



MINISTERS



Liturgical Appointments for November 9/10, 2013

	Ministers of Altar	Ministers of Hospitality	Ministers of Word	Ministers of Holy Communion
5:30 p.m.	Tessa Ernst	Doug Ernst	Kelli Cole	Michael Bradford
		Connor Ernst		Linda Bradford
				Rose Lushek
8:00 a.m.	Paige Loudin	Craig & Ellen Turner	Creed Culbreath	Marilyn Rosselott
	Emily Loudin			Jane Cadwallader
				Mike Moses
10:00 a.m.	Kieran Hanley Conlon	Shawn Harbin Conlon	Joyce Combs	Anna Lopez
	Quinn Hurley Conlon	Mackenzie Hanraoi Conlon		Jenny Hart
				Jill Hopper



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 3

8:00 a.m. Alma Doeble, Bea Turner & Mary Agnes Tolle (Ellen Williams & Ellen Turner)  
 10:00 a.m. Terry Leibold (Jerry Leibold)

Tuesday, November 5

9:15 a.m. Jim Dean (Charles Bates)

Thursday, November 7

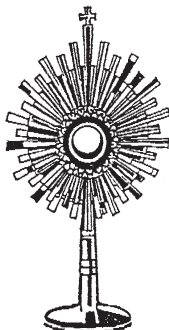
7:00 p.m. David Rosselott (Marilyn Rosselott)

Saturday, November 9

9:00 a.m. Cathy Kiley (Mike & Cathy Shanahan)  
 5:30 p.m. Pat & Tom Hastings, Bonnie Davis (Mary Ann Dyehouse)

Sunday, November 10

8:00 a.m. Ernie Blankenship (Craig & Ellen Turner, Ellen Williams)  
 10:00 a.m. Charles Burchwell (Bonnie Burchwell)



BENEDICTION EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.



Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Need ..... \$ 4,500.00  
 Collection Week of October 26/27  
 Envelopes & Loose ..... \$ 4,076.61  
 Variance .....-\$ 423.39  
 (4 ☹☹☹☹)

School Support: \$367.00 ... Building Fund: \$80.00 ...  
 St. Vincent de Paul: \$12.00 ... Votes: \$24.10 ... Buck a Month: \$5.00 ... Mass Stipends: \$70.00



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 YTD NEED STARTING 7/6/13 .....\$ 76,500.00  
 YTD OFFERINGS .....\$ 75,301.30  
 VARIANCE..... -\$ 1,198.70  
 (12 ☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹)  
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The debt on the Parish Center is \$273,751.66.

Happy Birthday

November 3 ..... Nancy Schultheis  
 November 5 ..... Vanessa McGinnis, John Tafoya  
 November 7 ..... Judy Johnson, Addyston Knauff  
 November 8 ..... Larry Johnson  
 November 9 ..... Bob Florek, Brent Walters  
 November 10 ..... Gayle Paetzel, Tom Shawhan

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



**1. Youth Group (Grades 7 to 12)**

Movie and food, November (Saturday) 16, 2013, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Fr. Luehrmann Hall. Youth Group members are invited to bring blankets, sleeping bags or lawn chairs to enjoy the movie. Lots of food, good movie and a few games...Contact Mrs. Salyer or Mrs. Humphries if you have questions.

**2. Catholicism Faith Formation Program will be offered at St. Mary the Mondays of November. Class will run 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., in the Fr. Luehrmann Hall. They are stand alone classes, so if you can't attend one, you can still pick up the following Monday.**

November 4 – That which nothing Greater than can be Thought

November 11 – The Communion of Saints

November 18 – Peter, Paul and the Missionary

November 25 – Mary, Mother of God

Any questions? Contact the Religious Office at 937-840-9932, ext. 2

**3. Lynn Turner needs extra singers for Christmas. Christmas singers must start *now* to practice with Choir. If you want to join the Choir for Christmas, contact Lynn ASAP. Attendance at Choir practice is essential.**



**VETERANS DAY**

*On Monday, November 11th, at 10:00 a.m., join the Veterans as we dedicate the new Flagpole in front of St. Mary School. The St. Mary Knights of Columbus, along with our St. Mary School Children, invite you to honor our Veterans from Highland County and beyond, who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today.*

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE STATES

- ALABAMA..... Was the first state to have 9-1-1, started in 1968.
- ALASKA..... One out of every 64 people has a pilot's license.
- ARIZONA..... Is the only state in the continental U.S. that doesn't follow Daylight Saving Time.
- ARKANSAS..... Has the only active diamond mine in the U.S.
- CALIFORNIA..... Its economy is so large that if it were a country, it would rank seventh in the entire world.
- COLORADO..... In 1976, it became the only state to turn down the Olympics.
- CONNECTICUT..... The Frisbee was invented here at Yale University.
- DELAWARE..... Has more scientists and engineers than any other state.
- FLORIDA..... At 874.3 square miles, **Jacksonville is the U.S.'s largest city.**
- GEORGIA..... It was here, in 1886, that pharmacist John Pemberton made the first vat of Coca-Cola.
- HAWAII..... Hawaiians live, on average, five years longer than residents of any other state.
- IDAHO..... TV was invented in Rigby, Idaho in 1922.
- ILLINOIS..... Has a Governor in jail, one pending jail and is the most corrupt state in the union!
- INDIANA..... Home to Santa Claus, Indiana, which gets a half million letters to Santa every year.
- IOWA..... Winnebagos get their name from Winnebago County.  
Also, it is the only state name that begins with two vowels.
- KANSAS..... Liberal, Kansas has an exact replica of the house in *The Wizard of Oz*.
- KENTUCKY..... Has more than \$6 billion in gold underneath Fort Knox.
- LOUISIANA..... Has parishes instead of counties because they were originally Spanish church units.
- MAINE..... It's so big, it covers as many square miles as the other five New England states combined.
- MARYLAND..... The Ouija board was created in Baltimore in 1892.
- MASSACHUSETTS..... The Fig Newton is named after Newton, Massachusetts.
- MICHIGAN..... Fremont, home to Gerber, is the baby food capital of the world.
- MINNESOTA..... Bloomington's Mall of America is so big, that if you spent 10 minutes in each store, you'd be there nearly four days.
- MISSISSIPPI..... President Teddy Roosevelt refused to shoot a bear here...  
that's how the teddy bear got its name.
- MISSOURI..... Is the birthplace of the ice cream cone.
- MONTANA..... A sapphire from Montana is in the Crown Jewels of England.
- NEBRASKA..... More triplets are born here than in any other state.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE..... Birthplace of Tupperware, invented in 1938 by Earl Tupper.
- NEW JERSEY..... Has the most shopping malls in one area in the world.
- NEW MEXICO..... Smokey the Bear was rescued from a 1950 forest fire here.
- NEW YORK..... Is home to the nation's oldest cattle ranch, started in 1747 in Montauk.
- NORTH CAROLINA..... Home of the first Krispy Kreme doughnut.
- NORTH DAKOTA..... Rigby, North Dakota, is the exact geographic center of North America.
- OHIO..... The hot dog was invented here in 1900.
- OKLAHOMA..... The grounds of the state capital are covered by operating oil wells.
- OREGON..... Has the most ghost towns in the country.
- PENNSYLVANIA..... The smiley : ) was first used in 1980 by computer scientists at Carnegie Mellon University.  
A newborn baby would smile at his mother in 1951 in Rochester, PA.  
He would later serve as Pastor for two of the finest Churches in the United States.
- RHODE ISLAND..... The nation's oldest bar, the White Horse Tavern, opened here in 1673.
- SOUTH CAROLINA..... Sumter County is home to the world's largest gingko farm.
- SOUTH DAKOTA..... Is the only state that's never had an earthquake.
- TENNESSEE..... Nashville's Grand Ole Opry is the longest running live radio show in the world.
- TEXAS..... Dr. Pepper was invented in Waco in 1885. The hamburger was invented in Arlington in 1906.
- UTAH..... The first Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant opened here in 1952.
- VERMONT..... Montpelier is the only state capital without a McDonald's.
- VIRGINIA..... Home of the world's largest office building, The Pentagon.
- WASHINGTON..... Seattle has twice as many college graduates as any other state.
- WASHINGTON, D.C..... Is the first planned capital in the world.
- WEST VIRGINIA..... Had the world's first brick paved street, Summers Street, laid in Charleston in 1870.
- WISCONSIN..... The ice cream sundae was invented here in 1881 to get around Blue Laws prohibiting ice cream from being sold on Sundays.  
Also, the American Water Spaniel was created there and is the state dog.
- WYOMING..... Was the first state to allow women to vote.

## **FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

A pastor phoned the home of some recent visitors to the church.  
A voice on the other end of the phone answered with a whispered, "Hello."  
The pastor asked, "Who is this?"  
The whispered voice said, "Jimmy."  
The pastor asked, "How old are you, Jimmy?"  
The voice said, "Four."  
The pastor then asked, "Jimmy, can I please speak to your mom?"  
Jimmy answered, "She's busy."  
"Then can I please speak to your dad?"  
"He's busy."  
"Are there any other adults in your home?"  
"The police."  
"Then let me speak to one of the police officers."  
"They're busy."  
"Jimmy, who else is there?"  
"Firemen."  
"Well, can you put one of the firemen on the phone?"  
"They're busy."  
"Jimmy, what are they all busy doing?"  
"*They're all busy looking for me!*"

When I left the seminary in 1974 after being told I had no vocation to priesthood, I pretty much went into hiding and left the Catholic Church for about a year. I felt God had failed me, so I threw a spiritual "temper tantrum." Also, I believed I had failed God, so He probably didn't want me around anyways.

I was living the poem the "Hound of Heaven." As the hound dog relentlessly pursues the rabbit, never ceasing and always drawing closer in the hunt, so God hunts down the fleeing soul with Divine Grace. As much as the sinner tries to run away from God, God unrelentingly pursues that sinner, forcing that soul to come back to Him.

God pounced on me in the person of a short little priest nicknamed "Stumpy." Fr. Ed Connelly was Pastor of Holy Trinity in Batavia at the time. He said, "I'm putting you back to work for God." I have never stopped working since that day Fr. Ed put me on the altar to assist him at Mass. God caught me for good.

God also caught Zacchaeus. "Today I must stay at your house." Everybody hated Zacchaeus, but here is a holy man who wants to actually come to *my house*. Zacchaeus is so moved that he makes up for all his sins by one spontaneous act of over-the-top generosity. He defrauded so many people that by giving away fourfold he most likely gave away all the money he had.

Years ago, I coined a phrase that has guided me as a priest even to this day. I call it, "radical acceptance." Jesus never, ever denied anyone access to the Father. God is busy looking for those lost souls whom everyone else judges and despises, the Zacchaeuses of the world. I made it my mission to help those souls find God.

Our Church will grow when we embrace everyone who comes through our door with full acceptance, just like Jesus. This does not mean you endorse the sin, but you accept the person without judgment.

The Pope himself showed radical acceptance in action. In a surprise phone call to a mother who had a child out of wedlock, Pope Francis promised to baptize that child if she could not find a priest to do it. Wow, that is radical love, isn't it? I recently baptized a child born out of wedlock. I have never felt a child should be denied the grace of God due to the marital status of the child's parents. Like the Pope said, "Who am I to judge?"