

*St. Mary Catholic Church  
Windthorst, TX*

### St. Mary / St. Boniface Vision Statement

To serve Christ and  
promote  
His teachings  
through Worship,  
Education,  
Training, Service,  
and  
Community  
Involvement



*St. Boniface Catholic Church  
Scotland, TX*

## Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., PASTOR

"There's no such thing as a bad priest, just priests whose people don't pray enough for them." St. John Vianney

### Mailing Address for Both Churches

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### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm.  
Call the Church Office or Deb Schreiber (940-704-6537) or  
Karley Buerger (940-631-3439) to register for classes.

### Marriage Preparation

contact the office at least nine to 12 months prior  
to wedding date

### RCIA/OCTA

contact Fr. Michael at 782-3200/ [mmoloney@comcell.net](mailto:mmoloney@comcell.net)  
Brooke McLemore: [bamclemore@yahoo.com](mailto:bamclemore@yahoo.com)  
Imelda Hallenbeck: [mel.hallenbeck@gmail.com](mailto:mel.hallenbeck@gmail.com)

### Funerals

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the office as  
soon as possible.

### Ministry to the Sick

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone  
who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

### Confession

Every Saturday 3:15 – 4:15 pm, Wednesdays 6:00-6:30 pm  
& Anytime, Any Day by Appointment

St. Boniface Every Last Thursday of the month @ 5:30 pm

### Hispanic Ministry

Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

### Safe Environment Program

Call Suzette Schreiber @ (940) 631-6301

### Mass Schedule for the Week

All Sunday Masses will be live-streamed

<b>Monday</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> -	<b>NOVEMBER 6 – St. Mary's</b> †Janie Koetter by Florine Costello Family
<b>Tuesday</b> -	<b>November 7 – St. Mary's</b> Intention of Father Michael
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> -	<b>November 8 – St. Mary's</b> Adoration & Confessions Benediction Living & Deceased Members by Knights of Columbus #1824
<b>Thursday</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> -	<b>November 9 – St. Boniface</b> Rosary - NO MASS
<b>Friday</b> <b>7:25 AM</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> -	<b>November 10 – St. Mary's</b> Word Service †Alma Pennartz by Family
<b>Saturday</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> -	<b>November 11 – St. Mary's</b> †Chris Neeb by Danny & Bonnie Schlumpf
<b>5:00 PM</b> -	†Bill Hoffman by Stella Hoffman & Family
<b>Sunday</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> -	<b>November 12 – St. Boniface</b> †Jake Schenk by Bertha Mae Schenk
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> -	<b>November 12 – St. Mary's</b> Intentions of Parishioners
<b>5:00 PM</b>	†Kaybree Coleman & †Kirsten Shea



**ST. MARY'S MINISTERS****Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>****SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>****TRANSITUS MEMORIAL SERVICE 6:00 PM****Reader** – Brenda Doyal**MONDAY NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 AM****Reader** – Volunteer**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 PM****Reader** – Ted Neeb**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 3:00 PM****Reader** – Volunteer**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 AM****Reader** – Volunteer**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 5:00 PM****Servers** – Nolan Schreiber, Lucas Petro, Sophia Petro**Reader** – Michael Schroeder**Eucharistic Ministers:** Leo Hoff, Donna Hoff,  
Diane Schroeder (choir)**Ushers** – Roy Koetter, Robert Baumer,  
David Green, Doug Berend**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 10:30 AM****Servers** – Drew Anderle, Carson Anderle, Jake Schroeder**Reader** – Brenda Doyal**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kim Yandell, Mike Yandell,  
Craig Anderle (choir)**Ushers** – Donnie Fleitman, David McCann, Terry Schroeder**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – Heather Schroeder, Cheri West**Eucharistic Minister to Homebound: November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Elizabeth & Bert Hoff**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 5:00 PM****SUPPORT** – Envelopes \$ .00 Loose \$348.00

Building Fund \$25.00 World Mission \$15.00

**COUNTERS MONDAY NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 9:15 AM**

Cheryl Pope, Leon Schneider, Suzette Schreiber

**ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS****Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>****THERE WILL BE NO MASS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>.****SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 AM****Servers** – Maddie Idell, Natalie Anderle, Matthew Anderle**Reader** – Cassidy Koetter**Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion-**

Patsy Stallcup, Ricardo Saldarriaga

**Ushers** – Dan Smith, Logan Veitenheimer**SUPPORT** – Envelopes \$1055.00 Loose \$139.00**ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS****SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK** in memory of  
Elizabeth Schlumpf by Tommy Schlumpf Jr.**USHERS NEEDED:** We are in need of Ushers for all Masses,  
especially the Sunday, 10:30 am Masses. If you have questions  
please feel free to reach out to Terry Schroeder @940-733-0268  
Before your name can be added to the list, everyone needs to  
take/have taken the Safe Environment Program of the Diocese  
of Fort Worth. Please contact Suzette Schreiber for more info on  
this.**WINDTHORST SR. CITIZENS** meet every Tuesday at 1pm at  
the Berend Family Center for bingo & games. All are welcome.**TRANSITUS MEMORIAL SERVICE:** St. Mary's @ 6 pm,  
Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. In memory of all those who have been  
buried in St. Mary's Cemetery within the past year.**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICES**will be November 5<sup>th</sup>. Services will start immediately after the  
10:30 am Mass at the Berend Family center with Will Call of the  
deceased Knights, after which we will go to the cemetery to  
visit the graves of those brother knights that have passed. All  
are welcome, but only those able to walk around the cemetery  
are expected to go to visit the graves.**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1824 MEETING:** Wednesday,  
November 8<sup>th</sup> after Mass.**ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' SOCIETY** will be  
sponsoring their annual Pilgrimage this next year. The date is  
February 17, 2024. More information will be coming soon about  
the Stan Rather Shrine in Oklahoma City.**LET THE KNIGHTS HELP WITH YOUR THANKSGIVING****TURKEY:** The Windthorst Knights of Columbus #1824 will once  
again be ready to assist you in preparing your Thanksgiving  
feast. We will provide a seasoned fried Turkey (\$45.00) this  
year to be picked up on 11/22, Wednesday evening, the day  
before Thanksgiving, between 3-5 pm from Lawrence & Helen  
Berend Family Center (K Of C Hall), where we will be frying that  
day. For any questions or to order your turkey, call/text Doug  
Berend 232-8427 or Reid Wolf 642-9104. Paper order forms are  
located at the Post Office.**CAN YOU SING???**Looking for cantors for Saturday evening Mass & Sunday  
morning Mass. Please contact the Church office if you feel the  
calling or have questions. 940-423-6687**THANK YOU:** St. Mary's wishes to thank Jill & David Bowyer,  
Julie & Thomas Carpenter, Gwen & James Teichman, & Patricia  
& Tom Lowry for their generous donation to St. Mary's in  
memory of Mary Lou Veitenheimer & Margaret Beaman for her  
generous donation in memory of Gladys Wolf.**NOTE:** 7 day lights for St. Mary's are \$1.00. The Sanctuary  
light is \$5.00. The standard donation for a Mass is \$10.00 and  
need to be requested at least one month in advance or more  
of the date you are requesting. There are times that the date  
requested may already be taken and another date will need to  
be provided. Thank you.**ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS****SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK** for Benjamin  
in the Navy by Colleen Schreiber.**7 DAY LIGHTS:** Prayers for Billy Burks to feel better & fight &  
beat this battle of cancer by Joe Hoff & Joyce Moer, Prayers for  
the Kaybree Coleman Family & Friends, Blessings by Joe Hoff &  
Joyce Moer, Special Prayers for Dad & Mom, Becky & Dale,  
Dwain & all our other loved ones as we fight this battle to find  
our heavenly home by Joyce Moer & Joe Hoff, Prayers for Jarrod  
Canada & Family by Joyce Moer & Joe Hoff, Prayers for all the  
sick & hurting by Joyce Moer; Art & Helen Hemmi & David &  
Lisa Smith by Roy & Julie Koetter**Due to the increase in the cost of candles and shipping  
the Christian Mothers' find it necessary to increase the  
cost of lighting 7 day votive lights to \$5.00. The increase  
per candle/intention will go into effect November 1<sup>st</sup>.****ST. BONIFACE ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING:** Thursday,  
November 9<sup>th</sup> after Rosary.



**SCOTLAND SR. CITIZENS** will meet on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at noon in the K of C hall. Come enjoy a meal, fellowship & games. See you there.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES**

**BULLETIN NOTICES ARE DUE BY 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAYS. THE BULLETIN IS CURRENTLY BEING PRINTED ON THURSDAYS.**

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> & FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED. BULLETIN NOTICES WILL BE DUE BY 12 NOON ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> & THE BULLETIN WILL BE PRINTED ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>.**

**THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE:** will be in the home of Bert & Elizabeth Hoff the week of November 12<sup>th</sup>. They, as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military, and vocations.

November 19 Joseph Zotz Family

November 26 Harold & Patsy Stallcup

**MASS TIMES: PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR ANY MASS TIME CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK:**

There will be NO Mass Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. November 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thanksgiving Day) Mass will be at 8:00 am.

**CONFESSIONS:** Wednesdays 6:00 pm at St. Mary's, Saturdays 3:15 to 4:15 pm at St. Mary's & 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays at 7:00 am at St. Mary's. No Confessions on Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Confessions at St. Boniface, last Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm.

### **WEDNESDAY ADORATION, CONFESSIONS, & MASS:**

**Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm**

**Confessions 6:00 pm**

**Benediction 6:45 pm**

**Mass 7:00 pm**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the Convent.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Friday mornings at 6:00 am at Berend Family Center.

**\*ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Sundays at 9:30 am in the 3<sup>rd</sup> section of St. Mary's Parish Hall. Watch the bulletin for changes.

**RCIA/OCIA:** after 10:30 am Mass in the **Convent**.

**ACTS' CORE MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 2-4 pm in the **Convent**.

**CCD K-5<sup>TH</sup> CLASSES:** Monday thru Thursday, 7:25 am – 7:50 am. Friday 7:25 am Word Service.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Classes for 10<sup>th</sup> graders - Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the parish hall.

**CCD 6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES:** Wednesdays, at 5:30 pm. High School will be in the youth bldg. & Jr. High will be in the JH bldg. of the school followed by **Adoration** at 6:35 pm & **Benediction** at 6:45 pm & **Mass** at 7 pm.

### **BE A CHRISTMAS ANGEL FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**NW:** Sponsor a child or a family of children. Contact Mindy Cuba at (940) 704-3211 or [mcuba@ccdofw.org](mailto:mcuba@ccdofw.org) before 11/08/2023.

**ST. FRANCES DE SALES CLASSES:** The purpose of the St. Francis De Sales Program is to teach the faith as proclaimed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and offer specialized catechist formation through pedagogical instruction. St. Mary's/St. Boniface St. Frances de Sales (SFDS) classes will be held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the **Convent**.

**BAPTISMAL CLASSES** are offered on the third Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm in St. Mary's Convent. Classes need to be attended by Parents and Godparents/Sponsors. Baptismal classes need to be refreshed every three years as needed. You may attend the class before the baby is born. Please call the office at 940-423-6687 or Deb Schreiber at 940-704-6537 or Karley Buerger at 940-631-3439 to register. Thank you.

Baptisms will be at 11:00 am on the designated Saturday morning. Next Baptisms: Nov. 11 Dec. 2 Dec. 30

**CDA NEWS:** We are collecting items to make a blessing basket for the "Phases In" life after foster care program in Wichita Falls. Needed items: laundry soap, clorox wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap cleaning supplies. Please bring items to next meeting November 15, 2023.

**OLDE WORLD DINNER:** Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Mosler Hall in Seymour, TX. 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Dine In or Carry out \$15.00 Country Store & Raffle Drawing.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Be humble to one another. Learn how to be the best spouse you can be by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Feb. 2-4, 2024. To apply go to [www.wme.org](http://www.wme.org). Questions – email [applications@dfwme.org](mailto:applications@dfwme.org) or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [mdgallegos06@gmail.com](mailto:mdgallegos06@gmail.com) 214-497-0188.

**VETERANS DAY CEREMONY:** The students, faculty & staff of the Windthorst ISD cordially invite all military veterans of any era to a Veterans Day ceremony, Friday, November 10, 9 AM in the Windthorst High School gym. Veterans are encouraged but certainly not required to wear your favorite veteran hat, shirt or uniform representing your service (e.g. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard; Vietnam, Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan; Airborne, Air Assault, EOD). The students, faculty & staff of the WISD are putting a lot of time & effort into recognizing & honoring our service to the nation so let's do our part & show our appreciation by attending this ceremony if at all possible.

**THANKSGIVING DAY:** Mass will be at St. Mary's at 8:00 am. Parishioners from both parishes are encouraged to attend Mass to give thanks to God for all our blessings. You may bring bread and/or wine to be blessed at that Mass. Please place them on the table by the altar before Mass & please pick them up after Mass. We will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable food for the local food bank at Mass. There will also be a collection taken for the needy.

### **\*TO FIND A MASS WHEN TRAVELING**

[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) is a great website for anyone traveling who is looking for local Catholic Churches and their Mass times. You can input an exact address, a city, or have it find your location on your phone and it will share with you all the Mass times near you by each Church as well as giving you the Church's address.



**IS GOD CALLING YOU!! PLEASE!! PLEASE LISTEN TO HIS CALL!!!! PLEASE CONSIDER THE GIVING OF YOUR TIME!!! WE NEED ONE MORE CCD TEACHER AND A HALL MONITOR FOR K – 5 CCD CLASSES:**

Teaching days are Monday thru Wednesday. Class time begins @ 7:25 and ends @ 7:50. Teachers are needed Monday – Wednesday. We realize you may sometime have a conflict so a sub list will be provided to all teachers. Thursdays we have various religious activities in the Youth Center and on Friday there will be a **Word Service** in Church. Anyone interested in volunteering to teach or volunteering for Thursdays & or Fridays can contact **Gina Wolf (940-237-5506)** or **Mitzi Veitenheimer (940-733-5506)**. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the Called. \*\*All Volunteers are required to be current with the Safe Environment Program. Call Suzette (940-631-6301) to see if you need a Safe Environment class.

**How to get free access to FORMED**

Registering for FORMED:

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup)
2. Enter the parish's zip code and select parish
3. Register with your name and email address

You will be automatically signed into FORMED, during this Sign Up process.

In the future, you will visit [watch.formed.org](https://www.watch.formed.org) and click on Sign In (upper, righthand corner), enter your email, then check your email inbox for a link to click on, to complete the Sign In process, and begin using FORMED

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL – Love one another as I have loved you.**

"I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34

As you discern your contribution to the Annual Diocesan Appeal this year, reflect how you can best put Stewardship in Action. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. The Annual Diocesan Appeal provides an important way for us to put Stewardship in Action. It is an invitation to meet the needs of parishes, schools and outreach ministries across 28 counties of the Diocese of Ft. Worth.

**St. Mary's goal this year is \$23000.00. As of October 9<sup>th</sup>, 15 people have responded and only \$2600 has been committed.**

**St. Boniface's goal this year is \$5200.00. As of October 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 people have responded and only \$1020.00 has been committed.**

Please be sure to review the entire 2023 Accountability report online at [bit.ly/ADAAccountability](https://bit.ly/ADAAccountability). Learn more at [AdvancementFoundation.org](https://AdvancementFoundation.org).

**TAKE THE RISK**

**Time for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.**

**"You have not chosen Me But I have chosen you!"**



**This Week, Please pray for the following Seminarians:**

**Ryan Pecoraro** – St. Joseph Seminary College –  
St. Benedict, LA  
**Jose /Segura** - St. Joseph Seminary College –  
St. Benedict, LA  
**Deacon Eric Flores** - Assumption Seminary –  
San Antonio, TX

**Prayer**

*O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, lead our seminarians in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice. Teach them generosity and detachment from worldly goods; but above all, teach them to know You and to love You, the One and Only Eternal Priest. Amen*

Prayer for Seminarians by: **Fr. Stephen Salocks, Rector**

**FAITH DIRECT**

**Stewardship Corner:**

Why not make a change this fall in the way you support **YOUR** Church?

This season, rich in the symbolism of harvest and sowing, offers a beautiful reminder: your acts of generosity reverberate, touching countless lives.

Sign up with eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient

and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Mary's or

St. Boniface Catholic Church. Making either one-time or automatic contributions through Faith Direct will also save valuable time for both

you and our parish staff.

St. Mary's: Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/TX1143](https://faith.direct/TX1143) or scan this QR Code with your smart phone camera!



St. Boniface: Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/TX1144](https://faith.direct/TX1144) or scan this QR Code with your smart phone camera!



Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757

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**MILITARY PRAYER LIST** – Taylor D. Anderson (Army), Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Specialist Benny Garcia, Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Captain Brian Hoff (Marine), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Damian Hoffman (Army), Sgt. Major Nicholas Klein (Army), Stephen Koetter (Army), Adam Lambert (Army), James Devon Lindeman (Army), PVT Miguel Luna Jr., Jess Martinez (Army), **Private Thomas McCann (Army)**, Joshua Millican (Navy), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Private Trey Schenk (Marine), Tracy Hoff Schmitt (Army), 1<sup>st</sup> Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Josh Teel (Army National Guard), Master Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army), Zachary Zotz (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

**November is a time of remembrance and prayer for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those in purgatory. It also celebrates the feast days of many saints who are examples of holiness & humility.**

**"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Matthew 23:12**

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

**REPARATION-** The act or fact of making amends. It implies an attempt to restore things to their normal or sound conditions, as they were before something wrong was done. It applies mainly to recompense for the losses sustained or the harm caused by some morally bad action. With respect to God, it means making up with greater love for the failure in love through sin: it means restoring what was unjustly taken and compensating with generosity for the selfishness that caused the injury. (Etym. Latin reparare, to prepare anew, restore.)

**Purgatory is a cleansing, purification & healing process in the Presence of God.**

**PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS**

"We pray for the intercession of St. Dymphna and St. John of God, the patron saints of persons experiencing mental illness, as well as St. Luke, the patron of health care, that our work will bear great fruit for such a critical inflection point in our culture today. May the Lord, the Divine Physician, give aid and comfort to all who are suffering, inspire communities to offer greater support to the sick, and grant wisdom to policymakers so that everyone who needs help can get help."

## **PRAYER FOR RAIN**

Thank you, Lord for the rain you sent us the past several days. We ask, Almighty God, for the gift of more rain. Help us in this time of need. Look upon us in your mercy and bless us with the rain we need for fill our tanks & lakes & for ourselves as we place all our trust in You. Amen.

## **7 Ways to Participate in a Day of Prayers and Fasting**

1. Go to One Extra Mass during the week
2. Make a Holy Hour (at least 15 minutes)
3. Pray a Rosary
4. Pray a Chaplet of Divine Mercy
5. Read Sacred Scripture
6. Fasting
7. Give Alms

## **ACT OF FAITH**

O MY GOD, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Thy Divine Son became Man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

## **ACT OF HOPE**

O MY GOD, relying on Thy almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace, and Life Everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

## **ACT OF CHARITY**

O MY GOD, I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all-good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.



**ST. MARY'S 7 DAY LIGHTS:** Special Intention, Our Family, Wilson & Ann Scaling, Thanks for the Rain by Charles & Glenda Schroeder; Mary Lou Veitenheimer Family, Gladys Wolf Family, Better Health for Mom, Comfort & Healing for All the Sick of Our Community, In Thanksgiving by Jean & Scott Berend; Special Intention by Margaret Beaman; Cathy Wolf by Denise & Cooper; Thanksgiving for the wonderful rain, Gladys Wolf Family, Justin Coleman Family, Mary Veitenheimer Family, Father Michael, Margaret Beaman, Shirley Williams, Lexi McLemore, For a Special Intention by Roy & Julie Koetter; Pauline Hoff, Willie L. Hoff by Dean & Wina Church; +Elizabeth Schlumpf, Thomas Schlumpf, Leona Schlumpf by Schlumpf Family; Levi Carter & Jax Lindsay for a successful surgery by Grandpa & Grandma Berend; A Very Special Intention by Don & Benita Essler; +Ed & +Alvina Veitenheimer, +Jake & +Louise Horn by Jerry & Virgie Horn; Lexsey McLemore & Family, Gerald & Deb Schreiber, by Suzette & Richard Schreiber; Our Family by Marilyn & Richard Wachsman; Carol Sales by Ray Berend Family; Our Sick Members, For an increase in Priestly & Consecrated Life Vocations by CDA #296.

**YEARLY LIGHTS:** Henry Pennartz Family & their intentions by Roy Pennartz; Terry & Carol Sales by Ray & Dorothy Berend; +Leroy Anderle & +Jerry Anderle by Caroline & Family; Our Family by Gerald & Sherry Berend; In memory of +Janice, +Ed & +Catherine, +Lois Luig, +Nancy Luig Carr & +Geraldine Lindemann by Eddie Luig Family; For World Peace & for my family, Jeanne & Family, Ray & Myra & Family, Chuck & Diane Zolt & Family, Terry & Kathy & Family, Dolores Sumner & Family by Frances Hoffman; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30; Our Family & For The Safety of Our Military by Ralph & Clara; For +Joe Schreiber & +Joseph Schreiber by Agnes Schreiber; For Mom by Johnnie & Alice; For Students of W.I.S.D. & C.D.A. #296 Members by C.D.A. #296; The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Don; For +Lawrence & +Helen Berend Family by Terry & Carol Sales; For Special Intentions by Neil & Barbara Hoff; For Our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zolt; +Arnold & +Lillian Lindeman by the Family; +Thomas & +Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; For our Family by Frank & Joyce Wolf; For all our Family by Don & Benita Essler; For the Welfare of Our Family 2023 by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Intentions of the Members of St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society by the Christian Mothers' Society; +Martha & +Larry by Kenny Wolf; Safety of Volunteer Firemen & Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran, Brett Hoff, Corey George, Greg Schlumpf, Holly Johnston, Sabrina Johnston, Living and Deceased Members of Charles & Mary Lindemann family by Benny Lindeman; "Thanksgiving prayer for all blessings received for my family, community and our country" by Bert & Elizabeth Hoff; For the Safety of Parker & Garrett Amy on their Military Journey by Richard & Marilyn Wachsman; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse & Caroline Zolt

by the Family; For our Family by George & Juanita Martin; My Family by Margaret Beaman; Living & Deceased members of Himmels Family, For my family & +Al Veitenheimer by Ann Veitenheimer; Dad & Mom by Nubbin & Angela; +Floyd & Betty Humpert by the Family; For My Family & In Memory of +Alfred Berend by Cordella; In memory of Duane & for Our Family by Pat & James Zolt; For those battling cancer & heart disease by Joyce & Charlie Vieth; Pauline Hoff & Willie L. Hoff by Wina & Dean Church; Guidance & Protection for our Military Service Men & Women by V.F.W.; +Willie Hoff, Pauline Hoff & Willie L. Hoff by Dean & Wina Church

#### **REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!**

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**Prayer of the Faithful:** Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen



# **The Memorial of the Passing of St. Francis of Assisi The Transitus SERVICE**

**St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Sunday, November 5, 2023  
6:00 PM**

***All are invited to attend the traditional vigil service commemorating the night St. Francis died and began to live with Christ for all eternity. We will also remember all pre-born lives lost to Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Abortion and any children who died after Birth for any reason and all persons who died and were buried in the past year in St. Mary's Cemetery (since October 31, 2022). The Transitus Memorial Service will be Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at St. Mary's Church in Windthorst, TX at 6:00 PM.***



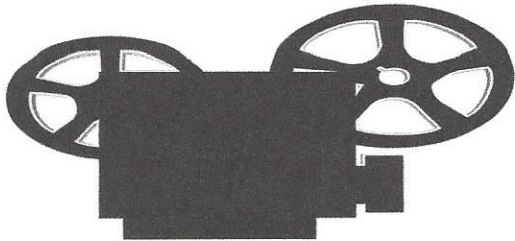


ST. MARY'S ST. BONIFACE YOUTH NEWS

# SECOND SUNDAY

**November 12<sup>th</sup> Time: 5:00-7:30 pm**

**Join us at 5:00pm for a Memorial Mass  
in memory of Kaybree Coleman & Kirsten Shea**



**After Mass we will go to St. Mary's Parish Hall.  
for a baked potato bar and a 1 hour movie  
On dealing with the death of a young person.  
Fr. Michael will be joining us to answer questions.  
The whole community (All) is invited to this  
November 1 hour movie.**

St. Mary's/St. Boniface Youth Ministry is for all youth age 6<sup>th</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information regarding our youth ministry program contact Shelley Schlumpf at 940-423-6676.



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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Margaret of Scotland

A Hungarian princess, St. Margaret grew up in luxury and privilege, but she never lost sight of those in need and her duty to serve them. After the Battle of Hastings, her family fled to Scotland where King Malcom III sheltered them and eventually married Margaret. Although a queen, her private life was austere, dedicated to prayer and serving the poor—even washing beggars' feet. She is remembered for her life of piety, kindness, and generosity.



### Christ the King

What does it mean to say Christ is King? Do we give Him our Sundays only, or the whole week? Set aside ten minutes for God. Offer Him the events of your day and say, "Your will be done."

*"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [the world]" (Luke 16:13).*



## Thanksgiving can inspire gratitude in action

St. Mother Teresa said, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." At Thanksgiving, we bask in the glow of our blessings but it's also a chance to share them with others. This is "gratitude in action."

**Be generous with your time.** God can't be outdone in generosity. He gives life in His image and likeness. He gave the gift of Himself in Christ's offering on the Cross. In that spirit, how can you give of yourself? Prayerfully consider where and to whom you can give your time and attention.

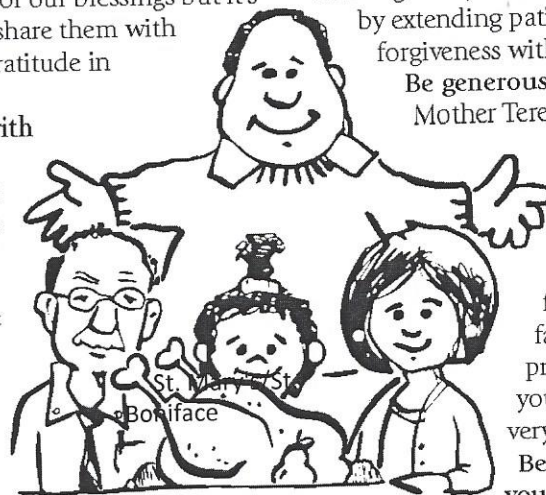
**Be generous with your patience.** Ours is the God of second chances,

generous with His mercy. Decide to generously give others the benefit of the doubt, allow room for good intentions, and forgive injuries. Love as God loves by extending patience and forgiveness without limit.

**Be generous with your family.** Mother Teresa said, "If you

want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." Make your family your top priority and give your loved ones the very best of yourself. **Be generous with your joy.** Holidays can

be difficult for people without connections. Look for someone at church, at work, or in the neighborhood who might need a place to celebrate the holiday. Share holiday love and joy.

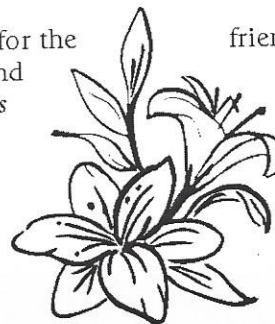


## Why Do Catholics Do That?

The practice of praying for the dead is an Act of Mercy and has Scriptural roots: "Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin" (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). Someone who dies in God's

## Why do Catholics pray for the dead?

friendship with sin on his soul must be purified before entering heaven. We can literally help souls get to heaven. Rest assured: if the person we've prayed for reaches heaven, the graces of those prayers are used to help other souls.





# Dealing with loss and those left behind

Christians know that death leads to marvelous new life, but it is still difficult to lose someone we love. We take comfort knowing that we remain connected in the Communion of Saints, the spiritual solidarity binding the faithful on Earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the saints in Heaven. Still, finding or offering comfort after a death can be challenging:

**Pray.** Pray that the souls who have died may find their place in Heaven. Perhaps arrange to have that prayer included in the intentions during Mass in your parish. Including them in your daily prayers also helps to

keep their intentions alive.

**Be present.** Attend the visitation or funeral. Such customs are part of honoring and praying for the deceased person and showing compassion to the living.

**Offer material support.** Bring a meal to the family. Mass cards, notes and phone calls can also offer comfort.

**Contribute.** Consider making a donation of time or money to organizations such as a local Hospice that provide grace and dignity to those dying.



## from Scripture

### Matthew 25:31-46, Showing mercy to the "least"

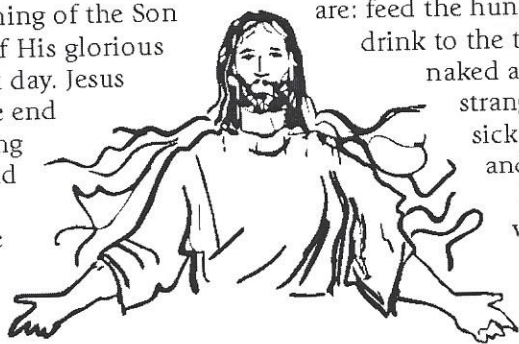
In this Gospel reading, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man, that is, of His glorious return on the last day. Jesus will appear at the end of time as the King of the nations and the Judge of history. Everyone who has ever lived, from the first to the last, from the greatest to the least, will stand before Christ. All of us will be judged on how we loved, especially how we treated "the least" who are suffering among us.

The specific criterion for judgment is the basis for the

Corporal Works of Mercy, which are: feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger, care for the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead.

In the end, we will be judged on our response to the suffering of others. Do we, like the

"blessed," respond with compassion and mercy, or do we, like the others, turn a blind eye and do nothing? The goal is to see Christ in others and to minister to their needs accordingly.



## Q & A How does the Church decide who is a saint?

There are many people in Heaven who are saints but whose names we may never know. They are uncanonized saints. Canonization is the formal process by which the Church identifies and determines whether someone has become a saint.



In its simplest form, official Church procedures detail three steps to recognizing a saint. First, the bishop of the diocese where the person died begins an extensive investigation. The results are passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. If the Congregation approves, the prefect presents the cause to the pope. With the pope's approval, the petitioner becomes "venerable" and is called "Servant of God."

Next, "beatification," may come after further investigation and a miracle has proven to be attributed to the Servant of God's intercession after his or her death. Then the person can be called "Blessed."

Finally, canonization may follow additional investigation and a second miracle also proven to have occurred after the beatification and as a result of the candidate's intercession. After canonization, the "Blessed" is called "Saint."

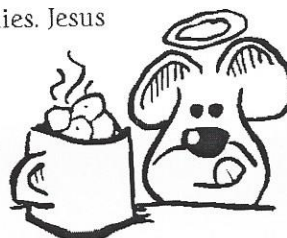
## Feasts & Celebrations

**November 1 – All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation).** In the early Church, there was a great desire to celebrate each of the martyrs. Because there were more martyrs than days of the year, Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints Day. Celebrate the Saints by attending Mass.

**November 10 – Pope St. Leo the Great (461).** A native of Rome, St. Leo was elected pope while on a mission in Gaul. As pope, he defended the faith from heresy and promoted ecclesiastical unity.

**November 18 – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1852).** Born in Grenoble, France, she joined the Society of the Sacred Heart and came to America as a missionary. She opened the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi river, and the first Catholic school for Native Americans.

**November 26 – Solemnity of Christ the King.** God promised His people a king who would triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.



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## Meditaciones breves

### Santa Margarita de Escocia

Princesa húngara, santa Margarita creció en medio del lujo y el privilegio, pero nunca se olvidó de los necesitados y de su deber de servirlos. Después de la batalla de Hastings, huyó con su familia a Escocia donde el rey Malcom III les dio cobijo y finalmente se casó con Margarita. Aunque era reina, su vida privada era austera, dedicada a la oración y al servicio de los pobres, hasta el punto de incluso lavarles los pies a los pordioseros. Se la recuerda por su vida de piedad, bondad y generosidad.

### Cristo Rey

¿Qué quiere decir que Cristo es Rey? ¿Le entregamos sólo nuestros domingos o toda la semana? Reserve diez minutos a Dios. Ofrezcale los acontecimientos de su día y diga: "Hágase tu voluntad".

*"Ningún servidor puede servir a dos señores, porque aborrecerá a uno y amará al otro o bien se interesará por el primero y menospreciará al segundo. No se puede servir a Dios y al dinero" (Lucas 16:13).*



## El agradecimiento inspira gratitud en acción

La santa Madre Teresa dijo: "No se trata de cuánto damos sino de cuánto amor ponemos en el dar". El Día de Acción de Gracias disfrutamos de nuestras bendiciones, pero el día también nos da la oportunidad de compartirlas con los demás. Esto es "gratitud en acción".

Sea generoso con su tiempo. No se puede superar a Dios en generosidad. Nos da vida a su imagen y semejanza. Nos dio el don de sí mismo con la ofrenda de Cristo en la cruz. De acuerdo con ese espíritu, ¿cómo puede entregarse usted? Piense devotamente en dónde y a quién puede darle su tiempo y su atención.

Sea generoso con su paciencia. El nuestro es el Dios de las segundas

oportunidades, generoso con su misericordia. Dé generosamente a los demás con el beneficio de la duda, deje sitio para las buenas intenciones y perdone las ofensas. Ame como Dios ama ofreciendo paciencia y perdón sin límite.

Sea generoso con su familia. La

Madre Teresa dijo: "Si quieren llevar la felicidad a todo el mundo, váyanse a casa y amen a su familia". Haga de su familia la máxima prioridad y dé lo mejor de sí mismo a sus seres queridos.

Sea generoso con su alegría. Las fiestas

pueden resultarles difíciles a las personas sin conocidos. En la iglesia, en el trabajo o en su barrio, busque a alguien que pueda necesitar un lugar para celebrar la fiesta. Comparta el amor y la alegría de la fiesta.

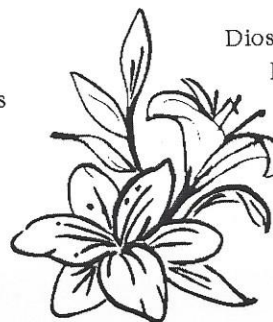


¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

La práctica de rezar por los difuntos es una obra de misericordia y tiene sus raíces en la Sagrada Escritura: "Mandó pues ofrecer ese sacrificio de expiación por los muertos para que quedaran libres de sus pecados" (2 Macabeos 12:45). Alguien que muere en la amistad de

¿Por qué rezan los católicos por los difuntos?

Dios con pecado en su alma debe purificarse antes de entrar al cielo. Nosotros podemos ayudar a las almas a que lleguen al cielo. Y tengan esto por seguro: si la persona por la que hemos rezado llega al cielo, las gracias de esas oraciones se usan para ayudar a otras almas.





## Lidiar con la pérdida y con quienes quedan

Los cristianos saben que la muerte conduce a una nueva y maravillosa vida, pero es difícil perder a alguien a quien amamos. Nos consuela saber que seguimos conectados en la Comunión de los Santos, la solidaridad espiritual que une a los fieles en la Tierra, las almas del Purgatorio y los santos del Cielo. Con todo, hallar consuelo u ofrecerlo después de una muerte supone un reto:

Rece. Rece para que las almas de los difuntos encuentren su lugar en el Cielo. Podría pedir en su parroquia que su oración se incluya en las intenciones de la misa. Inclúyalos en sus oraciones diarias para mantener

vivas sus intenciones.

Hágase presente. Vaya al velatorio o al funeral. Estas costumbres nos permiten honrar y rezar por el difunto y muestran compasión por los vivos.

Ofrezca apoyo material. Lleve a la familia un plato cocinado. Los encargos de misas, cartas y llamadas telefónicas también pueden ofrecer consuelo.

Contribuya. Piense en donar tiempo o dinero a organizaciones en su localidad que ofrezcan cuidados de hospicio, los cuales proporcionan gracia y dignidad a los moribundos.



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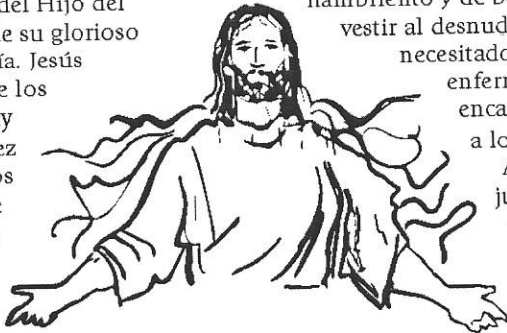
#### Mateo 25:31-46, Mostrar misericordia al más pequeño

En este pasaje evangélico, Jesús describe la llegada del Hijo del Hombre, es decir, de su glorioso regreso el último día. Jesús aparecerá al final de los tiempos como el rey de naciones y el juez de la historia. Todos los vivientes, desde el primero hasta el último, desde el mayor al menor, se presentarán ante Cristo. Todos nosotros seremos juzgados por cómo amamos, especialmente por cómo tratamos a los "más pequeños" que sufren entre nosotros.

Este criterio específico de juicio es la base de las Obras Corporales de

Misericordia, que son dar de comer al hambriento y de beber al sediento, vestir al desnudo y dar posada al necesitado, socorrer a los enfermos y los encarcelados y enterrar a los muertos. Al final seremos juzgados por nuestra reacción ante el sufrimiento de los demás. ¿Reaccionamos como los

"benditos" con compasión y misericordia o, como los otros, miramos para otro lado y no hicimos nada? El objetivo es ver a Cristo en los demás y atender en consecuencia a sus necesidades.



### Fiestas y celebraciones

1 de noviembre – Día de Todos los Santos (día de precepto). En la Iglesia primitiva, existía un enorme deseo de celebrar a cada uno de los mártires. Como había más mártires que días en el año, el papa Gregorio IV designó el 1 de noviembre como Día de Todos los Santos. Celebren a los santos yendo a misa.

10 de noviembre – San León Magno, papa (461). Nativo de Roma, san León fue elegido papa cuando estaba de misiones en Galia. Como papa defendió la fe de la herejía y fomentó

la unidad eclesiástica.

18 de noviembre – Santa Rosa Filipina Duchesne (1852). Nacida en Grenoble, Francia, ingresó en la Sociedad del Sagrado Corazón y fue como misionera a Estados Unidos. Fundó la primera escuela gratuita para niñas al oeste del río Mississippi y la primera escuela católica para nativos americanos.

26 de noviembre – Solemnidad de Cristo Rey. Dios prometió a su pueblo un rey que triunfaría sobre sus enemigos. Jesús es nuestro rey. Nos sometemos a su majestad por el bautismo y la confirmación.



### P & R ¿Cómo decide la Iglesia quién es un santo?

Hay muchas personas en el cielo que son santas pero cuyos nombres quizá no conozcamos nunca. Son santos sin canonizar. La canonización es el proceso formal por el que la Iglesia identifica y determina que alguien es santo. En su forma más simple, el procedimiento oficial de la Iglesia enumera tres pasos para reconocer a un santo.



En primer lugar, el obispo de la diócesis donde murió la persona inicia una investigación en profundidad. Los resultados se comunican a la Congregación para las Causas de los Santos. Si la Congregación lo aprueba, el prefecto presenta la causa al papa. Con el visto bueno del papa, el solicitante pasa a ser "venerable" y se le considera "Siervo de Dios".

A continuación puede producirse la "beatificación" tras más investigación y si se demuestra un milagro atribuido a la intercesión del Siervo de Dios después de su muerte. La persona puede ser llamada "Beata".

Finalmente, para la canonización se puede requerir investigación adicional y que se demuestre un segundo milagro atribuido al candidato después de su beatificación. Tras la canonización, el "Beato" pasa a ser llamado "Santo".

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**Sunday, Nov 05, 2023**

### **Vocation 101**

It's National Vocation Awareness Week! What's your parish or Catholic organization doing to promote the call to ordained and religious life in your community? Consider the threefold tasks of "prayer, invitation, and education": to *pray* for vocations, *invite* likely candidates to consider them, and *educate* others about the joy of service to Christ and his church. Also check out the website of the National Religious Vocation Conference. They offer Conversation Cards to keep handy: business-style cards that say "You would make a great priest/ sister/ brother/ nun" on the front. The back reads: "Imagine the possibilities."

#### **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12 (151). *"With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well."*

**Monday, Nov 06, 2023**

### **All paths designed to lead to holiness**

Some people hear their call early in life, and it's loud and clear. Others grapple longer and harder with figuring out their vocation. Regardless of where you fall on that spectrum of discernment, and no matter what state of life God intends for you, keep in mind during this National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 5-11) that we are all called in essence to the same thing. Let the words of Carmelite nun Saint Thérèse of Lisieux to her friend upon her marriage reassure you: "The road we are following is different, however, the goal is the same purpose: to become holy in the way God has traced out for us."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14 (485). *"You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

**Tuesday, Nov 07, 2023**

### **Honor wise council**

On this day in 680, the Third Council of Constantinople convened. Ecumenical councils summon a representative constituency of church leadership to settle important questions and fine-tune church teaching. Earliest councils, beginning in 325, solidified basics of Christian faith, often tackling heresies about the true nature of Jesus Christ. Later councils wrestled with institutional growing pains. Let us be grateful that our ancestors cared about the deposit of faith enough to gather and debate at length in order to hand down to future generations such as ours the best the tradition has to offer.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24 (486). *"We, though many, are one Body in Christ and individually parts of one another."*

**Wednesday, Nov 08, 2023**

### **Act decisively for justice**

Today, we remember our forebear Joseph Rummel, the longtime archbishop of New Orleans during the era of Jim Crow segregation in the Deep South. As head of the diocese with one of the largest black populations in the nation, Rummel set out to desegregate local Catholic parishes and schools, including the archdiocesan seminary, beginning in 1948. After a letter from local segregationist Catholics to the pope was rebuffed by the holy father, Rummel declared all parochial schools desegregated in 1962. Famously, he later excommunicated several vocal holdouts

who protested his move. Where is such decisive action against racism among bishops today? We are all responsible for opposing injustice. How will you act for the common good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 (487). *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."*

**Thursday, Nov 09, 2023**

### **Let the good times roll**

Catholics have lots of words with their own twists, and one of them is "feast." While we don't all sit down to a giant meal for every "feast," in some corner of the world, Catholics may well be doing just that. In church language, "feast" means something special is celebrated on a particular day. Feasts range from the death days of saints, to events in Jesus' life, to the foundation of a church with a special history (such as today's feast of the Lateran Basilica). Many feasts have special followings in particular cultures. Let feast days remind you that sometimes devotion also calls for a good party!

#### **FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). *"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me."*

**Friday, Nov 10, 2023**

### **You are simply divine**

Known for his accessible preaching style, Pope Leo I helped his fifth-century flock and Christians down through the ages understand more fully the true nature of Christ and his saving gifts. By becoming human, explains Leo, "Jesus assumed the form of a servant without the stain of sin—enhancing what was human, not detracting from what was divine." As children of the light, we share in God's own nature. Therefore, our heads and hearts should reflect this holy inheritance. Or put simply by Leo: "Christian, remember your dignity."

#### **MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). *"I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."*

**Saturday, Nov 11, 2023**

### **A veteran worthy of his day**

Because Saint Martin of Tours (c. 320-397) was the son of a Roman army officer, he was required by law to serve in the Roman military. Two years after his conversion to Christianity he announced, "I am the soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight." He was arrested and charged with cowardice. So he volunteered to go into battle unarmed. Before he could make good on his offer, he was discharged from the military. This Veterans Day, we can remember those, like Saint Martin and Venerable Emil Kapaun, Army chaplain, who, for the sake of Christ, go into battle armed only with the love of Christ.

#### **MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP**

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490). *"No servant can serve two masters."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>SATURDAY NOV. 4</u> <u>1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY</u> St. Mary's 7:00am Confessions 7:30am Rosary St. Mary's 8:00am Mass 8:30am Rosary Meditation (15 min) CDA Memorial Service St. Mary's Confessions 3:15-4:15pm St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM Set your clocks back one hour Annual Diocesan Appeal	<u>SUNDAY NOV. 5</u> <u>31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u> St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 am St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM Both Masses will be live-streamed Annual Diocesan Appeal Please send in commitment card K of C Memorial Service after 10:30am Mass @ Berend Family Center RCIA/OCIA after Mass in Convent Transitus Memorial Service 6pm	<u>MON NOV. 6</u> NO SCHOOL St. Mary's Mass 8:00AM	<u>TUE NOV. 7</u> Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM <u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u>	<u>WED NOV. 8</u> CCD K-5 7:25am CCD 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 5:30pm St. Mary's Confessions 6pm Adoration 6:00pm Benediction 6:45pm Mass 7:00pm. K of C #1824 meeting after Mass	<u>THURS NOV. 9</u> CCD K-5 7:25am NO MASS St. Boniface Rosary 6:00 PM St. Boniface Altar Society meeting after Rosary Catholic Charities meeting	<u>FRI NOV. 10</u> Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm
<u>SATURDAY NOV. 11</u> St. Mary's 8:00am Mass Baptism 11:00am St. Mary's Confessions 3:15-4:15pm St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM Annual Diocesan Appeal Please send in commitment card	<u>SUNDAY NOV. 12</u> <u>32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u> St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 am St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM RCIA/OCIA after Mass in Convent ACTS" Core meeting 2-4pm in Convent St. Mary's Mass 5pm followed by meal & hour movie 2nd Sunday Youth Group after Mass Scotland Sr. Citizens 12 noon	<u>MON NOV. 13</u> CCD K-5 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 8:00AM St. Boniface Fatima Prayer Hour 10am VFW/VFW Aux. 6pm Berend Hall	<u>TUE NOV. 14</u> Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM <u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u>	<u>WED NOV. 15</u> CCD K-5 7:25am CCD 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 5:30pm St. Mary's Confessions 6pm Adoration 6:00pm Benediction 6:45pm Mass 7:00pm CDA #296 meeting after Mass.	<u>THURS NOV. 16</u> CCD K-5 7:25am St. Boniface Mass 6:00 PM	<u>FRI NOV. 17</u> Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm
<u>SATURDAY NOV. 18</u> St. Mary's 8:00am Mass St. Mary's Confessions 3:15-4:15pm St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development Annual Diocesan Appeal Please send in commitment card	<u>SUNDAY NOV. 19</u> <u>33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u> St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 am St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM Both Masses will be live-streamed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development Please send in commitment card RCIA/OCIA after Mass in Convent St. Frances De Sales 2 to 4 pm Baptismal Prep class 6pm in Convent	<u>MON NOV. 20</u> NO SCHOOL St. Mary's Mass 8:00AM BULLETIN NOTICES DUE BY 12 NOON	<u>TUE NOV. 21</u> Women's Bible Study 6am NO SCHOOL Sr. Citizens 1 PM <u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u>	<u>WED NOV. 22</u> NO SCHOOL BULLETIN PRINTED St. Mary's Novena 6:00pm NO MASS	<u>THURS NOV. 23</u> <u>THANKSGIVING</u> NO SCHOOL <u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u> St. Mary's Mass 8:00AM Food & Monetary Collection for the Poor Blessing of Bread & Wine	<u>FRI NOV. 24</u> Men's Bible Study 6am NO SCHOOL <u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u> Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm
<u>SATURDAY NOV. 25</u> St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM Annual Diocesan Appeal Please send in commitment card	<u>SUNDAY NOV. 26</u> <u>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</u> St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 am St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM Both Masses will be live-streamed Annual Diocesan Appeal Please send in commitment card RCIA/OCIA after Mass in Convent	<u>MON NOV. 27</u> CCD K-5 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 6:00PM 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree K of C meeting after Mass	<u>TUES NOV. 28</u> Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM <u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u>	<u>WED NOV. 29</u> CCD K-5 7:25am CCD 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 5:30pm St. Mary's Confessions 6pm Adoration 6:00pm Benediction 6:45pm Mass 7:00pm	<u>THURS NOV. 30</u> CCD K-5 7:25am St. Boniface Confessions 5:30pm St. Boniface Mass 6:00 PM	<u>FRI DEC. 1 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY</u> Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm