

Ministry Praise

ALL SAINTS DAY

We praise You, O God, for all those who have gone before us and who now rejoice in your presence.

On Nov. 1 the Church commemorates and honors all saints, known and unknown. Catholic saints are holy people and human people who have lived extraordinary lives. They have responded to God's invitation to use their unique talents and gifts. In the same way, God calls each one of us to be a saint.

We remember especially the members of our own families and we give You thanks for all the saints who ever worshipped You, whether in brush arbors or cathedrals, weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses where your name was lifted and adored.

We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise: manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil, strong hands and those gnarled with age, holy hands used as wave offerings across the land.

We thank You, God, for hardworking saints; whether hard-hatted or steel booted, head ragged or aproned, blue collared or three-piece suited. They left their mark on the earth for You, for us, for our children to come.

Thank you God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication and love.

LET US PRAY...

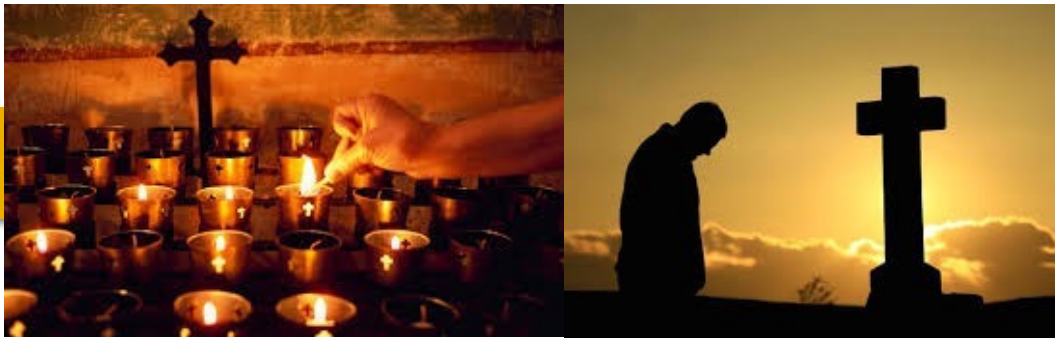
**With the choirs of angels , we sing praise to God,
Our Creator.**

**With the communion of saints, we sing glory to
Jesus.**

**With the cloud of witnesses, we sing honor to the
Spirit, our Sanctifier.**

Amen.





HOLY SOULS

November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, those faithful Christians who still must atone for their sins. From the beginning, Christians have prayed for the dead and have undertaken works of penance on their behalf. We say prayers, not only for those whom we knew and loved, but also for the “poor souls”, those who may have no one else — no families, no children or grandchildren — to pray for them. This is an act of charity.

“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their salvation, but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter heaven.”

— Catechism of the Catholic Church #1030

Those in purgatory cannot pray for themselves; this is why they are called “poor souls”. They cannot merit anything for themselves and rely entirely on others to pray and make sacrifices on their behalf. They depend on us to help ease their suffering and quickly advance them through their purification so that they can join the saints in heaven. Prayer for the faithful departed pleases God.

SUGGESTED WAYS TO PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS

- † Pray the Litany for the Holy souls. (FOUND IN THIS ISSUE)
- † Offer up your Holy Communion for the souls in Purgatory.
- † Have Masses said for your departed loved ones, especially on their death anniversary.
- † Pray the Way of the Cross for Souls in Purgatory.
- † Give alms. The giving of material assistance to the poor has always been considered a penance that can be offered for the Holy Souls.
“For almsgiving saves from death and purges away every sin” (Tobit 12:9)
- † Pray the DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET for the intention of the Holy Souls.
- † When passing a cemetery or before and after meals, pray:
“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them,
And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.” Amen.
- † Visit a cemetery and pray over the graves of those who may have no one to pray for them.

As you pray for the Holy Souls, don’t forget to ask them to pray for you in return, once they enter heaven more quickly.

PRAYERS FOR ALL SOULS

Almighty, ever-living God, who rule both the living and the dead and are merciful to all, we humbly beseech you, that those for whom we pour out our prayers may obtain pardon for their sins through your tender mercy, rejoicing together, blessed in your sight, and praising you without end.

Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Needs, Worries and Concerns

FOR OUR PARISH:

At this time of Thanksgiving, let us thank God for the priests who share Eucharist with us and the deacons who assist them.

Let us also give thanks for all those who volunteer their time and talents so that we have meaningful liturgies: planners, sacristans, musicians, lectors, cantors, Eucharistic Ministers and servers.

Let us ask Jesus for His healing and compassion for those who are sick and suffering, those on the Bulletin List and especially those suffering from dementia.

Let us pray for the recently deceased and those who mourn them.

Enclosed is a list of those parishioners who died during the past year. Why not choose two or three names each day and pray for them.

May the Father of peace comfort all those who mourn.



Words by Pope Francis:
“God of love and mercy, help us to see the needs of others everywhere we look, and give us the courage to act to meet them.”

November 11 - VETERANS DAY

God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and who laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom.

We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day.

We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm’s way. Shield them from danger and bring them home.

Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and peace. Let the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that saves us.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

When told the reason for DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME, The old Indian said, “Only a white man would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket and sew it to the bottom of a blanket and have a longer blanket.”

Author unknown

DON’T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCK BACK ON Nov. 5!



NOVEMBER 23 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Prayers of gratitude have been offered since long before the 1620 American tradition began. All early celebrations had a common theme – God. The deeply religious Pilgrims looked to the Bible for inspiration. “...be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you.” (1 Thess. 5:18). Thanksgiving was directed toward God, their Creator, Protector and Provider.

God most provident, we join all creation in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving. Just as from generation to generation people have sung of your bounty, we too offer You praise for the rich harvest we have received at your hands. Bless us and this food which we share with grateful hearts. Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for you be seen

in our pursuit of peace and justice and in our generous response to those in need. Praise and glory to You. O Lord God, now and forever.

Amen.



NOVEMBER 26 FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

On this feast we acknowledge Jesus Christ as King of the Universe. Jesus is not like an earthly king, jealously guarding his borders and protecting his power, and taking pride only in the wealth and strength of his domain.

This all-powerful-King identifies himself with the powerless: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the ill, the imprisoned. In the end we will be judged by how we have treated “one of these least ones.” It is not enough to love the idea of Jesus Christ as we imagine Him from the Gospel accounts. We must love the Body of Christ in the world as well.

Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, teach us the way of your Kingdom: the way of justice, the way of love, the way of peace. Amen.



LITANY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

*Absolve, O Lord, the souls of the faithful departed from every bond of sin,
And by the help of Thy grace may they be enabled to enjoy the happiness
of eternal life.*

For the souls of our departed friends, relations and benefactors, grant light and peace, O Lord.
For those of our family who have fallen asleep, O Jesus, grant light and peace, O Lord.
For those who were our brothers or sisters in Religion, grant light etc.
For priests who were our spiritual directors, grant light etc.
For men or women who were our teachers in school, grant light etc.
For those who were our employers or employees, grant light etc.
For those who were our daily associates in toil, grant light etc.
For any soul whom we ever offended, grant light etc.
For our enemies now departed, grant light etc.
For those souls who have no one to pray for them, grant light etc.
For those forgotten by their friends and kin, grant light etc.
For those now suffering the most, grant light etc.
For those who have acquired the most merit, grant light etc.
**For those who, while on earth, were most devoted to God, the Holy Spirit, to Jesus in
the Blessed Sacrament, and to the Holy Mother of God, grant light etc.**
For all deceased popes, bishops, priests, seminarians and religious, grant light etc.
For all our brethren in the Faith everywhere, grant light etc.
For those who need, or in life asked for our prayers, grant light etc.

LET US PRAY

**Be mindful, O Lord, of all Thy servants and handmaids who are gone before us
with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of grace. To these, O Lord, and to
all who rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment and peace,
through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

**Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**



2016-17 Deceased Members of Our Faith Community

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let the Perpetual Light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Joyce A. Dray	Kenneth E. Rode	Douglas J. Croft
Ann M. Schwinnen	Thomas B. Miller	Trent A. Closson
Dorothy A. Gemke	Rosella L. Bonifas	Elizabeth M. Sendelbach
Richard E. Utrup	Bettie J. Bohnlein	Frank E. Spieles
Martha "Marty" Mansfield	Celeste M. Bushnell	Whitlee J. Hughes
Augusta "Gussie" Van Autreve	Dr. John D. Grone	Judith A. Allemeier
Rita C. Clapp	Dr. Cletus M. Vonderwell	Daniel J. Osting
Ruth A. Weber	Norman J. Knippen	Patrick J. Koester
Frank "Nick" Wilson	Evelyn M. Wrocklage	Elisha L. Weeden
Grace O. Schulte	Grace R. Suever	Ruth C. Pohlman
Mary Elizabeth Brickner	Wanda J. Hohlbein	Robert T. Schmit
Emeline A. Hesseling	Matthew J. Buettner	Mark A. Brandehoff
Walter D. Byrne	Rosalia H. Wegesin	Virginia A. Will
Paul T. Grothause	Cheyenne L. Klaus	Matthew J. Krendl
Jerome M. Burgei	Emily M. Elwer	Ethel B. Burgei
Alfred H. Imholt	R. Jane Stallkamp	Rev. Mike Ricker
Marguerite Thitoff	David L. Brinkman	William R. Miller
Mildred G. Elwer	James T. Holdgreve	Josie Maye Kehres
Ruth M. Wegesin	Donald R. Ditto	Herbert J. Hempfling
Marcella "Sally" Niemeyer	Ruth M. Pohlman	Helen B. Bendele
William C. Calvelage	Doris A. Gerdeman	Elmer J. Helmkamp
Mary A. Ricker	Lawrence H. Luersman	Margaret L. Suever
		Donna M. Holdgreve

Prayer for the Departed

We pray, O saving God, for all those who have left this life in the hope of your promise of resurrection, especially the members of our families and our community. May they enjoy peace, pardon and joy as they experience new life in their heavenly home. We ask this through Jesus whom you raised from the dead. Amen.