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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

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THANKS GIVING



With holidays approaching, The Annandale Area food Shelf could use our help with increased donations. There will be a donation cart in the Gathering Space the month of November. Please choose healthy, non perishable options. Monetary donations are also appreciated—the food shelf has access to resources where they can purchase more for their dollars. Items the food shelf cannot often get at wholesale prices include: egg noodles, soda crackers, pancake mix/syrup, canned tuna or chicken, cake mixes, ramen noodles, dry potatoes, pork & beans, soups, mac & cheese, granola, cereal, juices, paper towels, toilet paper. Please place monetary donations in the collection basket in an envelope labeled “Food Drive” or drop it off in the Parish Office. On Thanksgiving Day Mass, the collection will be for the Annandale Food Shelf. Thank you for your generosity.

Weekly Meditation

*Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
(Matthew 25:2)*

In Jesus' time, weddings were events to be anticipated: seven days of nonstop feasting and celebrating. So we can assume that all of the ten young women in today's parable wanted to go to this particular wedding feast. And yet, when the bridegroom was delayed, five of them were not ready. Their lamps died out, and they had no oil to refill them.

Who knows why they weren't prepared? Maybe they were distracted or too busy to make sure their oil flasks were full. But what we do know is that, as a result, they were not where they were supposed to be, and they missed the chance to come into the feast. What a shame! These young women seriously needed to reexamine their priorities!

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church uses our Mass readings to encourage us to examine our own priorities as we await the coming of the Lord. We have been invited to the wedding feast of Jesus, when his Bride, the Church, will be united to him forever. Of course we want to go!

That means we need to make sure our lamps have enough oil. We need to heed Jesus' last words from today's Gospel: “Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour” (Matthew 25:13). But it's not about going to a store to stock up on supplies. Staying awake means looking at how we spend our time and making sure that we're putting the Lord first and cultivating our love for Jesus, our Bridegroom.

Look back over this past week. Think about the decisions you made and how they reveal what is important to you. Is there one priority you could reshape that would help you be closer to where you need to be when the Bridegroom returns?

*“Jesus, thank you for inviting me to your wedding feast!
Help me be ready for you!”*

The Word Among Us - November 2023 Edition



Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 23rd
9:00 am

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 18th @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner

Altar Servers: Michael & William Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Greg & Audrey Roth

Greeter: Yvonne Schreifels

Lector: Isaac Millner

Sacristan: Mark Logeais

Ushers: Mike Zuehlke, Joe Martin, Cliff

Zimmermann & Tim Waldschmidt

Sunday, November 19th @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner

Altar Servers: Coady & Alex Dircks

Eucharistic Ministers: Gael Zachman & Tish Callahan

Greeter: Pat & Dianne O'Keefe

Lector: Patrick Meuwissen

Live Stream: Pat Athman

Sacristan: Patrick Meuwissen

Ushers: Randy Latour, Doug Zachman, Dan Oliver & Peter Braun

Sunday, November 19th @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner

Altar Servers: Celia Erickson & Presley Dwenger

Eucharistic Ministers: Renee Logeais & Roy Martin

Greeter: Traci Arends

Lector: Mary Nowak

Sacristan: Shelly Naaktgeboren

Ushers: David Spike, Al Guck & Craig Arends

Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday, November 23rd @ 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Michael & William Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Tish Callahan & Larry May

Greeter: Heather Ergen

Lector: Jessica Magrum

Live Stream: Paul Manuel

Sacristan: Jennifer Braun

Ushers: Doug Zachman, Jerry Elsenpeter, Randy Latour & John O'Donnell

Thank you **Ministry Volunteers**

Live the Liturgy

God knows that, sooner or later, we all face a night that is long and dark. He has given each of us exactly what we need to make it through. If we keep Him with us, the light will not go out.

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COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

Christ Child Luncheon:

1. The Christ Child Luncheon will be **Fri., Dec. 1st from 10:45-1:00**. We will be asking for hot dishes and bars for desserts from your own kitchens. You will be receiving a call from one of your group's co-chairs between Nov. 11 and Nov. 20 asking you to donate a hot dish, pan of dessert bars or items for the Sweet Shoppe. Please reply to the calls that will be made to each of you or kindly return their call as soon as possible. Your quick reply makes it so much easier for these women who are volunteering to do this important mission. Thank you!

2. We will be making 3 salads on Thurs, Nov. 30, in the afternoon. Please help if you are able.

3. Sign-up sheets for the various jobs will be in Gathering Space through Nov. 18th.

NOTE: Luncheon and raffle tickets will be for sale after all Masses in November. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each and luncheon tickets are \$12.00. We are also asking for donations to help cover expenses for the meals and sweets for the homebound. These individuals so appreciate the delicious lunch and greeting from our parish volunteers. Checks may be made to St. Ignatius CCW.

All proceeds go to 4 pro-life organizations.

Advent Day of Prayer Retreat:

All women of the Parish are invited to our annual Advent Day of Prayer Retreat for the NW Deanery CCW at the King's House in Buffalo,

Thursday, Dec. 7. This retreat makes the Advent season so meaningful. Registration/check-in begins at 9 a.m. Lunch is included and the day will end with Mass. The CCW will pay for half of the \$50 registration fee. If you plan to attend, **please register by November 30th**. Please email Sue if you have questions or if you are interested in ride share shughes@lakedalelink.net

Thank you

Thank you to the crew of 11 who volunteered their time, organization and "elbow grease" to do the yearly "deep clean" in the kitchen downstairs. Everything glistens! A special thank you to Jessica Chapman who accepted to chair the event at the last minute. We are here for each other...always. Pam

Share Your Christmas 2023

Once again we will be participating in Share Your Christmas. We will be asking for parishioners to donate monetary funds, either cash or checks. Checks can be made out to St. Ignatius. **Donations can be mailed to church or put in the collection basket, clearly marked "Share Your Christmas"**. The goal is for each child to receive a \$50 gift card. Also each family will receive a food card from Marketplace for \$50. We need to have all donations to the church by **Sunday, November 26th**. St. Ignatius has always been so generous and supportive of Share Your Christmas in years past and we appreciate your generosity again this year. Thanks so much, Barb Groth-CCW Share Your Christmas Chair

Saint Timothy's Men's Morning

All men are invited to "Men's Morning" on Saturday, Nov 25th. This is the 4th annual Saint Timothy's Father/Son "Men's Morning" Open to men/boys of all ages, no registration required. Fathers, grandfathers, sons, single men...all are invited! Schedule: 8:00am Mass presided by Bishop Michael Izen, 8:45am Continental breakfast served by the Maple Lake/Annandale Knights of Columbus, 9:15am Keynote speaker Bishop Michael Izen followed by optional confession, and 10:30am Closing.



Cash Raffle Tickets Available for Purchase November 18th and 19th

Haven't got your raffle ticket yet? We've got you covered! Your next chance to purchase a ticket (or two) will be the weekend of November 18th and 19th in the church's gathering space. With only 200 tickets to be sold and \$10,000 in cash prizes your odds to purchase a winning ticket are darn right terrific. Tickets are \$100 and may also be purchased anytime at the parish office. You can also catch up with Connie Nelson after any Mass or call Deb Goodale at 612.719.7973. Do not hesitate and miss your chance to win big and support our parish! Proceeds will go towards a future project soon to be determined. Thank you to everyone who has already purchased your tickets, your support is appreciated!



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Larry Oberg	Jaden Hanson
Joseph Niznik	Wayne Dearing
Mike Meyer	Ronda O'Brien
Lynnea Stay	Russ Fortner
Katelyn Busch	James Utecht
Herman Wittsack	Mary Malachuk
Mary Wittsack	Jason Mitchell
Mary Danielson	Deb Cole
Mark Johnson	John Holker
Paul DeMars	Marlene Niewind
Julie Pelarski	Karen Sommers
Sally Phenow	Loren Frappier
Reanna Braun	Monsignor Callaghan
Lynnae Frappier	Janet Aretz
Dan Schultz	Leon Zachman
Louise Borstad	RoseAnn Diethert
Nick Mares	

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Next week (Nov. 18th & 19th) our 2nd collection will support the Catho-

lic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the US live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development by reviewing the bulletin insert or by visiting www.usccb.org/cchd. Special envelopes are inserted for your convenience.



Holy Spirit Academy

You're invited to the Holy Spirit Academy Open House on Thursday, November 16th from 5:00 pm to

7:00pm at St. Henry's Catholic Church Campus in Monticello. Tour the school, meet the teachers and students, and enjoy some fun activities. We look forward to seeing you! Please see our website for more information: holyspiritacademy.org

Gospel Meditation

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

— Father John Muir

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Saturday, November 11th

5:00 pm † Gordon Diethert

Sunday, November 12th

8:30 am † Marilyn & Jack Driste

10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, November 13th

6:00 pm † Nancy & Brian Helmbrecht

Tuesday, November 14th

8:00 am † Ben Meuwissen

Wednesday, November 15th

8:00 am † Lawrence & Hildegard Bechtold

Thursday, November 16th

8:00 am † Marty Reker

Friday, November 17th

There is no daily Mass at St. Ignatius

8:00 am Mass available at St. Timothy's

Saturday, November 18th

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, November 19th

8:30 am † Robert Bruns

10:30 am Paul DeMars



Projected weekly giving.....\$5,890.00
494 parish families

Envelopes.....\$9,461.00
Plate \$841.00
Auto Deposits.....\$2,535.00
Total..... \$12,837.00

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Parish Pastoral Council

Council member information and meeting minutes are available on our website or by requesting a copy from the parish office. On the website, use the “Ministries” menu at the top of the page, and then select “Pastoral Council” on the drop down menu.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page and

You Tube channel

Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 8:00am

(No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

5:30 pm Monday (one-half hour prior to Mass)

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Mass)

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptisms

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the Baptism. Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office, and are held following the 10:30 am Mass.

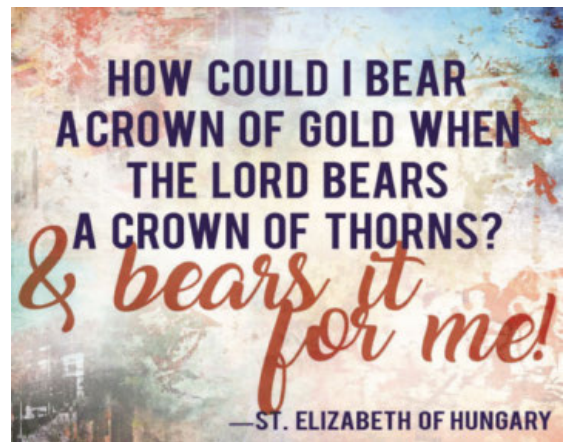
Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesdays at noon

unless an early deadline notice is posted here:

Submissions for Nov 26– Due Nov 15 by noon



St. Elizabeth of Hungary-Feast Day November 17

Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 – 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the “commoners” she served.

St. Elizabeth married Louis of Thuringia when she was 14. Deeply in love, they had three children. Despite their wealth, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband’s family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband’s allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

St. Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1228 where she cared for the poor in a hospital she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. She died in 1231, but her great popularity resulted in her being named a saint only four years later.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

- Sunday, November 19: 5th grade Mass
- Monday, Nov 20: Cemetery Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
- Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving Mass 9:00 am
- Sunday, November 26: Donut Sunday
- Thursday, November 30: Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 am - 7:00 pm
- Friday, December 1: Christ Child Luncheon
- Saturday, December 2: Youth Ministry Lifeline Event
- Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent
Share Your Christmas Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
- Tuesday, December 5: Care Center Mass 10:30 am
- Thursday, December 7: CCW Retreat— King’s House
- Friday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary— Holy Day of Obligation
Mass 8:00 am & 7:00 pm
- Sunday, December 10: 6th grade Mass

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