

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of November 22, 2009

Sunday, November 22 – Christ the King

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

11:00 am – Aurelia Klupinski (Ted Klupinski)

Monday, November 23

NO MASS

Tuesday, November 24

6:00 pm – Jan Schilling (Roseann Volpe)

Wednesday, November 25

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

Thursday, November 26

9:00 am – Special Intention (Sue Cruickshank)

Friday, November 27

NO MASS / NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, November 28

NO MASS

Sunday, November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

11:00 am – Carol Mori-Eiferman (Gail Hesse)

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Nov 22 – 9 am – Phyllis DeVictor, Frank Schneider

11 am – Vern Troyer, Theri Brady

Nov 29 – 9 am – Jeannette Dobrich, Maggie McCoy

11 am – Sophia Brown, Janet Callison

Servers

Nov 22 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko

11 am – Gillian Gremling, Anthony Bocija

Nov 29 – 9 am – Frank Conway

11 am – Isabel Tonneman

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Nov 22 – 9 am – Frank Conway; 11 am – Jim Gremling

Nov 29 – 9 am – Frank Schneider; 11 am – Dan Tonneman

Lectors

Nov 22 – 9 am – Lynn Willford, Dennis Smith

11 am – Jon Murphy, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Nov 29 – 9 am – Sister Sharen, Nancy Booth

11 am – Diane Meves, Gretchen Rivera

Eucharistic Ministers

Nov 22 – 9 am – Katherine Kriedermann, Regina Marcum,

Leslie Main; 11 am – Marilyn Smith, Dan Tonneman, Deb Belcastro

Nov 29 – 9 am – Rick Miller, Chris Paisley, Jaime Capestany

11 am – Julie Byrne, Pat Cassidy, Sue Cruickshank

Lector Workbooks Are Ready For Pick-Up. All lectors are asked to take *Lector Workbooks* and use them in preparation for reading. The books are available in the sacristy.

THANKSGIVING MORNING MASS will be celebrated at 9:00 AM, Thursday, November 26. **Mass will NOT be celebrated on Thursday evening, Nov. 26 nor on Friday evening, Nov. 27.**

Also, there will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday evening, November 27.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY, Sunday, November 22

- Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development, at both Masses
- RCIA Rite of Reception, 11 am Mass
- RCIA Reception, following 11 am Mass, hall
- Assembling of Thanksgiving Baskets, 12 Noon

Tuesday, November 24

- Monthly Mass at Westminster Thurber, 11 am

Wednesday, November 25

- NO RCIA (due to holiday)

Thursday, November 26

- Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 am
- NO Bible Study at Westminster Thurber
- NO Bible Study
- NO Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday, November 29

- Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development, at both Masses

Looking Ahead ... Tuesday, December 1

- Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm, hall

The season of Advent is right around the corner. Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. To help us think about this season of preparation in a new way, we will bring you excerpts from the **ADVENT CONSPIRACY** website (www.adventconspiracy.org) for the next few weeks ...

“Christmas can [still] change the world. The story of Christ’s birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once upon a time to celebrate the birth of a savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it’s all over, many of us are left with presents to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purposes. Is this what we really want out of Christmas? What if Christmas became a world-changing event again? Welcome to Advent Conspiracy.” **The concept behind Advent Conspiracy is simple –**

Worship Fully / Spend Less / Give More / Love All

This week, our focus is **“Love All** – When Jesus loved, He loved in ways never imagined. Though rich, he became poor to love the poor, the forgotten, the overlooked and the sick. He played to the margins. By spending less at Christmas, we have the opportunity to join Him in giving resources to those who need help the most. When Advent Conspiracy first began, four churches challenged this simple concept to their congregations. The result raised more than a half million dollars to aid those in need. One less gift. One unbelievable present in the name of Christ.” Love well. Give wells. People are dying from the lack of clean water. It’s the leading cause of death in under resourced countries – 1.8 million people die every year from water-borne illnesses. \$10 will give a child clean water for life. Learn more at ...

<http://www.adventconspiracy.org/>

We extend our heartfelt sympathy ... to the family of Dan and Isabel Tonneman. Dan’s mother recently passed away, on Friday, November 6. We are keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Pastoral Reflections ~ for week of November 22, 2009

Most of us who are in our 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, or 90's, remember where we were and what we were doing 46 years ago today when President John Kennedy was assassinated. The Catholic Church has marked the end of each Church Year with the celebration of the Reign of Christ over all creation. In the face of the chaos of assassinations, violence in homes, streets, and battlefields, in the face of the devastation from environmental irresponsibility, greed-driven economic collapse, pandemic disease, and massive hunger, the Church lifts up signs of the emerging Reign of Justice and Peace. Thanksgiving Dinners in bags and baskets, donations to the Campaign for Human Development to fund grassroots efforts like B.R.E.A.D. to give the powerless and marginalized a voice for justice, donations next Sunday to help J.O.I.N. provide emergency assistance to hundreds of our brothers and sisters in the Columbus-area ... these are the signs of the reign of God over our hearts. The words of the fallen President ring through today's feast, "let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth, God's work must truly be our own." Inaugural Address, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1961. ~ Fr. Ron

Parish News and Information

There will be **NO Women's Group meeting** in December.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS – to help us celebrate the Feast of Christ the King – were generously donated by Steven Hillyer, in memory of his brother, Gary Hillyer, and his nephew, Ricky Stull.

COLLECTION COUNTING NEWS ... for our new Sunday collection counting schedule (which will most likely start in the new year), we still need 1 more person for the 1st Sunday, 1 person for the 3rd Sunday, and 2 people for the 5th Sunday. Please call **614.299.5781** or email **office@sfacolumbus.org**

B.R.E.A.D. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY ... Thanks to the 19 parishioners and one guest that attended the BREAD Annual Assembly on November 16. The Assembly featured updates on current B.R.E.A.D. initiatives: A campaign to put a .25 increase in the Franklin County sales tax to provide access to health care for those without health insurance in Franklin County; B.R.E.A.D. continuing efforts to expand the number of slots for the Franklin County Drug Court program; and a progress report on best practices in combating Neighborhood Blight with a report by Jim Rokakis, Cuyahoga County Treasurer on the Land Bank program developed in Cuyahoga County. The Assembly participants voted to focus on the General Issue/Problem concerning the welfare of YOUTH in our community for the upcoming Nehemiah Assembly at Veterans Memorial on May 3, 2010. As always, B.R.E.A.D. will continue to work on previous issues identified in past years as areas of concern. The assembly also ratified a new slate of officers. Their first Research Kick-off meeting will be held Monday, December 7 at 7 pm, Noor Islamic Center, 5001 Wilcox Rd., Dublin, OH 43016. The next meeting of the St. Francis of Assisi B.R.E.A.D. Justice Ministry Network will be held Sunday, January 10, 2010. More details to follow. Please feel free to contact Pat Cassidy with any questions 614-596-5545 or cassidy.jpatrik@yahoo.com.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING and SAFE TRAVELS!

More Parish News and Information

SFA Parish Council Notes (from November 10, 2009)

Council Elections: Hold elections early 2010. There will be 5 vacancies to fill.

2010 Lenten Soup Suppers: Ben Gibbons provided an update on the soup suppers during Lent. Will have 5 Wednesdays starting March 3 and go through March 31, 2010. Each team will be asked to provide soup/bread for one of the suppers.

History/Purpose of Parish Teams: Discussion on effectiveness of the parish team concept and talked about the advantages and disadvantages of them.

Pasta Dinner: Will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010.

Meeting Rooms: A policy needs to be developed before we allowed continued use. Have not given groups a permanent time/day yet.

Team Reports --

Update/general discussion on Tapestry Sunday sign-ups.

Welcoming, Engaging, and Affirming ... No Report

Grounds & Facilities ... Volunteer Coordinator: Lorri Kuczynski has extended her role until someone is found for the position.

Snow Removal: Parking lot will be cleared under a contract with a company. However, will need someone for the sidewalks. Put request in bulletin asking for someone interested in the job.

Meetings: No meeting/clean-up scheduled for November. Next meeting will be on December 19 when the church will be cleaned for Christmas. Church decorating is scheduled for Dec 20 following the 11 am Mass.

Education ... KRIC: Kids Rooted In Christ. Leslie Main has volunteered to get the program up and running. Once it is up and running another person has offered to help out.

Catholics Returning Home: Next meeting is Nov. 16, same as Bread Rally. Will look to reschedule. Organizers are looking to start up early next year.

Social Justice ... Thanksgiving Baskets: Have had over 56 requests. Families will need to pick up baskets at the church hall on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving.

Spiritual Life ... Aging Parents Workshop -- presented/offered by Jim Kebe, Comfort Keepers. Free workshop for families of older parents. Great idea and suggested to do it the second Sunday of December following the 11 am Mass.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 1st @ 7pm.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday ... next week's bulletin will be sent to the printer tomorrow morning. Please call or email the parish office prior to 11 am, if you have information you would like to submit.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ... Today, the Rite of Reception will be celebrated at the 9:00 Mass with Monica Churchill and Brad Roberts; and at the 11:00 Mass with Kris Howard and Matt Wootton. With the gathered Assembly, they will profess the Nicene Creed, followed by a profession of Catholic faith. They will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and, for the first time, join us at the Table of the Lord. May the unity we experience today strengthen our prayers for all people and especially for the unity of all Christians. Please join us in the Church hall for a reception following both Masses and warmly welcome our newest members.