Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4, 2018

Penny Social on the 30th

St. John's Penny Social will be held Friday, November 30. Doors open @ 6 pm with the drawing to follow @ 7. We are looking for donations, which can be dropped off at St. John Monday thru Fridays 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. There is also a need for donations of themed gift baskets for the Specials table.

Lector Workbooks are in

Pick up your 2019 workbook in the Sacristy.

Mass & a Meal Today

Faith Formation families from St. John and St. Peter will gather for their annual Mass & a Meal today at 3:30 pm at St John the Baptist in Walton. We will celebrate Mass together and then share a potluck meal in Father Willis Hall. **Please bring a dish to pass and an item for the local food pantry.** This event is in lieu of normal class. There are no classes this morning.

Delhi Thanksgiving Dinner

Welcome all! Come to the Thanksgiving Dinner November 22 from noon to 3 pm at the Delhi Fire Hall. Freewill offerings accepted. Reservations are appreciated. Delivery to shut-ins available only with advance notice: 746.2191.

Volunteers are needed for cooking, serving, clean-up, delivering meals to shut-ins, and driving folks to and fro (sign-up in entranceway).

St. Peter has been asked to provide:

- one cooked turkey w/gravy (delivered to firehouse by 11 am Thanksgiving)
- two pounds of butter
- three apple pies

Please deliver cookies, cider, butter, and pies to firehouse between 3 and 7 pm on the 21st.

St. Peter coffee hour next Sunday.

The Vote -- Our Call as Catholic Citizens

"If indeed 'the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,' the Church 'cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.'"

~ Pope Francis (quoting Pope Benedict XVI)

Our nation faces many political challenges that demand well-informed moral choices:

- The ongoing destruction of a million innocent human lives each year by abortion
- Physician-assisted suicide
- The redefinition of marriage
- The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, harming the environment as well as the poor
- Deadly attacks on Christians and other religious minorities throughout the world
- Efforts to narrow the definition and exercise of religious freedom
- Economic policies that fail to prioritize the needs of poor people, at home and abroad
- A broken immigration system and a world-wide refugee crisis
- Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world. ~ USCCB

Walton Food Bank

St. John's volunteer month: December

Needed items: mac 'n cheese; peanut butter; cold & hot cereal; canned vegetables: corn, peas, green beans; and pork 'n beans.

Donations: please make your check out to: Walton Food Bank, and put your check in the offertory basket or mail to 58 East Street, Walton.

Ministry Updates Due Next Sunday

Ministers, if you plan to be away any days in the first half of 2019, please contact Nancy, 865.6879, or Doreen, 865.6724, (St. John & Holy Family) and Debbie, 746.2503, (St. Peter) by November 11.

Family Perspective — Bud Ozar

In a family children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share, and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.

Catholic Volunteer Network

Interested in making a difference in our community, the country, or the world? One source to serve those in need and work for social justice is the Catholic Volunteer Network. CVN has been a leader in faith-based lay mission service.

There are 200 one-week and one-year opportunities in the RESPONSE 2019 Guide in the office or check out: catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

Marriage Moments — Susan Vogt

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Mark 12:31

Yes, this is true. In addition to wholehearted love of God, can you also say this about your beloved spouse since God lives in him or her also?

O'Connor Holiday Parade

Free refreshments, Ross Park Zoo for the kids, & have a family pic taken with the Clauses! Interested in entering the 20th anniversary Holiday Parade this year on December 1? Call the office if you would like to work on a St. Peter's float.

Show us, O our good Master, some way in which we may live through this most dangerous warfare.

~ St. Teresa of Avila

Parenting Pointers — Susan Vogt

How well do your children know their deceased relatives? Why not help them remember by praying for each by name today. Go back as far as you can remember, and perhaps reminisce about their saintly qualities.

Vocations

The Fall Vocations brochure is available in our Church entrances. There are informative articles about the diaconate, priesthood, and religious life. Don't forget your copy!

Understanding the Mass

Liturgy of the Word II: Hearing the Good News

The high point of the Liturgy of the Word is the proclamation of the Gospel. We stand to show respect for God's special presence in the words of the Gospel. We welcome the Lord, who is about to speak to us by singing either the Gospel Acclamation or the *Alleluia*, the Hebrew word meaning *"Praise Yahweh."* Before announcing what the Gospel reading is, the reader reminds us of God's presence by greeting us with *"The Lord be with you."*

The word *Gospel* means *"good news."* The early Christians described their message about God acting in and through Jesus of Nazareth as their gospel. The written accounts of this message in the form of the life and ministry of Jesus by Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John are now simply referred to as the Gospels. Since the Gospels record Jesus' words and actions, they continue to call us to faith and conversion. After hearing the Word of God, the Homily helps us discover how God is active today in our lives.

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