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**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16th, 2025**

MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
NO MASS**

**TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Francis John Beaujon
(Req. by Family)**

**WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM - Paul Schmidt
(Req. by Helen Boyle)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Nancy Vavrek
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)**

**FRIDAY - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:05 PM - Michael Czerak
(Req. by Maureen & Gary Frick)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**SATURDAY - Saint Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr
4:00 PM - Richard Magro
(Req. by Dave & Debbie Magro)**

**5:30 PM - Anna Marie Pfeil
(VPM)
(Req. by Peach Pundzak)**

**SUNDAY - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
9:00 AM - Pro Populo**

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Birthday Remembrance of Elizabeth Mateljan
Req. by daughter Barbara Vedock

The daily readings may be found at either USCCB.ORG or with the daily readings listed in the back of the missalette.

Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

IN LOVING MEMORY: The Sanctuary Lamp is available for your intentions by calling the parish office. Please attempt to request your intentions as early as possible. A \$10 donation is suggested.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Confessions are heard from 6:30 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday Evenings. **DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR, CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FROM 3:00 PM until 3:40 PM THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH. Confession may ALWAYS be arranged with Fr. John personally by calling the rectory office. Please avail yourselves to this life-giving sacrament!**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Scheduled no less than nine months prior to the date of marriage. Four preparation sessions with the pastor, as well as all diocesan requirements, must be met. **All Catholic candidates for Marriage must be registered, practicing members of a parish at least 6 months prior to scheduling the wedding. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

INFANT BAPTISM: Baptisms are generally celebrated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Pre-baptismal instructions must be completed by the parents at least 3 weeks prior to the celebration of the sacrament. Catholic godparents must obtain a letter of eligibility from their pastors four weeks in advance. Baptisms are never celebrated during the Season of Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Celebrated after any Sunday Mass as requested and as a parish during the Easter Season.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Wednesday and Friday following Mass.

MEMBERSHIP: Forms are located on the back page of the bulletin (or on the parish website) to be filled out and sent to the parish. Registrations are also welcome by phone.

\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$
Collection - November 9, 2025

Loose Money.....	\$444.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2654.00
All Saints Day.....	\$50.00
All Souls' Day.....	\$25.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$10.00
Votive Candles.....	\$10.00
Sanctuary Candle.....	\$20.00
Apartment Rental - Nov.....	\$625.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$140.00

TOTAL: \$3978.00

Second Collection - Tirkey Raffle \$773.00
Hurricane Relief \$640.00

Let us continue to pray for the members of our parish community who serve in the military, as well as for the sick, elderly and homebound members of our parish especially:

Anonymous Petitioners, Pat Balagusz, John Bair, Ralph Blair, David Clark, Ronald Cleaver, Dolores Danner, Francis Dietz, Dorothy Fisher, Barbara Fox, Paul Harnish, Catherine Heinlein, Mary Carol Hill and children, Donna Johnson, Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Betsy Konar, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Dick Krumenacker, Gaile Krumenacker, Victoria Leftie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patricia Mainhart, Marianne Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Myla Minner, Pauline Molchany, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petrero, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rovon, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varnecky, Carrie Young

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of November 17th to November 23rd:



Kaitlan O'Donnell
 Larry Golish
 Katrin O'Donnell
 Marian Cyburt

Mickie Mills
 Terrence Werner
 Sidney Horner

Angel Tree 2025 - We are once again planning an Angel Tree. This is an opportunity to share our blessings with those who struggle to provide their children with gifts for Christmas. We will formally begin the project after the Turkey Raffle Fundraiser. Young children should always be blessed with a happy and merry Christmas, so please consider this fine project. More details to follow.



I personally and genuinely continue to implore you to **SERIOUSLY CONSIDER SOME EXTRA TIME WITH THE LORD THIS WEEK.** We always pray the rosary Saturday evening at approximately 3:30 PM prior to Mass as well as every Tuesday at 6:00 PM. On Wednesdays, Mass is celebrated at 5:30 PM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament also occurs on Friday following the 12:05 PM Mass until 1:30 PM. We also pray the litany of St. Joseph since Wednesday is dedicated to him as the patron of the Universal Church. Remember the parish intention for the rosary is for Fr. John's health, however, personal intentions for the Rosary and adoration are your own.



BOTH OF THESE PRACTICES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE!! A VISITATION WITH OUR LORD PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS NEARLY A PERFECT FORM OF PRAYER AND CAN HELP YOU TO BELIEVE THAT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!

The 2026 Yearly Calendars of Prizes are now available! The 2026 Yearly Calendars have now arrived and are available for purchase beginning this weekend in the main vestibule of the Church. This is potentially our largest fundraiser of the year. Please help us with this project by purchasing a calendar. They make wonderful Christmas gifts. Thank you.



CCW Advent Program - A day of reflection titled: "Christmas at the Nativity" will be offered at the CCW Incarnation Center on December 5, 2025 from 10 AM - 3 PM. Pope Francis writes in his book by the same title: The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of Scripture. As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. Materials and lunch will be provided. Registration required by December 1. To register, email CommunityofficeCCW@gmail.com or srmari-lynw@CCWcommunity.org, or call 814-886-4098. A free-will offering is appreciated.

Theology On Tap - Our next Theology on Tap is Wednesday November 19th at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm with Carrie Weaver speaking on Church Art and Architecture. We are already scheduling speakers into 2026 including Religious and Diocesan Priests, Laypeople, Religious Sisters, and even an Archbishop! All young adults and families with their children are invited to join us for faith, food, and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

From Pontiff to Pew:

During last **Sunday's Angelus**, Pope Leo XIV noted that on the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, we contemplate the mystery of unity and communion with the Church of Rome, called to be the mother who cares for the journey of faith of Christians throughout the world. The Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome and the seat of Peter's successor, as we know, is not only a work of extraordinary historical, artistic and religious value, but it also represents the driving force of the faith entrusted to and preserved by the Apostles, and its transmission throughout history. The greatness of this mystery also shines forth in the artistic splendor of the building, which in its central nave houses the twelve large statues of the Apostles, the first followers of Christ and witnesses of the Gospel. This points to a spiritual perspective, which helps us to go beyond the external appearance, to understand that the mystery of the Church is much more than a simple place, a physical space, a building made of stones. In reality, as the Gospel reminds us in the episode of Jesus' purification of the Temple in Jerusalem (cf. Jn 2:13-22), the true sanctuary of God is Christ who died and rose again. He is the only mediator of salvation, the only Redeemer, the One who, by uniting himself with our humanity and transforming us with his love, represents the door (cf. Jn 10:9) that opens wide for us and leads us to the Father. United with him, we too are living stones of this spiritual edifice (cf. 1 Pet 2:4-5). We are the Church of Christ, his body, his members called to spread his Gospel of mercy, consolation and peace throughout the world, through that spiritual worship that must shine forth above all in our witness of life.

Brothers and sisters, we must train our hearts to have this spiritual outlook. So often, the frailties and mistakes of Christians, together with many clichés and prejudices, prevent us from grasping the richness of the mystery of the Church. Her holiness, in fact, is not dependent upon our merits, but in the "gift of the Lord, never retracted," that continues to choose "as the vessel of its presence, with a paradoxical love, the dirty hands of men" (J. Ratzinger, Introduction to Christianity, Brescia (2005), 331). Let us walk then in the joy of being the holy People that God has chosen, and let us invoke Mary, Mother of the Church, to help us welcome Christ and accompany us with her intercession.

During this past **Wednesday Audience**, Pope Leo reflected upon how **Easter Spirituality animates Fraternity**. This message is absolutely critical for our time and place in history. Therefore I am providing it to you in its entirety below: To believe in the death and resurrection of Christ and to live paschal spirituality imbues life with hope and encourages us to invest in goodness. In particular, it helps us to love and nurture fraternity, which is without doubt one of the great challenges for contemporary humanity, as Pope Francis saw clearly. Fraternity stems from something deeply human. We are capable of forming relationship and, if we want, we are able to build authentic bonds between us. Without relationships, which support and enrich us from the very beginning of our life, we would not be able to survive, grow or learn. They are manifold, varied in form and depth. But it is certain that our humanity is best fulfilled when we exist and live together, when we succeed in experiencing authentic, not formal, bonds with the people around us. If we turn in on ourselves, we risk falling ill with loneliness, and even a narcissism that is concerned with others only out of self-interest. The other is then reduced to someone from whom we can take, without ever being truly willing to give, to offer ourselves. We are well aware that even today fraternity cannot be taken for

granted, it is not immediate. Many conflicts, many wars all over the world, social tensions and feelings of hatred would seem to prove the opposite. However, fraternity is not a beautiful but impossible dream; it is not the desire of a de-luded few. But to overcome the shadows that threaten it, we need to go to the source, and above all to draw light and strength from Him who alone frees us from the poison of enmity.

The word "fraternity" derives from a very ancient root, which means to care for, to have at heart, to support and sustain. Applied to every human person, it becomes an appeal, an invitation. Often, we think that the role of a brother, a sister, refers to kinship, to being related, to being part of the same family. In truth, we know well how disagreement, division and sometimes hatred can devastate even relationships between relatives, not only between strangers.

This shows the need, more urgent today than ever, to reflect on the greeting with which Saint Francis of Assisi addressed everyone, regardless of their geographical, cultural, religious and doctrinal origins: omnes fratres was the inclusive way in which the Saint placed all human beings on the same level, precisely because he recognized them in their common destiny of dignity, dialogue, welcome and salvation. Pope Francis re-proposed this approach of the Poverello of Assisi, emphasizing its relevance after eight hundred years, in the Encyclical Fratelli tutti.

That "tutti", everyone, which meant for Saint Francis the welcoming sign of a universal fraternity, expresses an essential feature of Christianity, which ever since the beginning has been the proclamation of the Good News destined for the salvation of all, never in an exclusive or private form. This fraternity is based on Jesus' commandment, which is new insofar as He accomplished it Himself, the superabundant fulfilment of the will of the Father: thanks to Him, who loved us and gave Himself for us, we can in turn love one another and give our lives for others, as children of the one Father and true brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

Jesus loved us up to the very end, says the Gospel of John (cf. 13:1). As the passion draws near, the Master knows well that his historical time is coming to an end. He fears what is about to happen; He experiences the most terrible torment and abandonment. His Resurrection, on the third day, is the beginning of a new history. And the disciples become fully brothers and sisters, after so much time of life spent together, not only when they live through the pain of the death of Jesus, but above all, when they recognize Him as the Risen One, receive the gift of the Spirit and become witnesses to Him.

Brothers and sisters support each other in hardship, they do not turn their back on those who are in need, and they weep and rejoice together in the active pursuit of unity, trust and mutual reliance. The dynamic is that which Jesus Himself gives to us: "Love one another as I have loved you" (cf. Jn 15:12). The fraternity given by Christ, who died and rose again, frees us from the negative logic of selfishness, division and arrogance, and restores to us our original vocation, in the name of a love and a hope that are renewed every day. The Risen One has shown us the way to journey with Him, to feel and to be "brothers and sisters all".