

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray for all who hold positions of leadership and authority in the Church, that they not only speak but embody the gospel in their lives. We can ask God to raise up more men and women who will instruct by example and words and who will walk humbly in the way of the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 6, 2017

Monday, November 6
Fr. Gene on Vacation
Tuesday, November 7
Fr. Gene on Vacation
Wednesday, November 8
Fr. Gene on Vacation
Thursday, November 9, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Fr. Gene on Vacation
Friday, November 10, St. Leo the Great
Fr. Gene on Vacation
Saturday, November 11, St. Martin of Tours
5PM For All Veterans
Sunday, November 12
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK NOV. 5 THRU NOV. 12

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	Fr. Gene on Vacation 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Baked Ham / Fried Chicken 7PM First Reconciliation Meeting in School Library
Tuesday	Fr. Gene on Vacation
Wednesday	Fr. Gene on Vacation
Thursday	Fr. Gene on Vacation Grandparent Luncheon
Friday	Fr. Gene on Vacation NO MORNING & AFTERNOON BUS 1:30PM Dismissal
Saturday	5PM Mass 6-8PM Family Fun Night
Sunday	9AM

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: "The greatest among you must be your servant," Jesus says, a message he repeats again and again in the Gospels. His followers are as resistant to it now as they were then. But the faithful follower is not about titles, or ecclesiastical dress-up, or posturing in self-importance. Discipleship in the kingdom that Jesus came preaching is about being brothers and sisters who gather around Jesus Christ, the one Master, who humbled himself and waited for God to exalt him. May the same goal be ours.

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Nov. 11 & 12: 5PM, Carson Dunn, Kolton Jany; 9AM, David Grau, Reed Welborn, Elseah Congiaro

TITHE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2017

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,713.00
\$225.00 Improvement; \$115.00 World Mission;
\$20.00 Votives; \$43.50 Child Env.; \$25.00 Donation
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,223.42
Fiscal Year Week: 18
YTD Actual Giving: \$112,021.50
YTD Budget Need: \$126,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$13,978.50)
YTD Weekly: (\$776.59)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: It is God's lap that holds us, when we're young and when we've grown old.

FALL BACK: Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 5. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening, Nov. 4, when you go to bed.

CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL invites all veterans to breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 9, in the cafeteria from 7:30-8:45AM. Please RSVP by calling the office at 826-2302 or e-mail jameskowzan@chester139.com.

CHESTER SENIOR CENTER invites all veterans to a free meal on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 11:30AM. Please make a reservation by calling the Center at 826-5108 by the 8th.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT will be Saturday, Nov. 11, from 6-8PM. There will be a 1 Mile Fun Run at 4PM at the Cohen Complex. Also, there will be a chili cook-off in the library.

WAY OF LIGHTS will be open Friday, Nov. 17, through Sunday, Dec. 31, at Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville.

AND THE BATTLE CONTINUES: We are once again accepting the challenge to beat Red Bud Catholic Hornets in a canned food collection competition. SMS will be collecting canned goods for the entire month of November. Collection barrels are available in the school library and in the back of church. All donated food items will be delivered to the Chester Area Christian Food Pantry. Help us win the coveted CAN trophy and claim bragging rights!

ANGEL TIME! It is time to purchase a crocheted angel for \$10 or renew your angel from past years for \$5 to decorate the Christmas trees in the back of church. Money may be given to Donna Ritter or place it, the memorial name, and your name in an envelope marked "ANGEL" and drop it in the collection. All proceeds are donated to the church. Last year we raised \$645.00. Thank you!

SCRIP FOR THE HOLIDAYS: It's time to start thinking of your Christmas gift giving. Do you shop in certain stores? Why not purchase Scrip cards to be used in those stores when you do your shopping? Also, if you are giving gift cards for the holidays, those can be purchased through Scrip. Order forms are available in the back of church or in the school office.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: In the United States, victims of trafficking are "all around us" in poorly regulated industries like agriculture, in-home domestic work, nursing home work and the food-service industry. Human trafficking is a pro-life issue. It is about respect for men, women and children; it is about human rights. Discern your own ability to fight human trafficking, whether through volunteering, material donations, aware-raising or working to change and enforce laws. Pray that we recognize the opportunity to start making a difference.

BEAR THE YOKE-BE A SERVANT: Count back 17 weeks. In Matthew 11 on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus said, "my yoke is easy and my burden light." This burden is the Covenant, the loving relationship of God and People. Jesus loves the Law and those who faithfully keep it. But he has no patience and no praise for those who go to extremes-the proud, the pushy, the puffed up. He has no patience for the extreme of acting more for show than for goodness and right. He detests preaching goodness while not practicing it. Whose example will I follow? How will I lay to heart goodness and right behavior? How can I be humble? How will I serve?

YOU'RE INVITED: Sunday, Nov. 12, St. Augustine, Hecker, 1:30PM Quilt-Cash Bingo, Fried Chicken & Pork Sausage Plates served from 10:30AM-1PM, Raffle; Sunday, Nov. 26, St. Boniface, Evansville, 1:30PM Quilt-Cash Bingo, 11AM Lunch Stand opens, Raffle, Pot of Gold