



“How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorn? And He bears it for me!” **St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 13 - Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm † John Peter Abramowicz by Linda Abramowicz

Sunday, November 14 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Hayden Schaub (Vocation) by Adam Sprague

10:00 am † Patricia Bundy by Members of St. Vincent de Paul Conference

12:00 pm Marlene Hazdra by Neil & Nancy Haack

2:00 pm Helena Lan by Lan Family **Burmese**

5:00 pm The People of St. Joseph & St. Jerome Spanish

Monday, November 15

8:00 am † Tony Bello by Family

7:00 pm Holy Hour **Spanish**

Tuesday, November 16

8:00 am † Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary by Legion of Mary

Wednesday, November 17

8:00 am † David (Bud) Dunn

Thursday, November 18

8:00 am † Manolo & Mercedes Bello by Family

5:00 pm Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday, November 19

8:00 am † Helen Nelson by Steve & Mary Nelson

8:30 am Adoration

4:45 pm Benediction

8:00 pm Lucernarium

Saturday, November 20

8:00 am † Veronica Harter by Phil & Mary Pat Harter

3:30 pm Holy Hour for Life

3:30 pm Confessions

Saturday, November 20

Vigil: Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00 pm † Bonnie Harter by Mary Ann Lupina

Sunday, November 21

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 am † Dave Rohr by Family

10:00 am † Don VanGeison by Bob & Kathy Valkner

12:00 pm † Sr. Cyrilla Jegla by Phil & Mary Pat Harter

2:00 pm The People of St. Joseph & St. Jerome **Burmese**

5:00 pm † Juan Manuel Padilla Vega by Padilla Family **Spanish**

Readings For

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14, Rv 1:5-8, Jn 18:33b-37



**Adoration
of the
Blessed
Sacrament**

- Monday 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Church **Spanish**
- Wednesday 9:00 am - Saturday 9:00 am in St. Philip Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel at the Seton Center
- Thursday 5:00 to 6:00 pm Holy Hour for Vocations
- Friday 8:30 am - Benediction 4:45 pm in St. Joseph Church
- Saturday 3:30 - 5:00 pm Holy Hour for Life in St. Joseph Church

***St. Joseph:** To sign up for a Holy hour or to be on the sub list for Friday Adoration, please call Marlene: 962-8641 and leave your name and phone number.*

***St. Philip:** Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel at the St. Philip Seton Center, Wednesday 9:00 am to Saturday 9:00 am, call Betty Dillard: 962-8255 to sign up.*



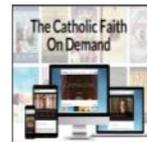
First Friday Rosary

7:00 pm in the Parish Center Chapel.

Liturgy of the Hours, eBreviary

The Liturgy of the Hours prayer for the current hour is offered using the QR code pictured, courtesy of ebreviary.com.

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	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM	Sunday, 12:00 PM
Minister Schedule				
November 13 & 14				
Cantor	Pat Squires	Emily Par	Robert Valkner	James Zalewski
Reader	Annette Pratt	Anthony Wojcik - rd 1 Donald Keyes - rd 2	Steven Gage - rd 1 Chuck Kincaid - rd 2	Sandy Power
Server	Camille Evangeliste Renzo Sanchez Andrew Cutshall	Judy Rohr Jean Khim Nicholas Htet	Dominic Cung, Bosco Cung Elliot Ormsby, Gregory Sang Sean Gage	Elizabeth Htwe Brendan Bailey-Vega Emily Mawi
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Ite Ad Joseph

From Fr. Christopher Ankley

Dear Friends,

What is wisdom? Who is a wise person? Two historical people known for their wise answers asked these very same questions. Solomon in Ecclesiastes asked, **“Who is like the wise man and who knows the explanation of things?”** And Socrates is the other who asked these two questions. Socrates spent his whole life on a quest for wisdom. His quest looked a lot like Solomon’s, but unlike Solomon, Socrates died without finding it. At the end of Ecclesiastes, Solomon finds true wisdom and he finds it in the only place it can be found, in the **Word of God**. For us that word is Jesus himself and everything he said, fulfilled, and represented.

Socrates never acknowledged the word of God, and so he never found true Wisdom, Himself. But that didn’t stop people from coming to him looking for wisdom. There is a story of a young wisdom seeking man who came to Socrates. Socrates took him to a pond and led him chest-deep into the water. And there he asked him, **“What do you want?”** the young man said, “Wisdom, oh wise Socrates.” So, Socrates proceeded to push him under the water. After about 30 seconds, he let the boy up and asked him again, **“What do you want?”** Again the young man sputtered, “Wisdom oh great and wise Socrates.” So Socrates pushed him under the water again. 30 seconds passed, 35, 40. Then he let him up. **“What do you want?”** This time the boy was gasping and choking. But between breaths, he managed to get out, “Wisdom, oh great and...” This time he didn’t even finish his sentence before Socrates dunked him under again. 30, 40, 50, 55, one full minute later, Socrates finally let him up. **“What do you want?”** This time the boy said, **“Air! I need air!”** And that was the lesson.

Socrates told him, “When you desire wisdom as much as you just desired air, then you will have it.” Air is something we don’t pay a whole lot of attention to until we don’t have it.

And when we don’t have it, it’s the only thing we can think about. Think about that time you got the wind knocked out of you. As Christians we want the kind of wisdom that passes the test of faith. We want the wisdom of the words that will not pass away. And we want the Word himself, made flesh, who will not pass away. So let us pursue this wisdom as if our life depended on it, and it does, our eternal life.

A few weeks ago at Mass we heard of the rich young man who had a lot of possessions, but he wanted something more. His question to Jesus was, **“Good Teacher, what must I do to share everlasting life?”** That rich young man had health, wealth, youth, and life. But he knew that an illness, or a thief, could change that in a moment. And even if he could avoid such sudden loss, he knew that even at best all that he treasured was temporary. The unrelenting tick of the clock would slowly rob his youth, erode his wealth, and eventually take his life. And then what?

Perhaps the young man had been in the crowd on a mountain some months earlier when Jesus said, **“Do not store for yourselves treasures on earth where moths and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal” (Mt 6:19)**. Or maybe he had been in the synagogue of Capernaum when Jesus said, **“Do not work for food that perishes, but for food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you” (Jn 6:22)**. At any rate he wanted what every one of us wants, **peace and security, life and happiness** that lasts, happiness that never ends, we want that heavenly wisdom that never passes. And all of this is within our reach right now.

A theology lesson. As we know, God exists outside of time. But when Jesus entered into time, time freaked out, because time cannot contain Jesus or any of the events in his life. So Jesus is not limited to those 33 years of life on earth two millennia ago. Jesus is both true man and true God and

because he is true God his life cannot remain in the past, his life transcends time. And here, is the beautiful and awesome thing about being a Christian. When we were baptized we were filled with the very life of God, his sanctifying grace, and as the water was being poured over us, our souls received the Divine virtues of **Faith, Hope, and Charity**. And it’s these virtues that allow us to transcend time, and be with Jesus at all the important events of his life. Amazing!

Example, whenever our heart is moved with faith and charity at remembrance of some event of our Lord’s life, maybe the crucifixion, for example, then we are mystically transported to that event of our Lord’s life, we are there to love him and console him. And in a very real way we are more present to Jesus than one of the soldiers who was there physically but had no faith or charity. The wisdom of Jesus, the words of Jesus, the Word made Flesh himself, cannot remain in the past, He transcends time. Our faith, our hope, our charity keeps us very connected to the eternal word.

Theologians tell us the Mass is the most perfect prayer we can offer to God the Father. It makes present to us all the life-saving events of Jesus. A priest once said that we should think of prayer, any prayer, but Mass especially as sitting before God and that with every breath we take in we are breathing in God, we are breathing in the breath of God. He resuscitates us and fills us with the air of Divine Wisdom right here and now. It’s the air that Socrates could never give to the young man he almost drowned. This is the air we want to breathe, the air of peace, the air of security, the air of life and the air of happiness that lasts. The Mass is where we take in the wisdom of the words that will not pass away and we take in the Word himself, made flesh, who will not pass away.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Christopher J. Ankley

St. Joseph Vocation Ministry

Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. This week, November 7-13, is National Vocation Awareness Week, so please pray for and encourage men and women to hear and respond generously to God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated religious life.

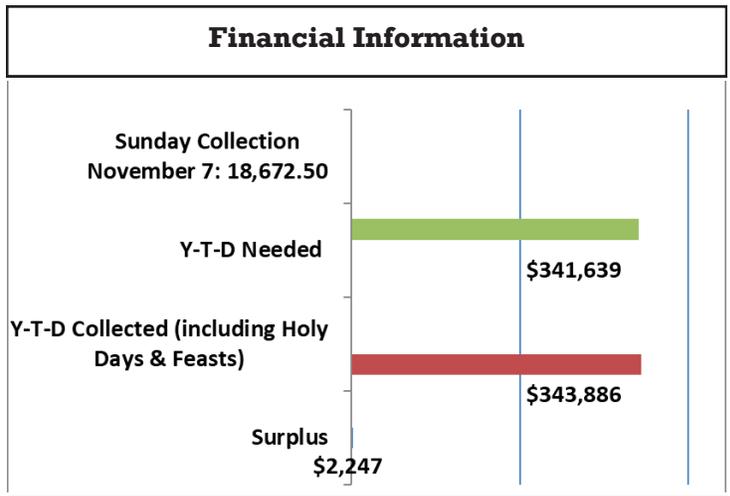
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Jubilee Year of the Holy Spirit – November

- ◆ **Fruit of the Month: Patience**
 During the month of November, our focus is on the Spirit’s Fruit of patience and gift of Counsel. In St. Paul’s famous teaching on love in 1 Cor 13:1-13, he lists patience as loves first attribute. If we cannot be patient with others, we fail in love as the Holy Spirit gives it. The Greek word St. Paul uses for love is “agape” (A’-ga-pay) which is sacrificial in nature. It is the willingness to give completely of one’s self for the sake of the beloved. This is the love Christ had for us. It is characterized first and foremost by patience.
- ◆ **Gift of the Month: Counsel (a.k.a., “prudence” or “right judgement”)**
 This gift is characterized by subjugating our will to God’s. We do this by considering his law and commandments in deciding to do something. We must first ask ourselves, is it consistent with all of God’s laws and commandments. God’s law of love does not conflict with the rest of his commandments. Indulgent love that does not follow God’s law or that is not consistent with the natural law he created is not love at all. If true love is sacrificial in nature which seeks the good of other, we first must know God’s laws, and subjugate our will to his. Seek God’s counsel by asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in all decisions, especially moral ones which seem difficult.

Advent Family Gathering for persons with disabilities and their families. Join us on Saturday, December 4 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Crowley Center Gym at St. Augustine Cathedral, 542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. Enjoy Advent activities, music, fun and friendship. A simple lunch will be provided. There is no cost for this event. Masks are encouraged. Please register by Nov27 to Lisa Irwin at lisairwin@ccdok.org or 269-381-9800 x227.



Special Collections

November 14	BCACS
November 21	Home Heating Assistance
November 25	Thanksgiving
November 28	Flower Fund

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Creative Connections Persons with Disabilities are invited to a virtual gathering from 1 – 2 pm on Sunday, November 21. The focus is to build fellowship and have fun. We’ll spend some time getting to know each other and catching up, have a brief reflection on Sunday’s scripture passage and end with prayer. To learn more or to register go to <https://www.diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities> or contact Lisa Irwin at lisairwin@ccdok.org or 269-381-9800 x227. Zoom link will be sent to those who register.

St. Joseph Church is looking for a snow removal person. Applicant must be 18 years of age, a self-starter and pass a police background check. Must be willing to work Saturdays (2pm-6pm) and Sundays (5am-9am and 4pm-6pm) with the possibility of additional hours. Equipment supplied and knowledge of how to operate a tractor with a snowplow a plus.

- Physical Requirements and Work Environment:**
- Ability to move snow safely that could weigh +100 lbs.
 - Able to work with salt to melt ice
 - Must dressed appropriately for cold weather conditions
 - Able to Bend, Kneel and or Reach above shoulders
 - Physically able to work under snowy conditions.

Contact Barb Kincaid at bkincaid@bcacs.org

Connecting with Mercy Margaret Mead: "Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world." Charitable Union was founded by a few women who were concerned about children missing school because they didn't have appropriate clothing to wear. 132 years later, Charitable Union is still going strong, changing the lives of thousands.

Pastoral Care of the Sick If you know someone who would like Communion brought to them at home, please contact Linda Kellogg at 269-965-2074.



Council of Catholic Women

Our members are baking an array of delicious breads and fruit pies to tempt your taste buds at our Annual Bread and Pie Sale fundraiser following all Masses on November 20

& 21. Plan to stop in the Narthex following all Masses to select a sweet treat to take home for your Thanksgiving table. Gloves and masks will be provided. We are ever grateful and thankful for your support.

Coffee & Catholicism Preparing for Christmas with *Interior Freedom* by Jacques Philippe. Join us for a 5 session mini retreat that begins Sunday November 14 during Religious Education, 8:30 am-9:45 am in room 20 of the elementary school. Call Jessica Clark with Questions 269-924-8086 and to sign up. Books will be available for purchase by stopping by the Rectory office this week and at the first session.

Choir Loft Eagle Scout Project David Tudon, member of Boy Scout Troop 325 is leading a project for improvements in our Choir Loft. David will speak after Masses next weekend. There is also more information on the school page.

Knights of Columbus

- **Pancake Breakfast November 14** The Knights of Columbus are back serving pancake breakfasts after the 8 am and 10 am Mass in the school Cafeteria. Please join us the 2nd Sunday of each month for a good meal and great friendship
- **Keep Christ in Christmas** Our annual Christmas card sale will begin the weekend of Nov. 13 & 14 and the weekend of Nov. 20 & 21 after each mass in the narthex. This year the cards are "made in America", the Knights will also have magnets, yard signs and pins for sales.

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Prayers for the Sick/Those in Need

Geri Bateman, Chris Bradley, Chuck Brown, Gerry Campbell, Jessica Clark, Peggy Crane, Melody Dulyea, Stephanie Dunning, Patricia Elliott, Bernadette Emmons, Jeannette Gagnon, Jon Galbreath, Bernadette Heldt, Theresa Henderson, Mary Hepler, Linda Holcomb, Carolyn Kewley, Pat Kukla, Joseph Larner, Nathan & Robert Lindstrom, Jakob Livingston, Victor Lupina, Scott Marko, Doug Marshall, Curtis Mason, Lori Ann McAdam, Katie Miller, Laurie Morris, Mike O'Hare, Karen Partin, Jeannette Peevers, Sally Ringle, Cheryl Scales, Julie Schoder, Shirley Springer, Carol Strobe, Jack Sylvester, Devi Umaphathi, Michael Wells, Elizabeth Wells, Betty Wezensky, Allen Wiseman, Sara Wixson, Dee Wygant, Christine Ybarra, Marion Zull

Prayers for the Deceased

Carlene Myers

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

Tri-Parish Youth & Young Adult Ministries

- **Lucernarium** High schoolers are invited to enjoy fellowship beforehand at 6:30 pm. Young Adults are invited to attend a bonfire social after night prayer. Upcoming dates 11-19, 12-3, 12-17. Contact Max Crean* for any questions or to get a digital copy of the calendar.
- **Breakfast with Jesus** High schoolers are invited to attend Mass at 6 am followed by breakfast. Next date: 12-9. Contact Max Crean* for any questions.
- **Agape Latte** Next one is Monday, December 6. November 1. High schoolers and young adults are invited to attend to hear a story about God's love from a different storyteller every month and enjoy some coffee. Mark your calendars and bring a friend to the basement of the rectory at 6:30 pm. Be sure to contact Max Crean* any questions and to put in your coffee order!

*Contact Max Crean at mcrean@bcacs.org or 269-788-3598.

CHRISTMAS 2021

Are you ready to celebrate the season?

Know what the obligations are and how to fulfill them.

Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Sunday, the next day, is another Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate the Lord's Day.

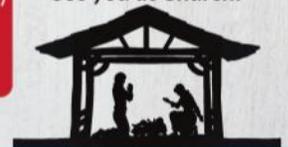
The Faithful are required to attend Mass for both Christmas and Sunday to fulfill their obligations.

As you prepare to celebrate this sacred time of year, check your local bulletins for Mass times for:

Christmas
Attend a Vigil Mass
Friday evening or
Mass on Saturday

Sunday (Holy Family)
Attend Mass on
Sunday

See you at Church!



*Parishes will not be offering a Sunday Vigil Mass this year (viz. 4 p.m. or later on Christmas Day-December 25)



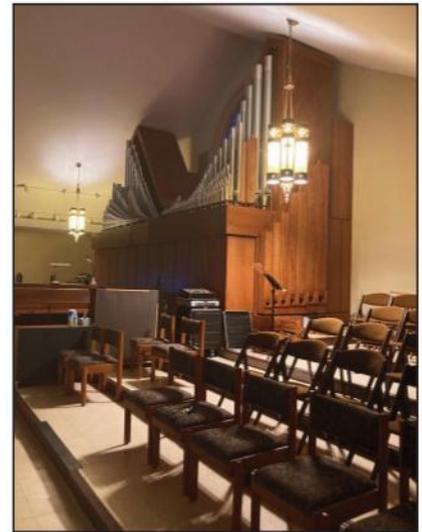
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Troop 325 has a long history of Scouting and Scouts becoming an Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout Service Project is an opportunity for a Scout to demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of any religious institution, any school, or his community. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process.



David Tudon, a Junior at St. Philip Catholic Central High School and member of St. Joseph Parish, is beginning fund raising for his Eagle Scout project which is to benefit the music ministry at St. Joseph through improvements to the choir loft. The project includes custom made cabinets to hold mic stands, music stands, instruments and more. Padded kneelers will replace an unfinished wooden one, and damaged trim will be replaced. David will be speaking after Masses next weekend at St. Joseph Church.



The Annual Fund Drive is the most critical campaign that the BCACS Foundation manages each year. Through this campaign, unrestricted gifts allow the administration to identify and allocate funds where the needs and opportunities are the greatest. It is with your support that these funds provide our schools with the necessary supports to continue to thrive. Your help is needed to allow us to continue providing a tradition of excellence for future generations.

Thank you to all who have contributed already to help us reach our goal of \$250,000 in unrestricted gifts!

If you would like to help us reach our goal, contact Abby Lumbard at 269-963-4771 or via email at ALumbard@bcacs.org to discuss the various ways you can give.

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Sacrament of Baptism

Parishioners should call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Eucharist

Sacrament of Confirmation

Contact our Schools or our Director of Faith Formation.

Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners must contact one of the parish priests at least six months before setting a wedding date.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

If you or someone you know has a vocation, contact a parish priest for assistance.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

In case of an accident, surgery or other emergency, call 962-0165.

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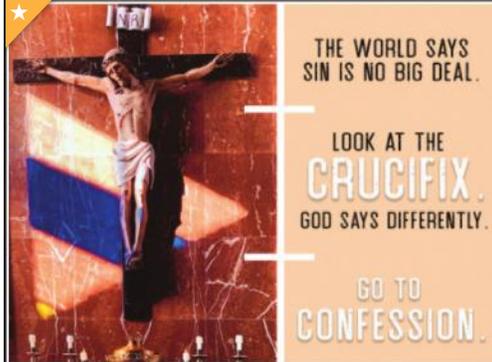


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