

# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017

## Mass and a Meal

Religious education students and their families are requested to attend the Children's Mass Sunday, November 5, at 4 pm at St. John (students please arrive at 3 pm for practice). After Mass there will be a dish-to-pass meal. (This Mass is in lieu of the am religious education classes that day.) \*\*Please bring a food item for your local food bank.\*\*

## Ministry Schedule Updates Due November 15

New lectors: If you would like to join this ministry and have attended one of the training sessions, please call the pertinent contact below with your preferred Mass day, days away, and contact information.

Current Ministers: If you will be away during the first half of 2018, contact Nancy, 865.6879, Doreen, 865.6724, (St. John/Holy Family) and Debbie, 746.2503, (St. Peter).

## Annual Delhi Thanksgiving Dinner

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner is November 23, from 12-3 pm at the Delhi Fire Hall. Delivery to shut-ins available with advance notice, please call 746.3858. St. Peter's contribution:

one cooked turkey with gravy (delivered to firehouse by **IIam** Thanksgiving); two gallons of cider; one pound of butter; one apple pie

Cookies, cider, butter, and pies to be dropped at firehouse from 3 to 7 pm on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers are needed ... cooking, serving, clean-up, delivering meals, and driving folks to and fro!

## Bake Sale Today

A fundraiser Bake Sale will be held after St. John the Baptist Masses this weekend to help Emmaline Freeman attend a Real Desert Retreat in Death Valley, California this December 16-21 through her Jesuit University. Stop and talk to Emmi about this during the bake sale. Thanks!

## A Ministry of Immense Love

Pastoral care ministry is modeled on the Gospels and Jesus' example of love and concern for the sick and those separated from their family, friends and community. Outreach of the pastoral care minister/volunteer usually includes offering visitation, prayer, and Holy Communion to those who are elderly, sick, homebound, or in a nursing home.

Please contact Sally Scrimshaw at Mass, call 746.8580, or e-mail: sallyscrim@gmail.com if you are interested in this ministry of immense love. There will be a meeting on Sunday, November 12, at 3 pm at Sally's house in Delhi where we will share fellowship, some short videos from care givers and recipients, prayer, & light refreshments.

## Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

Death can be scary, especially to children. Honor those you know who have died. Perhaps try a dinner prayer like: "Dear God, we thank you for the life of \_\_\_\_\_, who taught us to \_\_\_\_\_. (Include pets if you wish.)

## 'Challenges' Meeting Tomorrow

The Knights of Columbus is a group of active church members from our three churches. We are currently attempting to assist Father Golding in addressing current and future challenges that are facing our combined communities. Next meeting: St. Peter, 6 pm, Monday, November 6.

## Catholic Volunteer Network

Interested in making a difference in our community, the country, or the world? One source to serve those in need and work for social justice is the Catholic Volunteer Network. For more than 50 years CVN has been a leader in faith-based lay mission service for people who want to help.

Peruse the listing of thousands of prospects in the RESPONSE 2018 Guide in the office with nearly 200 one week and one year opportunities. Also check out: catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

## ~ On-Going Bishop's Appeal ~

thebishopsappeal.org

The 2017 Bishop's Appeal runs until March 2018. You may drop your pledge in the offertory basket or pledge on-line using the website above. Amounts needed to reach the parishes' goals:

St. John: \$9,832 St. Peter: \$4,637

## Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Jesus describes the vocation of parents: "*The greatest among you will be your servant.*" Children take our blood, genes, strength, name, patience, and resources. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service.

## Meeting of the Book Group

The Book Group will meet this Wednesday the eighth 2 pm at Hilda's Place. New bookworms are always welcome. Call St. Peter's for directions.

## Walton Food Bank

Requested items: saltines, canned fruit (peaches, fruit cocktail, applesauce); mac 'n cheese; peanut butter; cold & hot cereal; canned vegetables: corn, peas, green beans, pork 'n beans.

Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed. Please make your check out to: Walton Food Bank. You may put your check in the offertory basket or mail directly to 58 East Street, Walton.

## Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Ways to Turn Your Beloved Off #4 -- Let TV trump your spouse as your companion of choice. Yes, you can watch a favorite program together, but beware of TV or videos stealing your time from playing together.

## **Faith Formation**

If you have any questions about our Faith Formation programs, contact Katherine Gielskie at 607.437.7474 or katherinegielskie@live.com.

## *Reflection*

Speech is a powerful gift. We can inspire, offer compassion, share wonder, encourage, express love. We can also wound, demean, sow discord, spread negativity, or deceive. Our speech reveals a great deal about who we are. It may deceive others but usually not for long. Eventually our own words expose us for good or for ill.

*Prayer* ~ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord. Ps 19

*Action* ~ How can I speak words of encouragement and support in my family, workplace, or community? Is my manner of speaking sometimes hurtful to others? How can I be careful of this and more sensitive?

## *Suggested Reading* ~

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. Lk 6

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers... Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Ephesians 4:29;31

A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult. Proverbs 12:16

The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. Psalm 37:30

Be careful with your words, but primarily with your mind; do not let evil thoughts start talking to you. Do not let your mouth say words that could perhaps wound your brother or sister. Let your mouth put forth words which are fragrant: words of consolation, courage and hope. It is a person's words that reveal the interior, inner person. Elder Ephraim of Philitheou

Handle them carefully, for words have more power than atom bombs. Pearl Strachan

Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. They make other people good-natured. They also produce their own image on men's souls, and a beautiful image it is. Blaise Pascal

Think twice before you speak, because your words and influence will plant the seed of either success or failure in the mind of another. Napoleon Hill

Words have a magical power. They can bring either the greatest happiness or deepest despair; they can transfer knowledge from teacher to student; words enable the orator to sway his audience and dictate its decisions. Words are capable of arousing the strongest emotions and prompting all men's actions. Sigmund Freud