

Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven, but Nobody Wants to Die

This is the title of a bluegrass song as well as a book on bioethics. It's a clever title, and there is some profound truth in it. Death, which is so natural for living things, seems so unnatural to human beings, who cling tenaciously to life. One would think that believers who hold that Christ conquered death would be comforted by that faith. However, that isn't always the case. It's not that they don't believe; it's that they don't *understand* what they believe. But that is the difference between understanding and believing.

This is the problem described in Paul's letter today. The Thessalonians believed that, through his resurrection, Christ conquered death. Then why did some among them begin to die? Did those dying lack faith? No, Paul insists. Jesus, who died and rose, embraces those who have died and who will rise with him. Did the people fully understand this? Do we? Isn't this a question of faith—and trust?

Paul thought that he and other believers could still be alive when the rising would happen, and they were not. Or were they? Doesn't our faith give us hope that we—both the living and the dead—will be embraced by God's mercy? Doesn't something wondrous occur when those who have “fallen asleep” wake up in the glory of God? Still, we might not understand all of this, but we are called to believe, and in believing we are told to “console one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ What about death frightens you?
- ✧ At such moments, remind yourself that God loves you and that the risen Christ will embrace you.

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www.sbcatholic.church/baptism
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www.sbcatholic.church/pray (812) 357-5533
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SANCTUARY LAMPS: NOVEMBER 8, 2020

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

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POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

November 2020 — Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

SICK & INFIRM: Dennis M, Dennis K, Walter T, Diane G, Angela H, Penny J, Randy B, Ellie K, Arnold D, Jim T, Joe M, Anna Mae P

IN MEMORIAM: Nina Mullis, Raymond Koch, Robert Koch, Shirley Lindauer, Roman Ubelhor, Eugene P. Hedinger, Max E. Leffert, Susan (Sue) Beier, Ruth Ann Gentry, Merl Gelarden, Roman B. Tempel, Jennifer L. Genet, Sr. Cathy Ann Robinson OSB, Betty Wollenmann, Verleen "Virlee" Zoglman,

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: for the sick, infirm and homebound members of our parish family and community; members of our parish family who are in the care of others; and for the names, prayers, and petitions written in our parish books of prayer and petition and received through our home page prayer request portal—a young parishioner with health issues, reconciliation between those in conflict, for all undergoing medical tests, their mental and physical health, and the patience to wait with them, for results without fear, the unemployed and underemployed, people with serious emotional distress and depression, holy and healthy marriages, vocations to consecrated life, first responders and other emergency personnel, families preparing to receive children through adoption or natural birth, those preparing for surgery and recovering, veterans living and deceased, healing for cancer patients, individuals struggling from depression and a lack of faith, a young girl with serious emotional distress, couples preparing to be parents and the protection of the unborn, for grandchildren, students, teachers, families as the fall semester begins, the healing of those infected with the COVID-19 virus.

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Mass Times and This Week In Our Parish Family

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www.sbcatholic.church/live | www.smccatholic.church/live

Ideally, the Mass is digitally cast "live" in real-time, as it is celebrated. Not all Masses and other sacred liturgies are livestreaming and recording for later viewing.

MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES

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NEWS AND INFORMATION TO SHARE, HOW TO REGISTER AN ACTIVITY AND MEDIA REQUEST

Visit www.sbcatholic.church/info | www.smccatholic.church/info to submit or update information for weekly bulletin, website, Flocknote and news and media release requests.

✓The deadline for submitting information for the upcoming edition except scheduled programs and activities is Tuesday at noon, the weekly bulletin usually posted on parish website by Thursday noon.

✓The editor of the weekly bulletin and website reserves the right to edit information for clarity or brevity. Information submitted no less than six weeks before the scheduled program and event.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

3:15 p.m. SB Confession
3:35 p.m. SB Rosary: Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church
4:00 p.m. SB Mass +Patrick Edwards

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:00 a.m. SB Mass *Missa Pro Populo* "Mass for the People"
7:45 a.m. SM Confession
8:05 a.m. SM Rosary: Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church
8:30 a.m. SM Mass +Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus #5599

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

1:00 p.m. SM Staff Meeting (Office Staff Only)
4:15 p.m. SB Mass +Leo and Alice Betz (No In-Person Mass — Livestream Only)
4:30 p.m. Father Anthony, OSB at LHDC Board of Directors Meeting

Parish Office: Room G

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:15 a.m. SM Mass +In Honor of All Veterans
11:30 a.m. Father Anthony, OSB at Monthly Meeting of Priests for the Tell City Deanery
1:00 p.m. SM Staff Meeting (Parish Staff and Coordinators)
6:00 p.m. No Commission Meetings Scheduled

Parish Office: Room G

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:15 a.m. SB Mass +Rosemary Edwards
3:15 p.m. SM Eucharistic Adoration: Holy Hour for Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church
3:30 p.m. SM Confession
4:05 p.m. SM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concludes with Benediction
4:15 p.m. SM Mass +John Sr. and Anna Mae Kunkler; Kurt Philipps
7:00 p.m. PO Faith Formation—Grade 9 Only

eLearning Invitation

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Parish Office Closed on Thursdays, Holy Days and Observed Holidays
9:30 a.m. SH Mass Area long-term care centers remain closed to prevent the spread COVID-19

Scenic Hills at the Monastery

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:15 a.m. SM Mass +Leo Mullis (No In-Person Mass — Livestream Only)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

3:15 p.m. SB Confession
3:35 p.m. SB Rosary: Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church
4:00 p.m. SB Mass +Norma Kerstiens

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:00 a.m. SB Mass *Missa Pro Populo* "Mass for the People"
7:45 a.m. SM Confession
8:05 a.m. SM Rosary: Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church
8:30 a.m. SM Mass +Lee Edgar Ruxer

UPDATE ON SERVICE AND OUTREACH COMMISSION ACTIVITIES


Thanks to Sue Kloeck, chair of the Service and Outreach Commission and the many, many parishioners, friends and neighbors of St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish for the care packages packed and delivered throughout the spring and summer months and the hours upon hours of preparing for the Farmers to Families Food Box delivery days. On October 15 we completed another food box distribution day. This time dairy, fruit, vegetables and meats were available to patrons. Thirty-five thousand pounds of items were distributed in October, bringing our total of care packages and food boxes distributed to be approximately 150,000 pounds.

Similar distribution days are being planned for the weeks of November 16 and December 7. We will rely on area parishioners, churches and not-for-profit agencies from Dubois, Perry and Spencer Counties to pick-up a minimum of 40 boxes – a truckload to deliver and drop at sites where other not-for-profit organizations can distribute. During the summer months, daylight allowed for early evening distribution. In the coming months your creativity, strategy and sweat equity will be needed to make this work. The plan is to still aim for 4 p.m. pick-up time. A Flocknote will be sent as soon as we know a firm date with further details. Area churches and agencies are being contacted to reserve their allotment of the 1100 available food boxes.

Thank you for all your help and support in making a difference in our community!

Amy Dilger, Pastoral Council, Chair

Gospel Weeklies

 Pflaum  FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

 Family
 Guide

 November 8, 2020
 32nd Sunday in
 Ordinary Time

The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the bridegroom and 10 girls to tell his disciples to remain vigilant. The parable describes some of the girls as foolish and some as wise. Those who were ready for the bridegroom went into the wedding feast. The bridegroom, however, didn't even acknowledge those who didn't prepare. Jesus teaches us to always be prepared and to do good things. We never know when he will return. This is an opportune time to recognize that when we make good choices, we are preparing for Jesus' coming.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Ask your child to explain "Anaya's Bad Day" and, especially, how the story ends. Make a list with your child about the things that Anaya missed out on because she wasn't ready. Discuss ways that you get prepared for something, especially what footwear might be necessary for various activities.

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child may not realize how many choices he or she makes each day. Discuss choices that have been made already today. Have your child describe what happens in "Peyton and the Surprise Kitten." Ask whether Peyton is ready to take care of her new pet. If you have pets, discuss what has to be done to take care of them. Your child can act out the story of "The Little Red Hen."

Good News (Grades 2-3): Have your child tell the story of "The Wise and Foolish Girls." Discuss why wisdom is a gift. Talk about what's in your child's "Conscience Toolbox." Consider sharing your own toolbox that lets you determine right from wrong. Hold a family discussion on sin and talk about how sin is unloving, but God forgives our sins as well.

Venture (Grades 4-6): This week's class focused on being prepared for certain situations, but also for the return of Jesus. Have your young person describe what happened to Juan during "The Happy Dance" story. Ask how your son or daughter thinks Sonia reacted to Juan's apology. Discuss how Jesus' Parable of the Ten Girls connects with Juan's story, especially the consequences of not being prepared. Discuss how your family can be prepared for Jesus' return. Talk about the importance of the Responsorial Psalm, and together recite Psalm 63:2-8. Have your youngster host a family game of "Wise and Foolish Choices." Ask him or her to tell you about Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini.

Visions (Grades 7-9): Your young person's class discussed the difference between being wise and being foolish. Have your child identify who was wise and who was foolish in the opening story by Matt Schoenbauer, and then again in "The Right Side." Discuss why Josh was able to forgive Louise. Talk about how Jesus' parable is a good lesson for us to prepare. Make a list of preparations your family will need to make for next week. Have each member of the family write a definition of wisdom, then discuss the meaning and combine them into one definition. Play a rousing round of "The Wisdom Game" with your family.

Pray Together

When you complete your conversation about this Sunday's Gospel lesson, pray to have the strength to remain prepared for Jesus' return. Practice being prepared for upcoming events and situations. Then finish the prayer by reciting one at a time, "Jesus, give me the wisdom to always be prepared."





The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 15, 2020 • Talents

Sunday Readings: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: What is one of the most valuable ways you have invested your life energies?

Gospel Question: What gifts have you multiplied?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

Gospel Question: Who are your favorite people in Scripture? How can befriending them bring you closer to wisdom?

Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-9)

Life Question: What is a talent people encourage you to use?

Gospel Question: What talent do you have that you are afraid or hesitant to use? What is a way you can use it this week?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: What talents do you use in your school classes?

Gospel Question: What servant in the Gospel story is most like you? Why?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: How do you use your talents at school? At home?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus want us to do with our gifts and talents?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: What gifts do I have that I use every day?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus want us to do with the talents we have?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What can I be?

Gospel Question: What special talents does God give me?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel is about multiplying the gifts God gives us. The best gift is the Good News of Jesus' birth, Death, and Resurrection. When we use our talents to spread the Good News, we give glory to God.

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings to read this Sunday's Scripture.

In Church

Singing is praying twice. Sing the songs at Mass, using your voice to praise God.

Question of the Week



What talent has God given you?
How can you use it to tell others about Jesus?

Family Prayer

Lord, help us to discover our talents. Show us how you want us to use them. Amen.

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

El Evangelio de hoy habla sobre multiplicar los dones que Dios nos da. El mejor regalo es la Buena Noticia del nacimiento, muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Cuando usamos nuestros talentos para predicar la Buena Noticia, glorificamos a Dios.

Visita www.usccb.org/bible/lecturas para leer las lecturas de este domingo.

En la iglesia

Cantar es rezar dos veces. Canta los cantos en la misa, usando tu voz para alabar a Dios.

Pregunta de la semana



¿Qué talento te ha dado Dios?
¿Cómo puedes usarlo para contarles a otros sobre Jesús?

Oración en familia

Señor, ayúdanos a descubrir nuestros talentos. Muéstranos cómo quieres que los usemos. Amén

The Gospel for All Ages


Family Catechesis

Gathering Ritual

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Sunday Readings: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

Consider inviting some of your young people to dramatize Sunday's Parable of the Talents for your Gathering Ritual. They might simply act out as a reader proclaims the Gospel. Consider using boxes to demonstrate the Gospel action—three boxes of different sizes that represent the talents; two bigger boxes and the original small box that is dirty from being buried.

 **Sing:** Play and sing "Will You Come and Follow Me—The Summons" (Venture/Visions Music CD, CD2-9). Lyrics are available at gospelweeklies.com/lyrics.

Leader: Almighty God, you give each of us many talents to use for loving one another and building a peaceful human family. We gather to reflect on how we use our talents. Let us begin...

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Side One: Blessed are we who walk in God's ways.


Side Two: We eat the fruit of our handiwork.

Side One: We are children of light.

Side Two: We are children of day.

Side One: May we share God's joy in making us.

Side Two: By building a family of peace in our world.

 **Sing:** Ask for volunteers to lead the group in the Gospel Acclamation "Word of Truth and Life" (Venture/Visions Music CD, CD-1, #1). Lyrics are available to download and print at gospelweeklies.com/lyrics.


Leader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. *Have participants of various ages proclaim this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 25:14-30, using the Gospel in reader parts from Venture or Visions or from your parish's Sunday Lectionary.*

Leader: Let's think about our talents. Some talents are special. Some athletes are so tall or can jump so high that they can slam dunk easily. Some runners

love to compete in marathons 26 miles long. Some musicians can play any song they hear. Some people have brains for doing math and figuring out how to build buildings and roads. Not everyone has these special talents in the same, equal way. But there are talents every single one of us has.

We have the ability to show love and kindness, to listen and respect one another. Jesus does not want us to bury our talents but to use them to love another. How do we use our gifts to love one another? This is what we will talk about in our time together. *As you dismiss the groups, make sure everyone knows when to return to the large group to conclude your time together.*

Closing Prayer

 **Sing:** Invite *Promise* and *Good News* children to lead the group in singing "CHOICES" (*Promise/Good News Music CD, CD-1, #16*).

Leader: Who can share with us some ways to use our talents for loving one another? *Invite people of different ages to contribute ideas they have talked about together. Use a microphone or repeat their reflections so everyone can hear.*

Leader: Jesus calls us to double our talents, to use them to grow better at loving one another and at reaching out to love the people who come into our lives each day. Each of us can forgive, can care, can show kindness, can say thank you. Let us remember a way we will show love to others this week. *Pause.* Let us pray to God for the needs of our families, our church, and our world. *Invite individuals to the microphone to share their intentions.*

All: (In response to each petition.) May we build a family of peace in our world.

Exchange a sign of peace (optional).

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WHY WE GIVE

JIM AND KATHY
Parents of three adult children

“Education was an important part of our children’s lives and we wanted to help others have that great education which is available in Catholic schools. When you are grateful for God’s gifts to you, it is natural to want to give back.”

SUE
Converted to Catholicism at 89

“I want to help others to hear about the Catholic faith. Maybe it will help them like it helped me.”

MARIE
Teenage girl

“A lot of good things come out of giving to the Church. This is a great thing to do. I like to help the seminarians. I know some of them can’t afford their education and I think we need more good priests in our Church.”

PETE AND MELANIE
Adopted their young daughter through Catholic Charities

“When we saw all the good Catholic Charities does we just knew we wanted to help them. Jesus talks about us helping other people more than anything else.”

GREG
Husband and father
“To me Church is family. We give to our family so why wouldn’t we give to our Church.”

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PADRE'S POST

My prayer and concern remain with the members of our parish family who are quarantined and for those especially impacted by COVID-19. This novel virus continues to test the mind, body, and spirit of many in their suffering and for some, testing their physical strength once the virus has worked its course through the body. Recovery takes time! October was a tough month for several individuals in our parish family. Heal well for those recovering and please also pray for the caregivers, the family and medical personnel who remain steady helping others. I pray that you and your loved ones continue to be healthy – be smart – be holy in the days to come. Parish churches remain open daily from dawn to dusk for private prayer and meditation, seating for daily Mass remains clearly marked and the reception of Holy Communion remains in pews until further notice. Some parish ministries, program and activities have begun; all must follow local, state and CDC guideline including the steps for having the needed documentation for contact tracing when contacted by the local or state health department. Thanks to all for your prudent interaction and flexibility in keeping our community with inter-generation membership safe and moving forward. I have my monthly meeting with the local pastors serving parishes throughout the Tell City Deanery to continue to discuss the short and long-term plans for parish-based Faith Formation Programs and to finalize the schedule for Christmas and New Year.

It was great to have an opportunity to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints last Sunday. This day in the church reminds us each year of the Saints' concern for us. Their prayerful intercession, as well as earthly example help us to form our lives in holiness and hope. Also, last weekend eleven high school students, from grades 10 and 11 representing Forest Park, Perry Central and Heritage Hills received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations to each of you. It is a privilege and blessing to prepare you, along with your catechists, sponsor, parents, and godparents for this day. I was pleased you were able to spend time with Archbishop Thompson before mass in the Guerin room. He was most impressed with your knowledge of the faith and willingness to have a conversation with him. I look forward to witnessing your faith and missionary zeal within our parish family and the local church. Christ is counting on you and the church is richer with your prayer and presence among us. In today's Gospel we are reminded to be watchful, to be ready. The Lord compares heaven to five wise and five foolish bridesmaids waiting for their master. Only those who are ever watchful will be ready to meet Jesus at his second coming. In a

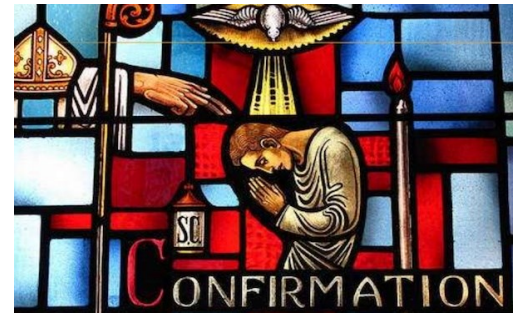
recent conversation with the 9th graders in faith formation we discussed this passage on Wednesday evening. The parallel was made on how we prepare ourselves for special things in our lives or activities that are meaningful to us. A musician practices the scales and studies the music before playing their instrument. A hunter goes through the ritual of removing scents from their clothing, quietly finding their stand and patiently wait. An athlete must have mental discipline before physical success is achieved. There are many ways throughout the day that we hone our spiritual life for its journey in seeking the Lord. A possible reflection question for all of us to ponder – who or what distracts us daily from seeking the Lord, studying the Word, appreciating the sacraments, living out the mission of the church through acts of charity. May we be like the five wise bridesmaids ever watchful and ready. I imagine the bridesmaids were prudent, yet cheerful, in their waiting. Life is not to be a dirge. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit strengthen and sustain us as we seek the face of God as members of the body of Christ, the church. Have a blessed week!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGES

Over the past several years, students in our faith formation program have participated in parish-based programs: Project Linus (making blankets for children in area CASA Programs) and Project Lucy (collecting and packaging hygiene products for children and families of local CASA agencies and the North Spencer Community Action Center). Since our faith formation program currently does not meet in person. I am asking our parish families to intentionally remember and pray for your neighbors as we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas and support this parish-wide drive through November benefiting North Spencer Community Action Center. Scripture reminds us in Matthew 25:40, Jesus said, "whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for me."

Boxes are available at all entrances in parish churches to receive your gifts of hygiene and home cleaning products. Item requested for the Christmas Care Packages include: toilet paper (4-pack), paper towels (single roll), Kleenex (single box), hand soap (4-8 oz.), bath towel, bath washcloths, washcloths for kitchen use (towel and washcloths – new items please), tooth brush (single soft or medium bristle), toothpaste (4-5 oz.), bath soap (bars only), deodorant (women and men), kitchen trash bags (33 oz.), disinfectant wipes, dish soap (16-20 oz.), shampoo and conditioner (12-16 oz), surface (spray) cleaners for kitchen and bathroom (20-30 oz.), tub and tile cleaner, toilet bowl cleaners, laundry detergent (30-40 oz.). Final drop day for these items is November 23.

PAX – *Festus Anthony, O.P.*



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

CHARLES BRENTLINGER

Sebastian

Mark Toth

CAMERON BRIGGS

Hubert

Randy Sitzman

MADELYNNE ELMER

Catherine

Taylor Elmer

BRODY FICKER

Sebastian

Beth Knies

EMMA HAEFLING

Elizabeth

Paul Haeffling

AMELIA LUTZ

Faustina

Emma Steltenpohl

BENJAMIN MANGUM

Isidore

Aaron Vaal

LUKE RICKELMAN

Hubertus

Karen Hughes

CHLOE SCHAEFER

Gertrude

Faith Schaefer

KORT SCHAEFER

Sebastian

Karen Lamar

TYLER SCHERZER

Francis

Randy Scherzer

JARED WAGNER

Joseph

Crystal Welch

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTION ON STEWARDSHIP

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

EVANGELIZATION: *A way of life*

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 8, 2020



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Veterans Day is November 11!

We remember and pray for all those who have served our country in times of war, including our military chaplains.

O God,

by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest,
look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their
lives in the service of their country.

Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son
they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom
and rejoice in you with your saints forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

HISTORIC ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Listed on National Register of Historic Places

Parish Founded 1847

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ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Founded 1861

www.smccatholic.church

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 4, 2020

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

ST. MEINRAD PARISH

\$596.	On-line Giving	\$400.
<u>\$1,318</u>	Offertory	<u>\$3,520.</u>
	FY 2020-2021	
175	# OF HOUSEHOLDS	221
426	# OF SOULS	463

Chart of Accounts for Restricted Gifts

Information to share with your financial advisor for qualified certified distribution (QCD).

St. Boniface Parish

EIN# 35-0942660

Sunday and Holy Day

(4010.400)

Endowment for Cemetery

Care and Maintenance

(4852.100)

Endowment for Church

Care and Maintenance (4852.200)

Endowment for Pastoral Ministries and General

Operations (4852.300)

Endowment for Perpetual Care of the Giesecke

Pipe Organ (1898) Organ ID#3845 (4852.500)

Endowment for Conservation and Repair of Bells

and Bellframes (4852.600)

Steward's of God's Grace Campaign—church park-

ing pavement and security system upgrades (4902.400)

General Fund (4040.400)

St. Meinrad Parish

EIN# 35-6029952

Sunday and Holy Day (4010.400)

Endowment for Cemetery Care and Maintenance

(4852.100)

Endowment for Church Care and Maintenance

(4852.200)

Endowment for Pastoral Ministries and General

Operations (4852.300)

Parish Activities Center Building Fund

(4900.400)

General Fund (4040.400)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: local church and local community



+ NINA MARIA (ROTHGERBER) MULLIS

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Nina M. Mullis of St. Boniface Parish. Nina died, late morning, Sunday, November 1, 2020, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center-Emergency Department, Jasper, IN. Spouse of Dennis Mullis.

[Zoercher-Gillick Funeral Home](#)

View Funeral Mass @
<https://smccatholic.church/live>



Explore Your Stewardship Options 24/7

<https://sbcatholic.church/gift>

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PRAY | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY

Simple, Secure Way to Give Online

Online Giving provides a convenient way for parishioners to make financial contributions, and it relieves church staff's from managing secure bank account information at the same time.

Year End Gift Planning for Individuals Age 70½ and Above

As you make plans to purchase gifts for your loved one this Christmas, please remember your parish in your planning. As part of the CARES Act, Congress has temporarily eliminated most required minimum distributions (RMD) from retirement plans during 2020. Check with your financial advisor to see how this might affect you even without an RMD.

A qualified certified distribution (QCD) remains a great way to make a tax-free gift to your parish or other qualified 501 (c)(3) organizations, including the established local funds (**managed by the Catholic Community Foundation and the Community Foundation Alliance of Perry and Spencer Counties**). You must be at least 70½ years old to take advantage of this opportunity. In recent years some parishioners have adopted this practice to meet their annual stewardship obligations – a yearly tax-free gift to support parish ministries, programs and activities. Some, too, have taken their QCD to designate it as a perpetual gift to one or more parish endowments - to support the ongoing and future pastoral ministries, long-term care of the church building or cemetery.

For more information or confidential conversation about QCD, contact Tina Boehm, Finance Coordinator, St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish.

LITURGICAL	MINISTERS	OCTOBER 11, 2020			OCTOBER 18, 2020	
	4:00 P.M.	6:00 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M.	6:00 A.M.	8:30 A.M.
Sacristan *						
Rosary						
Cantor/Ensemble						
Organist/Accompanist						
Hospitality !						
Celebrant	Father Anthony, OSB	Father Anthony, OSB	Father Anthony, OSB	Father Anthony, OSB	Father Anthony, OSB	Father Anthony, OSB
Acolyte of the Altar						
Proclamation of the Word (R1;R2)						
Proclamation of the Word (PF)						
Sanctuary Lamp						
Clean and Sanitize						
KEY:	* Record Mass count in sacristy	* Place weekly bulletin in alternate pews before Mass.	! Prop open exterior doors 10 minutes before Mass	! Close exterior doors and south interior door during opening hymn (SM)	! Place security bag with offertory gifts and returned pyx in sacristy	Ministry Scheduler Pro September 22, 2020 6:45a.m.

Dear Padre,

A non-Christian friend asked if Catholics read the Bible. What can I say about Catholics and the Bible?

Yes. Catholics consider the Bible to be the inspired word of God by which he revealed to the Jewish and early Christian people who he is and how they can attain salvation. The Bible comprises many shorter works collected together. The books of the Bible were written at different times by different people. There are two parts to the Bible: the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The Old Testament talks about God's relations with the Jewish people before the coming of Jesus. The Old Testament consists of the first five books, which

are sometimes called the Pentateuch; the histories, which tell about the conquest of the Holy Land; the prophets, which record the words of those sent to Israel to call it back to the true belief in God; the writings, containing sacred songs (the Psalms), advice on everyday living, and other explorations of religious issues. In the Greek tradition, which Catholics follow, the Old Testament contains forty-six books.

The New Testament, a collection of twenty-seven shorter books, talks about Jesus and his followers. It consists of the four Gospels, which are about Jesus' life on earth, his death, and resurrection; letters, which are written to newly established Christian

communities to guide them in their faith; the Acts of the Apostles, which is a history of the activities of the early Church; and a book of prophesy, called Revelation.

—Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 9

*Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica (Rome)*

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 10

*St. Leo the Great, Pope
and Doctor of the Church*

Ti 2:1–8, 11–14

Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 11

*St. Martin of Tours,
Bishop*

Ti 3:1–7

Lk 17:11–19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 12

*St. Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr*

Phmn 7–20

Lk 17:20–25

Friday

NOVEMBER 13

*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini,
Virgin*

2 Jn 4–9

Lk 17:26–37

Saturday

NOVEMBER 14

Weekday

3 Jn 5–8

Lk 18:1–8

Sunday

NOVEMBER 15

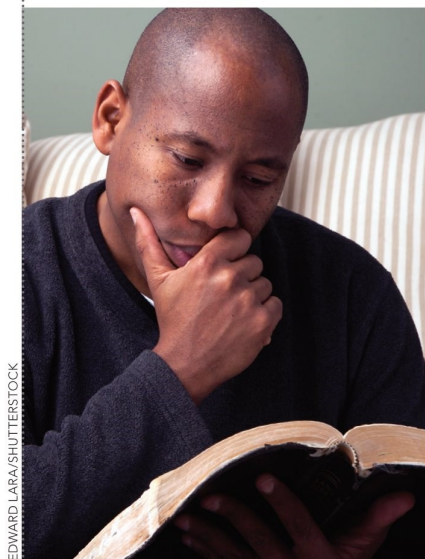
*Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Prv 31:10–13,

19–20, 30–31

1 Thes 5:1–6

Mt 25:14–30



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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer....Evangelization demands familiarity with God's word, which calls for dioceses, parishes, and Catholic associations to provide for a serious, ongoing study of the Bible, while encouraging its prayerful individual and communal reading.

—EVANGELII GAUDIUM, NOVEMBER 24, 2013

