

Ministry of Praise



NOVEMBER REMEMBERING

ALL SAINTS DAY

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped 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.

BECOMING A SAINT IS THE WORK OF A LIFETIME!

It means trying to become the particular saint that God created us to be; responding to the challenges of our own time, relying on our own talents and contending with our own weaknesses and limitations. There are saints among us, not canonized, but saints. Consider the sick who offer their sufferings for the Church, the many lonely elderly who pray and offer up their sufferings, the many mothers and fathers who work hard for their families, their children's education, always with hope in Jesus. This is what gives holiness to the Church. We must take great care of the hidden holiness that there is in the Church.

Loving God, You shower us with blessings and call us to holiness.

May we honor all saints by following the example of their lives.

Bless us as we endeavor to live in perfect harmony with your law of love; may our efforts bear fruit and lead to everlasting life. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

All Souls Day

On this day we recall all those who have died and are still on their journey to blessedness, especially our loved ones. Those in Purgatory cannot merit anything for themselves. They are nevertheless part of the communion of saints but depend on us to ease their suffering. Prayers for the faithful departed please God, who makes use of our prayers to help purify these souls that He loves. It is an act of charity that we can give for those we have known and loved, for our ancestors who gave us life, for those souls whose memory is lost, and for those who have no one else to pray for them.

Here are some ideas for praying for these suffering (and often neglected) souls, especially during November:

- **PRAY** the NOVENA TO THE HOLY SOULS
- **OFFER UP** YOUR HOLY COMMUNIONS FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY
 - **PRAY** THE WAY OF THE CROSS FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY
 - **PRAY** THE HOLY ROSARY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY
 - **GIVE ALMS** TO THE POOR
 - **PRAY** THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET FOR THE HOLY SOULS
 - **VISIT** A CEMETERY AND PRAY OVER THE GRAVES
- **PRAY** THE ETERNAL REST PRAYER BEFORE AND AFTER MEALS

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

Our Needs, Worries and Concerns

With prayer and thanks we make our petitions known to the Father:

† That through the devotion to the saints, the Church may be strengthened in holiness, we pray: *Lord hear our prayer.*

† For world leaders, that they will see their power as a sharing in the authority of God and reflect this in the way they rule, we pray: *Lord hear our prayer.*

† That the culture of life proclaimed by Christ the King will reign in every human heart, we pray: *Lord hear our prayer.*

† For an end to all intolerance and prejudice so that we may truly become one nation under God, we pray: *Lord hear our prayer.*

† That the wealth of our nation might be used to care for the poorest in our midst, we pray: *Lord hear our prayer.*

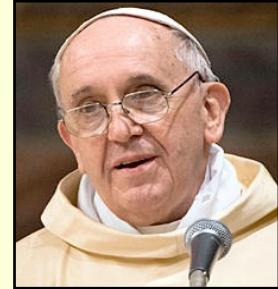
† In thanks for all those who volunteer their time and talents so that we may have meaningful liturgies: planners, sacristans, musicians, lector, cantors, greeters, Communion Distributors, servers, we pray: *Lord hear our prayer.*

† For healing and compassion for the sick and suffering, especially those in the bulletin list, we pray: *Lord hear our prayer.*

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

† For the victims of the recent hurricanes, that they might receive the assistance they need, we pray: *Lord hear our prayer.*

† For our families and friends, that our celebrations of Thanksgiving will be occasions of reunion, renewed love, and lasting grace, we pray: *Lord hear our prayer.*



Words by
Pope Francis:
“We will be in safe hands with Jesus as our guide.”

PSALM 92: 1-5

*How good it is to
give thanks to You,
O Lord,*

*to sing in your
honor, O most High
God,*

*to proclaim your
constant love every
morning*

*and your
faithfulness every
night.*

*Because of what
You have done,*

I sing for joy.



VETERANS DAY

November 11 is Veterans Day, a day set aside to remember and honor all those who have given their lives for our country. Thank you, Lord, for those brave and dedicated citizens. May we give them the honor and respect in which they deserve and the care to which they are entitled.

O God, Giver of Life, watch over and protect the present members of our Armed Forces. Guide them as they travel over land, sea and air. Keep them and their families safe and hasten their return to us.

Father God, send your Spirit of Peace into the hearts of us all so that the day may come soon when we can live peacefully side by side. Amen.

OUR THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Good and gracious God, we are filled with gratitude as we come before You today, to give You thanks and praise for your many blessings:

For the love of God, for faith, family and friends, *we thank you, O Lord.*

For joys, successes, achievements and accomplishments, *we thank you, O Lord.*

For health, safety, work and rest, *we thank you, O Lord.*

For struggles, sorrows, trials and sufferings, *we thank you, O Lord.*

For our jobs, for those who support us, for our education,
and for the chance to serve, *we thank you, O Lord.*

For our homes, for food, warmth and shelter,
for all the things that have made us happy, *we thank you, O Lord.*

For our nation, for freedom and peace, for teachers, leaders
and those who give us good example, *we thank you, O Lord.*

For the gift of life, *we thank you, O Lord.*

Keep us ever grateful and generous in your service. Amen.



Advent begins Sunday, Dec. 2.
ARE YOU READY?

Deceased Parish Members - NOVEMBER 2017-2018

Gerald J. Siefker	Linda D. Stemen	Marilyn L. Holdgreve
Melvin A. Rode	Louise A. McRedmond	Eugene W. Warnecke
Nancy J. Stant	George E. Bockey	Betty A. Berkmeier
Arthur J. Mueller	Judith M. Grothouse	Roger D. Wilhelm
Mary L. Thithoff	Susanna 'Sue' Verhoff	Anna R. Ruen
Roger Weigle	John L. Hohlbein	Amy Gerdeman Bardall
John A. Metzner, Jr.	Edward J. Zalar	Caroline A. Gallmeier
Berdenia 'Deenie' Utrup	Eric L. Ulm	Therese E. Reinemeyer
Dolores 'Dodie' Spieles	James A. Weger	Thomas W. Geddings, Jr.
William 'Bill' Looser	Robert 'Bob' Hohlbein	Roger LeRoy Stant
Vera Mae Yocilin	Rosemary A. Swick	Steven J. Goedde
Carolyn L. Fischer	Paul J. Fetzer	Omer M. Pothast
David J. Buecker	Bernice C. Ostendorf	Anna Jean Bockey
Norma T. Zalar	Kermit T. Minnig	Rita Mae Pohlman
Charles A. Markward	Mark A. Wiford	Sigmund L. Ricker
Louis J. Hesseling	William E. Shumaker	Marilyn H. Otte
Robert 'Bob' Mager	Ruth M. Kemper	Judy H. Pohlman
Ervin J. Recker	Joan M. Geise	Robert J. Fischer
Arthur 'Art' Grothouse	Norbert 'Nub' Grothouse	Joseph N. Suever
Rose M. Hilvers	Carol S. Kunz	Elmer F. Dickman
Alice M. Hoehn	Robert G. Weber	Dolores M. German
Betty J. Reinemeyer	Leonard F. Warnecke	James 'Sandy' Sendelbach
Norman 'Red' Hesseling	Gerald 'Jerry' Brickner	John 'Bob' Mills
Juletta C. Recker	Helen A. Cross	Virgil F. German
Carlene M. Gerdeman	Josephine K. Bockey	Eileen B. Byrne
Harold F. Gallmeier	Alice M. Schmit	Ethel "Betty" Bridgman
	Mary Caroline Sherrard	



NOV. 22 – FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Jesus brought about His Kingdom ... through his care and tenderness toward us.
He is the Shepherd...

The Gospel teaches what Jesus' Kingdom requires of us: it reminds us that care and tenderness are the rule of life for us also, and that on this basis we will be judged.

The one who accomplishes these works shows that he has welcomed Christ's sovereignty because he has opened his heart to God's charity. We will be judged on our love for, closeness to, and tenderness to our brothers and sisters.

Jesus has opened to us His Kingdom, but it is for us to enter into it, beginning with our life now, by being close, in concrete ways, to our brothers and sisters who ask for bread, clothing, acceptance, solidarity, catechesis. If we truly love them, we will be willing to share with them what is most precious to us, Jesus and his Gospel.

LET US PRAY:

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, WHO IN THY BELOVED SON, KING OF THE WHOLE WORLD, HAS WILLED TO RESTORE ALL THINGS ANEW, GRANT IN THY MERCY THAT ALL THE FAMILIES OF NATIONS, RENT ASUNDER BY THE WOUND OF SIN, WILL BE SUBJECTED TO HIS MOST GENTLE RULE. WHO WITH THEE LIVES AND REIGNS WITHOUT END. AMEN.

NOVEMBER 4 – TIME TO TURN BACK THE CLOCKS!

O Giver of Time, renewed each day with the rising of the sun, I ask for wisdom in how I use the minutes and hours granted to me. May I be generous in using time for acts of compassion and mercy. May I find a rhythm of work, rest, leisure and Sabbath that reflects your will for my life. Daily, may my life reflect to others your peace and joy. O Giver of Time, I dedicate my time today to your service. Amen.

