

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

After his time spent alone, Jesus was very certain of his purpose. We, too, can be more aware of God's purpose for us if we but make the time to listen.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 5, 2018

Monday, February 5, St. Agatha
8:15AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Tuesday, February 6, St. Paul Miki & Companions
8:15AM Mary Margaret Gray Graham by Kathleen Gray
Wednesday, February 7
10:30AM Rev. Donald J. Lenzini
Thursday, February 8, St. Jerome Emiliani
NO MASS
Friday, February 9
8:15AM Pat O'Toole by Family
Saturday, February 10, St. Scholastica
5PM Norbert & Mildred Cushman by Loren & Peggy
Sunday, February 11
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK FEB. 4 THRU FEB. 11

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	8:15AM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 5-8)
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grade 3 & 4 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal – NO BUS 4:30PM K of C Fish Fry for Auction
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass 1PM Shooting Match at Shiloh Tavern

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: While ironing, some women also iron out the wrinkles and creases of their lives. Men who run, also pace out the rhythms of their lives. Even teenagers crank up some tunes, stretch out on their beds, and listen beyond the music to the melodies played upon their lives. I suspect there is a lot going on in those spaces. That's where kids get raised and loves get sorted and businesses are merged and decisions unraveled and re-raveled. But somewhere in the midst of it all we also make some decisions about who and what we want to become in this life-at any age. That's where goodness has a chance to surface and values are affirmed and commitments are remade for the umpteenth time and faith sprouts forth. And then it becomes prayer, out of the silence and the stillness and the darkness of time spent alone.

TITHE WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,796.00
\$870.00 Improvement Fund; \$10.00 Donation;
\$53.00 Child Env.; \$13.00 Votives

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,824.41

Fiscal Year Week: 31

YTD Actual Giving: \$211,556.50

YTD Budget Need: \$217,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$5,443.50)

YTD Weekly: (\$175.60)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Feb. 10 & 11: 5PM, Carson Dunn, Jack Heffernan; 9AM, Gage Hopkins, Garrett Hopkins, Madison Kribs

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

John Henry Newman

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K OF C FISH FRY Friday, Feb. 9, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit St. Mary's Dinner Auction. On Feb. 16 the fish fry will be for the Chester Chamber of Commerce.

FAT SATURDAY DINNERS will be available at St. Mary's, Ellis Grove on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 4-8PM. All you can eat Chicken and Fish dinners with four sides, dessert, and drinks included. Mass will be at 3:30PM.

BENEFIT SHOOTING MATCH, sponsored by St. Mary's School Board, will be held on Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Shiloh Hill Tavern from 1PM-? There will be Money Rounds, Meat Wheel, 50/50 Drawing, and a Gun Raffle. Raffle Tickets are available in the School Office. Food will be available to purchase. For more information, please contact Rodney Kribs (618-615-9502).

DINNER AUCTION: Saturday, April 7. Call Ron Korando (618-615-2509) to reserve your seat. Cost is \$35.00 per seat. Note new times! Doors open at 4:30PM, dinner at 5:45PM, and the live auction begins at 6:30PM.

RAFFLE TICKETS: We have collected \$310.00 in raffle ticket sales. Please continue to sell your raffle tickets.

AUCTION DONATION SLIPS can be found in the back of church. What new and exciting ideas and/or products have you decided to donate to the Auction this year? Please return your donation slips to the boxes in the back of church. April 7th will be here before you know it and you don't want to miss out on the excitement of the evening.

EACH OF US is a masterpiece of God's creation: "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." (Pope Francis' Day for Life Greeting) Imagine yourself pausing in front of a design of great beauty. Your soul quiets and is filled with wonder and awe. If art, created by humans, can evoke such a response within us, how much more is the same wonder, reverence and respect due to each person we encounter, who was handcrafted by the very God who spoke the world into being? Pray for the ability to see each person as God's work of art.

BUSY, BUSY: All it took was Jesus to cure Simon's mother-in-law for her to cook a meal for a household of guests, and later, for the house to fill with everyone from town for even more healing. When Jesus sneaks off to pray, his disciples track him down and get him back to mercy work. What do I see that needs doing? How do I make time to pray in this busy world, in my busy life? What is the mercy work I am called to do today?

YOU'RE INVITED: Sunday, Feb. 4, St. Joseph, Prairie du Rocher, 8:30-11AM, Buffet Breakfast; Sunday, Feb. 4, St. Augustine, Hecker, 1:30PM, Quilt/Cash Bingo; Saturday, Feb. 10, St. Mary, Ellis Grove, 4-8PM, Fat Saturday Dinner; Sunday, Feb. 11, 1PM, School Board Shooting Match, Shiloh Hill Tavern