your Offertory envelope packet or place in any envelope marked Catholic Campaign for Human Development.



EDGE (Middle School Youth Ministry)

Did you know that Mary is known as the Queen of all Saints? Come learn more about Mother Mary and all of our amazing friends in heaven this Sunday evening (Nov. 19) at 6:30-8 PM at the SMSJ Youth Room. All students in grades 6-8 are welcome!

The VIGIL Project

The VIGIL Project is a community of artists, musicians, and filmmakers that produce multimedia resources for authentic encounter with God and growth in prayer during the liturgical seasons of the Church.

Who: Anyone, age 20-35

When: Sat., Dec. 2, 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Where: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center

5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood

Cost: Free (Suggested \$5 donation)

Contact: Luke Carey at lcarey@catholiccincinnati.org or 208-451-6915 (call or text) or Sarah Rose at ssperduto@stceciliacincinnati.org or 631-742-4567 (call or text).

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” — Psalm 119:105

+ LAY MINISTERS +

Saturday, November 25, 3:00 PM

Readers: T Wood, ML Condit
EMHC: J Heitker, E Best, A O'Connor
Greeters: T Mays, J Wood

Sunday, November 26, 9:00 AM

Readers: M Mathers, P Polanski
EMHC: M Bates, K Douthit, J Douthit
Greeters: M Bates, S McKenrick
Servers: M Scharringhausen, A Sublett

Sunday, November 26, 11:00 AM

Readers: B Losekamp, B Ferrara
EMHC: J Losekamp, K Losekamp, M Hurley,
M Eifert, M Brusman
Server: S Knepfle
Greeters: D Crabb, J Kaminer
Gifts: J Kaminer, S Stovall

Fr Jason will offer training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion **after all Masses the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd.** This required training will only take about 20 minutes and is for those currently serving as an EMHC as well as anyone interested in becoming an EMHC. If you can't make it, please speak with Fr. Jason.

+ STEWARDSHIP +

Weekend of November 4 & 5, 2017

Offertory Total: \$5,849.00 Envelopes: 128

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR PRESENCE AND
YOUR GENEROSITY!**



The SMSJ Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is conducting its **annual Thanksgiving appeal this weekend and next.** Through the work of the SVdP Society our parishioners provide aid to residents in need of assistance in the 45227 zip code. Your contribution in a plain envelope marked SVdP (available in the back of church) may be placed in the regular collection basket or in the attended box also in the back of church. Thank you for continuing to serve those in need through your sacrificial generosity. God bless you!

Four Grand Club

Congratulations to our weekly \$40.00 winner:

Brian & Jill Suddendorf!



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Len Scharringhausen, Charlene Alfaro, Nikki Best, Tom Blankemeyer, John Heitker, Jean Hord, Don Cafferky, Lorraine Carney, Robert Davis, Tony Wittrock, Steve Hofmann, Tammy Davis, Matthew Dickason, Tammy Doss, Linda Johns, John Ewald, Kelly Flanigan, Emma Gough, Mary Greis, Jim Griffin, Alice Wood, Heather Griffin, Lucilia Hock, Marge House, Diane Hudson, Clare Jones, Larry Kahles, Betsey (Kerkhoff) Jacques, Jane Kaeser, Joe Kaeser, Dee Kaiser, Margie Lemkuhl, Steve Keeney, Marian Kleiman, Don Koehler, Bob Kohnen, William Mack, Bert Sullivan, Steve & Mary Knepfle, Eddie Mahoney, Kevin Mahoney, Randy Mays, Mark Scheidhauer, Debbie Malicoat, Patrick Leo McKenrick, Sam Michael, Molly Montgomery, Martha Muchmore, Betty Nerl, Margaret Nerl, Steve O'Connor, Elaine Otto, Esther Quinn, Katie Rahn, Kate Roelker, Dee & Paul Rosing, Steve Ruwe, Ted Sentker, John Sheehy, Jacob Salamon, Louise Spahn, Susan True, Joyce Scharringhausen, Helen Steele, Mary Twigg, Mary Lou Sturgeon, Tom Suddendorf, Pamela White, Kenzie Suddendorf, Patti Weikert, Diana Wiley, Darryl White, Olivia Svetkovich, Teresa K Wilson, Bob Witherby, Annette Collins, Deb Wittrock, Jani Wood, Frances Yunker

+ CHRIST AT THE CENTER +

In the coming weeks you will certainly notice a few changes at the parish to help us all keep Christ at the Center of our liturgical and evangelical life as a community of disciples. The more we are able to enter into the mystery of his love for us, the more we are able to live from the grace made available to us through our worship and ministries. While we know change can be challenging, we hope that over time the fruits of these changes will be evident and benefit all the aspects of our parish life.

First, after several years in its current location, our talented choir will be returning to the choir loft from where they will continue to enhance our liturgy through worship of God in song. Keith Minnery has been instrumental in helping to set the choir up with all that they need in their new home so that they can best serve the parish. Thanks, Keith and all the choir, for your help and patience with this adjustment! We hope that this change will help us all to better focus our hearts on the action of Christ both in Word and Sacrament during Mass so that we can ever more actively unite our lives to the saving mystery of Christ's Passion and Resurrection re-presented in each sacred liturgy.

Second, our subscription to the Breaking Bread books has ended, and in order to avoid replacing these books each year we have purchased hardbound hymnals that will last us for many, many years. These will contain the Sunday readings for the entire three-year cycle and a fantastic collection of hymns and psalms - a lot of the ones we love to sing now and many new ones, too! We hope you find these resources helpful.

+ HAPPENINGS +

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the annual Turkey Dinner last Sunday! It was a delicious way to spend time with parishioners and make new friends, all while supporting our parish and its mission of serving Christ in our community. It wouldn't have been possible without countless donations and many hours of service from a whole lot of individuals. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

OUR NEW SIGNS ARE INSTALLED



Three new signs have been installed on our property: a large sign at the corner of Watterson and Murray, a small sign near the driveway to the church, and a small sign near the driveway at the parish office. These signs make our parish more visible to passers-by and beautify our campus, too. Touching up the landscaping around them is the next step! Thanks to all who contributed in any way to this project.



DOORS PAINTED

The school building has gotten a bit of a face lift thanks to the hard work of Karen and Joe McKenrick. They recently painted the formerly bright red doors a more subtle shade of brown to better compliment the building as a whole. Thanks, Karen and Joe!

BASEBALL FIELD CLEAN-UP DAY A SUCCESS

Thanks to the hardwork of many volunteers willing to sacrifice their time on a weekend morning, our baseball field is starting to look pretty sharp. Lots of brush has been cleared from the edges of the field and the backstop and fencing are being repaired. Thanks to all who helped out on the 29th!

