

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RCIA

On Sunday, November 30th, our parish will celebrate the *Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumen* during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

What is the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumen?

The Rite of Acceptance is the liturgical celebration that marks the entrance of unbaptized inquirers into the Order of Catechumens. At this point, inquirers, as catechumens, become members of the household of Christ, although they are not full members (that is, they have not yet been admitted to the Table of the Eucharist). However, as catechumens, they have certain rights in the Church; for instance, they have a right to a Christian burial even if they die before Baptism (William R. Bruns, *Guiding Your Parish Through the Christian Initiation Process* 43). During this Rite, those who are inquiring into the Catholic Faith and are now ready to move forward in their preparation and instruction by entering into the Period of the Catechumenate are formally introduced to the Church community. They are welcomed by the community, marked with the Sign of the Cross and invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Word. After the Liturgy of the Word those who have entered the Catechumenate are usually dismissed with the blessings and prayers of the community in order to “reflect more deeply upon the word of God” with great anticipation of the day when they will be able to “share fully in the Lord’s Table.” While both Catechumens and Candidates often participate together in RCIA Rites such as the Rite of Acceptance, it is important to acknowledge and understand the very important differences between these two groups of inquirers.

What is a Catechumen? What is a Candidate?

A Catechumen is an unbaptized person. A Catechumen who perseveres in his or her desire to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the celebration of the Mass, usually during the Easter Vigil Mass. A Candidate, on the other hand, is someone who has already been baptized into another Christian denomination. The Catholic Church has always taken the Sacrament of Baptism very seriously. Through the Sacrament of Baptism one permanently changes. The Baptized Christian becomes a new creation in Christ and a member of the Body of Christ. Therefore, the Catholic Church acknowledges the dignity of every person who receives Christian Baptism with the intention of becoming a member of the Body of Christ and who is baptized with the Trinitarian Formula and

with water, regardless of denomination. Thus, any person who has been baptized as described above is never baptized again when entering the Catholic Church but, instead, makes a profession of faith and then receives the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist during the celebration of the Mass, usually during the Easter Vigil Mass.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL

Sunday Night Bible Study/Prayer Group

This Sunday, November 23, is the last meeting until after the holidays. Please check the bulletin for upcoming Bible studies in January.

RESPECT LIFE

HEALING AFTER ABORTION: The pain and sorrow of past abortions need not endure for a lifetime. Call Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry for information and support. Office number: 614-718-0277. Confidential designated lines: 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651. Please join us for “an experience of hope.” We are already praying for you. God’s peace.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Line

If you have a prayer request, call Kitty Hoessly (451-2146) or Lea Guarasci (451-1281).

Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join us for Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9:00 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

BIRTHRIGHT CRISIS HOTLINE is 1-800-550-4900.

AROUND THE TOWN

The St. Charles Drama Department will present a special holiday double-bill: the national high school premiere of the exciting new musical, *Striking 12*, and the Central Ohio premiere of Joe Landry’s *It’s a Wonderful Life – A Live Radio Play* on Thursday and Friday, December 4 and 5, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 6, at 1:30 p.m.; and Sunday, December 7, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., in the St. Charles Campus Theatre. For reservations, call the school at 252-6714. Adult tickets are \$10.00; students, \$5.00.

St. Charles Preparatory Annual HoneyBaked Ham Sale – We will deliver to your door on Monday, December 22nd. Gift Certificates available! Benefits the Volleyball Program at St. Charles. Contact Arlene Parent (895-7727, vballham@yahoo.com) for ordering information by DECEMBER 10th. Thank You!

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November 23, 2008

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 24

9:00 a.m. John Ambrosia

Tuesday, November 25

9:00 a.m. Bill Houston

Wednesday, November 26

9:00 a.m. Marc Fiorini

Thursday, November 27

9:00 a.m. Peg Woerner

Friday, November 28

9:00 a.m. Rita Jentgen

Saturday, November 29

5:00 p.m. Stephen A. Hovan

Sunday, November 30

8:00 a.m. St. Timothy Parishioners

10:00 a.m. John and Ann Sebastian

12:00 p.m. Ed and Dorothy Bringardner

LECTORS FOR DECEMBER

5:00 p.m.	Bill James and Kathleen Dunn
8:00 a.m.	Carl Connor and Andrea Marchese
10:00 a.m.	Mike Schmitkey and Dawn Ellis
12:00 p.m.	George Cleary and John Wanchick

VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER

Linens	Mary Kinney
Collection Counters	Ted Hobson and Nancy Powell
Altar Care	Ann Connor and Angela Parker

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 30

MASS	EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Saturday	Virginia Leidheiser, Carl Connor, Mary K. Rainey	Madison Kerscher, Joseph Montgomery, Emma Foley
8:00 a.m. Sunday	Jack & Laurie Jenny, Kitty Quinn	Joe Winters, Maria Connor
10:00 a.m. Sunday	Lou Fabro, Diane Hobson, Dawn Ellis, Tony & Annette Kanakkanatt	Ryan Brady, Joe Hamlett, Lindsey Meredith
12:00 p.m. Sunday	Rick & Colleen Ziemba, Ron Benjamin	Joe Jeffrey, Tom Cianflona, Brayden Steller

A Word from Your Pastor

Dear Parishioners:

The end is near. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. He is always near to us. The Solemnity of Christ the King, which we celebrate today, reminds us that He is King of the Universe. The Season of Advent, which begins next week, reminds us to attend to the Truth that the Lord is Coming.

As a grade school student, I remember learning of three "Comings of Christ": His Coming in *History*, His Coming in *Mystery*, and His Coming in *Majesty*. Nazareth and Bethlehem saw His Coming in History. Our daily experience of Word and Sacrament brings about His Coming in Mystery. The "Parousia," known more commonly as His "Second Coming" at the End of Time will be His Coming in Majesty. We are to watch, to pay attention, to wait expectantly for the Lord to arrive in our midst.

While the rest of our culture pushes on to a Christmas or a "Holiday Season" that will quickly be forgotten, I invite you to slow down. Enjoy Advent, this year 25 days long. Let Christmas arrive gradually and let it linger on even after society moves on.

Last week's collection was \$12,896.00.

Marion Smithberger has been an intern at our church and will be ordained a Deacon on Saturday, November 29. Please join us after 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 29, for a reception in the Cafeteria honoring Marion Smithberger for his ordination as a Deacon of the Catholic Church.

Lector Opening

An opportunity!! A volunteer to serve as a reader for the Saturday afternoon (5:00 p.m.) Mass. The volunteer reads every 4th month with a partner. If interested, contact Lucy at the Rectory (451-2671) or Lou Fabro (451-0396) for information. Good opportunity for a more active role in the weekend Mass celebration. No experience is needed.

It is so easy and so important,
but so easily put off:

The Catholic Men's Ministry
simply helps men gather in small groups
in their parish for faith sharing.

Father Hayes and I have been in a group which is currently reading Dante's *Inferno* (Father Hayes reads us the Italian version!). Another group on Fridays in Arlington is reading through Paul's *First Letter to the Corinthians*.

What is the benefit of such groups which last for many years?

- Great books, including the Bible, are read carefully before life ends.
- Faith flowers and is put gently and persistently into better practice in our lives (we hope).
- Prayer, Church, Church teaching, life and relationships are talked about and unpacked.
- Friendships are formed. The fellowship is great.
- Support is offered during difficult times.
- We pray for people and things for which we care deeply.

The Catholic Men's Ministry *also* has an annual conference at which national speakers attend, the Bishop has Mass and Confession is offered by upwards of 60 priests. This year's conference is in March.

On Saturday, December 6, from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m., we will have a "training session" which will introduce a few pointers for faith sharing groups, give some background on this year's conference and answer a few other basic questions.

The meeting will be here at Saint Timothy, but the invitation will be extended to neighboring parishes (Sts. Agatha and Andrews).

Please register by e-mailing or phoning John Davidson (614-395-1295, johnd@columbus.rr.com) or myself, Jeff Silleck (614-457-2420, jsilleck@aol.com), so that we have a head count for the morning.

Visit the web site: <http://www.columbuscatholicmen.com/>

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, November 25		
Bible Study	MPR	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 30		
Ladies' Bible Study	MPR	7:00-8:30 p.m.

Men's Club Pizza and Sub Sale

A big thank you goes out to all St. Timothy students, parents, volunteers and parishioners for making this year's Fall Pizza and Sub Sale a success. This sale was a record-breaker and funds will assist the youth of St. Timothy. If you missed out on this sale, we will be having another on Super Bowl weekend. We look forward to your continued support. Thank you to all who contributed to this effort!

REMINDER

For all scheduling of meeting locations, please call the Church Office (451-2671). Parish Center/Gym, call Dave and Mary Pat Boulware (451-3605).

SCHOOL NEWS

Any high school-aged parishioners interested in playing CYO basketball are asked to call Joe Obergfell at 614-761-9641 to register. You can also register by e-mail at jjmjd@columbus.rr.com. Cost for playing is \$70.00. Checks should be made out to St. Tim's Men's Club.

Giving Tree

St. Timothy School Beta Club is sponsoring the GIVING TREE for St. Stephen's Community House. Please take a tag from the tree, purchase a gift and return the unwrapped gift under the tree between Monday, December 8th and December 15th.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kate Lampe who has been selected to participate in the Bishop Watterson play "Shakespeare Double Bill."

Congratulations to Amy Stock and Anna Schmitkey who have been selected for the Columbus Children's Theatre musical "Ebenezer."

CAFETERIA WORKERS

Monday, November 24	T. Davidson, Kellogg, Limes
Tuesday, November 25	Brahos, Koerner, Lorenz