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**Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . . \$3,529.00

Offertory for the weekend of November 2-3.....\$4,820.00

Deficit/Surplus for November 2-3.....\$1,291.15

Budget from July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020.....\$183,500.00

Deficit/Surplus to Date.....-\$9,445.08

Thank you for your generosity!



**St. Joseph “Prayer Chain”** If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 787-7593.

**“Care & Concern”** Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note, please call 787-4151.



**“Food Bank”** Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank! From June thru October 31 there were 195 pounds of food items that had been donated by you. Your constant donations have been and continue to be a great help to this mission in which our valley area also benefits from your kindness. Donations to the Food Bank can be dropped off at the church office or by using the box in the church.)

**November Events**

- Liturgical Ministries Conference** November 10 1-3 p.m.
- Pastoral Council Meeting** November 14 3:00 p.m. *New Time*
- Raffle Pot Luck Dinner** } November 16 following
- Harvest Raffle Drawing** } the 5:30 p.m. Mass
- Rosary at the Shrine** November 21 at Noon
- Faith Formation Family Day** November 24 10:15-11:45 am

**Baptismal Preparation Sessions Schedule**

November 26 7:00 p.m. St. Marys, St. Marys 781-1019

**Faith Formation Families:** Following Sunday Mass, November 24 you are invited to the annual Family Day in the social hall from 10:15 to 11:45. Please come for refreshments and activities on Giving Thanks.



**Cemetery Clean-up starts Tuesday, November 12!** Flowers and all other decorations at the cemetery will be removed in preparation for the fall clean-up which will start on Tuesday, November 12. It is advisable to remove these decorations before that date if they are to be retained, otherwise, they will be discarded. Christmas decorations can be put on the graves starting Monday, December 16 and will remain until January 14, 2020 at which time they will be removed.

**Book of the Beloved Dead**

In preparation for the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, a special **Book of Remembrance** is available in the back of the church. **Throughout the month of November**, please feel free to write down as many names as you wish. The Book will continue to be displayed in our church so that all the names you write may be included in our prayers.

**Final Week for getting your Harvest Raffle Tickets in for the Drawing on Saturday, November 16 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass!** Please turn in your Pot Luck Dinner Reservation/Food Selection handout **by Monday, November 11** to the church office. There is still time to take part in the raffle and support St. Joseph Church. Sign up to bring in a dish for the Pot Luck and plan an evening of good food, socializing with family and friends as you await the drawing results! **It could be You!**

On Sunday November 17 there will be an evening of prayer and music with Deacon Dan Satterlee. The evening will include a scripture reading, Homily, Benediction, and prayers for healing. It will be held at St. Bernard's Church in Falls Creek. The time will be 6:00 P.M. The music ministry will be Shalom. For information, contact Judy Smart at 814-637-5930/Rich Kenawell.771-7932.



**A Valiant Woman of Faith**

During this month of November we recognize and honor the life of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini who was the first United States citizen to be canonized a saint. Her feast day is celebrated during Mass on November 13th.

This is her story. She was born Maria Francesca Cabrini on July 15, 1850 in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Lombardy, Italy. Her first religious work was at the House of Providence Orphanage in Codogno, Italy where she took the religious habit, made her vows, and took the name Francis Xavier who was a foreign missionary saint centuries earlier.

Frances always had a desire to be a missionary in China, but instead after she was made prioress of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, seven other young women joined her order. They then were sent by Pope Leo XIII to New Your City in order to serve the needs of the Italian immigrants there.

Challenges and more difficult problems met her in New York City. The place where her orphanage was to be set up was not available to her. People tried to discourage her plans and mission. But, that made her evermore convinced that she would win this battle of obstacles thrown at her.

In the end after thirty-five years, Frances Cabrini founded and established sixty-seven institutions serving the poor, the uneducated and others of all ages who were abandoned on streets, those that were homeless and those who were sick and disabled. She died in Chicago in 1917.

My brothers and sisters, this is such an inspiring story of a determined, valiant woman of faith and a USA citizen who because of faith in Jesus our Lord was able to do God’s Will in our country for thousands of very needy people of her time. May we follow her example in doing what each of us are able to do for the people with many needs in our beloved nation.

God Bless,  
Father Mark



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 11, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Special Intentions -Veterans		Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop	Wis 1:1-7 Lk 17:1-6 (491)
Tuesday, November 12, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Shirley Zuraski	Leair Family	Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	Wis 2:23—3:9 Lk 17:7-10 (492)
Wednesday, November 13, 2019 No Mass			Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin	Wis 6:1-11 Lk 17:11-19 (493)
Thursday, November 14, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Kelly Duell	Parents	Weekday	Wis 7:22b-8:1 Lk 17:20-25 (494)
Friday, November 15, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cortina (anniversary)	Cortina Family	Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Wis 13:1-9 Lk 17:26-37 (495)
Saturday, November 16, 2019			Saint Margaret of Scotland; and Saint Gertrude, Virgin	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Lk 18:1-8 (496)
Saturday, November 16, 2019 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	See below
Sunday, November 17, 2019 9:15 a.m. Mass	Bill, Lena and Dick McCluskey	Donald and Mary Ann McCluskey	The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mal 3:19-20a 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19 (159)

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 OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday ..... 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 p.m.; **Sunday:** 9:15 a.m.; **Holy Days:** 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday

**BULLETIN INFORMATION**

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

**Baptism** – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

**Eucharist** – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

**Confirmation** – High School youth who are entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

**R.C.I.A.** – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

**SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION**

**Priesthood/Permanent Diaconate** – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Diaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

**Matrimony** – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

**SACRAMENTS OF HEALING**

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** – Is celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available anytime upon request.

**Reconciliation** – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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