

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 31, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

November 1, Monday: All Saints Day-Not a Holy Day of Obligation Since It Falls On a Monday
8:00 AM + Donald Godish, Ann. (Friend)
12:00 PM + John Moloney/Joan Nedimyer Birth. (Family)

November 2, Tuesday: All Souls' Day

6:45 AM + All Souls In Purgatory
12:00 PM + All Souls In Purgatory

November 3, Wednesday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious

6:45 AM + M. Virginia Jones (Dan & Flora Gibbons)
12:00 PM + Donna Shaw (Aunt Paula Miller)

November 4, Thursday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:45 AM + Jim Davidson (Judy Diebold)
12:00 PM + John Adams (Randy & Mary Ellen Green)

November 5, Friday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Dorothy Stephens (Robert Farabaugh)
12:00 PM + Alvin Ivory (Ed & Lois Simanski)

November 6, Saturday: Weekday

8:00 AM + Msgr. Roy Kline (Tom & Pat Forr)
12:00PM + John Duffy (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 PM + Rita Beck (Michael & Carolyn Lombardo)

November 7, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Walter Beckel (Josie Nearhoof)
10:00AM + Eleanor Fischer (Eleanor Johnson)
12:00 PM + Ron Sheehan (Mary Lysinger)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo / For the People

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

ALL SAINTS DAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

Since All Saints Day falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation. However, you are encouraged to participate at Eucharist at either 8:00 a.m. or Noon as we praise and thank God for all of those, especially our relatives and friends, who are among the saints in heaven.

Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-4

Calendar of Prizes 2021 Are Here!

Calendar of prizes 2021 are being sold at the Cathedral Square Door after all masses starting this weekend. Each calendar costs \$20.00. There is a \$20.00 daily prize; an additional \$1,000.00 in special monthly prizes awarded throughout the year; and a grand prize of \$1,000.00. Due to the state's regulations for small games of chance, it is necessary that we sell all one thousand tickets are sold. If you have a favorite three digit number, call the Parish Office at 814-944-4603 weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM to check for availability or stop by the Cathedral door after Mass on the weekends. These make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers.

Stuffed Cabbage Dinner

Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses at the Cathedral Square Door and Alley door, for the Stuffed Cabbage Dinner drive-thru from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 10th. Menu is: Stuffed Cabbage, Pierogies, Cabbage & Noodles and Apple Sauce, Dessert and Roll for \$10.00.

The Cathedral Adult Choir

The choir has begun to meet. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30 in the Cathedral Church in front of Mary's Shrine. Use the Cathedral Square side door. All voice parts are welcomed and needed.

Religious Ed Reminder

There will be a high school Religious Education session this Sunday, October 31, from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. in the Cathedral Church Hall.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 24, 2021- \$7,123.70

Greeters

Greeters and ushers are the first members of the faith community who are in a position to welcome those who gather for worship. Since it is important for a parish to be hospitable, greeters and ushers are asked to greet those who enter the cathedral and provide them with a worship aid. In addition to our ushers, we will begin to invite individuals and families to assist in the role of greeting people. If you are interested in helping, please call or email our office. Thank you.

Trunk or Treat

This weekend, on Sunday, October 31st, from 2-3:30 p.m. we are hosting a Trunk or Treat in the lower parking lot at the corner of 13th avenue and 13th street.. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults with children coming to Trunk or Treat need to park in the upper lot and walk to the lower lot.

Parishioners who are participating with their trunk of treats are asked to arrive before 1:30 p.m. to set up.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults "Inquiry"

Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, or just seeking information, you are welcome to join us for "Inquiry" which will begin Sunday, October 17th from 11:00-12:00 in the Seton Suite. Please contact Carol Galieto at (814) 327-4841, if you are interested in joining.

All Saints Spaghetti Dinner

All Saints Parish Annual Election Day Spaghetti dinner will be held Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at the Parish Hall, 501- Center Street, Boswell. We will have a dine-in and take outs available during lunch hours of 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM and dinner 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The price of the ticket will be \$10.00 for a large and \$5.00 for a small which includes, spaghetti, homemade meatballs, sauce, salad, italian bread, dessert and beverage. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 814-629-5551.



Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, November 3, Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 P.M. until the end of Confessions. A sign-up sheet is located on the cross aisle table to mark your time for visitation before the Blessed Sacrament. The Church asks that at least two people be present at all times when there is Exposition of the Sacrament.

Nocturnal Adoration

The next Nocturnal Adoration will take place at Holy Rosary Church, 900- North 4th Avenue, on Friday November 5th, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. All are welcome to spend an hour or as long as you would like.

LAND OF PEACE/HOLY LAND PRODUCTS

Next week, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace Mission, a nonprofit organization, will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries-all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethelhem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the Holy Land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have something authentic from the Holy Land. Please browse and purchase some articles for yourself or as gifts. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. The articles will be displayed in the former baptismal font area.

Visit: www.landofpeace.org for more information.

Families and the Gospel

In a family, children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.

PARISH PROPERTY

Earlier this year, pointing work was done on the retaining wall on the parking lots side of 13th avenue. This summer, the roofing between the cathedral and rectory was replaced and patch work was done on parts of the cathedral's rubber roof. The ceiling in the cathedral's ladies' restroom was repaired. There will also be some repair work done on some of the steps and landings in front of the cathedral. Eventually, major work will need to be done in that area.

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Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet. ©LPI

We Remember Our Dead in November

Every November 2nd the Catholic Church prays for the faithful departed, that is, the souls in purgatory. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines purgatory as a state of final purification after death and before entrance into heaven for those who died in God's friendship. Purgatory is a final cleansing of human imperfection before one is able to enter the joy of heaven.

The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the eternal punishment of the damned in hell. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. In the rich tradition of the Church, certain texts of Scripture speak of a cleansing fire. Saint Gregory the Great said, "As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age or in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come."

The teaching on Purgatory is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, again mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore (Judas Maccabeus) made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." (II Maccabees 12:46) From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, so that, thus, purified, they may attain eternal happiness with God in heaven. The Church also commends almsgiving and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. Saint John Chrysostom writes, "Let us help and commemorate our dead. If Job's sons were purified by their Father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." Catechism of the Catholic Church, Numbers 1030 through 1032.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

A Book of Remembrance is available at the Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel. You are invited to include the names of your deceased loved ones in the book. There is a bond between those of us on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven. We are all members of God's family created to become saints who enjoy the eternal glory and love of God in heaven.

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.
Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Charismatic Prayer - Normally 3rd Monday of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM
Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.
Sunday Evening 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM
Grades 9 thru 12.

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Sunday:	5:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM	Holyday:	5:30 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:30 PM	Weekday:	6:45 AM 12:00 Noon
				Saturday:	8:00 AM 12:00 Noon

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

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Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

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