FROM THE DESK OF

FR. ADAM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our parish is blessed with a beautiful cemetery., and we can thank many people past and present for their care and concern for this sacred place. Our maintenance personnel have done a great job keeping it looking nice, while our cemetery board ensures that the monies dedicated to its long-term upkeep are prudently administered. I'm personally very grateful to these individuals for the good work that they do.

Cemeteries should be special and well cared for. The human body is not merely a container for the soul. Our bodies serve as temples of the Holy Spirit, and when we are dead, those bodies deserve a reverent repose. Spiritually, it is also very helpful to have a sacred place where we can go and pray for those who have died. Our cemetery serves this purpose.

November is a month dedicated to praying for the dead. Many, if not most, of our beloved dead in the Lord will go to purgatory. Purgatory is a doctrine of hope, since only the perfectly holy go straight to heaven. Without purgatory, a person who dies still bearing the effects of sin would be condemned to an eternity of separation from God. With purgatory, the mercy of God allows many more of us to be purged from the effects of our sins and therefore enter into the glory of eternal life. It is a noble thing to pray for the dead.

We can pray for the dead in many ways. We can offer rosaries for them. We can have Masses said. We can make a visit to the cemetery and say some prayers at the graveside. Trust that all of these prayers bring peace and comfort to the soul in purgatory. May God bless all those who have died from our parish, and especially those who have died within the last year. May they rest in peace and may those who miss them find solace in the mercy of our Lord and Savior and his Blessed Mother.

In Christ,

Fr. Hertzfeld, Parochial Administrator

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

I (Jesus) can do My best handiwork when you sit in the stillness of My Presence, focusing your entire being on me.

Contact any chapel member –

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Dianne 419-826-0428 Ann 419-826-7147
Charlene 419-825-1696

ST. RICHARD PRAY FOR US

WINIFRED ROSE SWAIN

Daughter of

Gwendolyn Rae

Baptized October 28, 2018

ST. RICHARD CHURCH

"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." MARK 12:33

Of all the gifts that God gives us the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the I invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK
November 4-10, 2018

The Catholic Church in the United States celebrates National Vocation Awareness Week November 4-10, 2018. **Let us pray for all our diocesan men and women in religious formation.**

Statewide Holy Hour for Vocations 2018

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Wednesday, November 7, 2018
7:00 pm. 8:00 pm
Holy Trinity parish, Assumption
Bishop Daniel Thomas, Presider

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR HEARTBEAT

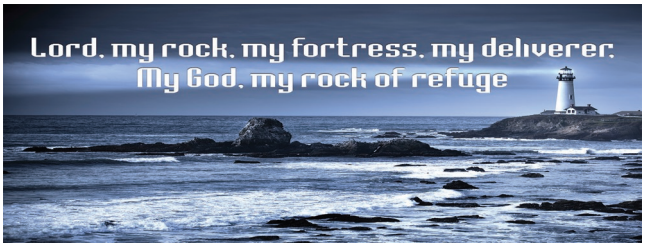
DEADLINE November 4, 2018

Today is it! Deadline for Our Baby Bottle Campaign for Heartbeat. Please return your baby bottle (filled or unfilled) on Nov. 3 & 4. Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting this worthy organization.

TELLERS
Nov. 5: Lynn Fleming, Pam McMillin, Susan Gladieux
Nov.12: Mike Hallett, Craig Kuhlman, Terry Frohriep

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Nov. 10/11, 2018

	Nov. 10, 5:00 p.m.	Nov. 11, 8:00 a.m.	Nov. 11, 10:30 a.m.
LECTORS	Joan Hallett	Al Bonifas	Nancy Rife
	Dolores Lewis	Laurie Buckenmeyer	Larry Durholt
ALTAR SERVERS	Jude Adam Gibbons	Ryan Beier	Luke Reinhard
	Watt Gibbons	Tyler Bolyard	Victor Swain
	Courtney Kennedy	Caden Beier	Ben Carr
		Robert Long Acolyte	
GREETERS	Mike Flynn	Michael Kennedy	Denise Swain
	Bill Mack	James Saxer	Charles Beier
	OPEN	Larry Benton	Tracey Moore
	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
MINISTERS OF HOLY	Katy Borell	Robert Long	T. J. Haselman
COMMUNION	Judy Cole	Jennifer Schmidt	Pamela Cronberger
	Carol Chovanec	Frank Patek	Mary Beier
	Claudia Sturm	Sharon Buckenmeyer	Colleen Carr
	Walter Hallett	Adam Niese	Ross Carr
	Linda Haselman	Janet Buck	Joey Geise
	OPEN	Lauren Krohn	Julie Kosier
POINT POINT	OPEN	Michael Wiederman	Amy Miller
MASS COORDINATOR	Carol Chovanec	Deborah Weagley	Sr. Lucille Kime
HOMEBOUND	RT.#1 Dennis Walsh	Rt.#2 Ed Hamlet	Rt.#3 Dennis Seffernick



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, Nov. 3
4:15 p.m. Confessions (RR)
5:00 p.m. Mass–Paul Cole, Sandra Pilliod **(SRC)**
SUNDAY, NOV. 4— 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mass— St. Richard Tuesday Prayer Group Living & Deceased .**(SRC)**
10:30 a.m. Mass– Bill Hopkins **(SRC)**
MONDAY, Nov. 5
TUESDAY, Nov. 6
8:30 a.m. Mass —Virginia Puhl **(SRC)**
WEDNESDAY, Nov.7
10:00 a.m. Mass —(SHC)
THURSDAY, Nov.8
NO Mass
FRIDAY, Nov.9
8:30 a.m. Mass — (SRC)
SATURDAY, Nov. 10
4:15 p.m. Confessions (RR)
5:00 p.m. Mass–Margene "Pinky" Bowles, Bob Debo, Marvin & Pahl Families Living & Deceased **(SRC)**
SUNDAY, NOV. 11— 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mass Leo Szabo, Bill Hopkins **(SRC)**
10:30 a.m. Mass– Martin Urban, Gil Urban **(SRC)**

RADIO SHARATHON

Father Adam Hertzfeld will be on the Annunciation Radio Sharathon, ***Thursday, November 29th from 5-6pm.*** Tune to *89.7 WNOC* and call in during Father's hour to help him reach his goal. Support Catholic radio in our diocese by calling in a pledge during Annunciation Radio's Fall Sharathon. The pledge line number is 1-888-215-0624.

Would you consider becoming a Vincentian? New members are always welcome and appreciated. Our food pantry is open once a month and could use volunteers as well. If you have an interest, please call the parish office and leave your name; a member will return your call.

CRUSADERS CORNER

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

LOVING GOD AND NEIGHBOR

Mark's gospel tells us about loving God and neighbor. It is probably the most difficult to keep since usually people and things are put first before God. We must come to know someone before we can love them. Since God is invisible, knowing him can be a problem. We can come to know God in many ways—Jesus, creation, others—the ways are countless. Sometimes what God wants joined—love of God and love of neighbor—is separated. Keep them joined and know God.

SCHOOL NEWS

Here are some of the pumpkins for our Halloween decorating contest.

Have a great week from all of us at St. Richard Catholic School!

Sister Jean M. Walczak, SND
Principal
St. Richard Catholic School

STEPHEN MINISTRY TEA—HUGE SUCCESS

Our 2nd Annual Benefit Tea for Stephen Ministry was another huge success! Thank you, thank you to everyone who attended, donated auction items, made monetary donations, helped with preparing food, and/or set up-decorated-washed dishes, etc. The immense support of our parishioners is all very much appreciated for this ministry so that it can continue to be a blessing to so many in need!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Richard Church would like to thank Mike Schmidt, the outgoing President, for his outstanding job as he has completed two terms as President . Also, we would like to acknowledge and welcome Tony Lucarelli who has taken on the role of President as of October 2018. Mike Hallett will continue as Treasurer and Mary Brodbeck as Secretary.

FRIENDS & RELATIVES OF PARISHIONERS

Aleta Biana, Pat Bechtel, Dianne Belinger, Lynn Brickman, Josie Brown, Rob Brooks, Beth Cones, Jim Dickman, Anita Douglas, Mary Dudley, Janet Fackleman, Fred Fether, Wendy Finfera, Deb Floyd, Larry Gatesman, Dianne Gorsha, Mitchell Gorsha, Ina Gwinn, Sr. Eve Marie Korzym, Terry Lynos, Doris Marckel, Jim Mills, Mary Morris, Denver Mossing, Ceil Nartker, Charlie Payne, Jack Pierce, David Rahm, Roberta Rublaetus, Bob Salsa, Amy Saunders, Amy Seel, Linda Shoup, Eileen Simon, Jean Simon, Donna Steward, Danny Strezynski, Jack Strohm, Gary Urbanski, Justin & Daniel Walsh, Robert Walters, Michael Warner, Mercy Warrer, Todd Wesley, Fr. Dan Zak

**** ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS ****

Ladies of the Parish: You are all invited to a moment in time - - when a woman from our past speaks to us on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at our regular meeting. Her name is Lucretia Mott and she is a Quaker Minister, an Abolitionist as well as a strong woman who advocates for Women's Rights. She is being interpreted by AAUW member, Shelly Kotz.

We will recite the rosary at 6:30 p.m. and the regular, short meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Our hostesses for the evening are Rosalie Snyder and Eileen Inks. We will have the usual raffles and prizes as well as delicious refreshments. **Invite your St. Richard friends and join us for an interesting evening.....in the Parish Life Center.**

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We are having a catered dinner for our December meeting. The menu is as follows:

Stuffed pork chops, glazed sweet potatoes, seasoned green beans, Lasagna, rolls/butter, decaf coffee, iced tea, and sodas.. and **apple pie and ice cream.**

Your prepaid reservation($14.00) can be made at the office or at the November meeting. Deadline is Dec. 10 at NOON.

Please honor this deadline.....invite your St. Richard friends and join us for an interesting evening.in.the.Parish.Life.Center.
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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon. Nov. 5 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group (GH)
5:00 p.m. Basketball Practice (CH)
7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer (GHE)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Mtg. (SFH)

Tues. Nov. 6 9:00 a.m. Rosary Prayer Group (GH)
5:30 p.m. Cheer/Basketball Practice (CH)

Wed. Nov. 7 11:30 a.m. Rosary (GH)
12:00 p.m. Senior Gathering (GH)
5:00 p.m. Basketball Practice (CH)
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (SRC)

Thurs.Nov.8 10:30 a.m. Fall Faith Sharing (GH)
6:30 p.m. Little Crusaders Basketball Practice (CH)
6:30 p.m. RAS Rosary. (PLC)
7:00 p.m. RAS. Mtg. (PLC)
7:00 p.m. School Advisory Mtg. (Teachers Lounge)
7:30 p.m. AA Mtg. (SFH)

Fri. Nov. 9 7:00 p.m. Middle School Dance (CH)

Sat. Nov. 10 9:30 p.m. Baptism Class (GH)

Sun. Nov. 11 9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. (GH)
9:10 a.m. PSR (SRS)
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Mtg. 8th gr (PLC)

YOUTH NIGHT –

Sunday, November 4 –5:30 to 7 p.m.

Food… Fun…Faith-filled Discussion.

All HS youth are welcome and encouraged to come! We will be having a "Baby Shower" for Heartbeat of Toledo at this youth night, along with emptying the change out of the baby bottles from our change campaign for Heartbeat. Many youth are needed to help! **All HS youth please attend!** ☺

SWANTON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018

SWANTON ALLIANCE CHURCH

Check bulletin boards for details

LITTLE CRUSARDERS
BASKETBALL TEAM & CHEER SQUAD
Practice Dates are Nov. 8,13,15 6:30 p.m.
Game: Saturday Nov, 17, 6:00 p. m.
St. Richard Gym
Open to boys & girls Kindergarten thru 2nd grade Cost $10.00
Call or Contact Brittany 419-205-2473

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Barbara Basik, Rita Bayer, Ron Berkebile, Larry Burditt, Ann Czajka, Sue Dzyak, Bea Guthrie, Velma Hallett, Albert Halsey, Char Haskins, Tonya Hoyt, Roxanne Incorvaia, Brice Johnson, Charlene Karamol, Tom Krupitzer, Gloria Lanum, Alan Lumbrezer, Dennis McCartney, Tom McGhee, Bea Meyers, Edward & Antionette Misko, Lois Myers, Rose Muniz, Charles Neate, Ruth Roth, Heather Rahe, Ruth Ritenour, Norma Slawinski, Barbara Smith, Rosemary Smith, Jean Szabo, George Torda, Hope Truckor, Sharon Urbanski, Richard Ueberroth

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

11/12: Oddlyn Stapleton, Roger Truckor, Kathryn Mack; ***Sean & Robyn McGhee***

11/13: Sandra Wiederman, Debbie Wawrzyniak, Kurt Tunison, Christian Geisel, Amy Hagar

11/14: Teresa Reckner, Makennah Agosti, Beverly Panning, Richard Jennings, Connor Mitchey, Mary McCartney, Carol Dziengelewski; ***Paul & Lisa Pawliski***

11/15: Rosemary Smith, James Ehrsam, Haley Newton; ***Brian & Kari Yaney***

11/16: Amy Gross, Matthew Mattimore; ***Kenneth & Janet Buck,***
Glen & Joanne Buckenmeyer

11/17: Diane Niese, Jason Hanefeld, Luke Newberry, Bethany Boone; ***Jeff & Jennifer Koder***

11/18: Brody Bergman, Tedd Spurgeon; ***Jack & Gloria Stiles***

COAT & BLANKET DRIVE STARTS Today.

Bins are in the Narthax of the church.

Sunday, Nov 04, 2018

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Silly love songs?

Love is all you need. So say every generation's love songs since the biblical Song of Songs was put to papyrus. When asked to choose the primary commandment, Jesus chose love of God and neighbor. Love is clearly that fundamental. But it's far more than a feeling. The mandate to love doesn't dictate our emotions, but rather our priorities. How do we put God and neighbor first, in each decision, with every expenditure of time and resource? If love begins to routinely triumph over self-interest, how might worship, family, society, and world be transformed?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34 (152). *"To love [God] with all your heart . . . is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."*

Monday, Nov 05, 2018

Some of my best friends

You've probably noticed in reading the gospels and listening to Sunday sermons that the Pharisees come off as the bad guys in a lot of gospel stories. Recent scholars suggest, however, that tensions between Jesus and the Pharisees may have been exaggerated when the gospel accounts were later written down, reflecting conflicts between early Christians and Jews. In fact, a number of other New Testament figures, including Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, and perhaps Saint Paul himself, were Pharisees who ended up devoted to the cause of Jesus. We don't have to consider those who differ with us as enemies—they may end up being some of our best friends.

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14 (485). *"On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees."*

Tuesday, Nov 06, 2018

Gotta hand it to them

Take note the next time you practice charity or drop a coin in the cup of someone begging: How will you feel if they don't say "thank you"? Jesus' advice to hold a banquet for those who can't possibly repay us challenges our deepest instincts. It is natural to shower our generosity on friends and loved ones. Jesus challenges us to go further. True charity has no strings attached. Can we reach out a hand to others even if we come up empty-handed?

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24 (486). *"Bring in here the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame."*

Wednesday, Nov 07, 2018

Lend a hand

In the Okinawan language two characters make up the word *karate: kara* ("empty") and *te* ("hand"). The name of this martial art, then, is literally "the way of the empty hand." Tadashi Nakamura, the founder of the Seido form of karate, said: "When we love freely, we can give and share everything. We need hold on to nothing. Our hands can be empty." Jesus was no martial artist, but nonetheless his way of life was one of an "open hand": to empty himself in order to give himself. Those who would call themselves his followers should be ready to do the same.

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33 (487). *"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."*

Thursday, Nov 08, 2018

Do what you can

Mother Teresa used to say that she did not add, she subtracted—and she was not talking about arithmetic skills. You'll never win at the game of measuring the success of service in numbers, she was pointing out. The total of those in need will always outrun your efforts to catch up with it. Though her Missionaries of Charity have helped hundreds of thousands—perhaps millions—of people, they cannot reach everyone. If you see, as she did, every person to whom you give aid to be another person subtracted from the mass of suffering, the numbers game changes—especially if you consider each one of them to be a child of God. In trying to feed the world's hungers, you don't have to do everything, but you can do something.

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10 (488). *"What woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it?"*

Friday, Nov 09, 2018

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Living stones

How often, when we speak of *church*, we have to clarify whether we mean the faith community or the building where that community gathers. As we celebrate the Lateran Basilica—the pope's own cathedral, the mother of all churches—we remember that human beings need things that appeal to the senses to remind us of spiritual values. Saint Augustine says that when the community of faith gathers "they are hewn out, as it were, from mountains and forests, like stones and timber; but by catechizing, Baptism, and instruction they are . . . shaped, squared, and planed by the hands of the workers and artisans" and finally are made into a house for the Lord, "fitted together through love."

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). *"Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"*

Saturday, Nov 10, 2018

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

You want Leo on your side

Attila, called the "scourge of God," had sacked Milan and set out to attack Rome in A.D. 452. The Emperor Valentinian III hid behind the walls of a remote castle, and panic seized the capital. In this climate of fear, Pope Leo set out unarmed to meet Attila, and somehow induced him to turn back. A few years later the Vandal king Genseric invaded Rome, but Leo was able to persuade him not to rape and pillage. Leo then set about repairing the damage of the invasion by distributing alms. The next time you find yourself short on courage, call on the memory of this great hero of the tradition. Chances are, whatever you are facing can't be any worse than Attila!

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15 (490). *"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time

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Daily renewal for busy Catholics

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