

Malachi Matters

The ministries at St. Malachi that matter
to the faithful and our neighbors

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Stewardship: A Way Of Life

Lou Keim, Chair of Stewardship Commission

A Christian Steward is: One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cultivates them responsibly, shares them lovingly in justice with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord. One who shares their time, talent, and treasure and is to discern how and where they may share their God-given gifts.

Sharing Time: How we use our time says much about what we value and where our priorities are. Time for God, family, others, and for ourselves: when all are balanced well, we feel our lives are in order.

Sharing Talent: Our talents are gifts from God. We all have talents! Our talents have been entrusted to us to develop, grow, and share.

Sharing Treasure: A good steward reflects and prays over their offering to church and charity, which helps them use their money in a way that keeps

God first, as a sign of our gratitude to God for all we have been given.

What difference can you make in the life of another by being a good steward of time, talent, and treasure? The Stewardship Commission of St. Malachi offers the opportunity to do so each year – participate in completing the Stewardship Response Form and committing to the sharing of God-given gifts via the ministries of the parish. Giving stewards share their beautiful life with God in Christ not by mouthing but by actions! Stewardship application should flow from the Eucharist at weekly liturgies.

Good stewards see sharing their gifts as a spiritual act of love to God. God doesn't actually need us to return anything to Him – it's all His as given to us. We are the Church. It is up to us to do what is necessary to work together to make ours a vibrant parish!

Picnic is A Celebration of Fellowship, Fun, & Food

Carrie Sekerak

Each year, St. Malachi parishioners, family members, and friends gather for Mass under a Metroparks pavilion. This year the gathering hymn, "We Should Glory in the Cross," paired well with the Gospel Reading, calling us to "love as He has loved" and "do as He has done." This reading from Luke calls us to put following Christ before all worldly possessions and worries, including our own families. A challenging call, but one we ought to ponder as we prioritize the activities and focus of our everyday lives.

After the Mass, the picnic began. Folks brought plenty of food, from the amazing appetizer table to the delicious dessert table! Several hardworking volunteers cooked the burgers and hot dogs. Well worth the wait!

The picnic gives everyone the chance to not only gather with their "old friends" but meet someone new.

One Parishioner, Margaret, shared her thoughts with me about the day's activities: "The best part was the Mass, of course, but I also enjoyed gathering with people I haven't seen in a while and enjoying fellowship with them."

A big thank you to everyone who makes this celebration possible. We invite you to stay tuned for details about next year's Picnic, as we welcome all to join our vibrant parish community at this event or any weekly Mass.



Supporting the Ministries

Giving Tuesday

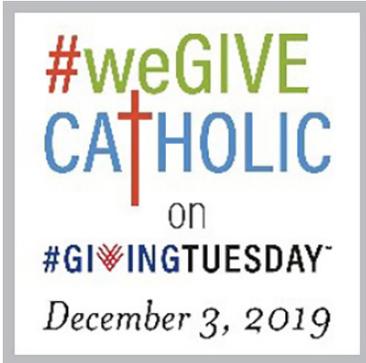
Jeanette Shemo

I am sure we have all heard about "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday", but have you heard about "Giving Tuesday"? "Giving Tuesday" was established "to create an international day of charitable giving at the beginning of the Christmas and holiday season." (Wikipedia).

#weGiveCatholic – held on "Giving Tuesday" – brings awareness to Catholic organizations in the Diocese of Cleveland with the goal of connecting them with their current donors and forming relationships with new donors, to raise funds for needed programs.

This will be St. Malachi Parish's fourth year participating in the event. All proceeds go to our

Food Ministries. In 2017 we raised \$12,045 and last year we raised \$16,465. This year our hope is to exceed last year's total! Please partner with us and participate in #weGiveCatholic on December 3, 2019 from 12:00AM to 11:59PM. All donations must be made during this 24-hour period. You can donate online at weGiveCatholic.org; or call the Rectory and charge your donation to your credit card; or send a check to the Rectory prior to December 3.



St. Malachi Church Run

Sharon Lowe-Chapman

We just passed the halfway point to the 40th Annual St. Malachi Church Run and we have kicked it into high gear to make next year's event extraordinary!

The Run would not be the enormous success that it is without our many corporate and individual sponsors. If you have a company that would benefit from extensive exposure to a large market of physically active people, consider partnering up with St. Malachi by being a sponsor. Last year's event had more than 3,500 participants and was marketed to a database of more than 50,000 people. Or if you are an individual and would like to make a donation to the Run, you too can be a sponsor. Sponsorships start as low as \$250.

Help us make the 40th Run the best one yet for our ministries!

And save the date: March 14, 2020.

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Children's Liturgy

The People We Minister To...

Pat Takacs

...call out to our heart to be cared for by our parish community. As Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me ... whatever you did for these least of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25: 35-36, 40)

These are some conversations with those we serve.

B.G. – African American Male – "I have been at St. Malachi Parish for 45 years. I started out as a homeless person and now work at the Back Door passing out warm food. It's a blessing to serve the people!"

M.P. – Caucasian American Female – "I have been coming to St. Malachi for years. I get free food and get to take a shower. Have the clothing room and I get to go to church if I want to."

S.W. – African American Female – "I like it [at St. Malachi]. An outlet for people who are homeless. Get warm food. You can come out and fellowship with other people who are homeless. To get connections for employment, housing, and connection to society. Lots of support like AA meetings, help with in-patient and out-patient treatment, with case managers. Here since 2013. Helped me get safe housing at night, a secure building, need ID to get in. Some family and friends have been coming for last four years to here."

N.L. – Caucasian American Male – "A great place for people to come who's in need. Great that they tell people about Jesus and God. Mostly because everyone is nice and kind and friendly. [I] stay at a men's shelter. Very stressful in the shelter. Was living with friends here and there but they drink and do drugs and I relapsed. But now I'm doing little jobs here and there to get money. Have to leave [the shelter] at 8 AM til 4 PM but must take all your belongings as no place to store them. Wife became mentally ill and is in an institution. We lost our car and our home. Need a live-in AA program where men can live."

S.D. – African American Male – "This place means a lot. There's support, consistency, better than any other Center, especially when you're hungry. Other places complain when you ask for seconds. Not here! They feed you til you're full. Have no night place, stay up all night, sleep when I can in day, but hard."

Then we heard an announcement that some tents

were available and go to sign up. S.D. asked me anxiously if I could watch his belongings while he signed up. Showed a look of relief when I said yes. It only took five minutes to wait. He came back and said: "Thanks so much! See, people here are kind!"

Touched my heart.



Themes we heard during these conversations –

1. Food Insecurity – Feel needs are met at St. Malachi Parish
2. Clothing / Cleanliness Insecurity – Feel needs are met at St. Malachi Parish
3. Church / Knowledge of Jesus and God – Feel needs are met at St. Malachi
4. Correct Description – People who are served say: "Homeless People" or "People who are Homeless", not "The Homeless". "The Homeless" describes thingness or less than human, whereas addressing people as homeless people acknowledges their humanness.

We are blessed to serve.

Honoring the Ursuline Sisters

Jeanette Shemo

On Sunday, August 25, the Ursuline Sisters who taught at St. Malachi Parish School and Urban Community School were honored for their years of service to the parish. Fr. Mahoney welcomed the Sisters back to St. Malachi and celebrated Mass in their honor. Each Sister was greeted and given a corsage to wear.

Following Mass was an ice cream social in the school hall, which was decorated in the colors of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland. The Sisters reminisced about their time at St. Malachi and shared their memories with parishioners and former students while enjoying ice cream sundaes, pretzels, and cookies.



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