



HOLY CROSS-IMMACULATA

Mt. Adams Cincinnati, Ohio

“The Church of the Steps”

November 5, 2017

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Mission Statement

We are a Catholic community centered on Jesus Christ, present in the celebration of the Eucharist.

We worship and glorify God through prayer, scripture reflection, participation in the Church's sacraments and a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patron of our parish.

As one Christ-centered family, we are responsive to the current and future needs of our parish, the Mt. Adams neighborhood, the greater Cincinnati community, and the world.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

“And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.” – Jn 6:39-40



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WORSHIP & SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday: 6:30 p.m. T-W-F: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday Communion Service: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:30-4:00 p.m. (or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call Parish Office

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Check website or call Parish Office

PARISH STAFF:

Pastor: Father Len Fecko

Deacon Tracy Jamison

Deacon Tom Graber

Pastoral Assistant: Elaine Fuell

Office Manager: Letty Hater Schroer

Receptionist: Sharon Bertsch

Parish Accountant: Thea Padgett

Choir Director: J.C. Rocha

Maintenance: Eric Turner, Debbie Yacchari

Wedding Music & Liturgy Coordinator:

Blake Callahan

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Steve Nickolas, Chair

Amy Obermeyer, Recording Secretary

Mike Brill

Laura Connelly

Georgia Curran

Gregg Herrmann

Susan Miller

Alice Rogers-Uhl

Tina Russo

Chris Ruth

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Kathy Mayer, Chair

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Marilyn Ormsbee

Eric Koren

Pete Prokop



Bill Moran

Eric Soper



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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| SAT 4 | Vigil Mass 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 4:30 p.m. Mass People of the Parish |
| SUN 5  | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:00 a.m. Mass Celeste & Ralph Schneider (Carol Smith) 10:30 a.m. Mass Marcella Elfers (Spaeth Family) |
| MON 6 | Weekday | 6:30 p.m. Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory (JM) |
| TUES 7 | Weekday | 8 a.m. Mass Ed Schultz (Joe Rippe) |
| WED 8 | Weekday | 8 a.m. Mass Schneider & Smith Families (Carol Smith) |
| THURS 9 | Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | 8 a.m. No Mass Communion Service |
| FRI 10 | St. Leo the Great, Pope Doctor of the Church | 8 a.m. Mass Dot Sweeney (Riesenbeck Family) |
| SAT 11 | Vigil Mass 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 4:30 p.m. Mass People of the Parish |
| SUN 12  | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:00 a.m. Mass Living & Deceased Members of Comer & Scully Families (Mary Ann Comer) 10:30 a.m. Mass Living & Deceased Current & Past Members of the Military |



SCHEDULE FOR Nov 11 & 12

Saturday 4:30

Sacristan: Georgia Curran
Server: Katlyn Obermeyer
Lector: Marsha Bayes
EM: Georgia Curran
Kevin Harris

Sunday 8:00

Sacristan: Cliff Reifel
Server: Bob Schroer
Lector: Jim Goldschmidt
Don Capannari
EM: Linda Capannari
Elaine Fuell

Sunday 10:30

Sacristan: Kathy Mayer
Server: Noah Turner
Lector: Armed Forces Sabbath
Armed Forces Sabbath
EM: Glen Graf, Jenny Graf
John Graf, Jim Horrigan

Collection Counters:

Jerry Fuell, Elaine Fuell
Mike Brill



Thank You!

COLLECTION REPORT Oct. 28 & 29, 2017

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| Sunday Collection | \$2,791.00 |
| Monthly EFT/Credit Card | \$0.00 |
| Other Revenue | \$0.00 |
| Votive Candles | <u>\$83.00</u> |
| Total Regular Revenue | \$2,874.00 |



A PRAYER FOR AUTUMN DAYS

- adapted from Joyce Rupp

*God of the seasons, there is a time for everything;
there is a time for dying at a time for rising.*

We need your grace and courage to enter into the conversion process.

*God of Autumn, the trees are saying their goodbyes to green,
letting go of what has been.*

We, too, have our moments of surrender. Help us to let go.

*God of fallen leaves that lay in colored patterns upon the ground,
our lives have their own particular patterns of growth.*

*God of misty days and harvest-moon nights,
there is always a dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives,
always the need to recognize your power-filled mystery.*

*God of the harvest and fields of ripened grain,
there are many gifts of growth within this season of surrender.*

Harvest must be waited for in faith and hope.

Grant us the patience when we do not see the blessings.

We know that you are our faithful companion on this journey.

Your presence is blessing enough.

Amen.





Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

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| <i>Dorothy M. Sweeney</i> | <i>November 23, 2016</i> |
| <i>Regina L. Clark</i> | <i>December 26, 2016</i> |
| <i>Patrick J. Valant Sr.</i> | <i>January 12, 2017</i> |
| <i>Debora M. Sandmann</i> | <i>March 6, 2017</i> |
| <i>Mary Ann Waldbillig</i> | <i>April 2, 2017</i> |
| <i>Edward J. Schultz</i> | <i>May 7, 2017</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Garland</i> | <i>June 6, 2017</i> |
| <i>Dante F. Vacca</i> | <i>June 19, 2017</i> |
| <i>Estella J. Glacken</i> | <i>June 29, 2017</i> |
| <i>Mary Ann Sweeney</i> | <i>July 23, 2017</i> |



*May the choirs of angels come to greet you;
May they lead you to paradise.
May the Lord enfold you with His mercy,
May you find eternal life.*

Scripture Readings for the Week of November 5, 2017

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| Sunday: | Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10 | Ps 131:1-3 | 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 | Mt 23:1-12 |
| Monday: | Rom 11:29-36 | Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 | Lk 14:12-14 | |
| Tuesday: | Rom 12:5-16b | Ps 131:1bcde-3 | Lk 14:15-24 | |
| Wednesday: | Rom 13:8-10 | Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 | Lk 14:25-33 | |
| Thursday: | Rom 15:14-21 | Ps 98:1-4 | Lk 16:1-8 | |
| Friday: | Rom 7:18-25a | Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94 | Lk 12:54-59 | |
| Saturday: | Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 | Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 | Lk 16:9-15 | |
| Sunday: | Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 | Mt 25:1-13 | |



Observances This Week

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| Monday, November 6: | Weekday |
| Tuesday, November 7: | Weekday |
| Wednesday, November 8: | Weekday |
| Thursday, November 9: | Dedication of the Lateran Basilica |
| Friday, November 10: | St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church |
| Saturday, November 11: | St. Martin of Tours |
| Sunday, November 12: | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |



Congratulations to these recently married couples...

Caitlin Dombart & Andrew Barger, October 14, 2017
Lauren Myers & Ken Shumate, October 21, 2017
Shannon Coffey & Joe Dahm, October 21, 2017
Catherine Barnard & Michael McManus, October 27, 2017
Arlene Tipton & John Shuster, October 28, 2017

Thank You for your Generosity!

Holy Cross-Immaculata parishioners contributed \$994 to the 2017 World Mission Sunday collection. The parish will match that amount and send in a check to the Mission Office for \$2000.



Armed Forces Sabbath Mass

Next Sunday
November 12, 2017
10:30 Mass
Reception after Mass



From the Pastor's Desk...

I have returned from my annual retreat refreshed and renewed! I spent three days at Notre Dame where I spent a great deal of time in prayer at the grotto. Then I spent a week in Celina, Ohio, enjoying the beauty of Grand Lake St. Mary and visiting the Shrine at Maria Stein, OH. And finally, I spent two days in Oxford, Ohio at Hueston Woods. I also had the chance to attend the fall concert of the Miami University Collegiate Chorale and Men's Glee Club. I am grateful to Fathers Matt Gamber, Ray Larger and Jim Meade for helping out while I was away.

Every year in October, the priests of the Archdiocese must submit a form to Bishop Binzer stating our intentions regarding our ministerial assignment for the next year. I met with Bishop Binzer this week and told him that, with the grace of God, I plan to complete my six-year term at Holy Cross-Immaculata. I did discuss with him my ongoing medical concerns, especially the weakness in my left leg. Because of my stroke, I tend to drag my leg when I walk. I recently began another round of physical therapy. Sam, my therapist, confirmed something I have wondered about for quite some time: my left leg is slightly shorter than my right leg, which also causes me to be off balance when I walk. Dr. Hoke has written an order so that I can be fitted for orthotics or specially made shoes. I may start wearing the same kind of clodhoppers that Fr. Stan used to wear!

Every October all parishes are asked to make a count of the number of people who attend Mass each weekend. The average attendance at HCI is as follows:

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| 2016: | 4:30: | 80 | 8:00: | 63 | 10:30: | 113 | Total per weekend: | 256 |
| 2017: | 4:30: | 75 | 8:00: | 46 | 10:30: | 101 | Total per weekend: | 222 |

As you can see, our numbers are down slightly. However, the average weekly attendance goes hand-in-hand with the number of active "family units" on our parish roster. Attendance for weddings during the month of October increased from 564 last year to 907 this year. We are now having more weddings on Fridays and Sundays. I do not believe that the drop in attendance is a cause for alarm, but I will be addressing this issue with both the Parish Council and Finance Council.

Fortunately, the financial support we receive from parishioners and visitors has remained consistent. I am happy to announce that recently Holy Cross-Immaculata Parish recently received several large financial contributions. We are grateful for a \$25,000 donation received from The Simons Family Charitable Fund requested by Mr. John Simons Jr. and Mrs. Margo Simons. Mr. & Mrs. Simons are not registered members of the parish. The bank that issued the check was not permitted to provide us with any information about them so that we could send a letter of thanks. If anyone knows them or knows how to contact them, please let me know so that I can send a personal note to them. Meanwhile, let us all offer a prayer asking God to bless them!

Another kind and thoughtful parish couple also made a contribution in the amount of \$10,000 in addition to the annual \$3,000 donation they make each year. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we can certainly offer our thanks to all our parishioners who support the parish financially as well as those who support the parish by way of the service they provide through parish ministries.

