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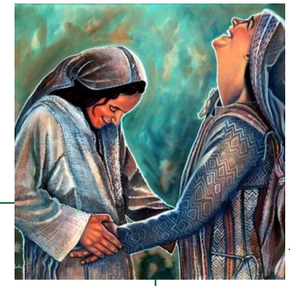
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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8th, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
NO MASS

TUESDAY - Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
12:05 PM - Francis John Beaujon
(Req. by parents Fran & Charlotte)

WEDNESDAY - Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
5:30 PM - James Rovan
(Req. by Chuck & Pat Sura)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY - Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
12:05 PM - Mary Mattis
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)
Rescheduled from 11-6-26

FRIDAY - Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
12:05 PM - John Slovikovski Sr.
(Req. by Debbie & Dave Magro)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY - Vigil of 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - Velma Harteis
(Req. by Children)

SUNDAY - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM - Pro Populo

SANCTUARY CANDLE
In Memory of Sandor Yuhas
Req. by Alexis Kozak



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. ***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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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Collection - November 1, 2026

Loose Money	$205.00
Envelopes	$2556.00
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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, Patty Bender, Ralph Blair, David Clark, Ronald Cleaver, Dolores Danner, Dorothy Fisher, Barbara Fox, Paul Harnish, Catherine Heinlein, Mary Carol Hill and children, Donna Johnson, Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Dick Krumenacker, Gaile Krumenacker, Victoria Leflie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patricia Mainhart, Eric Mangiafico, Marianne Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Deb McCaffrey, Myla Minner, Pauline Molchany, Jake Morisi, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petroro, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rovan, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varmecky, Carrie Young

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Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of November 9th to November 15th:



Michael Christian
Maryann Korenoski
Russell Grunza

Loren Hauman
Daria Kordell
Charlie Tourney

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part

TURKEY RAFFLE 2026 - Our annual Turkey Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, November 14th, 2026 at the Visitation school gymnasium. Once again, we are calling upon your generosity for various items that are required to make our event a success:

1.**Lottery tickets**, 2. Gift cards for the **Neighborhood** Gift collage, 3. **Spirits** for our Basket of Cheer (State store gift cards are also welcome) and 4. **Readymade baskets** or **new items**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

As always, we are also in need of volunteers to work the Turkey Raffle (kitchen workers, raffle ticket sale, runners for prizes and turkey drawings.) Sign-up sheets can be found in the main vesitbule of the Church. Please know that families who benefit from the parish's financial assistance for Catholic Education are encouraged to come forward in good faith. Also, know that we are in need of young persons as volunteers, especially for "running the turkeys. Know that your assistance is GREATLY appreciated. **We need everyone's help in every regard to make this NECESSARY fundraise a success.**



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FOSTER YOUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE: 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 the foster father of Jesus as the patron of the Universal Church.

Remember the perpetual parish intention for the rosary is for Fr. John's health, however, all personal intentions for the Rosary and adoration are your own. A VISITATION WITH OUR LORD PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS NEARLY A PERFECT FORM OF PRAYER AND IT CAN MOVE YOU TO BELIEVE THAT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!



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I would like to take this opportunity to SINCERELY THANK all those parishioners (and other friends) who have come out to assist with various cleaning projects (the school cafeteria, the Church, etc.) especially in view of the fact that we have not had a full-time maintenance person for more than four months. Your love for our parish and your pride in our facilities have been a blessing to me during these every difficult times. **- Fr. John**

From Pontiff to Pew:

During this past Sunday's Angelus, Pope Leo XIV offered the following reflection in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

The Solemnity of All Saints, which we celebrate today, invites us to share in the joy of that countless family of men and women who, following the Lord Jesus, have made their lives a gift to God and to their neighbors. Along their different paths to holiness, they have longed for "the ocean of infinite love," to use a beautiful expression of Pope Benedict XVI (Spe Salvi, 12).

The Liturgy of the Word describes this family as "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" (Rev 7:9). Today, in fact, we celebrate all the saints: those whom the Church has recognized as such as well as the countless others who have not been formally recognized but are known to God. As today's Gospel reminds us (Mt 5:1-12), they are poor in spirit, yet rich in God's love. Their faces are streaked with tears, yet they find consolation in prayer. They are meek in the face of violence and rewarded by the Father. They hunger for justice, yet are filled in the depths of their consciences. They are ready to forgive and embraced by mercy. They are disarmed in heart, yet protected by God. They are peacemakers, called by name by God. They are persecuted and insulted, yet strong in faith and charity.

It is indeed true that it is impossible to count this multitude of brothers and sisters, and not just in numerical terms. Holiness, in fact, cannot be reduced to any calculation, for such is the good that all the saints have spread around them in the world. As we admire them, we ask ourselves: what have these people, with God's grace, brought forth? Essentially, actions and choices of love that transcend the calculations of greed and the arrogance of evil, which at times seems to prevail. The saints are the most beautiful and powerful sign of the Kingdom of God that is coming — or rather, as Jesus teaches us, is already among us (cf. Lk 17:20-21). Moreover, this blessed multitude embraces people from the most diverse backgrounds, cultures and walks of life. Holiness is not a privilege reserved for a few, but a universal vocation that speaks to each of us where we live. This is the hope-filled message of today's feast: God sees the good that we do not see, knows stories that we do not know and reaches hearts to which we have no access.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed because she believed the word of the Lord, accompany us along the path to holiness, so that we may never grow weary of fostering peace, both in the most important situations and in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life.

In his weekly Wednesday Audience, Pope Leo began his exploration of the Documents of the Second Vatican Council. IV. Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et spes.8. Faith and social, political, and economic life (GS, 63–76). Here it is in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

The social dimension is an integral part not only of human nature, but also of our faith in Christ Jesus, as the precious legacy we receive from the Incarnation of the Son of God. The Constitution Gaudium et Spes (GS) recalls this in Chapters III and IV of Part II, dedicated to economic and social life and to the life of the political community. In these areas too, the Christian faith offers criteria for discernment.

The Council Fathers highlight, first of all, the threat to world peace deriving from the imbalances linked to an economic development that is neither equitable nor respectful of creation (cf. GS, 63). This is a far-sighted vision, which was unfortunately borne out towards the end of the last century and which we see even more clearly today. To correct this course, the Document warns, technical progress alone is not enough: "many reforms in the socioeconomic realm and a change of mentality and attitude are required of all" (ibid.).

Therefore, Gaudium et Spes summarizes the Christian vision of economic development, which must always be at the service of humankind and under human control (cf. GS, 64–65). The concept of integral development is already clearly evident here, a concept which Saint Paul VI would later place at the heart of his Encyclical Populorum Progressio (1967). More relevant than ever are the appeals to commit to eliminating discrimination against the most vulnerable social groups and migrants (cf. GS, 66).

The heart of the economy is work. Through it, one develops as a person, provides for family needs, expresses one's own talent, participates in social life and builds a better world by collaborating in God's creative work. Work must never be distorted to the detriment of people, the common good or creation. The real challenge is to offer everyone opportunities to make the most of their abilities: unemployment, exploitation and working conditions that endanger health and life itself are unacceptable (cf. GS, 67). Workers have the right and the duty to participate in decisions affecting their work, including through trade unions, resolving conflicts through dialogue and non-violent action (cf. GS, 68).

In this context, the Council recalls one of the fundamental principles of social teaching, namely the universal destination of earthly goods (cf. GS, 69) and applies it to the financial sphere, stating that "whoever makes decisions concerning these investments and the planning of the economy – whether they be individuals or groups of public authorities – are bound … to recognize their serious obligation of watching, on the one hand, that provision be made for the necessities required for a decent life both of individuals and of the whole community and, on the other, of looking out for the future and of establishing a right balance between the needs of present-day consumption, both individual and collective, and the demands of investing for the generation to come" (GS, 70).

Gaudium et Spes then goes on to discuss the political community, noting several positive developments in the contemporary era, above all the fact that "the present keener sense of human dignity has given rise in many parts of the world to attempts to bring about

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