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# UPDATE

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## FROM YOUR DEACONS

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It has been a little more than a year since my ordination; and I would like to say thank you to each of you for being a member of Mary Mother. One of the things I most cherish about our parish is the way we worship. My spirit is lifted every time I come together with you to celebrate the Eucharist.

One of my favorite Eucharistic Celebrations is coming up on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. On that day we come together to celebrate Thanksgiving as a parish community. One of the very special things about Thanksgiving is that none of us HAVE to be at Mass; but many of us WANT to be at Mass to thank God with our brothers and sisters for all the many blessings that He has bestowed on us. I hope you can join us and that we have a full church.

Once again, this year we will take up a collection of food items for our St. Vincent DePaul Society's food pantry. In years past a group of parishioners has stepped up to make a monetary pledge to match the number of food items collected. We can accept any amount. You can match with \$.01 or \$.05 or \$.10/ per item or any amount you desire. Everything collected goes to further the mission of our SVDP Society. I hope you can join us.



**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**



**SPOTLIGHT  
ON  
STEWARDSHIP**

This month the Spotlight falls on a Mother/Daughter Duo who share their talents with our parish family. The daughter is a high school student who shares her musical talent playing the bassoon with our Teen Choir. The mother is a joyful and dedicated PSR teacher, who is cherished by all the second graders whom she has taught over the years. In the past, the dynamic duo has brought "Bible Story Time" to life for the children at Vacation Bible School. Look on page 2 to see who these ladies are.

## PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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Thanksgiving. Advent. Christmas. New Year's. Feast of the Three Kings.

"I LOVE the holidays..." a close friend tells me. We begin planning early; and that helps. Friends for 40 years, sharing lots of changes...we now make holiday dinner instead of taking pies to mom's house. Thanks to retirement we do not take the kids to the firehouse or police station. Our children have married; and little people are joining the family. Holidays have changed; traditions remain, we use those to anchor the rest of our lives, anchors of faith, family and prayer guide me through.

What have I learned through the years? I've learned ways to keep faith and family before the craziness of the season and that helps. My favorite tool is a simple composition notebook and writing down one thing every day that we are grateful to experience in our lives. Easy to do...just leave the notebook where family members can write in it (or draw if they are not old enough ) and spend a few minutes at supper or before bed remembering the good things. It helps everyone give thanks for what is and not what has to be done or all the items on the "holiday wish list." Elf on the Shelf is another way to carry into December our grateful attitude. My Advent peace and gratitude follows with the night of reflection (December 1 at church) and the traditions we have with our Creche.

Please share your traditions and be kind to one another as we approach the holidays.

PS: My first entry this year: We're grateful for Mark and Josh, paramedics in Phoenix. We pray for our journey.

**LORD  
MAKE ME  
AN INSTRUMENT  
OF YOUR PEACE**

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Dear Mary Mother Saints (sounds like Fr. T!!),

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is the Feast Day of All Saints (a Holy Day of Obligation), a celebration for all of us at 8:30am and 7pm Masses. November 2nd is a Feast Day for All Souls. The practical faith of Christians regarding saints is a living out of the Church's understanding of itself as a communion (common union) of saints. It describes the Church as a community or fellowship of all the faithful, living and dead, called together by God and transformed in Christ and the Spirit. This whole community is present and is most effectively expressed and celebrated whenever people gather for the Eucharist.

Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd (Mass at 9am) is a time to give thanks for the family of saints in our lives. Continuing these celebrations, December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church year, a time to be watchful, to repent, to do penance in anticipation of the celebration of the birth of Christ on Monday, December 25.

God bless all of you saints, see you in church!

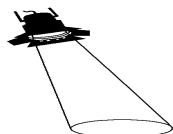


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As I write this, I am preparing for parent teacher conferences for my fourth grade students. This time of year is so busy! I want to encourage you (even when you think you're too busy) to thank God for all the blessings He's placed in your life. I for one, thank Him every day for our wonderful, supportive, Mary Mother Community! I feel blessed to be around such holy, loving parishioners! The next Parish Council meeting is October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend!

The minutes from all Parish Council meetings are published on the Mary Mother web site at [www.marymother.org](http://www.marymother.org). As always, please let me know if you have any questions!



## THE SPOTLIGHT'S ON.....

**DONNA AND CATHERINE SLENKER**  
**Thank you for bringing us good news in word and music.**

Submitted by Ed Lewandowski



## LITURGY NOTES

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**November is the month to remember** "those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith." We think about **our loved ones who have passed on** to the next life. These days, we may also remember those who have died in recent tragedies: both natural disasters and horrific acts of public violence.

When we call to mind fellow human beings who have died, **we can consider them part of our "litany of saints"** --- those who inspire us and guide us as we continue our journey here on earth.

The concept of the "**community of saints**" often seems strange and unnecessary to those whose faith lies outside the Catholic tradition. **Why do we give so much attention and a place on our Liturgical Calendar to people who have died?**

Well, it has a lot to do with **the power of collective prayer**. We have all experienced changes taking place for persons or situations when we pray for them. **Being able to place our collective, prayerful intention** on a person or situation is **a gift given to us by God** to allow us to support each other and become **instruments of God's grace**.

Similarly, when **we call upon the saints for their intercession** (after all, they are still alive, living in God's presence, and have the power of intention!), **we are calling forth the collective focus of the "community of saints" into our midst**.

**Prayer will  
Light up  
Your Life**

## ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

**Please** consider spending an hour each week with the Lord.

### HE CANNOT BE OUTDONE IN KINDNESS

As our parishioners age, we are in serious need of a second person to cover each hour, so that, if one cannot make it, he/she has a partner who could be there.

Our hours are as follow:

Tuesday: 9—8;  
Wednesday 9—7;  
Thursday: 4— 9

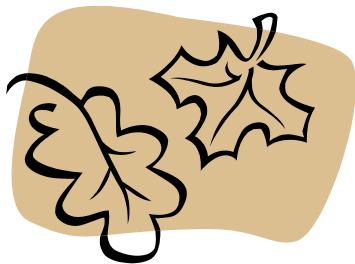
Please call Pat Dean, at 314-842-1887, if you feel called to commit to an hour each week. Thank you for considering this!

## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

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Gratitude comes easily in many ways during November. For many, autumn is a favorite season. Soon the nation will celebrate Veterans' Day, showing gratitude for those who served/continue to serve in the military. Then, Thanksgiving will be celebrated with family, friends, wonderful food and drink. We are called, in scripture, to pray without ceasing and to have humble, thankful hearts. In just a couple of weeks, the Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated (November 4<sup>th</sup>) so that we can honor our beloved parishioners, family and friends who have died. In gratitude, we balance the blessings and the losses as we journey on. Illnesses and difficulties are among us, yet Our Lord has promised to carry us through. John Kralik's "365 Thankyou's" is an easy-to-read book; one man's account of how life-changing gratitude, in the midst of struggles, can be.

I am truly blessed and grateful to be part of this wonderful Mary, Mother of the Church community!



## EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION

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**I'm thankful for our current ambassadors who welcome new parishioners:** Mary Ann Buehler, Angela Dattilo, Marcia Dohack, Peggy Dolter, Pat Echelmeyer, Al and MaryAnn Jaggie, Barb Leveque, Michelle Martin, Kathleen McAnany, Carol Musielak, Leslie Najjar, Mary Sue Ondr, Mary Lou Peters, Paula Shively, John and Maureen Schumacker, Mary Kay Spencer, and Agnes VanDeVen. **Because of your time and commitment welcoming new parishioners, our parish life is more vibrant. We are all grateful for your time. Thank you!!**

**Prayer life suggestion:** Thank God first before asking for something. It's a practice I teach my first graders; and my husband and I use it at home. Being truly grateful is a daily blessing in itself. I find the more gratitude I express the more peaceful and centered I feel. I hope it works for you too.

## SOCIAL COMMISSION

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On October 5<sup>th</sup> MMOC Seniors had a great tour of the Cathedral Basilica St. Louis. **Chair:** Delores Ebert.

Another successful Pasta Dinner was held on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Once all expenses are paid, we'll determine the net fundraising contribution to the parish. **Chair:** Joe Licata.

The Living Rosary was held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fatima. An Ice Cream Social followed afterward with PSR children, their families, and parishioners.

The Bunko Ladies' Night was held on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Everyone won a prize. Pot-Of-Gold and Quilt Raffle winners were drawn. **Chair:** Pat Echelmeyer.

A new group, YACHT Club (Young Adult Catholics Hanging Together) have scheduled a Pot Luck lunch on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> (Noon-1:30pm). Parishioners aged 20-40s are welcome, including their families. No dues, obligations, or membership required. Just bring a dish or dessert and learn about future events. RSVP to [MMOCYACHTCLUB@hotmail.com](mailto:MMOCYACHTCLUB@hotmail.com) or **Chair** Amy Kelemen (314) 288-8931 or [akoch79@hotmail.com](mailto:akoch79@hotmail.com)

The Social Commission is a new registrant with the St. Louis Review for complimentary calendar publishing. Please also monitor the bulletin for social events.



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## LITURGY COMMISSION

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Can you feel it? Smell it? Those crisp, cooler days of Autumn have finally begun. Mmmm!

Fall is here; and; your Liturgy Commission is hard at work. First, the Fall Liturgical Workshops will take place on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>:

9:15 AM-10:00AM - Eucharistic and Hospitality Ministers

10:00 AM-11:00 AM Lectors and Cantors

Please remember that you are required to attend 1 workshop per year to stay on the active schedule.

Halloween will be here in just a few weeks. Did you know that in the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints and martyrs; thus, All Saints' Day incorporated some historic traditions and the evening before was known as All Hallows' Eve, and later Halloween.

Thanksgiving follows shortly thereafter; and we invite you to one of the most beautiful liturgies of the year. No-one

**must** be there; but everyone attending **wants** to be there. At this Mass, we remember how God gives us bountiful blessings; and we bring non-perishable foods for the clients of our St. Vincent DePaul chapter.

*God bless you  
with health  
and  
happiness*

## ATHLETIC COMMISSION

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The Car Show and BBQ on Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> was a big success. A special THANK YOU to all who helped or brought deserts.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM we will have our Mass and Bonfire at the Mary Mother fields. Athletics will supply the meat and buns; and you are asked to bring a dish to share. We are planning to have Father T say the Mass. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the back of church so we can plan for the right amount of food.

The CYC has been scheduling extra games in the gym. If you would consider helping out in the concession stand once in a while on a as needed basis, we would love to have your help. If interested, please e-mail Bob Slama at bobslama@gmail.com .

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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The "Live at Mary Mother" Program Committee is using Archbishop Carlson's Pastoral Letter on Christian Formation as its basis for the topics being presented. The committee has lively discussions as to what the topics will be and who and how they will be presented. If you haven't participated, then treat yourself on November 19<sup>th</sup> when Father Santen will speak on the difference between religion and spirituality. I understand that he is a great speaker; and so we should be in for a treat.

Our Contemplative Prayer group is enjoying a stable attendance with time for private prayer, educational video and discussion. The group is studying the works of Thomas Keating, a well-known leader in contemplative prayer. See the bulletin for time and place.

Reflection: "You hollow us out God, so that we may carry you, and you endlessly fill us only to be emptied again. Make smooth our inward spaces and sturdy so that we may hold you with less resistance and bear you with deeper grace." Jan Richardson



## CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

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The Christmas Food/Gift Tree Drive will be held at Mary Mother on December 2nd and 3rd. Nancy Forsythe is chairing this event. Greeting cards are needed to be used as the ornaments on the giving trees. We will also need someone to help with setting up the trees before the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, November 11. These trees will be up for more than one weekend so parishioners have time to take ornaments from the tree. We need a lot of people to help pack the gifts and food after the Masses on December 3rd. We hope that all parishioners take part in this activity so we can help the 400 families at St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church. If you can help in any way, call Nancy at 314-570-6656.

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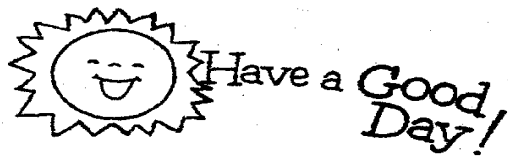
This month, we will be setting up for our Christmas Sale in the church vestibule on Friday November 10th after school from 3:30 until 6-ish. On Saturday and Sunday, November 11th and 12th, teens will work at the sale after all Masses to fundraise for our Steubenville trip.

Our spiritual night this month is on November 12th from 7-9 in the youth room; we will be discussing the Feast of the Eucharist with talks given by Sadie and Alex.

On November 18th and 19th teens will again work at the Christmas sale after all Masses. On Sunday, the 19th, we will clean up and pack everything away after the sale has ended.

Also on the 19th, we will have an outdoor movie night by the annex; we will show "Evan Almighty" while roasting hot dogs and eating s'mores.

There will be no youth group on the 26th because of Thanksgiving. Prayer group is every Wednesday night from 8-9 in the youth room. Please contact Clare if you have any questions.



## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMISSION

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SAVE THE DATE: Thanksgiving Day, 9:00AM Mass...no better way to acknowledge all of God's blessings!

The second Beyond Sunday rebate of \$15,114.83 to Mary, Mother was received on September 15, 2017. These funds were placed in the special account dedicated to the amounts returned from Beyond Sunday to be used per the plan to invest in Mary Mother as previously determined by our Parish Council. Total received to date is \$60,555.88.

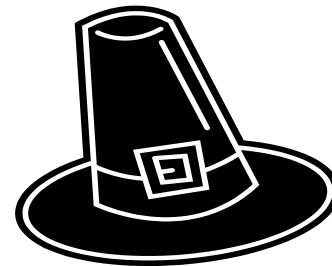
An overdue, additional security enhancement has been installed on the exterior entry doors at the parish office entrance. These doors now are locked at 5:00PM; and you will be "buzzed in" by the office personnel when arriving for evening Adoration, prayer groups, meetings, practices, etc.

The AdFin Commission monthly meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the church meeting room at 6 PM. This time change is to make AdFin more accessible to parishioners who may work and may not generally be available at other times.

## TITHING

September, 2017  
4 Sundays - \$1,009 each agency

- 1.) Arnold Food Pantry – Offers non-perishable foods and a Thrift Shop for those in need.
- 2.) Rebuilding Together – Purchases materials to repair homes of the elderly, disabled, and low-income homeowners who cannot afford to make needed repairs on their own.
- 3.) Living Well Village – Instructs and encourages youth with medical conditions, such as cancer, diabetes, obesity, etc., in an intense camp experience with a health and wellness focus.
- 4.) St. Peter and Paul Meal Services – Feeds 80 – 200 low-income and homeless residents in the community one home-cooked meal each day. Donations are used for food and supplies.
- 5.) Holy Trinity Parish – Assists an inner-city parish in the Hyde Park area in its efforts to revitalize the neighborhood.
- 6.) English Tutoring Project – Supports the teaching of English to children from immigrant and refugee families at four Catholic elementary schools in the metro area.



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The Divorce Care series continues each Thursday in the Annex from 7:00 – 8:30pm. The classes are free; and you are welcome to join them for just one class or all of them.

We are also offering a free CPR/AED Class on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12pm. Sign up forms are in the vestibule; or you can contact Michelle Venable in the parish office if you wish to attend.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm to 6:30pm and November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am to 12:30pm there will be free Blood Pressure Screenings to anyone who is interested. It's a great time of year to get your blood pressure checked before the Thanksgiving holiday!



### CITIZENS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

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The spread of pornography throughout America’s culture has horrific consequences for individuals, for families and for marriages. Many struggle with this addiction, but do not know where to turn. One source of help is the website [www.catholicmenconquerporn.com](http://www.catholicmenconquerporn.com). This is an online source to help men deal with porn addiction. It is a source to help men become “saints.”

Another source is RECLAIM. This is a private, anonymous, 24/7 online professional, science-based Catholic program using the latest brain-science cutting-edge technology to assist individuals. One cannot get help unless one seeks help from experienced and dedicated individuals. Check the website at [www.ReclaimSexualHealth.com](http://www.ReclaimSexualHealth.com).

Join with Citizens Against Pornography on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Join us in the battle for decency and morality.



### PRO-LIFE

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**October is Pro-life Month**; and we held a day at Planned Parenthood with Assumption Church sponsoring a day of the 40 Days for Life campaign. We witnessed a young mother visit our RV to receive alternative resources for her developing baby.

The **Life Chain** was held at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church on October 1. We had a number of Mary Mother parishioners give quiet, prayerful prayer while people passed on by.

The **41st Annual Life Convention** was held on October 22 with John Foppe giving the keynote presentation. John was born with no legs and arms; and he gave his testimony on his relationship with Christ’s love and his life’s journey.

**Christmas Cards** are coming this November, so plan ahead and purchase your cards here before and after all the Masses in mid November!

**Next monthly meeting:** We would encourage anyone interested in learning more about Pro-Life issues to give us a call or come to our next monthly meeting, the first Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the annex building.



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#### MCU Annual Public Meeting

This year our **annual meeting** will be held at **Harris-Stowe University**, across the street (Compton) from St. Louis U’s campus. This event will be on **Thursday, November 9**, from **6:30 – 8:00 PM. Doors open at 5:30 PM.** Pre-registration will be available as well as registration before the event begins. More information regarding registration will be in the bulletin.

As we continue our work with **Break the School to Prison Pipeline**, we have invited school superintendents, principals, teachers, police, clergy, and elected officials. We want to remember these solutions:

- St. Louis Family Court must provide a lawyer for every child every time they come in contact with the court.
- St. Louis County must pay for the lawyers our children need.
- St. Louis Family Court must untangle the roles of probation officers and the prosecution.
- St. Louis Family Court must provide recurring anti-bias training, implement anti-bias measures, and provide the staff to manage it all.
- St. Louis Family Court must give stakeholders a voice.

Mary Mother has committed to **sending 25 people** to the MCU annual meeting. Sign-up will be in the church vestibule.

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### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Everyone is invited to a reception downstairs in the hall after all Masses on November 5th to celebrate the 172nd anniversary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in St. Louis and learn more about its work. As one of the oldest and most respected charities in St. Louis, the Society is a proud member of the United Way. As a Catholic lay organization, an essential part of the Society’s work is to maintain the confidentiality and dignity of those being served regardless of race, ethnicity or age. Vincentian volunteers make home visits and assist clients with things such as utilities, prescription drugs, housing and transportation. Please join us after Mass on November 5 and enjoy some refreshments and hospitality.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2017</h1> <p>For more details, go to: <a href="http://www.marymother.org/resources/calendar">www.marymother.org/resources/calendar</a></p>			<p>1</p> <p><b>All Saints Day - offices closed</b>                      NO Adoration                      9:30am Cornerstone                      9:30am NO Tai Chi                      5:30pm Children's Choir                      7pm ProLife Comm                      8pm Youth Prayer Grp                      8:15pm Traditional Choir                      9pm Men's Basketball</p>	<p>2</p> <p>All Souls Day                      10:30am Zumba                      4pm Adoration                      5pm Yoga                      6pm Volleyball                      7pm Contemporary Choir                      7pm Liturgy Comm                      7pm Divorce Care                      7:15pm Prayer Grp</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30am Mass of Remembrance                      9am Contemplative Prayer Grp                      9:30am 1st Penance Parent Workshop                      3:30pm Confessions                      4:30pm SVDP Open House                      5pm Bonfire at the fields                      5:30pm Jonah Team</p>
<p>5</p> <p>31st Sunday in OT  <b>SVDP speaker at Masses</b>                      8am SVDP Open House                      9am Jonah Team                      9am Family Mass                      11am Confirmation Candidates                      1pm Open House at Catholic High Schools</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:05am AA Grp                      6:30pm PSR                      7pm Men's Prayer Grp</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am Adoration                      9am Quilting                      9am TOPS                      4:30pm Volleyball                      7pm SVDP Mtg</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9am Adoration                      9:30am Cornerstone                      9:30am Tai Chi                      6:30pm PSR                      7pm ACTS Core Team                      7pm Young Women's Prayer Grp                      7:15pm Traditional Choir                      8pm Youth Prayer Grp                      9pm Men's Basketball</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30am Zumba                      4pm Adoration                      5pm Yoga                      6pm Volleyball                      7pm Christian Svc Comm                      7pm Contemplative Prayer Grp                      7pm Contemporary Choir                      7pm Divorce Care                      7:15pm Prayer Grp</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9am Meat Slicing (For SS II)</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Youth Christmas Sale</b>                      9am CPR Class                      3:30pm Confessions                      5:30pm BP Screening</p>
<p>12</p> <p>32nd Sunday in OT  <b>Youth Christmas Sale</b>                      8am <b>YACHT Club</b> Gathering                      9am BP Screenings                      9am Sunday Preschool                      11am Confirmation Candidates                      12pm UPDATE Due                      3pm Annulment Seminar                      7pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:05am AA Grp (brunch)                      5pm Horns                      6:30pm PSR                      7pm Men's Prayer Grp                      7:30pm Youth Comm Mtg</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am Adoration                      9am Quilting                      9am Sandwich Shoppe II                      9am TOPS                      4:30pm Volleyball                      7pm Women Sharing Faith                      7:30pm Adult Volunteers Mtg (Youth Group)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am Adoration                      9:30am Cornerstone                      9:30am Tai Chi                      5:30pm Children's Choir                      6:30pm PSR                      7:15pm Traditional Choir                      8pm Youth Prayer Grp                      9pm Men's Basketball</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30am Zumba                      4pm Adoration                      5pm Yoga                      6pm Volleyball                      7pm Contemporary Choir                      7pm Divorce Care                      7:15pm Prayer Grp                      7:30pm CAP Mtg</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:45am Friday Friends</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Youth Christmas Sale</b>                      9am Contemplative Prayer Group                      3:30pm Confessions                      5:30pm SNL at MMOC</p>
<p>19</p> <p>33rd Sunday in OT  <b>Youth Christmas Sale</b>                      9am Sunday Preschool                      11am Confirmation Candidates                      12pm "Handling the Holidays" 7pm Youth Group rec nite</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am Meat Slicing (for SS III)                      9:05am AA Grp                      6:30pm No PSR                      7pm Men's Prayer Grp</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am Adoration                      9am Quilting                      9am TOPS                      6pm Ad/Fin Mtg                      6:30pm Sandwich Shoppe III                      6:30pm Stitching                      6:30pm HORNS                      7pm Athletic Comm                      7pm Health Ministry Comm                      7pm SVDP Mtg                      7:15pm Combined Choirs</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9am Adoration                      9:30am Cornerstone                      9:30am Tai Chi                      6:30pm No PSR                      7pm Young Women's Prayer Group                      7:15pm NO Traditional Choir                      8pm Youth Prayer Group                      9pm Men's Basketball</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Holiday - Offices Closed</b>                      9am Thanksgiving Day Mass                      7pm NO Contemporary Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Holiday - Offices Closed</b>                      NO 6:30am Mass                      8:30am Mass</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3:30pm Confessions</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Christ the King                      11am Confirmation Candidates</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9am Meat Slicing (for Sandwich Shoppe I)                      9:05am AA Group                      6:30pm PSR                      7pm Men's Prayer Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am Adoration                      9am Quilting                      9am Sandwich Shoppe I                      9am TOPS                      7pm Women Sharing Faith</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am Adoration                      9:30am Cornerstone                      9:30am Tai Chi                      5:30pm Children's Choir                      6:30pm PSR                      7:15pm Traditional Choir                      8pm Youth Prayer Grp                      9pm Men's Basketball</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:30am Zumba                      4pm Adoration                      5pm Yoga                      7pm Contemporary Choir                      7pm Parish Council                      7pm Divorce Care                      7:15pm Prayer Grp</p>		

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**BAPTISMS:**

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**DEATHS:**

Dolores (Dodie) Madden  
David Barton

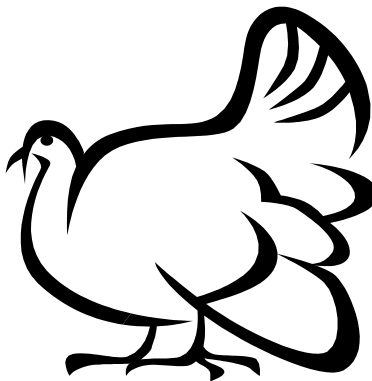
**NEW PARISHIONERS:**

Chris Hack  
Tom & Elaine Lydon  
Hugh & Mary Ann McWilliams

**FAREWELL:**

Jeanine Schuster

***HAPPY***



***THANKSGIVING***