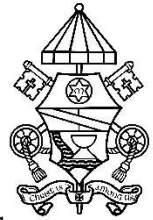


# The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption

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November 5, 2003  
*Thirty-First Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat	5:30 PM - Leo & Lena Henke
Sun	8:00 AM - Terry Arnold
	10:00 AM - People of the Parish
	12:00 PM - Dec'd Members of K of C, Council #478
Mon	7:45 AM - Kimberly Barrett
	12:05 PM - Larry Steinel
Tue	7:45 AM - Ellen Heiss
	12:05 PM - Lee Bryant
Wed	7:45 AM - Robert & Jean Potter
	12:05 PM - Charles & Marie Rose
Thu	7:45 AM - Regina Weinheimer
	12:05 PM - Ralph E. Stollar
Fri	7:45 AM - Tim Strahler, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
	12:05 PM - Francis Huck
Sat	9:00 AM - Liv/dec'd of the Leo & Lucy Huck Family
	5:30 PM - Liv/dec'd of the James & Frances Mike Family
Sun	8:00 AM - Liv/dec'd of the Roger Bradley Family
	10:00 AM - Memorial Mass – Ancient Order of Hibernians
	12:00 PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY MASSES** - Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

**CONFESSIONS** - Saturday 3:30-5:00 PM (or anytime by appointment)

**BAPTISMS** - Contact Parish Office

**WEDDINGS** - Contact Parish Office *six months* in advance

Rector - Rev. Msgr. John Michael Campbell ([fatherjmike@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjmike@gmail.com))

Parochial Vicar - Rev. Edward Maxfield Jr. ([emaxfield@diosteub.org](mailto:emaxfield@diosteub.org))

Permanent Deacon - Rev. Mr. Lee Weisend

Music Director - Mr. John Ontko (740) 350-4224 ([ontkotb@suddenlink.net](mailto:ontkotb@suddenlink.net))

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K of C Grand Knight - Rusty Nesmith (304) 488-1167

Parish Council President - Luke Strahler (614) 309-8876

CWC President - Jenn Tinkler

Hibernians - Mr. William Rathbone (740) 374-5492

Prayer Line - & Eucharistic Adoration, Mrs. Shelly Medley (740) 525-6360

Health Ministry - Mrs. Janet Jaeger (740) 374-6768

Daily Bread Kitchen - Mrs. Carol Henshaw (740) 885-1181

St. Vincent De Paul - Help Line (740) 376-1334

Welcoming Committee - Jim Naylor (740) 350-5510

Divine Mercy Gift Shop - Barb Ritchie (740) 538-4733

***You have but one Father in heaven and one master,  
the Christ.***

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Charlotte Stout, daughter of Darren and Sarah Tokodi Stout.

## CCD INFORMATION:

There are no CCD Classes this Sunday. Instead, students will meet from 6:30 – 7:30 PM on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> for a presentation by Father Mike regarding the religious artifacts on display in the social hall. Parents are encouraged to attend. Classes will be held next Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

## CHRISTMAS BOX OF JOY:

It is time to return all of your filled boxes of joy so we can do final packing this week. Please return them to the bins at the Basilica entrances. If you have not had a chance to shop, we can still do it for you. There are a few empty boxes at the entrances that need to be filled. Please call 740-350-0019 with any questions.

**VISITORS WELCOME!** We welcome any visitors who are joining us for Mass this weekend. We hope your stay in Marietta is enjoyable. Any new parishioners at the Basilica are asked to please register with the parish office.

**PARISH OFFICES** are open from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Mondays and from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Tuesday through Friday, with a lunch break from Noon until 1:00 PM each day.

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TODAY	-	Donuts and coffee after the 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses. See announcement.
MON	6:15 PM	- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions. See announcement.
	7:00 PM	- RCIA in the Basilica Social Hall.
	7:00 PM	- St. Vincent dePaul Society Meeting in the Conference Room.
TUE	9:30 AM	- Daily Bread Kitchen Committee Meeting in the Basilica Social Hall.
WED	8:15 AM	- 7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
	6:30 PM	- CCD Classes at the Basilica. See announcement.
THU	8:30 AM	- Cleaning the Basilic. See announcement.
FRI	8:15 AM	- 7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.

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#### **The Lord Will Never Be Outdone In Generosity!**

Total collection last weekend: \$ 10,716.00

Amount needed each weekend for  
the Basilica budget: \$ 14,225.00

***God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!***

### SECOND COLLECTION

The first weekend of each month there is a second collection for the upkeep of our Basilica. This collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend.

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### ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available at the Basilica. For more information, please visit this website:

<http://www.stmarysmarietta.org> and go to the left side of the web page. Click on the GIVE ONLINE button to see more information or to sign up.

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### BASILICA FOUNDATION

A fund has been established by the Marietta Community Foundation for the maintenance and repairs of our Basilica. This fund is separate from the monthly maintenance collection. Our goal is to have One Million Dollars in the fund before using it.

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### DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

Each month since January 2023, The Daily Bread Kitchen has provided 300 meals weekly to those in need in our community. Expenses have been commensurate with increased numbers and rising costs of food and supplies. Once again, we ask for your prayers and support. Please place your donation in an envelope marked “DBK” and put it in the collection basket. Thank you and God bless you.

### SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

**Holiday Pie Sale:** We are partnering with St. Mary alumnus, Jim Goeller and Hucks Farm Market for a Thanksgiving Pie Sale. A variety of pies are for sale for \$15, and with each sale, our school will benefit.

**DEADLINE to Pre-Order Desserts is Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Payment is due at the time of order. We accept cash or checks.** Please make all checks out to Huck’s Farm Market.

Questions can be directed to Teresa Tokodi Domic at [teresatokodi@gmail.com](mailto:teresatokodi@gmail.com).

The Holiday cash raffle will be drawn following the Veterans Day Assembly on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are still available by calling the school office for the chance to win \$100 - \$1,000, just in time for the holidays! Tickets are \$25.00.

St. Mary Catholic School will be hosting a Veterans Day Rosary Assembly in the new gym on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. We invite Veterans and family members to join us in this special honor to our Veterans.

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### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin announcements must be in by Noon Wednesday in order to be included in the following weekend’s bulletin. Announcements must be in writing. We can’t accept announcements by phone.

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### DONUT SUNDAY

The first Sunday of every month is Donut Sunday in our parish. Please join us in the Basilica Social Hall after the 8:00 AM or 10:00 AM Mass this Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> to enjoy fellowship and donuts & coffee. These Sundays are great opportunities to spend time with fellow parishioners. Hope to see you there.

### **K of C MASS, NOVEMBER 5**

The Noon Mass this Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> will be offered for those members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 478, that passed away within the last year (Pat Amrine and George Oberle).

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### **2023 BASILICA ORNAMENTS**

This year's beautiful, quality crafted ornament is in velvet red, and features the Nativity scene commemorating the Birth of Jesus. The photo is from our Basilica Nativity display. The flat disc measures 3 inches in diameter with a prayer in gold lettering on the reverse side. It's presented in a display box, making it ready for gift giving for your loved one.

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### **PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE SERVICE**

We pray for those serving in the military. We especially remember those from our own parish and friends and relatives of parishioners. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

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### **CEMETERY COLLECTION**

Each year, during the months of May and November, we have a collection for the care and upkeep of our two parish cemeteries. Envelopes were provided with your packet and may be put in the collection or mailed to the parish office.

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### **CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS BOOKS**

Thanks to a generous donation, the Basilica library now has books available for the Christman season. The children's shelves are to the bottom right when you enter the library. We now have various bundles of children's books that can be purchased for our library. If you are interested in making a donation or purchasing books, contact Debbie Lazorik at 740-434-3769 or [lazorikd@marietta.edu](mailto:lazorikd@marietta.edu) or Leanne Cooper at 740-774-0342.

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### **SAUERKRAUT DINNER**

St. Mary's Fulda is having a "Carry Out" Sauerkraut Dinner today, November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 AM until 1:00 PM. The menu will include Pork, Bohnen Brie, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Noodles Applesauce and Dessert.

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### **CLEANING THE BASILICA**

Volunteers will be cleaning the Basilica this coming Thursday morning at 8:30 AM. If you can help, please join us.

### **PARISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS**

In the pews this weekend there are ballots to nominate a parishioner to serve on the Parish Advisory Committee. Three persons will be elected for a 4-year term. The committee meets about 6 times a year and meeting times are typically ½ hour long. Other opportunities are available to serve on a select committee. This is a great way to serve your parish and community. If you miss the ballots, please forward any nominee to Vince Stollar at [vstollar@suddenlink.net](mailto:vstollar@suddenlink.net) or 740-896-2164.

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### **ST. JOHN SCHOOL GALA**

St. John Central School Gala Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Churchtown K of C Hall. This year's theme is "Casino Night". Tickets are \$100 each (admit 2 people), and include entry in the drawing (over \$3,500 in prizes). The Gala will Start with Cocktail Hour, Casino Games, and a Country Store. There will be heavy hors 'd oeuvres by Big Food Little Kitchen and our exciting Live Auction! No better way to end the night than with The Hopewell as evening entertainment! Please contact Kristin at (304) 989-0729 or Brandy Pottmeyer at (304)533-4803 for tickets.

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### **K OF C ESSAY CONTEST**

Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an essay contest. In 500-750 words, the student will write on the subject: How can the Church evangelize in the digital age? Participants must be in 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade. The submission deadline is 11/15/23. The winner will receive a \$100.00 check from the K of C with a chance for district and state recognition awards. For an entry form and information, contact Vince Stollar, Community Director, [vstollar@suddenlink.net](mailto:vstollar@suddenlink.net).

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### **BAG AND BASKET BINGO**

Mary's House is having a Bag & Basket Bingo this Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM at St. Bernard's Hall , Beverly, Ohio. There are 20 games for \$20. Tickets will be sold at the door. There will be a 50/50 drawing, concession stand and a raffle.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

### Lectors

### Altar Servers

**Sat:  
5:30**

Evelyn Potter (CAPT)  
Amy Brockett (HOST)  
Sandy George (HOST) (swap req.)  
Debbie Lazorik (CHALICE)  
Missy Deskins (CHALICE)

Don Murray

Drew Heiss  
Gavin Kunz  
Liam Long

**Sun:  
8:00**

Patti Finkel (CAPT)  
Suzanne Baker (HOST)  
Sharon Loken (HOST)  
Theresa Huck (CHALICE)  
Jean Tornes (CHALICE)

Carol Wharff

Dave Baker  
Jerry Huck  
Greg Dickson  
Charles Kremer

**10:00**

Ken Schilling (CAPT)  
Pat Dickinson (HOST)  
Sherry Payne (HOST)  
Jennifer Schenkel (CHALICE)  
Cheyenne Greenwood (CHALICE)

Nancy Funk

Henry Corcoran  
Jonah Corcoran  
Nico Marasco  
Grant Palmer

**12:00**

Joe Schmidt (CAPT) (swap req.)  
Elizabeth Tokodi (HOST)  
Karen Schramm (HOST)  
Jeanette Flowers (CHALICE)  
Stan Vanlandingham (CHALICE) (swap req.)

Lisa Taylor

Kingston McMahan  
Jonathan Schmidt (swap req.)  
Annie Tokodi Ruth

## BASILICA BOOK CLUB NEWS

The November Book is **Gold In These Hills** by Joanne Bischof.

Due to Thanksgiving our next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall.** Snacks and drinks will be provided. All are welcome! You do not have to have read the book to join in ....books are available to check out in the library. For more information: Debbie Lazorik, 740-434-3769 or [lazorikd@marietta.edu](mailto:lazorikd@marietta.edu).

### Early Voting – Misleading Facts About Issue 1

The Catholic Church supports and defends women, children, and vulnerable Ohioans through accompaniment, social services, and material assistance. A misleading amendment on the ballot this November suggests that a “right to an abortion” is needed to protect women and children, while the amendment would actually put women at risk and endanger preborn children.

Catholics must Vote NO on issue 1 to reject this misleading amendment because...

**Miscarriage care and ectopic pregnancy treatments** are already protected by state law; generations of women’s healthcare in Catholic hospitals prove that our society can protect women without enshrining a “right to abortion” in our constitution.

As Catholics, we follow a Savior who is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” Catholics, therefore, must reject Issue 1 because it is NOT the way to protect women and children, it does NOT represent the truth about miscarriage care and ectopic pregnancy treatment, and it does NOT respect the dignity of human life.

**Your vote is needed to save Ohio from this extreme amendment.**



## THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Jesus told his followers and the crowds, saying, "The Pharisees and experts in the Jewish Law are God's leaders. So, do everything they tell you. But, don't follow their example because they say one thing and do another. The leaders make all their rules more serious than they have to be. And they don't help people to keep the rules.

The leaders just want to show off to others. They wear fancy clothes to show how religious they are. They love to sit at the most important places when they go to dinner or when they worship God. They love for people to greet them in public and call them 'Rabbi.' The most important person among you will be your servant, and however humbles himself will be given an important position.

When Matthew wrote his gospel, the Jews led by the Pharisees and the Christians lived in separate communities. There were different styles of leadership in each. The Pharisees, on the one hand, wanted to be easily seen. Let us not forget that people wear clothes and act not only for effect but for function. The Pharisees clothed themselves and acted in a way to be the focal point for the community, especially in a foreign land. Pharisees were visible for the faithful and the Roman rulers who needed a contact with their subjects. Christian leaders, on the other hand, had a low profile.

Jesus honored the authority of the rabbi and the tradition behind it. He urged His followers (in Matthew's Jewish Christian community) to follow their rules and keep the tradition. Most likely, Jewish Christians who kept the Law as well as the Pharisees could more easily evangelize their fellow countrymen.

While Jesus honored the authority and place of the Pharisees, He objected to a style of leadership some Pharisees pursued. Many religious leaders set themselves above the good of their communities. These leaders sought power for its own sake, desire the approval of an audience, and promoted their own "cult of personality." They acted and dressed for effect. Religious practice was only a means to their own ends.

To make His point, Jesus painted a caricature of the Pharisees. They exaggerated their religious clothing. They sought the most prominent seats at social events and Sabbath worship. They loved public recognition and titles of honor. For them, religious leadership became nothing more than show. Jesus accused the Pharisees of oppressing the faithful because their focus was self-centered. [23:3b-4]

Not only did Jesus object to this style of leadership, He warned His followers to avoid any trappings of self-promotion in the community. In the time of Jesus, the titles 'rabbi,' 'father,' and 'head teacher' or 'leader' were titles in the Jewish community. If you claim any of these titles, Jesus seemed to say, you promote yourself over the needs of others. Jesus did not reject leadership within the community. He acknowledged the leadership of the Pharisees as legitimate. And, He appointed apostles as leaders within the early Christian community. Leadership is a gift, not a right. When leaders exercise their office as a gift, however, they see others through the eyes of he who gave the gift (God) and "serve."

## Catechism Themes: The Authorities in Civil Society (CCC 2234-2243)

Because Jesus criticized leadership style, not structure, his words can be applied to the political arena. Under the fourth commandment ("Honor your father and mother"), God calls all people to obey and honor legitimate authority.

However, legitimate authority is obliged to respect the dignity of the human person. Authority is bound to insure "...the exercise of freedom and responsibility by all." In no way should its laws or rulings be a "...source of temptation by setting personal interest against that of the community." (CCC 2236) They should rule with an eye toward direct involvement by the populace, help fulfill the needs of everyone (especially the families, the disadvantaged, and the alien), and contribute to the common good. Ultimately, civil authority should act as God's representatives, not their own.

When it rules in this manner, citizens are bound to cooperate with and through authority for everyone's benefit. Under these circumstances, the populace are obliged "...to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one's country." (CCC 2240) Individuals who exercise their rights, responsibility and serve the community at large perform acts of charity.

However, when authority acts "...contrary to the demands of the moral order, the fundamental rights of persons, or the teaching of the Gospel..." citizens have a right to defend their rights and the rights of others. But armed resistance is not morally justified, except under the most demanding of conditions (see CCC 2243 for details).

As Jesus stated in the gospel, neither leaders or the faithful should seek self-promotion. The same can be said of civil authorities and the populace. When both cooperate for the common good, the nation they serve will live in peace and harmony.

Someone once said, "The character of the community depends upon the quality of its leadership." Some leaders seek their own good over others. Their rhetoric and example scandalize and causes separation. Those who open their hearts to God and others unite by word and deed. Consider Caiaphas against Jesus. Who do we follow? Whose leadership do we emulate? Remember, it's a matter of style that can wound or heal.

Controversy always raises its ugly head when people separate themselves from others. While separation might be for the best of intentions, the distance that results causes a change in view point. This change can cause misunderstanding, ill feelings, and incitement to violence. When one human being turns his or her back on another, the seeds of evil are sown.

During the life of Jesus, the Pharisees were experts in the Jewish Law and they enjoyed that status. When Jesus painted a caricature of His opponents, he did not object to that status, but to the abuse of that position. God calls the Christian, Jesus insisted, to a higher level.

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## SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to all those who were involved in the numerous receptions, dinners, meetings, and preparations last weekend. Bishop Bradley was very impressed with our work.



## Catechism Theme: The Ten Commandments

The Great Commandment summarizes the Ten Commandments. Love of God means putting him first, respecting His name, and keeping his day. Love of neighbor means respect for others, their relationships, their reputations, and their property.

To love God means a dedication of the entire person to his will. Placing Him first in the mind and the heart. Speaking respectfully about Him. And keeping his day as one of prayer and true recreation, a day to keep his Law. To love neighbors as ourselves means looking at and treating others with the respect God gave them. This love begins at home with one's family. It then extends to others.

We must always remember that the spirit of the Law demands far more than what is written. Love of God lives every waking moment of the day. Love of neighbor extends beyond our family and friends to strangers, especially to the poor, the sick, and the sinner. Love of neighbor knows no national borders or class distinctions or barriers of any kind, because God knows no such impediments.



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### Deceased Priests of our Diocese

On Monday, we remember the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr. William Folsom, and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr. Anthony Pandolfo. May these two priests rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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### LITURGICAL FEASTS THIS WEEK

Thursday, November 9, The dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Today we celebrate the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome on land owned by the Lateran family by Pope St. Sylvester I, on Dec. 9, 324. It is the episcopal seat of the pope as bishop of Rome. The inscription on the façade reads “mother and head of all churches of Rome and of the world”. It was the residence of popes from the fourth century until 1309. Beneath the high altar rests the remains of a small wooden table on which St. Peter celebrated Mass.

Friday, November 10, Saint Leo the Great (Pope & Doctor of the Church)

Leo was a defender of Roman Primacy. He fought the heresy of Pelagianism and Manichaeism. Many of his prayers are found in the *Roman Missal*. He saved Rome from the Huns & Vandals. He died in 461.

Saturday, November 11, Saint Martin of Tours (Bishop)

Martin was a Hungarian soldier who turned Christian at the age of 18. He founded the first monastery in the West. He became the bishop of tours, and was the first non-martyr with an annual feast in the Western Church.

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PRAY FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL, GAZA, AND THE ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST



## Perpetual Help Devotions

Perpetual Help devotions will be celebrated this Monday evening at 6:15 pm. Basilicas have particular devotions – ours is obviously Perpetual Help devotions. Since our basilica is dedicated to Mary, it is obvious that we offer devotions related to her.

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### SPECIAL EVENTS AND PILGRIMAGES TO THE BASILICA

Nov. - 19, - 12:00 pm. Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass  
Nov. - 30, - 7:00 pm. First Confessio  
Dec. - 2, - 1:00 pm. St. Henry CWC Christmas dinner (Da Vinci's)  
Dec. - 3, - 7:00 pm. Handel's Messiah  
Dec. - 12, - 11:00 am. Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration  
Dec. - 13, - 7:00 pm. Advent Penence Service  
Dec. - 17, - 6:00 pm. Basilica & St. Henry Christmas Appreciatin Dinner & Tree lighting Vespers  
Apr. - 28, - 2:00 pm. Confirmation with Bishop Bradley

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### MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

#### Monday, November 6,

7:45 am. - Mass

12:05 pm. - Mass

6:15 pm. - Perpetual Help Devotions

7:00 pm. - RCIA

12:05 pm. - Mass

#### Friday, November 10,

7:45 am. - Mass

8:25 am. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12 :05 pm. - Mass

4:00 pm. - Wedding

5:30 pm. - Wedding Rehearsal for Saturday

6:45 pm. - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Tuesday, November 7,

7:45 am. - Mass

12:05 pm. - Mass

6:30 pm. - Grief Support Meeting

#### Saturday, November 11,

9:00 am. - Mass

3:30 pm. - Confessions

5:30 pm. - Mass

#### Wednesday, November 8,

7:45 am. - Mass

9:15 am. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:05 pm. - Mass

6:00 pm. - School Board Mtg.

6:45 pm. - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Sunday, November 12,

8:00 am. - Mass

9:30 am. - Mass (St. Henry)

10:00 am. - Mass

12:00 pm. - Mass

#### Thursday, November 9,

7:45 am. - Mass

9:15 am. - School adoration

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NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE POOR SOULS. LET US REMEMBER THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH, AND ALL OF OUR RELATIVES WHO HAVE DIED. THAT THEY ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN LORD.



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



On Wednesday and Friday, Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at the Basilica, in the Chapel of the English Martyrs from 8:15 am. until 7:00 pm. Jesus is waiting for us! Some quotes from recent Popes:

John Paul II)

1.) “Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is also an important daily practice and has become an inexhaustible source of holiness.” (Pope

2.) “I heartily recommend to the Church’s pastors and to the people of God, the practice of Eucharistic adoration, both individually and in community.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

3.) “Curiously, the prayer of adoration – we have lost it. We have lost it, and everyone – priests, bishops, consecrated men and women, lay people – have to recover it. It’s to be in silence, before the Lord.” (Pope Francis)

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## OUR GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Our Grief support group meets on Tuesday evenings at the rectory. The purpose of the group is to reach out with love and spiritual support to those who are grieving the death of a loved one. The feelings of grief are a complicated emotion that does not fit with any timetable. Friends and family can provide emotional support for a short time, they sometimes hit their limit when your grief extends for more time that they are able to give. Feelings of loss can extend for a lifetime. Adjusting to the loss of a loved one requires adjusting to an entire new way of life without the one you love. Our support group consists of prayer, fellowship, and sharing experiences. Anyone interested in the group, can contact the rectory.

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## Vatican seeks mediation, release of hostages in Gaza

Cardinal Pietro Parolin explained the Vatican’s diplomatic priorities of the Holy See regarding the war in the Holy Land, in a meeting with reporters on October 27. The Secretary of State said that the Vatican is working to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid and the release of hostages, especially child hostages. In the longer term, the cardinal said, the Vatican continues to support a two-state solution as “the only viable solution that could ensure a future of peace.”

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## BISHOP MONFORTON

At the present time, Bishop Monforton will reside at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. His address is as follows.

Most Rev. Jeffrey Monforton, DD.  
Sacred Heart Seminary  
2701 Chicago Blvd.  
Detroit, Michigan  
48206.



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

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November 6, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

November is here, and our thoughts go to the holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. But November is more than that – it is the month of the “Poor Souls.” We begin each November with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, and the entire month is dedicated to remembering (and praying for!) the dead.

Unfortunately, we live in a very confused culture today. On the one hand, we glorify death and violence (in books, movies, music, video games, etc.). But, on the other hand, we ignore the reality of death, particularly the fact that I will one day be dead.

Autumn is a great time of year for death. The leaves are falling, the plants are dying, the days grow shorter. Halloween was traditionally a great reminder of death. Unfortunately, it’s been hijacked by witches and commercialized by big businesses. The saints have often reminded us that “Memento mori” is a good thing. It is good to remember one’s death. Ideally, remembering the fact that we will die would help us to live a good life.

Forgetting the inevitability of death is not good for us. Nor is it good for those who have already died. If we do not remember death, then we won’t remember to pray for the dead. And the dead need our prayers. That is why we often refer to the dead in Purgatory as the Poor Souls.

The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfect, are purified and assured of their eternal salvation. After death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1030).

This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: ‘Therefore (Judas Maccabeus) made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.’ From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.

When we pray for the dead, we assist them on their final journey to the House of their father.

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. John M. Campbell  
(Rector)

## Pope Francis at Synod closing Mass: - To reform the Church, adore God and love others



Bishops process into St. Peter's Basilica for the closing Mass of the first assembly of the Synod on Synodality on Oct. 29, 2023. At the closing Mass, Pope Francis said that God's love cannot be confined "to our own agenda" and that those who truly want to reform the Catholic Church should follow Jesus' greatest commandment: to adore God and love others with his love.

"We may have plenty of good ideas on how to reform the Church, but let us remember: to adore God and to love our brothers and sisters with his love, that is the great and perennial reform," Pope Francis said. "We are always at risk of thinking that we can 'control God,' that we can confine his love to our own agenda. Instead, the way he acts is always unpredictable, it goes beyond, and consequently, this action of God demands amazement and adoration," he added. The pope underlined that worship of Jesus in the tabernacle "in every diocese, in every parish, in every community" is necessary in the "struggle against all types of idolatry" in today's world.

"Let us be vigilant, lest we find that we are putting ourselves at the center rather than him. And let us return to worship. May worship be central for those of us who are pastors: Let us devote time every day to intimacy with Jesus the Good Shepherd in the tabernacle. Adoration," he said. "Only in this way will we turn to Jesus and not to ourselves. For only through silent adoration will the word of God live in our words; only in his presence will we be purified, transformed, and renewed by the fire of his Spirit. Brothers and sisters, let us adore the Lord Jesus!"

"Brothers and sisters, the general assembly of the synod has now concluded," he said. "In this 'conversation of the Spirit,' we have experienced the loving presence of the Lord and discovered the beauty of fraternity. Today we do not see the full fruit of this process, but with farsightedness, we look to the horizon opening up before us. The Lord will guide us and help us to be a more synodal and more missionary Church, a Church that adores God and serves the women and men of our time, going forth to bring to everyone the consoling joy of the Gospel," Francis added.



Pope Francis emphasized that adoration and worship are "essential in the life of the Church. To adore God means to acknowledge in faith that he alone is Lord and that our individual lives, the Church's pilgrim way, and the ultimate outcome of history all depend on the tenderness of his love. He gives meaning to our lives," he said.

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## Massachusetts man arrested in assault and vandalism incident at Boston cathedral



Boston police arrested a man Wednesday for allegedly assaulting a woman and defacing a crucifix outside the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston.

Michael Patzelt, a 37-year-old man from Attleboro, was charged with assault and malicious destruction of property. The Boston Police Department said: "Officers responded to a call for a "suspicious person" at the cathedral who allegedly

knocked the headwear off of a female victim.

Police said the suspect climbed up the crucifix and began to swing and hang from the corpus, damaging it. Both of the arms of Christ were broken before officers responded to the scene and arrested him. "We appreciate the swift action by the Boston Police Department in apprehending a suspect," Terry Donilon, a spokesman for the Boston Archdiocese, said. "Whatever motivated this person to damage the crucifix, we know it can be repaired and continue to be a source of prayer and hope for the faithful and all those who find comfort in the Lord," Donilon said. "We ask that people pray for the individual and for peace in his heart," he added.

The crucifix has since been repaired. Numerous acts of vandalism against Catholic churches have occurred around the U.S. in recent months.

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## Pope Francis on women deacons: 'Holy orders is reserved for men'



Pope Francis reaffirmed the impossibility of women becoming priests, or even modern Church deacons, in an interview for a book released Tuesday in Italy. The question of whether some women in the early Church were "deaconesses" or another kind of collaborator with the bishops is "not irrelevant, because holy orders is reserved for men," the pope said.

About the possibility of women deacons, Francis pointed out that the diaconate "is the first degree of holy orders in the Catholic Church, followed by the priesthood and finally the episcopate."

In response to a question about why he is "against female priesthood," Francis said, that it is "a theological problem. I think we would undermine the essence of the Church if we considered only the priestly ministry, that is, the ministerial way," he said, pointing out that women mirror Jesus' bride the Church. "The fact that the woman does not access ministerial life is not a deprivation, because her place is much more important," he said. "I think we err in our catechesis in explaining these things, and ultimately we fall back on an administrative criterion that does not work in the long run."

The problem is cultural. We should not be naive and think that programmatic changes will bring us the solution. Mere ecclesiastical reforms do not serve to solve underlying issues.