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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 17th, 2019
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Propers: 152/153
Saturday, November 16th
5:30 PM Divine Liturgy +Ann Marie Policay
By Irene and Michael Kuzma
Sunday, November 17th—TAYLOR HAM
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy Intentions of our Parishioners
Monday, November 18th — No Liturgy
Tuesday November 19th
8:30 AM +Dorothy Hayer
by Pete and Shelly Kowal
Wednesday, November 20th
8:30 AM +Mary Ann Sakalas
by Amelia Pinkowski
Thursday, November 21st
HOLYDAY VIGIL (Solemn)
Entrance of the Theotokos
7:00 PM +Joseph Simko
by the Shubeck Family
Friday, November 22nd
8:30 AM +Dorothy Javick
By Joe and Arlene Komnath

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2019
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Propers: 156, 268/158, 269
Saturday, November 23rd
5:30 PM Divine Liturgy Intentions of our Parishioners
Sunday, November 24th
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy +Keith Wancea
By the Devitt Family

Thursday, November 21st
GIVE the gift of Warmth this year
A collection is being made of NEW
hats, gloves, scarves, mittens and
socks. Please be generous and think
of those less fortunate than ourselves this
year, especially as the weather grows colder!
Items may be collected in the special collec-
tion box located by the Gift Shop. They will
be delivered to and distributed by Divine
Mercy Parish. Thanks! God bless you!

Words of Wisdom…
Bill Kucher says, “You can’t keep trouble
from coming, but you don’t have to give it a
chair to sit in.”
Anna Yurko says, “Let your smile change
the world, but don’t let the world change your
smile!”

GIVING TREE—help us help others this Christmas! Beginning this weekend,
there will be a “Giving Tree” in the vestibule area. The tree will have ID
“ornaments” with the age, clothing size and “wish list” of local children in
need. Please select an ornament and help a child in need this Christmas!
Please return your UNWRAPPED, age appropriate gifts WITH ID TAG SECURE-
LY ATTACHED by the St. Nicholas party on December 8th! Thanks!
These are the gift suggestions: (price range $15 total per child)
Hats gloves blankets pillow pets art supplies
socks school supplies backpacks baseballs soccer balls

M any Thanks to the Festival Committee for their recent donation of $6,000.00 to St. Thomas
Parish for maintenance, care and ongoing support! Thanks to a successful Troika Dinner,
charitable donations, as well as the residual festival income, our Festival account balance had
grown to $11,323 following the Troika Dinner. Retaining what is needed for anticipated Festival
expenses in May 2020, a generous donation was recently made to the parish of $6,000.00! Well
done! Many thanks to all those of within our parish, as well as the Friends of St. Thomas Parish,
who made this day a success!

FLEA MARKET INCOME—Many thanks to our hard-working Flea Market organizers, volunteers
and patrons! Thanks to their collective hard work and support 59 tables were sold($1,475), the
Parish Table earned $400.00; and the Kitchen earned $906.00 for a total of $2,781.00! God bless
you for a job well done! Our Christmas theme Flea Market is Saturday, December 14th

INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND:
Sunday Offering/Donations $ 1366.00 Monthly/Initial $ 240.00
Candles $ 104.00 ECL $ xxx.00
Flowers $ xxx.00 Holy days $ 109.00
Maintenance/Fuel $ 201.00 ECF $ xxx.00
Catholic Charities $ xxx.00 Total $ 2010.00
Additional Income (Bingo) $788.00 GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!

St. Nicholas Celebration Registration for Sunday, December 8th
NAME: __________________________________________
# Adults at $15 _____ #Seniors at $8 _____ #Students at $10 _____ #
Children (under 12) at $5 _____ # Children (under 5) free!
Please return by Sunday, December 1st (drop in collection basket)
Make checks payable to “St. Thomas Church.”

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Many Thanks for the following donations… a few kind parishioners have made some very generous donations for improvements around the parish! They wish to remain anonymous, but we must acknowledge their kindness! The first is a donation of approximately $7,000.00 for the installation of new partitions and an ADA-compliant commode in the Parish Hall Ladies Room. The second donation is $4,000.00 for the installation of new partitions (coming very soon!) for the Parish Hall Men’s Room. Both donations were unexpected and were motivated by people who just want to do something nice for their parish and to help everyone! May Our Lord bless them for their acts of kindness!

We also gratefully acknowledge a donation of $14,500.00 from our dedicated Bingo Volunteers (and patrons!) to offset the cost of some major electric work done around the parish (inside and outside) to maintain safety and security! This includes replacement of over 20 security lights, repair to outdoor parking lights, new outlets in the parish kitchen, emergency lighting in the new library, sacristy, brighter exterior lighting by the doorways, and more!