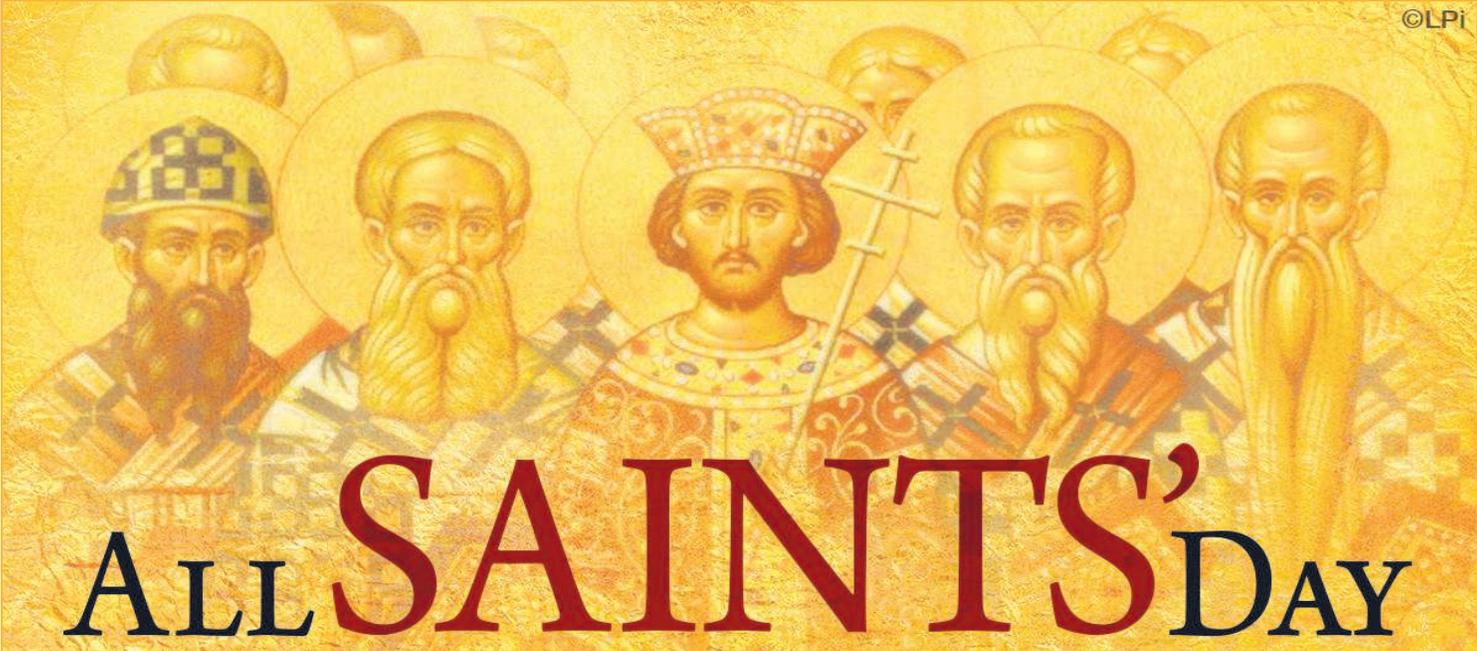


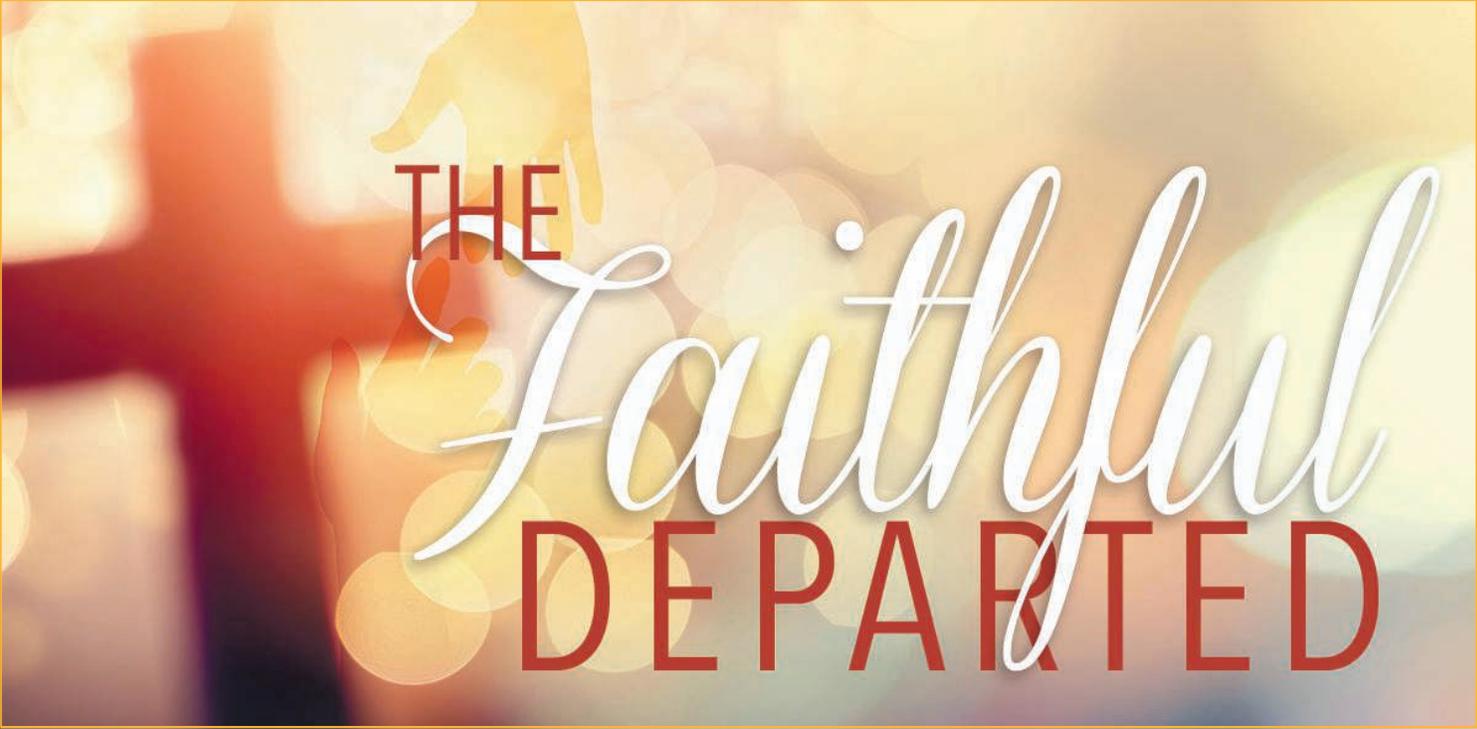
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ALL SAINTS' DAY

Wednesday, November 1: All Saints' Masses at 9:00 am & 6:45 pm
Friday, November 3: First Friday Mass at 9:00 am



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October 29, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time

Justice and compassion are keys to loving, in the readings for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Exodus proclaims God's call that we act justly toward foreigners, and the most vulnerable among us: widows, orphans and the poor. Jesus says it most simply: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

On November 1st, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and on November 2nd, we celebrate the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. A wonderful time to remember the "communion of saints" that we have on our side and the communion we will enjoy forever.

The first reading all week continues with the third week of Paul's longest letter, the Letter to the Romans, with his teaching of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The Gospel of Luke offers a glimpse of Jesus healing and teaching the people, even as he continues to clash with religious leaders. He cures the "bent woman" on a Sabbath and tells of the tiny mustard seed which develops to become a full grown bush. He repeats that it will not be easy to enter the Kingdom: "For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." He defies those who bring word of threats on his life and defies the silent Pharisees who watch as he cures a man on the Sabbath. Jesus encourages us to be humble: "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

That line from Luke is echoed in the gospel for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time as Jesus says in the Gospel of Matthew, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." He encourages us to turn away from honors and titles and to take the lowest place at the banquet.

Today's readings all tie together in the last part of the gospel in the familiar quote: You will love your neighbor as yourself. As I reflect on this readings and write this reflection, I'm in a unique position: I'm sitting in a third world country having just completed a mission with my nursing students. I was clearly able to see these commandants in action as well as glimpse into understanding the concept of being an "Other" – an outsider, an alien.

Our first reading admonishes us to understand that others are not always like us – that others may not always enjoy the blessings that we too frequently take for granted. The Hebrews are reminded in this passage that they, too, were aliens in a foreign land. We are all aliens in one way or another. For us this week it was very real. Many of us did not look the same as the people we served especially my students with blue eyes and blond hair. And for all of us on the mission, the spoken language was not our own. Clearly some were better than others at communicating but we all had feelings of being inadequate. A key part of our reflections together was our being different and the angst of not being able to communicate properly. We recognized how blessed we were to be in the presence of a loving group of people who accepted our differences and our feeble attempts at their language. But . . . because of this unconditional acceptance from them, we were able and willing to try and speak the language and for all of us, we got better (albeit not perfect) everyday. We thought of those who come into our country and how quickly some judge and berate their attempts to use our language. The idea of being neighborly and opening one's home to strangers came easily to so many here. They open their arms and hearts – sharing what little they have with love and joy. This reading prescribes how to treat others. When we tend to others in this way with an open heart and mind, we are blessed with humility and the opportunity to walk in solidarity with them – hand in hand, heart to heart, human with human. Many times in my reflections I refer to the Ignatian charisms or values. One of these is "Men and Women for and with Others" and it is perfect in considering these readings. It is a mandate for all of us to treat others well, with respect and love – including family members, friends, and strangers. Our gospel completes the story, Jesus basically reiterates the message from our Exodus reading and puts it in terms that all can understand. He updates it to be contemporary yet responsive to the Pharisees testing. His teaching is consistent with the law and the Pharisees are hard pressed to deny what Jesus says as being the most important. The perfect guideline/model for living a life. You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. Simply the greatest commandment . . . And then the second is how we put the first into action. We can do this through mission work or just by being present for those around us, by being kind and thoughtful to all neighbors, and by recognizing the opportunities to see God in All Things – another Ignatian charism. If we truly live this way everything else is details.

FAITH FORMATION

Our next Discipleship Sunday will be November 12. We will have Youth Mass at 9:00 followed by fellowship in Wey Hall.

Thank you to the 8 people who came to volunteer the afternoon of our last Discipleship Sunday where we did some landscaping at the parish house and made a meal for A Place For You. This is a good start for this program. Please remember that this is not only for Faith Formation families but is open to our entire parish. We hope to see more parishioners involved in Discipleship Sunday on November 12.

On November 12 we will be participating in "Tie Up Some Christmas Cheer." This is sponsored by Fostering Families and will take place from Noon – 5:00 pm in the Rush City Community Center. Please go to the Fostering Families website at www.fosteringfamiliesmn.com to sign up for a time. All ages are welcome. This organization hopes to make 300 blankets for foster children in Chisago, Pine and Kanabec counties.

They are also looking for donations of money and fleece fabric. If you would like to contribute, go to their website or Facebook page. Contact Sue Roth (651-238-1797) if you have any questions.

We hope to see many Sacred Heart families join in this community event.



**Remember to set
your clocks back
on Saturday night,
November 4!**

October 29, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS



November 1 Open
 November 4 Tony Debevec †
 November 5 Tony Debevec †

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 10/24/17

Plate	225.00
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Funeral Fund.....	147.00
CCW	100.00
Stipends/Stole.....	7.00
EFT money.....	490.00
World Mission	450.60
Schlangen Family.....	20.00
TOTALS	\$ 2869.60

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, Nov. 4 at 4:00 pm

Sunday, Nov. 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Sue Roth	Lectors: Kevin Smith, Mary
Communion: Jeanne Kay, Ginny Thorn	Jane Dahly
Gifts: Kay Family	Communion: Clarence Larson, Audrey Larson, Beth Churchsmith*
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PARISH NEWS

A November Memorial

All Souls Day encourages us to remember and to pray both with and for the vast numbers of unsung Christians who were once the Church on earth, just as we are now. We invite you to bring pictures of your departed family and friends to church on All Saints Day or on the weekend of Nov. 4-5. Pictures will remain until the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday in November. For more information see the bulletin boards or the insert that was recently in the bulletin.

Fall Festival:

To celebrate the success of our Fall Festival, the Fall Festival committee would like to invite everyone who helped with the festival to join us for dinner at the Brass Rail, Thursday, November 2, at 6:00. You will be responsible for paying for your own dinner, but we feel this is a great way to celebrate and support The Brass Rail. All parish families and all ages are invited. Please contact the parish office with the number that will attend from your family by Oct. 31, so we can give the Brass Rail notice.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 1

Fr. Andy Sacred Heart 9:00 am
 Fr. Andy Sacred Heart 6:45 pm

Friday, November 3

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, November 4

Fr. Andy Sacred Heart 4:00 pm
 Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 5

Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 8:30 am
 Fr. Andy Sacred Heart 9:00 am

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Jim Kirchberg
Bill Peno	Arlene Greenhagen	Ethel Thomas
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Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
Robby Murry	Judie Peltier	Abby Larson
Heidi Blatz	Betty Erickson	Bob Wilbur
David Gaul	Phyllis Swanson	Tom Solorz
Cecilia Shinler	Nick Cieminski	Colleen Najewski
Joan Parkin	Betty Anderson	Lenny Anderson
Ariel Thull-Rulfzen	Jim Bartz	Kathy Quinn

"When we pray, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine...in HIS own time and HIS own way."

Daily Prayer This Week

Please, Lord, anything but humility! Our instinctive reaction to humility might be the result of a culture that exalts riches, honors and pride. Yet all this week Jesus teaches that the way to salvation is through humility.

The first step might be simply asking for the desire to be humble. As we move through the simplest of moments in our everyday lives, we can stop and ask God to help us want to be humble. As we sit on the edge of the bed in the morning, as we head to work, sort laundry or do our errands, we can keep a running prayer in the background of our consciousness: "Lord, help me to desire the humility that will make me more aware of your saving grace."

These same background moments offer ways for us to recognize opportunities to practice humility as we go through our days. Perhaps I can stop myself from correcting my spouse. In a disagreement, I might make an extra effort to listen to the other person's side rather than planning my rebuttal as they speak. I can let a person in line in front of me, hold the door for someone or make an extra effort to recognize and thank those who serve me. Even these tiny gestures, when done in the spirit of Jesus' teachings this week, offer us a special grace.

With the Solemnity of All Saints, we are reminded of all the women and men whose faithful living of the Gospel is so clear that we are sure we can imitate their lives. These are all the named saints. It would be great to name the saints whose example we desire to shape our lives. All Souls day gives us the opportunity to remember and pray for all our brothers and sisters who have died. We confidently hope and pray that they may be embraced by the love and mercy of God, poured forth in the life giving death and resurrection of Jesus. This is a wonderful day to name all those we want to pray for, and to include in our prayer those who have no one to pray for them.





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