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OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN  
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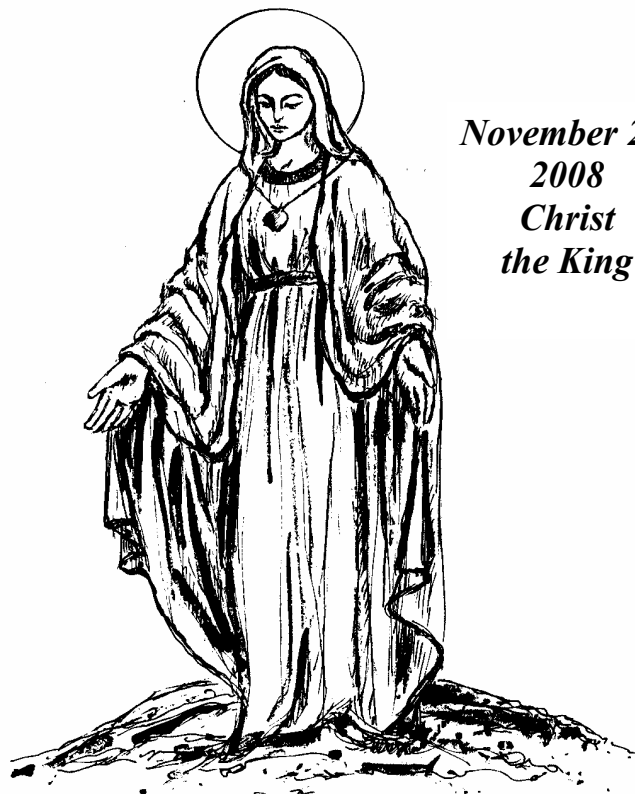
MOST REVEREND GEORGE MURRY, SJ  
BISHOP OF YOUNGSTOWN

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November 23,  
2008  
Christ  
the King

**Liturgy**

Weekdays, 8:00 a.m.  
Weekends: Saturday, 9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., 12: noon  
Adoration Fri. 9 a.m. - 9 a.m. Sat.  
Sun. 2 pm - 8 am Mon.

**Sacraments**

**Confessions:** Saturday, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
**Baptisms:** Arrange at Rectory  
**Matrimony:** Arrange at least 1 year  
in advance.  
**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the rectory

***Welcome:** We extend our hands and hearts to you here, celebrating with us, whether longtime resident or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us.*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Our parish is a diverse and dynamic Catholic family community, committed to Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit and relying on the Patronage of His Mother, Mary.*

*We will serve not only the needs of our Parish Church, school, and individual members, but also the broader needs of our society, in union with the other Parishes of the Ashtabula County Deanery and the Diocese of Youngstown, through worship, stewardship, education, Christian service, evangelization and other programs.*

## A HAPPY & BLESSED THANKSGIVING

Ecumenical Service, Sun, Nov 23, 7 pm,  
Church of Christ (next to post office)



### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar

Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers and welcome strangers and even stranger relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Families live the Beatitudes.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Today, Sunday, Nov. 23, The St. Vincent de Paul Society will host a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast in the hall. Adults meals are \$5, Children 3-12, \$3, under 3 are free. Come enjoy breakfast with us.

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Today's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Please be generous.

### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thanksgiving will be celebrated with a Mass at 9 AM. Please come to show God thanks for all the blessings He has shown this past year. As has become a tradition here, we will bless bread at this Mass for you to take home and share with your families.

### THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Food items and donated time for the Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the Geneva Community Center would be welcome. Serving time is 12-4 pm. Contact Sr. Joyce if you can help.

### THE SHARING TREE

The Sharing Tree, 2008, is filled with tags for our 8 adopted Christmas families. Please write your name on the list next to the tag number you take. Tags and new items are to be returned to the tree by Dec. 14.

### "A STOCKING WAS HUNG"

Another Christmas tradition here is buying a pair or more of socks or stockings, any size, and placing them in the big red stockings at each entry. Socks go to our Christmas families & the Clothing Bank. Due Dec. 14.

### INTERNATIONAL FAIR

Sun, Nov 23, Noon—3pm at the Austinburg Town Hall, Rte 307, is the final chance to purchase gift items made by third world craftsmen.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**—here, Fri, Nov. 28, 9-2. Held in memory of Mike Mikulin, son of Pat & Paul Mikulin.

**Belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY to KAY RIEDEL who is 99.**

Please remember to pray for the sick and recovering in the parish.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner **MOLLY MASSUCCI**, who died recently.

### WADE PARK VETS

Military gift items for residents of Wade Park are due Tuesday, Nov. 25. Personal and small gift items can be placed at the side entrance in the box marked for them. Thank you for your help.

### CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday at 7:30 come join the Christmas Choir. We will sing at 8:30, prior to the 9 pm Dec. 24 Vigil Mass.

### CENTURY CLUB

The first winner of the current game is **Kathy Bridges** of Medina, sister of Sr. Joyce. Her prize was \$100. Congratulations! The next drawing will be Dec. 15.

### IMMUNIZATIONS OFFERED

Each Wednesday, 1-3 pm, in the St. Vincent de Paul Office (next to the rectory garage), the Health Dept of Ashtabula County will offer children's immunizations. Bring your record of shots and \$5 each shot. Also, some are available for adults. Call ahead, 576-3023, ext 135, so they can come prepared, and bring your Medicaid card.

### TURKEY RAFFLE drawing winners

The ten turkeys won by pre-sale ticket drawings went to:

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| 1. Rose Debevec  | 6. Jamie Lillis  |
| 2. Anthony B.    | 7. Liz Knight    |
| 3. Adia Vera     | 8. Wendy Wargo   |
| 4. Susan Deutsch | 9. Harry Stamper |
| 5. Kristy Black  | 10. Cliff Fenner |

Thanks to all who made this event a success.

### BECAUSE WE CARE

The "Because We Care" Campaign thanks all who participated in the Ministry Fair. What talents & opportunities we have in our Parish Family! Please turn in your questionnaires by Nov. 23 telling us what ministries/organizations you would like to begin or continue.

The weekend of Dec 6-7 we will take a **second collection** for the **Disaster Relief Fund for the American Red Cross**. Please make checks payable to the American Red Cross, not the parish.

**MEN WHO COOK**, Mt. Carmel Hall, Jan. 24, 6-9 pm. Want to cook? Call Lynn at Catholic Charities, 992-2121. Sponsor opportunities are also available.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 23:

SUN.	Pancake Breakfast, benefits St. Vincent de Paul, 9-11:30 "Retirement Fund for Religious" Collection ..all Masses	
MON.	K of C .....7:30 Ladies' Volleyball .....7:30	
TUE.	Apostles for Divine Mercy .....6:30 BINGO, 11/25/08. Team # 2 .....6:30	
	Admissions	D. Pasqualone
	Early Birds	R. Laurello
	Early Instants	T. Ivankovic
	Cashier	B. Peters
	Kitchen	T. Baxter,
	I Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	J. Decker
	Instants	E. Mallick
	II Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	J. Decker
	Instants	K. Kleps
WED.	No School	
	Friendship Room Rental	.....2-10
	Choir	.....7:30
FRI.	Blood Drive, in memory of Mike Mikulin .....9-2	
SAT.	Market Day Pick Up .....10-11	

## NEW LAW OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY

If you are over 70 1/2, you must take a required minimum distribution from your IRA. Normally, the amount of the distribution is taxed as ordinary income. However, federal legislation enacted on October 3, 2008 offers the opportunity for you to make a direct distribution from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as YOUR PARISH or other Catholic cause. Such distributions, while not subject to income tax, will still count toward your fulfilling your required minimum distribution. For more information, call Pat Polombo, Director of Development & Stewardship, 330-744-8451, ext 325, or email him at patpal@cboss.com.

## Wedding Banns

EDWARD HODGSON and LISA ROSE will be married Saturday, November 29, 2008 at Mother of Sorrows Parish, Ashtabula. Congratulations!

## GOOD NEWS COUNTER

Advent wreaths and candles are in. See all the Christmas items and gifts available. Open after all weekend Masses.

## SANTA SHOP &amp; BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Dec 5-6 shop during school hours, Dec 6, shop after Mass, and Sunday, Dec 7, shop and have breakfast with Santa, 8:45-11:45am. Pre sale Family Special for \$20, a 4x6" picture with Santa & 2 Christmas Basket Raffle Tickets- by Nov 25 only. See flyer for more details.

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

November 16, 2008 Offertory	.....\$4,272
Renovation Fund Balance	.....\$4,079
Bills to be paid (take courage!)	.....\$ 17,5020
Assessments and Internal Loans	.....\$27,300 +\$42,000
Thanks to all our generous parishioners.	



## ADVENT



The Liturgical or Church Year begins with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and includes all four Sundays before Christmas. This year Advent and the new Church Year begin Sunday, November 30, 2008. The focus of Advent is simply "to wait". We are remembering the past, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and looking to the future when Jesus will come again. A holy wait! "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come" (Mark 13:33).

## THE SYMBOLS AND SIGNS OF ADVENT

**The Advent Wreath** is made of greens and four candles. The candles may be all violet or all white. Traditionally they usually are two violet, one rose and the fourth is violet. One new candle is lit in addition to the previously lit candles on each of the four Sundays. We begin Advent at the first Mass of the season which is Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at the 5:30 PM Mass.

**The Church Decorations** are moderate and subdued. The color for Advent is violet. This includes the banners and the vestments. On the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, the color of rose may be used.

**The music** includes hymns of waiting, penance and longing. They too are on the quiet side. We begin Mass this year as we did last year. Five minutes before Mass begins the Church doors will be closed. The bell will be rung followed by the lighting of the Advent wreath and a **period of silence**, a time of meditation. Then the bell will again ring signaling the beginning of Mass.

**The readings** during Advent include the following: The first readings give a dramatic vision of God's coming while the second readings all speak of the Second Coming of Christ. The Gospels move from the end of time, to John the Baptist to the Incarnation while the last tells of the Annunciation.

## LUNCHEON BUNCH

On Thursday, Dec. 11, at 1:00, the Lunch Bunch will gather at Chops Grille & Tap House, Rte 534 at 90, for a meal and friendship. All are welcome to join us. Please call Dea, 466-3954, or Vel, 466-22940 for reservations.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

**BOOK COVERS** - There is still time to get a Memorial Plaque to place in the new missalette covers that will be in place Nov. 30. We ask a donation of \$5 per plaque. Memorialize a loved one or a special event.

**Mass Intentions**  **for the week**

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>DARRYL EARTLY JR.</b> Pete & Joanne Welch
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>FAITH &amp; MIKE BESEDA</b> Ray & Fran Gruber
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>ROBERT STOCKER</b> Stocker Family
	<b>12:NOON</b>	<b>MIKE MIKULIN, 2nd Anniv.</b> Family
<b>MON.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>MARY D'ORIO</b> The Ladies of the Club
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>No Service</b>	
<b>WED.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>ALL SOULS DAY INTENTIONS</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>JUNE ELLER</b> Altar & Rosary Society
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>VERN YOUNGBERG</b> Altar & Rosary Society
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>DAN FENNER</b> Assumption School Staff
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>RACHELE STEIMER</b> Pat Vensel
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>PAUL HOLLER</b> Jack & Alberta Kearney
	<b>12:NOON</b>	<b>TIM LINEHAN</b> Family

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NOV 29-30:**

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EX MIN of EUCH</u>
SAT. 5:30 PM	Sr. Joyce	M. Bergen, J. Carle
SUN. 8:00 AM	R. Linehan	L. Daly, P. Stoltz
10:00 AM	J. Coggins	J. Soslowicz, J. Gerber
12:NOON	E. Sidley	Team of 3

**ACOLYTES**

SAT. 5:30 PM	M. McBee, F. Stocker
SUN. 8:00 AM	K. Baxter, D. Gustafson
10:00 AM	N. Watson, C. Vaughn, A. Logan
12:NOON	M. Sharpe, A. Wright, A. Fistek

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 23:**

Sun.	Eze 34:11-12,15-17; Ps 23; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46
Mon.	Rev 14:1-5; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tue.	Rev 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wed.	Rev 15:1-4; Ps 98: 1-3,7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thu.	(Thanksgiving) Sir 50:22-24; Ps 113:1-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Fri.	Rev 20:1-4,11-21:2; Ps 84:3-8; Lk 21:29-33
Sat.	Rev 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
Sun.	(1st of Advent) Is 6:16-17,19,64:2-7; Ps 80; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

## OUR "SHARING TREE" FAMILIES

Join us as we gather our resources to assist **8 families** this year. Take tag(s) off the tree at the side entrance, write your name on the list by the number. Please return tag(s) *and* items to the tree by **DEC 14**. We ask that the tag items be new. Thank you for your help.

### Sizes

<u>Family "A"</u>	<u>Top</u>	<u>Pants</u>
Man	—	—
Woman	—	—
Girl, 15	1X-2X	20
Boy, 14	Lg	32x30
Boy, 10	Med	12-14



<u>Family "B"</u>		
Woman	Med	6
Girl, 17	L-XL	10-11
Girl, 14	L	9
Boy, 7	Med	10 reg

<u>Family "C"</u>		
Woman	—	—
Boy, 18	2X	42x32
Boy, 13	14-16	16 reg
Girl, 10	10-12	10 reg

<u>Family "D"</u>		
Man	—	—
Woman	—	—
Boy, 17	Med	32x30
Girl, 10	8slim	8-10 slim

<u>Family "E"</u>		
Woman	—	—
Boy, 15	Lg	29x30
Boy, 14	Lg	29x30
Girl, 12	w-Sm	5,7woman
Girl, 11	Med	9-10
Boy, 10	Lg	10-12 (youth sizes)
Boy, 9	10-12	10-12

<u>Family "F"</u>		
Man	—	—
Woman	—	—
Man, 21	—	—
Boy, 18	XXL	
Girl, 17	XXL	
Boy, 14	Lg	32x30
Boy, 13	XXL	
Boy, 12	12 boys	
Girl, 11	Lg	Med (14-16 sweats)
Girl, 7	7-8	

<u>Family "G"</u>		
Man	Lg	34w
Woman	3x	
Boy, 12	L/XL	26w

<u>Family "H"</u>		
Woman	—	—
Girl, 15	S	5
Boy, 14	M/Lg	30x32

"A STOCKING WAS HUNG..." we will again collect new pairs of sox/stocking for all ages and sizes. Please return to the red stockings at the entrances by Dec. 14. Thank You.

