

November 18 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"THE WISE SHALL SHINE BRIGHTLY LIKE
THE SPLENDOR OF THE FIRMAMENT."**

*Look up at the splendid universe,
light years away from the dimness of our earth.*

*The wise are shining like these stars,
giving out points of light, showing the way.*

How did these attain such heights?

*By offering a cup of water,
or their house, or their food,
or anything else they could find.*

*They gave away their time, their money, and
their lives; never counted the cost.*

*They took everything they had
and also what they hadn't,
and spent a lifetime teaching others
how to use what is given.*

*Lord, let these stars guide us.
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FEAST OF THANKSGIVING

"We can't have too much gratitude," says Sr. Joyce Rupp in her book *God's Enduring Presence*. She also says that "being grateful" makes all the difference in how each day unfolds. If we wake to a new day of life with a grateful heart, we will then live gratefully throughout the day.

Thanksgiving Day is certainly a time to pause and give thanks to God for each and every gift God has so generously bestowed on us. Even more important though is "thanksgiving," living each day in a spirit of deep gratitude. Yes, let us walk in thanksgiving, and this year may we walk in thanksgiving in faith and hope and love!

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING
WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 21, 6:00 PM
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH, OSGOOD**



PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Nov. 21 7:45 AM NO Morning Prayer
Fri., Nov. 23 7:45 AM NO Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov. 17 4 PM Rosalie Geis
Sun., Nov. 18 10 AM Phil Wittich
Sat., Nov. 24 4 PM Kathy Back
Sun., Nov. 25 10 AM Deceased Members of
Harry Decker Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – November 24 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Ken and Dottie Hellmich

Nathan and Courtney Wagner

Server: Macey Moorman

Cantors: Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning

Lectors: Judy Steuri, Amanda Sutton

Euch. Ministers: Janet Wagner, Gene Moorman

Bill Deller, Janet Deller

Sunday – November 25 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Matt and Leslie Hicks - *back*

Greg and Amy Kinker - *back*

Mark Wagner - *side*

Servers: Ben Miller, Katie Miller

Cantors: Gene and Patty Simon

Lectors: Ron Bauerle, Lorrie Gilland

Euch. Ministers: Dana Newhart, Vicki Wagner

John Muckerheide, Ray Merkel

PARISH SUPPORT

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| Adult Envelopes | \$2710.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | \$ 5.75 |
| Loose Collection | \$ 302.26 |
| Total Regular Collection | \$3018.01 |

\$3,335.00 needed weekly to meet budget.

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| Special Collections | \$140.00 |
| + Cemetery - \$105.00 | |
| + All Saints - \$35.00 | |

GOD BE WITH YOU!

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life
by what we give." ~ Winston Churchill*

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn November 18-25 for Cecilia Wesseler.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – This weekend, you are asked to help support our bishops to provide for our poor communities. Please drop your envelope in the regular collection.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – "*ALL for the SAKE of OTHERS.*" Through our gift to this year's United Catholic Appeal, God will work through our hands and we will do *together* what we cannot do *alone*. Please fill out your Intention Card and send directly to the Archdiocese. On behalf of all who will be assisted through your gift, I thank you.

FALL RAFFLE – A total of **\$13,566.00** was raised from our Fall Raffle! A special thank you to our donors, whose gifts helped us greatly to reach this amount. Thanks also to you, our faithful parishioners, for taking the tickets yourself or selling them. The proceeds from our raffles help us financially in many ways. God bless you abundantly! And a special thanks to John Glick and Jack Ferkinhoff for once again organizing and carrying out this Fall Raffle! All winners of the Fall Raffle will be listed in next week's bulletin.

Smorgasbord: To our ladies who worked in the kitchen all day, to all who worked throughout the day, to all who donated food or helped in any other way, we speak those very sacred words, "**Thank you!**" Proceeds from the meal were **\$3,960.00**. Bills have yet to be paid from this amount.

MARY AND MARTHA CIRCLE – All ladies of the parish are invited to the Mary and Martha Circle's Christmas Party, on Tuesday, December 4. Social gathering at 5:30, catered dinner at 6:00, musical entertainment by the Oldenburg Academy Singers at 7:00. Cost is \$5. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin boards.

There will be no gift exchange, but we will collect donations of food, personal hygiene items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, etc.), winter hats, gloves, socks, etc., or money for the needy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – No classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, Nov. 21.

No classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, Nov. 25.

COFFEE TALK

"Reflections On Growing in Faith, Living in Hope, Acting in Love"

Speaker: Sister Amy Kistner, OSF

Sunday, December 2, 3:00 PM

St. Maurice Parish Hall

ELECTRONIC BANKING – Members of the Parish Council asked that Electronic Banking for Sunday collections be offered to any parishioner who would want to give in this way. The Finance Committee members agreed that this option be offered. To set up your offering to happen automatically, you can come to the St. Francis Room the weekend of December 1 and 2. Janice Simon, Lorrie Gilland, or Julie Stephens will be there to help you. Or if you have an account at **The Napoleon State Bank**, you may stop by any branch to set up your offering. If you have any questions, just ask for Janice, Lorrie, or Julie.

When giving to second collections, you would need to continue getting your church envelopes unless you give in the loose collection for these occasions.

Electronic Banking for collections will begin on January 1, 2019.

For all who do not want the option of Electronic Banking, that is fine. Please continue to give with your weekly envelope placed in the collection basket.

May God continue to bless you in all the ways you give to the Church!

POWER OF GOD'S MUSIC – Music is deeply rooted in our souls, and for followers of Jesus, it is a powerful means of encouraging each other along the journey of faith, hope, and love. Singing is a powerful ministry of teaching and encouragement that we share together. I was reminded of this thought when a friend of mine from New Castle attended Mass here. As she was leaving church she said, "I love coming to church here. Their singing causes me to leave with a joyful heart." **Thank you for believing in the power of God's music!**

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Sign seen outside St. Mary Catholic Church, Hampton, IL, during Thanksgiving week: "God welcomes even the biggest turkey." (via Joe Brozovich, East Moline, IL)