

November 12 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



This is the title of a bluegrass song as well as a book on bioethics. It's a clever title, and there is some profound truth in it. Death, which is so natural for living things, seems so unnatural to human beings, who cling tenaciously to life. One would think that believers who hold that Christ conquered death would be comforted by that faith. However, that isn't always the case. It's not that they don't believe; it's that they don't understand what they believe. But that is the difference between understanding and believing.

This is the problem described in Paul's letter today. The Thessalonians believed that, through his resurrection, Christ conquered death. Then why did some among them begin to die? Did those dying lack faith? No, Paul insists. Jesus, who died and rose, embraces those who have died and who will rise with him. Did the people fully understand this? Do we? Isn't this a question of faith—and trust?

Paul thought that he and other believers could still be alive when the rising would happen, and they were not. Or were they? Doesn't our faith give us hope that we—both the living and the dead—will be embraced by God's mercy? Doesn't something wondrous occur when those who have "fallen asleep" wake up in the glory of God? Still, we might not understand all of this, but we are called to believe, and in believing we are told to "console one another with these words." (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

† Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

PARISH INFORMATION ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS:

- ❖ **Baptism:** Please call the parish office about Sacramental preparation and to schedule Baptism celebration.
- ❖ **Marriage:** Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage requires at least six months. Call the parish office before setting the date of your wedding.
- ❖ **Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 15 minutes before the Masses or by appointment.
- ❖ The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

November 12 – Floyd and Erma Harlemert
November 19 – Fred and Matilda Geis
November 26 – Leroy Struewing

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 11 – Lucille Simon
Sunday, November 12 – Ron Bauerle
Tuesday, November 14 – Joan Koors
Saturday, November 18 – Lynn Herbert
Sunday, November 19 – Richard Wagner
Tuesday, November 21 – Mary Gilland

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – November 18 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Ella Wagner, Morgan Busch
Lector: Terry Harmeyer
Gifts: Mitchell and Lindsay Wagner
EM: Judy Steuri (*Bread*), Roseann Wirth (*Hall*)
Janet Wagner, Rita Kress

Sunday – November 19 at 10:00 AM

Server: Macy Kinker
Lectors: Cindy Weisenbach, Arlene Gehl
Gifts: Ben and Olivia Shadday
EM: Vicki Wagner (*Bread*), Dana Newhart (*Hall*)
Katie Spreckelson, Scott Simon

Saturday – November 25 at 4:00 PM

Server: Allie Harmeyer
Lector: Judy Steuri
Gifts: Chris and Valorie Parker
EM: Terry Harmeyer (*Bread*), No EM for Hall
Janet Wagner, Beth Simon

Sunday – November 26 at 10:00 AM

Server: Macy Kinker
Lectors: David Hardesty, Amy Kinker
Gifts: Ron and Donna Harlemert
EM: Amanda Schutte (*Bread*), No EM for Hall
Vicki Wagner, Kevin Tunny

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$4007.80
Children's Envelopes	\$ 84.10
Loose Collection	\$ 373.00
Total Regular Collection	\$4464.90
Pickpockets – \$361.25	World Mission – \$50.00
Cemetery – \$755.00	Smorgasbord – \$190.00
Cap. Improv. – \$25.00	All Saints – \$633.00
Campaign for Human Development – \$25.00	

PICKPOCKETS – Thank you to Simon and Sophia Wagner and Gabe and Gwen Moorman, the Pickpockets this past weekend who helped to gather \$361.25 for the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Monday, December 11, the Mary & Martha Circle will have their Christmas party! More details to come.

MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE – We remember our deceased family members and friends this month in prayer. There is a book in front of church for the month of November to add the names of your loved ones who have fallen asleep but will have woken up in the glory of God.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, November 15, 6:45 PM. The children will take part in a Thanksgiving Prayer Service in church.

JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, November 19, at 8:30 AM.

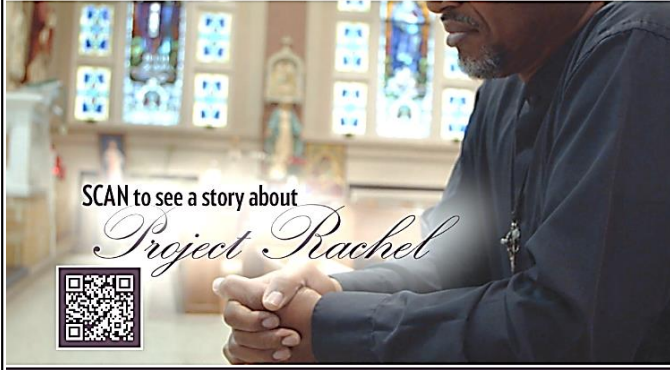
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – You can put money or a check made out to St. Maurice Church in an envelope marked “Wreaths Across America” and place it in the collection basket to help pay for wreaths to place on the veterans' graves in our cemetery. Take time to view the Veterans List at both entrances of church. We have also posted the spreadsheet on our website. Please honor those who have served by remembering them with wreaths on their graves.

HEALING SERVICE – Join Fr. Whittington for a Eucharistic Healing Service on Tuesday, November 21, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Sunman. Confessions 6:30-8:30 PM; praise & worship music at 6:45 PM; and the service at 7:00 PM.


A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS – Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works. (*Angelus, Rome, November 8, 2020*)

We are... *United* in the Eucharist

As a Church, we are stronger together. The impact of your gift is essential to the people of our archdiocese and the mission given to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



SCAN to see a story about *Project Rachel*



YOUR GIFT HELPS MANY FIND MERCY, FORGIVENESS, AND PEACE.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

One way to produce the fruit of the Kingdom is by sharing God's goodness to us with others in need and by supporting Christ's mission in our archdiocese. The United Catholic Appeal is an opportunity to share our blessings with others. The goal for our church this year is \$16,858; please take the time to fill out or scan the QR code on the pledge card you received in the mail. If you did not receive one, there are pledge cards at both entrances of the church and in the church pews. Thank you.

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

November 18 – Ken Harmeyer, Ken Hellmich
November 25 – Gary Wagner, Steve Gilland

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

November 19 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
November 26 – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny

BREAKFAST – St. Mary's of the Rock Annual Whole Hog Sausage and Pancake Breakfast and Raffle on Sunday, December 3, 7:00 AM to Noon. Serving whole hog sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, eggs, fried apples, homemade coffee cakes, and rolls. Freewill Donation. Proceeds benefit the St. Mary's of the Rock Preservation Society.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon.


"How do you know what to say?" he asked.

"Why, God tells me."

"Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

– Church Funnies, broadcaster.org.uk

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Mass - 10:00 AM Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall No Coffee & Donuts	Last Date to Make Reservations for December 3rd 175th Anniversary Luncheon	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM EVE OF ALL SAINTS HALLOWEEN	ALL SAINTS DAY Mass at St. John 5:30 PM Mass at St. Maurice 7:00 PM HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	ALL SOULS DAY	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM Hall Rented *Will Still Be Mass in Hall* Blood Pressure Checks
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Mass - 10:00 AM Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall No Coffee & Donuts Cemetery Blessing After Mass Daylight Savings Ends		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM ELECTION DAY	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	 Smorgasbord 4:00 - 6:30 PM Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM VETERANS DAY
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	No Elementary Religious Education Classes Mass at Immaculate Conception, Millhousesen 6:00 PM	 Happy Thanksgiving Mass at Osgood 9:00 AM Hall Rented	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING No Jr. High/High School Religious Ed Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall No Coffee & Donuts		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM		THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.	