

From the Pastor's Desk

2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) Next weekend, the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal will kick off throughout the archdiocese. The CMA is our opportunity each year to support

the work of six vital ministries and their many programs, all of which operate right here in our archdiocese. Also, if we exceed our parish goal for the CMA, 50% of our overage comes back to the parish to be used toward the local outreach of our parish community through the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CMA. Your generosity serves as a witness of Christ's love for thousands of people throughout our archdiocese. For more information, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 Every year between January 18-25, Christians around the world are invited to: celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians The resources for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by representative from different parts of Indonesia, including the Communion of Churches in Indonesia and the Indonesian Catholic

Bishops' Conference, choosing the motif/ theme, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ..." (Deuteronomy 16:18-20), words that spoke powerfully to their situation and needs, and recognized this common need throughout the world.

Prayer for Christian Unity

God of justice,

You have revealed yourself
as the One who brings about justice and unity
through your Son Jesus Christ.
As the Church experiences a lack of unity
you call us by name to heal what divides us.
Make us truly one in the pursuit of justice.
Eternal God, let us love one another in His name,
One with You and the Holy Spirit, living and true, now and
forever...Amen

Faith Formation

No "ordinary" Time

Tomorrow we leave the liturgical season of Christmas and begin the season of Ordinary Time. Lest we decide that there is nothing special about Ordinary Time, let's look at it in the context of the entire year in which we re-enact the major movements of Jesus' life.

"Ordinary" here does not mean common or uneventful. Rather, it refers to ORDINAL or ordered time. Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan River initiates His life of public ministry, teaching and healing. The Church "orders" or counts the life and activity of Jesus from His birth to His death/Resurrection . . . the time when He lives out what He has been called to by God.

The same is our calling as Jesus' followers. We embrace and actively live out what God has called us to in our Baptism. Ordinary Time is our time of listening, learning and growing as Jesus taught us by His own example.

It is for these reasons that adult Catechumens undergo an extended process of learning and growing before they can be baptized. It is for these reasons that parents can ill afford to be cavalier in their response to the question in the Baptismal Rite, "Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?"

How about us. Do we clearly understand and live up to our Baptismal calling?



With Sympathy

Please pray for the soul of Eugene Schroder whose mass of Christian burial was offered this past week. May he rest in peace.

Monthly Giving Report

 Collection Amount 12/30/2018
 \$6,364.27

 Sunday 1/6/2019
 \$9,434.60

 Updated Christmas Offering
 \$12,250.95

 Solemnity of Mary Offering
 \$2,205.00

*Year to Date Totals through December

Contributions Received \$182,324.26

Budget Amount Needed (27 weeks) \$190,588.14

Difference \$(8,263.88)

*Our fiscal year runs July-June

5200 Club

Week # 16 Winner: Bob Blum Seller: Nancy Blum

Ticket: 2408

Yearly Tax Statements

If you would like a yearly tax statement, please call or e-mail the parish office and your statement will be mailed to you. We only send statements to those who request them.

This Week in the Parish

Monday 1/14 Canasta Noon
Wednesday 1/16 Seniors 11:30 A.M.
Choir 7:30 P.M.
Saturday 1/19 OLGAA Night at the Races 7:00 P.M.

Seniors Luncheon

The Seniors luncheon will be on Wednesday, January 16th at 11:30 A.M. in the Providence Room. Come for a delicious lunch and socialization. Please note that the weather may not cooperate to safely meet so if Mt. Healthy or Northwest schools are closed, then the Seniors luncheon will be cancelled.

Mass Intentions

Monday January 14 8:30 A.M. Jose Alvarez Perez January 15 **Tuesday** Robert Listermann 8:30 A.M. Wednesday January 16 8:30 A.M. Communion Service **Thursday** January 17 8:30 A.M. Communion Service **Friday** January 18 8:30 A.M. Communion Service Saturday January 19 Gertrude Teufel 8:30 A.M. 4:00 P.M. For the Parish Sunday January 20 9:00 A.M. Thelma Kaup 11:00 A.M. Daniel Ems

Pampered Chef

Join us for our third annual Pampered Chef catalog show supporting the Assumption Festival Basket Booth. Orders can be placed on line via the link below or by calling Barb Hessler at: 513-520-8664. See you after Mass on 1/13 at Coffee & Donuts too!

Orders will be taken until January 20.

https://pamperedchef.com/party/assumption2019

Sponsor of the Week

Mt. Healthy Auto Repair 1432 Compton Road 522-9555

