

October 30, 2016
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22—12:2

2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

Luke 19:1-10

Go Climb a Tree

Remember the last time you waited impatiently in a crowd: a parade route, a concert, a sports arena? Frustration with elbow jostling, packed humanity grows as minutes pass. The thicker the mass of bodies the worse tempers flare, especially when an event is important to us. We're eager to get to the front of the pack, pushing people aside for a clearer view. In those sardine-like moments, we become Zaccheus: short of stature and temper, eager to shinny up the nearest tree! But it isn't a crowd of people that blocks our view of Jesus today. Instead the clutter and noise in our lives makes us Zaccheus, up to our eyeballs and struggling to see over commitments to people, things, goals. We need to climb up and out of the mundane for a clearer vision of the Savior. With our head above the rubble of everyday life, we can hear Jesus call "Come to me, and I will visit with you." Let's pray for the courage today to climb a "Zaccheus tree" and spend a few moments, feet dangling in the air and our eyes fixed on Jesus.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 31

7:00 pm: Vigil Mass for Holy Day: Pat Sass

Tuesday, November 1 – Holy Day of Obligation

Solemnity of All Saints

8 am: Mass: Wallace Brey

7:00 pm: Grief Support Group, parish office

Wednesday, November 2

All Souls Day

8:00 am: Mass: Walter & Helen Larsen

3:40 pm: CCD – Gr. K -6

7:15 pm: CCD – Gr. 7-12

Thursday, November 3

Memorial of Saint Martin de Porres, religious

8:00 am: Mass: Robert Matuszak

7:00 pm: Holy League Men's Group

Friday, November 4

Memorial of Charles Borromeo, bishop

7:00 am: Mass: Arthur Wagner

2:00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 pm: Patriotic Rosary for America

7:00 pm: Benediction

Saturday, November 5

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 pm to 4:45 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Parishioners

Sunday, November 6

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am to 7:30 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: Robert Matuszak

10:30 am: Mass: Verland Schmidt; Confirmation Rite of Enrollment

6:30 pm: Choir practice

General Parish Information

Father Varkey Emergency Cell Phone: 715-937-3664

New parishioners: You are most welcome to join the family of St. Mary's. Please contact the parish office.

Prayer Chain: Contact Jean Kuhn 937-1161

Meal Ministry: Please contact Mary Sladich 743-4466

Bereavement Ministry: Contact Annie Augustine 937-1432

Elizabeth Ministry: Contact Renee Schoen 743-4059

Marriage: Contact with the parish is required six months to a year before marriage. Preparation begins with the first contact.

Natural Family Planning: Please contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated during the 10:30 am Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. Baptisms following Mass can also be scheduled. Preparation classes are necessary. Please contact the office for further info.

Interfaith Caregivers Contact: 743-2885

Weekly Collection

October 23, 2016

Tithe	\$5,375.50
Offertory	202.81
Student	15.65
Bazaar	25.00
Christmas Flowers	25.00
Total	\$5,643.96
Weekly Budget	\$4,414.73

Mission Coop \$1,322.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday–Sunday, November 5-6

<u>Lectors</u>	(A)	(B)
Sat. 5:00 pm	Mary Hartung	Jeanne Strey
Sun. 8:00 am	Dr. Greg Foster	Annie Augustine
Sun. 10:30 am	Brenda Larson	Christine Feucht

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm	Jeanne Strey/Beverly Lavey/Greta Ross
Sun. 8:00 am	Dr. Greg Foster/Donna Opelt/Scott Swita
Sun. 10:30 am	Joel Feucht

Cantors

Sat: 5:00 pm	Mike Hart/Mary Ann Ingold
Sun. 8:00 am	Rita Kuchenbecker/Renee Schoen
Sun. 10:30 am	JoAnn Blum/Lorraine Spencer

Accompanists: 5pm Kaelyn 8 am & 10:30 am Vicente

Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Charlie Schoen	Kaelyn Krultz
Sun 8:00 am	Easton Swita	Wesley Swita
Sun 10:30 am	Cameron Feucht	Aubrey Matousek

Ushers for October

Sat 5:00 pm.	Gary & Mary Nauertz/Mike Poziombke
Sun. 8:00 am	John Matuszak/Jeff McNeely/Rick Opelt
Sun. 10:30 am	Michael Boon/Jeff Hanson/Tom Silbernagel/Rick Fitzmaurice

Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5 pm	Greta Ross
Sun 8:00 am	John Matuszak
Sun 10:30 am	Joel & Christine Feucht

Greeter Schedule – November

5:00 pm:	Rogene Matuszak
8:00 am:	Ed & Marion Genteman
10:30 am:	tom & Kelly Silbernagel

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8 am:	Loretta Canfield
10:30 am:	Julia Backaus

Parish Announcements

This week's prayer intention: For all deceased family and friends. May they rest in peace.

First Friday Adoration will be held Friday, November 4th from 2 pm to 7 pm due to the Mass of Christian Burial for David Hoppa.

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2016-2017

Please return your pledge and payment to the parish office or place in the collection.

2016-2017 Target: \$38,978

Pledges Received: \$20,425

52% of Goal

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

For more information... <http://diolc.org/stewardship>

World Mission Sunday Collection: Your ongoing support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is vital to the missionaries serving in 1,111 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, parts of Latin America and Europe, and the Islands of the Pacific. Your generosity makes it possible for local priests, religious, and catechists to reach out to communities, families and children in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances. The World Mission Sunday celebration highlights the outreach of local churches through priests, religious and laity among the poor and marginalized half a world away. Life-changing help is provided to mission churches in territories covering more than half the globe. *Envelopes for your donation to the Propagation of Faith through the World Mission Sunday are located in the pews of the church. Please make checks payable to St. Mary Parish.*

November Table of Remembrance: You are invited to bring photos of deceased family members and friends. Throughout the month we will pray for them in celebration of All Souls Day. Place the photos on the table located in the narthex.



Be a consumer without guilt & help our brethren around the world at the same time! Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Sale is coming to St. Mary's in Neillsville the weekends of November 5 & 6 and December 10 & 11, 2016 after each of the Masses. The many unique and high quality items will make great Christmas gifts. Please contact **Judy Conner** @ countyourblessings.conner@gmail.com with any questions.

Shares of Light Certificates: Please take a moment to pick up your Shares of Light Certificate if you made a donation to the restoration of the stained glass windows. They are located in the narthex. May God bless everyone who has so generously given to the restoration of St. Mary's Church.

Box of Joy: Help make Christmas a truly magical and hopeful time for children around the world by participating in our Box of Joy drive. Fill a shoe box or Official Box of Joy box (coming soon to the Narthex) with small toys, school supplies and hygiene items and \$9 for shipping and program costs and pray for the children who will receive the box this Christmas. Boxes are due back to the Parish Office by Sunday Nov 13th. Please see Bulletin insert for more information

Join the choir and invite a friend! Choir practice continues this Sunday, October 30th at 6:30 pm. The choir will be singing at the 4 pm Mass on December 24th and the 8 am Mass on Christmas Day. Practices will be held each Sunday evening beginning October 23rd until Christmas, unless otherwise notified. No auditions are required. Lorraine Spencer, Choir Director

Thank you to the Family of Lucy Steinhilber: In lieu of flower memorials the family of Lucy Steinhilber asked that donations be designated to St. Mary's Uganda Africa Mission Project. Through the donations seven students will be sponsored at the Our Lady of Guadalupe School for the 2017 school year in memory of Lucy. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

New Liturgical & Rosary Schedules are available in the carport vestibule. Please take a moment to pick yours up.



Grief Support Gathering: On November 1st 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, join us for a Prayer Program in honor of those who have passed on before us. Please bring a picture of your loved one(s). We will meet in the conference room in the Church office. *Annie Augustine*

Patriotic Rosary for America and the Upcoming Elections:

Join us outside of St. Mary Church to pray a Patriotic Rosary for America and for the upcoming elections. We will meet again on Friday, November 4th at 6 pm. Bring the whole family and dress appropriately. Hot beverages will be served following Rosary.



Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass: The Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 14th 6 pm at St. Anthony's Loyal. Dinner will follow the Mass. KOC members and wives are invited. Cost for the meal is \$7.50. Widows of KOC members are also invited at no charge. Rides for widows are also available by calling the parish office.

New Parish Directory in 2017: The dates for the pictures to be taken for the new directory are January 10-14 and January 17-21. Mark your calendars and plan to have your picture in the directory. The directory will also have a full roster so if your phone number or address has changed, please let us know at the parish office 715-743-3840 or via email stmaryneillsville@tds.net. More information will be coming....

The Pastoral Council is strongly advising all people to park in the main church parking lot during the winter months (November through April). Clearing of the snow from the back parking lot and the sidewalks to the north of the church may not be complete prior to Mass. For you and your family's safety, please park in the main parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

CCD Assignments

† *Teaching the faith begins in the home* †

Grade 1 – Mrs. Cindy: Color the color sheet “In the beginning, God created man & every kind of living creature”.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Carney: Read pages 27 through 30 in your textbook. Learn the answers to questions 12,13,14 & 15. Complete pages 17 through 20 in your workbook.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Schmitt: Do assignment sheet.

Grade 5 – Mr. Veltus: Chapter 5 in workbook.

Grade 7 –Mrs. Lezza: Write 10 Commandments in order.

Grade 10 – Mrs. Luedtke: Saint (Confirmation) name is due now.

The Rite of Enrollment for our Confirmation Students will be Sunday November 6th at the 10:30 am Mass. This is an opportunity for our Parish to recognize and pray for our young men and women preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Through the ceremony of the Rite, they will answer questions and show that they are ready and willing to choose to follow Jesus and His Church. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare to be confirmed Dec 4th in Loyal.

What's with.....?

I will be writing a monthly article that will be a brief explanation about different Catholic customs and devotions. Please feel free to suggest topics at stmarycre@tds.net. Thank you, Stephanie Hannasch

What's with women wearing lace veils in church? Many mature Parish members may remember a time when all women covered their head in church with a hat, scarf, veil or even flowers. After Vatican II this fell out of practice and culture. It was never clearly commanded or forbidden. Covering one's head with a lace veil while in the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle is becoming a popular devotion among Catholic women of all ages. I would like to share a few of the many thoughts behind the devotion. First, is that we veil things because they are sacred, like the Tabernacle, which holds the Presence of Jesus. Women are also sacred as vessels that are created to hold new life, and as loved daughters of the King. Secondly, is that of a Bride, a chosen beloved of God. Women embody the relationship of Jesus with His Bride, the Church. And lastly, some women find it easier to concentrate on their prayers while wearing the veil. There is no requirement either way for wearing or not wearing veils, it is up to everyone to decide what will help them grow in their devotional life. The diversity of the prayer lives of our members make our Church so beautiful, wouldn't you agree? (Credit to Sophia Swinford of LifeTeen for the inspiration from her article “The One Devotion That Totally Changed My Prayer as a Woman”)



**Mark
Your Calendar!**

**Ninth Annual Trivia Night
Saturday, January 28, 2017
7 pm to 9 pm**

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

Sat., Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Neillsville United Church of Christ
2nd & Park St.

Visit the Christmas Gift Shop,

“New to You” Treasures, and Kitchen Cupboard.

Enjoy a Baked Potato Bar with all the Trimmings, desserts and beverage served from 11 a.m. to 1 pm



Friday November 4th - 6:00-6:30pm

On the front lawn of St Mary Church

Bring the family- Come pray a Patriotic Rosary

Dress Warm- Hot beverages will be provided

**Patriotic Rosary
For America and
Upcoming Election**



CRS Fair Trade Sale

Buy fair trade items and stand in solidarity with marginalized artisans, farmers and their families around the world.

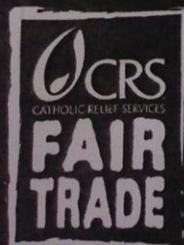
WHEN AND WHERE:

St. Mary Parish
Neillsville, WI

November 5 & 6
December 10 & 11



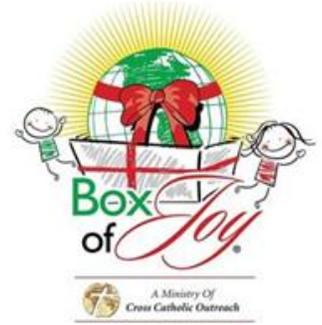
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Through your purchases of crafts, chocolate and coffee, artisans and farmers in more than 30 countries are helped out of poverty.

Learn more at crsfairtrade.org/crafts

Box of Joy-



At Christmas, we experience the joy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Gift giving is a wonderful, meaningful part of that experience. Unfortunately, severe poverty deprives many children in developing countries of this joy. Their parents are too poor to provide even one simple Christmas present.

Through Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy program, you can ensure these children are not deprived of Christmas blessings this year. By packing a Christmas gift box and sponsoring the cost of its shipment, you can deliver a Box of Joy to a child overseas who would otherwise receive nothing. Please consider participating in this program to help children celebrate the joy of Christmas.

How To Participate in Box of Joy Christmas Gifts:



Pick up a box from CCD or the Narthex or use a shoe box from home (watch for them in the Narthex the coming weekend)



Choose gender and age range between 2 to 14, then label your Box of Joy. Go shopping and personally select gifts to bring joy to a child — small toys, hygiene items, school supplies, hard candy, etc.

(Please no liquids, food or combat items.) See List of Suggested Gift Ideas on back of this sheet



For each Box of Joy, please include \$9 in the provided envelope. This covers \$7 Shipping & Handling from Drop-off Center to the child's country, and \$2 to support the life-saving ministries of those working with the children.



Drop off your Box of Joy to the Narthex or Parish office **by Sunday November 13th**. *Pray* for the mission and children who will receive the Boxes of Joy.

GIFT IDEAS



KEY REMINDERS

1. Use the provided gift box or any small shoebox/plastic box (approximately 12" x 5").
2. Fill out and attach the Boy/Girl Label to box lid.
3. Include \$9 check (no cash please) in provided envelope. Place envelope in the box on top of the toys.
4. Secure the lid with a rubber band (no tape please).

PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS:

We encourage you to write a personal note or handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or family. (It is advisable for a parent or teacher to review notes written by children.)

TOYS

Handheld toys
Small plush animals
Small balls (tennis, etc)
Mini puzzle
Finger puppets
Silly putty
Bean bag / Hacky sack
Small erase board and markers
Teddy bear
Unopened Happy Meal toys
Binoculars
Legos
Harmonica
Recorder
Tambourine
Jump rope
Paddle ball
Yo-yo
Handheld Etch A Sketch
Slinky
Mini board games
Balloons
Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pencils, colored pencils and sharpener
Small board books
Erasers
Pencil case
Crayons
Pens or markers
Ruler
Glue stick
Safety scissors (no point)
Coloring book
Notepads
Stickers
Self-inking stamp
Flash cards

HYGIENE / HOME

Comb / Brush
Plastic eating utensils
Cup/bottle with lid
Sewing kit
Bar Soap
Toothpaste (in the box)
Toothbrush
Bandages
Hand wipes
Tissues
Lip balm
Manicure Kit
Emery board/Nail clippers

CLOTHES / JEWELRY

Socks
Flip flops
Sunglasses
Bandanas
Necklace
Watch
Hat
Shoelaces
T-shirts
Plastic poncho
Drawstring bag

IDEAS FOR BOYS

Ball (deflate) with pump
Cars / Trucks
Kazoo
Compass
LED keychain
Duct tape
Tape measure
Shorts
T-shirts
Solar-powered flashlight

IDEAS FOR GIRLS

Colored markers
Hair ribbons
Silly bands
Ponytail holders
Barrettes
Small pots/pans/utensils
Bangle bracelets
Clip-on earrings
Doll
Pom-poms
Purse

DO NOT PACK

Food (hard candy & gum are **allowed**) • Liquids (shampoo, etc.) • Gels (hand sanitizer, etc.)
Chocolate • Military / Police Toys • Toy Weapons • Glass / Breakables • Knives / Tools



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