



This weekend are two very important feasts . . . Saturday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints; and Sunday, November 2nd is the Feast of All Soul's. I know it seems a bit confusing this weekend, but these are two wonderful feasts that should not be overlooked. Several years ago, the American Bishops made some changes in the celebration of Holy Days, in light of the growing shortage of priests. When January 1st (The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God), August 15th (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother), and November 1st (Feast of All Saints) falls on a Monday or a Saturday, they are still "Holy Days", but not days of "Obligation", where you must attend Mass. (This rule does not apply for Ascension Thursday, for obvious reasons . . . December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, since this is the patronal feast of the Americas, or Christmas.) But, the feasts are very important. The Feast of All Saints honors those who have truly devoted themselves to the love of God and His people in their lives on earth, and who are now a source of courage, guidance, and strength for us here in this life . . . encouraging us to give our lives to God, as they did. The Feast of All Soul's is another special celebration that gives us all a chance to pray for our loved ones who have died, that God may grant His mercy upon them, and call them home to Him in the Glory of His Kingdom. This year, with All Saints being on a Saturday, it would be most appropriate for the 4:30 Mass of Anticipation (for Sunday) to still be celebrated as the Feast of All Saints. The Feast of All Soul's on Sunday is especially comforting for those families who have lost a loved one in the past year. Throughout the month of November, and beyond, please say a special prayer for all those families who have lost someone they loved in these recent months. With the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, it may be very difficult for them. Prayer brings comfort and hope. May we surround our fellow parishioners with our prayers.

Allow me to introduce to you our candidates and catechumens for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or commonly known as the R.C.I.A. We welcome on this journey this year *Brian Alexander*, who comes to us as a catechumen (unbaptized), and soon to be married to parishioner Kristen Ventura . . . *John Blose*, a Senior at Strong Vincent High School, and a candidate already baptized in the Christian faith . . . *Jonathan Mitchell* of the United States Navy, a candidate already baptized . . . and, *T. J. Robison*, a candidate already baptized, and married to parishioner, the former Erica Manus. These are really great guys that are really looking forward to a life of faith in the Catholic Church. May we all pray for them, and support them on their journey to full conversion into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil!

It has been a while since we have done a Parish Mission. We are planning on doing one next spring, during the Easter season. So many parishes do them during Lent, along with all kinds of other things. I have always been one that has felt that we neglect the Easter season, by doing so many things in preparation for it . . . but, not much *during* it. Lent makes no sense, unless we focus on Easter. Msgr. Henry Kriegel, one of the best preachers this diocese has ever had, has agreed to lead a parish mission for us next Easter. Msgr. Kriegel is the former Pastor of St. Jude the Apostle Church, and former editor of the Lake Shore Visitor, which, for many decades, was our diocesan newspaper. He is now semi-retired, out in La Quinta, California,

doing some work in the Diocese of San Bernadino. We are working on dates, and will have a better idea after the first of the year. But, I wanted to let everyone know that we are going to have a great mission next spring.

On Tuesday, it will all be over . . . this "marathon" of a Presidential election. For the past few weeks, I have been putting in all kinds of information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as some information about the Freedom of Choice Act. There are many, many issues that we need to pray about and think about over the next few days. Both Senators McCain and Obama have many wonderful attributes, and many that are very lacking . . . if not, downright scary. But, we do need to be informed. Very informed. But, I have to say . . . the issues of life, especially those involving the unborn, the elderly, the poor . . . are never to be considered on the same level as taxes or the economy. As Catholic people, voting for the people who will lead our government, the issues of life must take precedence in our decision. The Bishops, in this election cycle, are trying so hard to encourage our people to be informed . . . read, learn, ask . . . and, *pray!* We just need to keep in mind what Jesus said, "*I came that they might have life, and have it to the full!*" (*John 10:10*) In these final days, let us pray for the people of America, for the whole world is watching.

Have a great week! VOTE!!

Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	Oct. 26, 2008	Oct. 28, 2007
Repairs & Improvements	\$76.00	\$127.00
Mission Sunday	\$157.00	\$163.00
Sacrificial Giving	\$5,295.27	\$6,261.25
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	(\$1,954.73)	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 666 families of the parish, 277 envelopes (42%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$19.12**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

COMMUNION OF SAINTS - We have begun the month of November when we as Roman Catholics traditionally remember the Dead. One of the beliefs of the Church is in the *Communion of Saints*. Throughout this month we commemorate this belief.

We are members of this "*Communion of Saints*". We ask the intercession of those (All the Saints) who live now in the Glory of God. We remember to pray for All the Faithful Departed. Found at the Baptismal Font is our *Book of Names*. During the month of November, **please inscribe the names of loved ones** who have been called home to God and whom you wish our parish to remember in our prayers. Throughout this month, the names will be kept in prayer. By remembering those who have died, we recall how much a part of our lives these "saints" still are, and we reaffirm our belief that Jesus died for us and because of His death we will all be reunited with our loved ones someday.

REMEMBER
THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.





Masses For The Week



**THE WEEK
AHEAD**

Monday, November 3rd - St. Martin de Porres
8:30 - June Greaves - The Big Giveaway Committee

Tuesday, November 4th - St. Charles Borromeo
8:30 - Paolo and Rosa Carbonelli - Family

Wednesday, November 5th
8:30 - Ruth Meyer - Family

Thursday, November 6th
8:30 - Communion Service

Friday, November 7th - First Friday
8:30 - Dec'd of the DiFilippo Family - Family

Saturday, November 8th - First Saturday
4:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, November 9th - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
9:30 - Catherine and Carmen Pirrello - Family
11:30 - Pat and Ron Runstedler - Dick and Jane Mawhir

Priest Schedule for November 8th and 9th

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM - Fr. Detisch

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**James Matson** by Jerry and Karen.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17 John 1: 13-22

LADIES OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY - Our next meeting will be on *Wednesday, November 12th* at 7:00PM (the Board will meet at 6:00PM). Traditionally, November is the month we collect paper products for the Food Pantry ... tissues, bath tissue, paper towels, napkins, etc. are needed for the patrons of the Sacred Heart Food Pantry. Thank you for supporting this project.



After recitation of the rosary, Joy and Kay will conduct the business meeting. A light snack will be served.

Any women of the parish, who are at least 18 years old are invited to join us. In December we have our Christmas Party (rumor has it, that it will be at the Maennerchor Club this year).

The **McDowell Center for Performing Arts** will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The King and I* on November 6th, 7th, and 8th at 7:30PM and November 9th at 2:00PM in the newly renovated Little Theatre at 3320 Caughy Road. The show is directed by Michael Malthaner with choreography by Jean Malthaner and stars Abby Franc, Brett Wittmershaus, Megan Ott, Tim Barthelmes, and Kristie Bauman. Reserved seat tickets are only \$5.00 and can be purchased by calling 836-6925, or you can get seats at the door prior to each show. This is a wonderful family show filled with some of the best music written from the Golden Age of Broadway. Please come out and see *The King and I*.

Please remember in your prayers our departed:

†**Mary Ann Alberstadt**, sister-in-law of Marge Alberstadt, and †**Assunta Colao**.



Sunday - Coffee & Donuts will be served in the audi after the morning Masses. All are welcome!

Monday Night Scripture Group at 7:00PM in the sacristy.

Monday - Boy Scout Meeting at 6:00PM in the audi.

Tuesday - The **Rosary** will be prayed at 2:00PM in church.

Friday - Church Cleaning **Team #10** (Kim and Jim Malone's team) is scheduled for Friday, November 7th.

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS

Congratulations to these most recent **Big Giveaway winners**: 5748 - Elaine Hirsch, 9941 - Rose Marie Lepo, 7915 - Michael R. Paulson, 0855 - Mary Ann Runser, 2525 - Tara Durkin, 2029 - James A. Markowitz, 4168 - Jean Lauer and Anna Rose Schupp, 5734 - Judy Althof, 1899 - Owen Murphy, 4894 - Cindy Nowak and Joan Adams.

By now, the Buyers' Party for October, 2008 is history—but, since this Bulletin notice is prepared a week ahead of time, the results of the party cannot be published until next week's Bulletin. Stay tuned.....

There will be no turn-in until further notice.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

- Last week at youth group we discussed All Saint's Day and All Souls Day. We started a prayer book for all of our loved ones that have passed on. This is a great way to unite our prayers as one youth group community. Last Saturday we participated in our first annual scavenger hunt with St. Joseph Bread of Life youth group and we had a great time hunting for different clues! All youth from grades 5-12 are welcome to check out Sacred Heart Youth group, we meet every Thursday from 7-8:30 in the auditorium. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for the senior high youth rally in mid-November. Feel free to e-mail me with any questions or comments at catholicconnection@gmail.com or checkout our youth group website at mycatholicconnection.com. Peace. Jesse

An information Meeting on **DIVORCE, ANNULMENTS, AND REMARRIAGE** will be held on **Tuesday, November 18th** at 7:00PM at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Sperry Hall, in Harborcreek. Staff members from the diocesan Tribunal Office will offer practical advice about the annulment process and answer individual questions in a confidential setting at the end of the meeting.

The **Sisters of St. Joseph** will be having their *20th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner* at the Marketplace Grill on **Thursday, November 27th**. They serve nearly 1300 guests on Thanksgiving Day. The meal is free and open to anyone from the Erie area that is lonely, in need or homebound. You can help by donating purchased or homemade pies for the dinner. They will need at least 200 pies and will be accepting pies at the Sisters of St. Joseph Community Living Center, 5031 West Ridge Rd. Pies may be dropped off from 8:00AM until 8:00PM on *Wednesday, November 26th*. For more information, please call 836-4100.

