



ALL SOULS DAY

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**Pastor:**

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Hours:
Wed. 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
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Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am
Wed., Thurs., & Fri. - 7:15 am
The rosary is recited before weekend Masses @
4:35 pm on Saturday evenings and 8:05 am on
Sunday mornings

Confessions:

Wed., Thurs., & Fri. - 6:30 am - 7:00 am
Saturday - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Upon Request

Adoration:

Wednesdays: 8:00 am-7:00 pm in the Church

Other Sacraments:

Contact Parish Office

Parish Contacts:

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Sacristan 10/27/25 - 11/02/25

Phyllis Krueger

Weekend Lectors/EMHCs

11/01: Rosemary Martin (8:30 a.m.)
11/01: Jana Redeker (5:00 p.m.)
11/02: Shirley Langley - Lector
Barb Kuhlmann - EMHC
11/08: Lily Skalsky - Lector
Laurie Schmidt - EMHC
11/09: Danny Schneider
11/15: LeAnn Eberle
11/16: Greg Markowitz - Lector
Trish Markowitz - EMHC
11/22: Cass Coughlin
11/23: Rosemary Martin - Lector
Aaron Cole - EMHC
11/29: Jana Redeker
11/30: Michael Ratcliff



Time Change This Weekend

It's time to fall back! Remember to turn your clocks back one hour as of 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 2nd. Enjoy the extra hour of rest.

St. Joseph Prayer List

Collins Baldwin
Linda Barnard
Maya Bishop
Jeanette Reed Copeland
Vicki Dickson
Kauffman Dieker
Susan Haag
Sylvia Haag
Darren Heins
Kenneth Langley
Debbie Markowitz
Brian Martin
Sylvia Miller
Shea Mueting
James Nunley
Todd Orear
Twyla Owen
Olivia Pimpl
Mrs. Ken Redeker
Richard Scheve
Danny Schmidt
Jackie Schmidt
Greg Schonhardt
Mike Wecker
Clara Young

United States Army:

SGM Matthew S. Richter,
Sgt. Austin Burenheide,
Grant Fath,
Major Jacob Haag

Marines:

Lt. Col. James Bechtel

Navy:

Grace Coughlin

Air Force:

Megan DePauw

Army National Guard:

Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat. 11/01: 8:30 am +Jerry & Doris Redeker
5:00 pm +All Souls of the Faithful
Departed
Sun. 11/02: 8:30 am For the Parish

Wed. 11/05: 7:15 am +Abbi Markowitz
Thurs.11/06: 7:15 am +August & Helen Redeker
Fri. 11/07: 7:15 am +Ginny Kiser
Sat. 11/08: 5:00 pm For the Parish
Sun. 11/09: 8:30 am +Roudine Thomsen



Knights' News



Mark your calendars!

Sunday, 11/9/25 - Biscuits and Gravy breakfast from 7:30 - 10:00 am.

Wednesday, 11/19/25 - Knights' meeting @ 7 pm

Sunday, 11/23/25 - Biscuits and Gravy breakfast from 7:30 - 10:00 am.

Saturday, 1/24/26 - Annual Stag - Stay tuned for more information and the work list

1st - 6th grade CCD
NOVEMBER 5TH
NEW CLASS TIME
OF 6 PM

7th - 12th grade
remains at 7pm



4-H Sunday and Hole-y Donuts



The Happy Harvesters 4-H Club will celebrate 4-H Sunday at Mass on Sunday, November 16th. A reception for the 4-H families will be combined with our monthly Hole-y Donuts in the Parish Life Center following Mass. Please plan to attend to help celebrate our youth's community service and activities.

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (30)	\$ 1,810.00
Plate	222.00
Capital Improvements	70.00
World Mission Sunday	106.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,208.00



We pray for all the souls that have had funerals at St. Joseph and/or have been buried in St. Joseph Cemetery since November 1, 2024:

Loretta Schneider
Dorothy Schmidt
Seraphin Wendling
Janice Moellman
John Markowitz
Chad Blow
Elaine Wecker
Micrhael Montanye
Sylvia Wecker
Larry Kehres
Carol Yvonne Rossillon
Abbi Markowitz

Just as Jesus died and rose again, so will the Father bring with him those who have died in Jesus. Just as in Adam all men die, so in Christ all will be made alive. God our Father, we ask that you hear our prayers and bring us some consolation in our lives. As we remember in our prayers all of our loved ones who have died, we pray that they will have received the promise of eternal life and that they are with you experiencing the joy of heaven. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. Amen

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 rest in peace. Amen.



NOTE FROM FR. MERSMANN:

As a reminder, I plan to train all of the CCD students to be altar servers **BEGINNING THIS WEEK**. Training will be instead of CCD class on the assigned week. Please bring your children to the church rather than the Parish Life Center. Parents are welcome (and even encouraged) to attend.

Grades 3 & 4 - Nov. 5th @ 6pm

Grades 5 & 6 - Nov. 12th @ 6pm

Grades 7 & 8 - Nov. 19th @ 7pm

Once the students have been trained, there will be a schedule made where three students will be assigned for each Saturday/Sunday Mass. The first schedule will likely be only for December, and then they will be made quarterly starting in 2026. We will do our best to coordinate with other known schedules to be able to avoid you needing to find substitutes as best as possible.

I look forward to everyone's participation in these efforts!

-Fr. Mersmann

If you haven't already registered, please use this QR code to go online:



HEY ALL! Did you get to attend our Soup Supper/Prize Bingo the last couple of years? If not, you probably heard about the success of this "re-created" event and how fun it was! It was a "TRADITION" while the school was open and we want to keep the fun and family traditions of our church going!

PLEASE JOIN US on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd at the Knights Hall 5:00-7:00 P.M.

CHILI and SOUP for a free will donation beginning at 5:00 P.M. and Bingo will begin at 6:00 P.M.

We're looking for Prizes/Crafts/Raffle items- so if you have something to donate,

Please call **Jess Rogers @620-341-7337** or
Val Studer @ 620-366-1118

Also, we want to have *more of our youth involved!* We would like CCD Parents and children of all ages to sign up to help with snacks, pop, serving or helping with Bingo this year! There will be a **SIGN UP SHEET** on a table in the Parish Life Center on Wednesdays of CCD nights. There will also be a **SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE TABLE** in the back of church beginning next weekend. (11/1/25)

Invite your friends and family! Let's continue this time of fun, faith, and renewal of fond memories for our parish and community!

If you have any questions or donations, you can contact Jess, Val or me.

Kay Schmidt

Family Life Ministry- 620-340-5638



Father's Corner



We have celebrated (and are celebrating) significant feasts this weekend. Yesterday was the Solemnity of All Saints and today is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. We're reminded of the two-fold reality of death. It is a time of suffering and enduring as well as the means to salvation. Christ's death, first of all, of course, but in as much as we are able to participate in that saving action, our death shares those elements. This comes into effect at the moment of death most immediately, but Christ's death is something to be united to each and every day that we live.

From a book on the death of his brother Satyrus, by Saint Ambrose, bishop

Let us die with Christ, to live with Christ

We see that death is gain, life is loss. Paul says: *For me life is Christ, and death a gain.* What does "Christ" mean but to die in the body, and receive the breath of life? Let us then die with Christ, to live with Christ. We should have a daily familiarity with death, a daily desire for death. By this kind of detachment our soul must learn to free itself from the desires of the body. It must soar above earthly lusts to a place where they cannot come near, to hold it fast. It must take on the likeness of death, to avoid the punishment of death. The law of our fallen nature is at war with the law of our reason and subjects the law of reason to the law of error. What is the remedy? *Who will set me free from this body of death? The grace of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

We have a doctor to heal us; let us use the remedy he prescribes. The remedy is the grace of Christ, the dead body our own. Let us then be exiles from our body, so as not to be exiles from Christ. Though we are still in the body, let us not give ourselves to the things of the body. We must not reject the natural rights of the body, but we must desire before all else the gifts of grace.

What more need be said? It was by the death of one man that the world was redeemed. Christ did not need to die if he did not want to, but he did not look on death as something to be despised, something to be avoided, and he could have found no better means to save us than by dying. Thus his death is life for all. We are sealed with the sign of his death; when we pray we preach his death; when we offer sacrifice we proclaim his death. His death is victory; his death is a sacred sign; each year his death is celebrated with solemnity by the whole world.

What more should we say about his death since we use this divine example to prove that it was death alone that won freedom from death, and death itself was its own redeemer? Death is then no cause for mourning, for it is the cause of mankind's salvation. Death is not something to be avoided, for the Son of God did not think it beneath his dignity, nor did he seek to escape it.

Death was not part of nature; it became part of nature. God did not decree death from the beginning; he prescribed it as a remedy. Human life was condemned because of sin to unrelenting labor and unbearable sorrow and so began to experience the burden of wretchedness. There had to be a limit to its evils; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of grace, immortality is more of a burden than a blessing.

The soul has to turn away from the aimless paths of this life, from the defilement of an earthly body; it must reach out to those assemblies in heaven (though it is given only to the saints to be admitted to them) to sing the praises of God. We learn from Scripture how God's praise is sung to the music of the harp: *Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God Almighty; just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not revere and glorify your nature? You alone are holy; all nations will come and worship before you.* The soul must also desire to witness your nuptials, Jesus, and to see your bride escorted from earthly to heavenly realities, as all rejoice and sing: *All flesh will come before you.* No longer will the bride be held in subjection to this passing world but will be made one with the spirit.

Above all else, holy David prayed that he might see and gaze on this: *One thing I have asked of the Lord, this I shall pray for: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, and to see how gracious is the Lord.*