



Dear Parishioners,

Please participate in a couple special events here at St. Joseph during the month of November.

First, this week I will be celebrating a special Mass in remembrance of all of our deceased parishioners and loved ones. This will take place at 6:00 P.M. on this coming Thursday, November 15. As last year, a votive candle will be lit for every deceased parishioner who is recorded in our parish records of deaths. Also, I remind you again, during the month of November that the Book of the Deceased will be on display and all who are recorded in here will be remembered at this Mass as well and in the petitions throughout November. While we have the responsibility to pray for the faithful departed throughout the whole year and should have Masses offered for our deceased loved ones, November is the Month of the Faithful Departed, so we should especially pray for all of those in Purgatory during this month. Our Lord has set things up so that our prayers are powerful in helping the faithful departed undergoing the purification of their souls in Purgatory. They can pray for us but cannot pray for themselves, so it is very important that we do not forget to pray for them that the Lord will quickly bring them through the purification of Purgatory to the joys of eternal life in Heaven. Also, if we pray for the faithful departed faithfully, those who were helped by our prayers to come quickly to Heaven will always be intercessors for us and will offer powerful prayers for us at the time of our deaths.

Second, repeating from last week, I want to remind you that on the Wednesday evening

before Thanksgiving we will be hosting the ecumenical Thanksgiving Service here at St. Joseph. We will welcome Pastor Martin Neubauer and members of his congregation at First United Methodist Church as they join us in thanking our Lord for all of his gifts. The service will be at 7:00 P.M., so please mark your calendars now to attend.

As regards the Epic Church History Series study that I am offering during the Year of Faith, only three persons signed up. Because of this, the time and day has been adjusted. It will be on Mondays at 1:00 PM at the rectory starting on November 19. Anyone is still welcome to attend and can come for whichever session that they like. You can always check with me before coming to be sure that we are meeting on a particular Monday.

Finally, thank you to all who worked so hard on the Ladies Guild Soup Supper last Saturday. Thanks, too, to those who came and gave their support to the fundraising items. We should be most grateful for all that the members of our Ladies Guild do for St. Joseph Parish and all the ways that they support the life of our parish, amongst these being the providing of funeral luncheons, scholarships to our high school youth, and many other activities that we are not always aware of that they do behind the scenes.

Have a wonderful and grace-filled week.

God bless, Fr. Gutowski

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 12 THRU NOV. 18

Monday	Priest's Intention
Tuesday	Robert Kleinschmidt
Wednesday	Ann Boro
Thursday	Priest's Intention
Friday	Bob Washtak
Saturday	Joe Fibich
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

Several people have inquired if it is indeed necessary to join hands and/or shake hands during this time of colds, coughing and sneezing. You have no obligation to do these gestures. If you are uncomfortable doing so, it is perfectly acceptable to pray the Lord's Prayer by just folding your own hands or raising them up. A nod or verbal peace greeting is also equally acceptable. No one should feel offended by this.

REMINDER: This year our ecumenical Thanksgiving service with the First United Methodist Church of Springfield will be held here at St. Joseph Church on Wednesday evening, November 21 at 7 p.m. You are asked to bring canned goods or cash for an offering.

Thank
YOU

Thanks to all who helped at the Soup Supper and donated items for the raffle. The event was a success and lots of fun. A special thanks to Donna Kohlbek who prepared the wonderful soup. If you took home soup, please return the jars to the church kitchen. Please pick up your empty dishes in the kitchen also. The next Ladies' Guild meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13 at 7 p.m.



CONCERT AT THE SHRINE

The Holy Family Shrine will host a concert by the College of St. Mary Singers on November 18, 2012 at 4pm. This will be a delightful time with a Thanksgiving theme and wonderful singers. Please make a note to attend. The concert will be followed by a reception. Free will donations go to support the Holy family Shrine.

The Holy Family Shrine is at 23132 Pflug Road. To get here: Exit I-80 at Exit 432, go South to Pflug Road (about 1 mile) and then turn West for 1 mile.

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Reconciliation Retreat for all second graders and their parents is Sunday, November 11 from 10-12 beginning in the church social.

First Reconciliation is November 14 at 6:00 in the church.



Let us welcome Regina Stump to our parish family. Regina resides in Louisville.