

PASTORAL CORNER



Pastor's Perspective: In honor of God's humble servant

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

If you have occasion to drive by St. John Church, you will notice a new addition to the landscape: a simple yet dignified granite bench to honor our beloved pastor-emeritus and native son, **Msgr. Frank Murray**. The bench has

been installed near the front entryway.

Shortly after the announcement that Pope Francis had conferred the title of "Monsignor" upon him, a group of his personal friends approached me to ask whether they could purchase and install a bench in front of St. John – the church located in the neighborhood of his upbringing. It is



here that he grew in "wisdom, age, and grace" and discerned his call to the priesthood.

After receiving permission from Bishop James Ruggieri, the group collected their funds, including a donation from the Knights of Columbus for whom Msgr. Murray serves as Chaplain. Since then, the bench has been purchased, engraved, and installed.

We are in the process of coordinating a convenient date and time (before the snow flies, we hope) at which a simple blessing of the bench will take place. Of course, in the spring, our dedicated volunteer gardeners will ensure that the bench is appropriately surrounded by beautiful flowers.

Once again, we congratulate Msgr. Murray on the honor bestowed upon him at the request of Bishop Ruggieri and approved by Pope Francis. His humble, generous, and gracious ministry to the faithful of this parish and diocese is worthy of recognition and imitation by all who aspire to serve as a priest of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you, Fr. Murray, for being a faithful yet gentle preacher of the Gospel, a reverent yet generous celebrant of Christ's sacraments, and a strong yet pastoral shepherd to God's people.

*Peace and blessings,
Msgr. Andrew Dubois*

*In honor of
MONSIGNOR FRANK MURRAY
a boy from Maple st.
PRIEST ADVISOR FRIEND
his life our blessing*

This Week's Mass Readings

Monday, November 3, 2025

Reading 1, Romans 11:29-36
Psalms 69:30-31, 33-34, 36
Gospel, Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Reading 1, Romans 12:5-16
Psalms 131:1-3
Gospel, Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Reading 1, Romans 13:8-10
Psalms 112:1-2, 4-5, 9
Gospel, Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Reading 1, Romans 14:7-12
Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14
Gospel, Luke 15:1-10

Friday, November 7, 2025

Reading 1, Romans 15:14-21
Psalms 98:1-4
Gospel, Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, November 8, 2025:

Reading 1, Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Psalms 145:2-5, 10-11
Gospel, Luke 16:9-15

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Reading 1, Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Gospel, John 2:13-22
Reading 2, 1 Corinthians 3:9-13, 16-17

