

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

On this Sunday we begin our three days Retreat Mission or Revival. It will be a great opportunity to renew our relationship with the Lord and our creator. It share some light on our week nesses as we journey to eternal life. It is no coincidence that we listen to these readings at mass today concerning our future life.

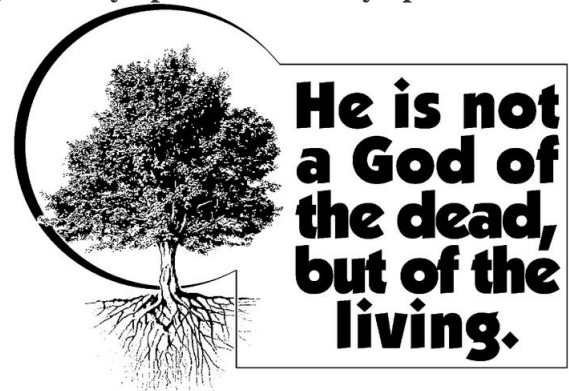
In his brief answer to the Sadducees, Christ gives us the essential facts concerning our future status. First, he affirms that all those who have proved themselves worthy while in this life will rise to an eternal life. In that life we will become like angels. We will not be angels, pure spirits without bodies, but we will be like them in that our bodies will become "spiritual." They will lose all the restrictions and limitations imposed on them now, as mere material composites. They will no longer be subject to decline and decay as they now are. Therefore, they can never suffer from pain or sickness or weakness of any sort.

Second, he clearly affirmed that those risen from the dead are no longer liable to death. Leaving aside the other greater joys of heaven, such as the beatific vision, and the close association with Christ our Savior in his risen humanity, the meeting with our blessed Mother and with all the Saints, including our relatives and friends, what a source of happiness and joy will it be for us, to know that we can never die again! The happiness and joy which we shall have will never end. We all have had moments of happiness in this life. Great as these moments were, the thought that they had to end too soon cast a shadow on our joy. There will be no shadow to darken or lessen our future joy and happiness. Many Christians, even good, pious Christians, fear death and try to keep the very thought of it far from their minds. This is very understandable for one who believes (if there is such a one) that death is the end. To a certain degree it is understandable in the case of the believer or the Christian, whose conscience is not at peace with God. That latter, however, has the means of removing his fears by removing his sins, and by putting himself right with God. The normal, pious Christian should see death as what it is, an end of his time of probation and the door to his eternal reward. It is not normal for a student to dread his graduation day. Death for the God-fearing, honest Christian is graduation day. Therefore, no Christian should be afraid of it. Of course, part of the fears which death instills comes from the fear of the judgment which accompanies it. If we think every now and then, that our death is around the comer, we will turn to the God of mercy, to our loving Father, and ask for his forgiveness. He never refuses pardon to those who with a sincere heart, ask for it.

Let each one of us look into his own conscience this morning. Let him ask himself, how he would fare if death should claim him tonight. If there are sins on my conscience, which I would not want there when facing my

just Judge, I still have time to approach the merciful Father. The Christian who does this daily, or even weekly, will not worry when death calls. He can rest assured that it is the beginning of the true and everlasting life, planned for him by God before time began.

**Hope to see you at the Missions/Revival on Sunday 4pm, Monday 7pm and Tuesday 7pm**



**REGION ONE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

[SB] = St. Benedict [SM] = St. Mary

**Tue. Nov 11** 8am [SM] Veterans of our parishes

**Fri. Nov 15** 8am [SM] SB/SM Parishioners

**Sat. Nov 16**  
4:30pm [SM] Capt. Robert I. Lopez,  
, Helen Stoker,

Josephine & Jerald North 50th Wedding Anniversary  
4:30pm [SB] Sick & Shut-ins

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sun. Nov 17** 9am [SM] Msgr. John Downey

10:30am [SB] Jean Long

1:15pm [SM] Spanish Mass

**WEEKLY COLLECTION Nov 2/3, 2013**

**St. Mary**

Weekly	\$3776.24	<b>Goal: \$4116.00</b>
Roof Repair	\$330	<b>YTD \$14,170.00</b>

SVDP	\$483
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All Saints	\$125
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**TOTAL: \$4954.24 Shortfall (\$14,404.66)**

**YTD \$59,648.02**

**St. Benedict Stewardship of Treasure**

**Goal \$5,200.00**

Nov 2 \$1010.81

Nov 3 \$3749.56

**TOTAL: \$4948.04**

Maintenance \$650.97

All Saints \$187.67

Flowers \$155

**THANK YOU:**

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## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### IN THE NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING FROM ST. BENEDICT AND ST. MARY PARISHES

Eddie Weaver	Mary Scott
Lavonne Barker	Mary Scott
Mary Paschal	Livingston Care Center
Artie Oliver	Mercy Sienna
June Lawson	Livingston Care Center



### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS PASTORAL REGION ONE:

[SB] = St. Benedict; [SM] = St. Mary

- Mon. 11/11 VETERANS DAY**  
Parish Mission/Revival 7-8:30 [SM]  
Prayer Mtg. 11am [SB]
- Tues. 11/12** Parish Mission/Revival 7-8:30 [SB]  
Sp. Choir practice 7pm [SMC]  
Sp Class 6-9pm [SMC]
- Wed. 11/13** Bible Study 7pm [SB]  
Holy Name 7pm [SMHall]
- Thurs 11/14** Bible Study 10am [SMC]
- Sat 11/16 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANITA**  
Choir Practice 6:30pm [SB]
- Sun 11/17** Bible Study 10am [SMC]  
**Choir Practice 10am [SM]**

### TAKE TEN & CONNECT

**With God & With Others Your Faith & Daily Life**  
**Spend 10 minutes reflecting on God's Word**

*Next Sunday's scripture: Malachi 3: 19-20*

*2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12; Luke 21:5-19*

With wars, famine, suffering, etc., how do you find God's love and trust in your life?

Speak of a time in your life when a crisis occurred and you were fearful. How did you get the courage to bounce back?

Think of a time in your life when you felt everything falling apart. Where did you find support?

### ST. MARY LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### Nov 16 - 4:30pm

[S] Ginny Himes

[L] Steve Himes, Chris Deavers

[E] Delora Michel, Ginny Himes, Debbie Hoover, Mary Ann Faulstick

#### Nov 17- 9am

[S] Steve Epps

[L] Jack Dempsey, Sally Obach

[E] Adrianna Wagner, Ed Camacho, David Weickert, Danielle Joseph, Jo North, Phil & Bonnie Doepker

### ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

### ST. BENEDICT CALL TO WORSHIP

November 17, 2013

Hazel Roundtree

### PRAY FOR OUR PARISH MILITARY MEMBERS



TSgt Timothy Scott Marcum, USAF; SSgt Justin Bentley, USAF; SrA Matthew Bauer, USAF; CPT Brian Hargis, US Army; SSG Lynn Jones, US Army; Saundra Ann Morrell, USN; Ronald Morrell Pruitt, US Army, Capt. Andrew J. Konicki, USMC.; SSgt Christopher DeWitt, USAF, Sgt Alex Zavakas, US Army, SSG Bill Himes US Army; PFC Michael V. Jackson, US Army, PVT Corey Taylor, US Army, Lt. Com. Ryan Jonathan Logan, USN, SGT Stephanie Lewis, US Army, PFC Solomon A. Smith, US Army, SrA Candice Smith, USAF, SR Aaron R. Gorby, USN; Capt. Michael Schloss, USMC, Davion A. Redd, USCG, Pvt Jacob Deis, USMC.

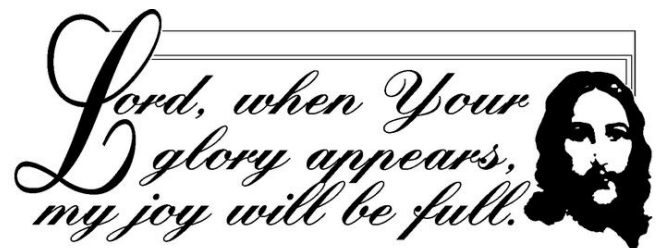
### PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED SICK of SB



In our prayers, let us remember those in need of the Lord's healing mercy, especially: Carolyn Sallee, Andrew Lewis, Jackie Bristow, Brenda Lewis, Mae Wilkerson, Kenneth Bronston, Zadie Buckner, Mary Helen Spanish, Ruby Hobbs, Chuck Dewitt, Valerie Smith, Minnie Hollis, Alice Coley, Phyllis Coley, Lora Singleton, Mark Wells, Dorothy Navies, Sr. Virginia Lacy, SND.

### BRUNCH! BRUNCH!

The Knights of Peter Clever and the Ladies Auxiliary are once again hosting a Brunch on December 1 right after mass at St. Benedict in the Multi-Purpose room. It cost only \$8.00. Come and bring a friend to support them.



### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

In today's second reading we hear Saint Paul urging the members of the community at Thessalonica to direct their hearts to God's love through Christ. He wants them to be laser-focused on Christ, and nothing else. He desires that they be strengthened by the Lord and shielded from what is not Christ-like.

Good stewards cultivate a "laser-sharp" focus on Christ; not on things that could give them false or superficial images or ideals. Let's think about our own daily focus: Do we direct our hearts toward Christ or are there other "gods" that claim our attention? Our career? Material possessions? Sexuality? Favorite sports team? Political leanings? Does our daily life point to Christ so that those who are younger and less mature in their faith learn from our example?

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO SR. MARIA**

Earlier this week the National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton honored a select group of individuals in the Greater Dayton region with its prestigious Humanitarian Award.

Sister Maria Francine Stacy of the Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry Office along with William Gillispie, Ismail Gula, Dr. Munsup Seoh, and Mary Rita Weissman were selected for their commitment to the work that is NCCJ's mission: to build a community dedicated to the elimination of bias, bigotry and all forms of discrimination.

Sister Maria Francine Stacy has been a prominent advocate for Latinos in the Dayton area for many years. She works to break down stereotypes, promote understanding and develop positive relationships among groups, helping the community get to know their new neighbors and helping Latino immigrants orient themselves to the new culture in which they are living. Sister Maria is often a quiet advocate, speaking individually and confidentially to and for those she is assisting; however she is also a sought after spokesperson to act as a public voice for others. She has organized round table discussions between the Dayton Police Department and the Latino community, reducing fear and increasing understanding. She has helped organize and promote multicultural faith experiences.

We congratulate Sr. Maria on her award.

### **THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!**

Thank you to our donors and volunteers from St. Benedict who braved the unusually cold weather on the weekend of Oct. 26/27. The SVDP truck "Bundle Weekend" went very well and we're appreciative of your donations. Thanks again and we'll see you in the spring of 2014! Mrs. Janet Anderson St. Benedict SVDP

### **ST. MARY ROOF REPAIR**

We are into the next step of our roof repair. The large pieces of equipment might be gone from the parking lot, but the work is still ongoing.

We have now started our Capital Fund project with a mailing to all parishioners. Please use the envelope we provided you for your contributions for the Roof Project. No donation is too small. Watch the thermometer in the back of church to see how fast we reach our target goal. We have already reached 21.5%.

Please continue to use the envelopes located in the pews. We still have \$51,830 to go to reach our goal.

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DANCE**

St. Benedict the Moor Annual Christmas Dance Friday will be held on December 6, 9pm to 1 am. Music by "KDJ" Kenneth Johnson. Donation \$20 per person or - Table \$160 BYOB. For tickets please contact Susan Smith 263-6713, Lucille Wilder 461-2077 or the St. Benedict parish office 268-6697.

### **CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS**

St. Mary is collecting Campbell's Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education. You can put them in an envelope and drop them in the collection. Thank you.

### **ST BENEDICT'S WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING**

There will be a Women's Group meeting on Saturday, November 16, 9:30 a.m. in St. Benedict's Meeting Room. A Continental Breakfast will be served. We will be discussing the Rediscovering Catholicism book by Matthew Kelly and planning activities for the year. Please read Chapters 7 & 8 of Matthew Kelly's book prior to the meeting. For more information, please contact Annette Young @ 937.416.2459. Bring your ideas and a friend with you. Hope to see you there!

The Women's ministry would also like to remind everyone to use their Prayer packet to prayer each Sunday at 8 p.m. Anyone who needs a Prayer packet or copy of the prayer should see Annette Young.



## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### OUR MILITARY PICTURES

For those at St. Mary and St. Benedict who have members of their family serving in the US military, guard or reserve, we are updating the display in the back of St. Mary church.

If you would like to include your military family member, please email a picture (no cell phone shots please) to [stmaryparish@stmarydayton.org](mailto:stmaryparish@stmarydayton.org) or drop off a picture to the office. We need their name, branch of service, rank and how they are related to you. Thank you.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH LECTURE

You are invited to attend the Fr. Joseph Davis, SM Annual Black History Month Lecture at UD on Mon., Nov. 11, 4:30pm, Sears Recital Hall in the Jesse Phillips Humanities Bldg. Speaker Dr. Katrina Sanders of the Univ. of Iowa will give a lecture entitled "Forgotten or Simply Ignored? Black Catholic Schools in America and Catholic History." She will speak on the historical significance of Black Catholic schools and their meaning in Black communities over the generations. There will be a reception following, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs at UD. All are invited to attend. For more information call Cecilia Moore at 937-229-4559.

### COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF THE MILITARY

The Collection for the Archdioceses of the Military Services, USA gives each of us the opportunity to *serve those who serve*. With the funds raised from this national collection, the AMS will be able to ensure that all Catholic men, women and families have the access to the sacraments, authentic Catholic education and the spiritual guidance of a Catholic chaplain wherever they go. This collection is being taken up in every church in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati **THIS WEEKEND Nov. 9-10**. Envelopes were in the bulletin last weekend. Please be as generous as you can to assist our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers serving our country.

### VETERANS PRAYER

On November 11 as we commemorate Veterans Day by recalling the sacrifices of our service men and women, we are mindful of those currently serving our country, both here and overseas. Praying for their safe return to their friends and loved ones, we lift them up: *Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of the armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### ST. MARY CHRISTMAS CARING TREE

We have begun our Annual Christmas Caring Tree program at St. Mary Church. Applications for assistance were taken by our St. Vincent DePaul volunteers and we have reached our target of 100 families.

Each family will receive gifts for their children 16 years old and younger, along with a Christmas food basket.

Our tree will be up in St. Mary Church **THIS** weekend. The hearts on the tree represent a child in each family. Please take a heart to fulfill a child's Christmas wish. **Attach** the heart to your wrapped gift and put that gift back under the Caring Tree. The deadline for the gifts is Sunday, Dec. 8.

There are no hearts for food. We ask for your donations from the list below to assist us in putting together 100 food baskets for these families. Any and all items donated will help. Thank you in advance for your generosity and compassion for those less fortunate in our community. We are also asking for donations of \$10 Kroger's Gift Cards. We need 1 for each family for a total of 100!

### Christmas Caring Tree Food Basket Needs



4 CANNED VEGETABLES - CORN OR GREEN BEANS, 2 CANS OF FRUIT - MIXED FRUIT, APPLESAUCE, ETC. BOXED CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER, 2 BOXES MAC & CHEESE, CRACKERS, CAKE MIX, CANNED OR BOXED ICING, EGG NOODLES, BOXED JELLO OR PUDDING MIX, INSTANT POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES, 2 CANS CREAMED SOUP, MUSHROOM, CHICKEN, HAMBURGER HELPER, CHICKEN BROTH, BAG OR BOXED STUFFING MIX, SMALL LAUNDRY SOAP, KLEENEX - BIG BOX, 2pk PAPER TOWELS, 4pk TOILET PAPER, BAR SOAPS (2)

Please consider adding a few of these needed items to your shopping cart on your next visit to the grocery. Drop them in the Food Donation baskets at the doors of St. Mary. **ALL DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1.** Thank you!!