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Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – St Maurice 5PM Holy Hour – 6PM Mass

Wednesday – St John 7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass

Thursday – Millhousen 5PM Holy Hour – 6PM Mass

Friday – St John 7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass

Saturday – St John 7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass

Sunday Obligation

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday - 3:00 to 6:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturday – 4:45PM

Friday – 3-4PM

**"Welcome one another as Christ has
welcomed you for the
Glory of God"**

states St Paul Romans 15:7.

Our God is a welcoming God and His Son, Jesus, also welcomes everyone into His presence. As parishioners of St John the Baptist parish we too wish to display this same welcoming attitude. And so we say, "Welcome to each of you who visit our Church.

Welcome into our lives of faith, of family and of community.

May God Bless You with Peace and All Good Gifts!

November 5, 2023 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thanksgiving Masses – Wednesday, Nov 22, St Maurice 6:00PM
Thursday, Nov 23, St John 9:00 AM



November 5, 2023 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Priests should so love their people that they become one with them in their suffering, joys and victories..”

A Priest’s Lot

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Today’s readings are a stern call to conversion for priests who obviously have a special call to holiness. Like a parent cares for his or her children, a priest is entrusted with the spiritual children of God’s family. His example, his words, and his way of carrying out his service all have profound effects on the holiness of the Church.

The last book of the Old Testament, Malachi, condemns the priestly class of the Jewish people because they had turned away from God’s commands and led people astray with faulty instruction. This rule of thumb from the Old Testament is still valid today: so go the priests, so go the people!

Jesus himself had harsh words for priests and religious leaders as well. It is clear from the Gospel that one of the main reasons why Jesus was ill-received by so many of his contemporaries was because the priestly class opposed him. “He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him” (John 1:11).

Saint Paul gives us the example of what priests should be. They should so love their people that they become one with them in their suffering, joys, and victories. Rather than build up heavy burdens, they should make them lighter by lending a hand to lift them. They shouldn’t dilute the gospel and its demands but, with brotherly love, show the beauty of the gospel by the joy and charity with which they live. Like a good parent, they should be the first to wake up and the last to go to bed. Slow to judge, quick to forgive. †

Bring Home the Word –November 2023

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12:

Jesus criticized the scribes and pharisees. The teachings religious leaders give are correct, but their example is not. They do not practice what they preach. They place heavy demands on other people and do spiritual things to win honor and appear holier than they are. Christ’s disciples must be different. The greatest among them will be the servant. One who exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

A Word from Pope Francis

That expression—“We have always done it that way”—is poison for the life of the Church. Those who think this way, perhaps without even realizing it, make the mistake of not taking seriously the times in which we are living. The danger, in the end, is to apply old solutions to new problems.



**ADDRESS OPENING THE SYNOD,
ROME, OCTOBER 9, 2021**

PRAYER Holy God, give us the grace to hold ourselves to the same standards we hold others, and to forgive ourselves and others when we fail.
 We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

• The Redemptorists

Reflection Questions

- Are you ever tempted to reject the truth spoken by someone you don’t admire?
- Do you live up to every truth you speak?

Stewardship

“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.



St John’s Ladies Meeting
Tuesday, November 7
5:00 PM

All Ladies are Invited. This is an important meeting to discuss our Christmas Party and Nomination of Officers.



November 12, 2023 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jesus said, “Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven, but Nobody Wants to Die

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This is the title of a bluegrass song as well as a book on bioethics. It’s a clever title, and there is some profound truth in it. Death, which is so natural for living things, seems so unnatural to human beings, who cling tenaciously to life. One would think that believers who hold that Christ conquered death would be comforted by that faith. However, that isn’t always the case. It’s not that they don’t believe; it’s that they don’t understand what they believe. But that is the difference between understanding and believing. This is the problem described in Paul’s letter today. The Thessalonians believed that, through his resurrection, Christ conquered death. Then why did some among them begin to die? Did those dying lack faith? No, Paul insists. Jesus, who died and rose, embraces those who have died and who will rise with him.

Did the people fully understand this? Do we? Isn’t this a question of faith—and trust? Paul thought that he and other believers could still be alive when the rising would happen, and they were not. Or were they? Doesn’t our faith give us hope that we—both the living and the dead—will be embraced by God’s mercy? Doesn’t something wondrous occur when those who have “fallen asleep” wake up in the glory of God? Still, we might not understand all of this, but we are called to believe, and in believing we are told to “console one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:18). †

Bringing Home the Word, November 2023

Reflection Questions

- What about death frightens you?
- In considering death, remind yourself that God loves you and that the risen Christ will embrace you.

A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the *lamp of faith* is not enough; we also need the *oil of charity* and good works.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 8, 2020



O God, you who promised that death is not the end of life, give faith to the doubtful, courage to the fearful, and comfort to the suffering, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Redemptorists



Stewardship

“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day

nor the hour.” - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We’ve all said, “I’ll do it later when I have time.” Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus’ call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don’t delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

The Annual Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will be November 18-19

This year’s collection coincides with the seventh annual World Day of the Poor, “Do not turn your face from anyone who is poor.”

By your contribution to the CCHD collection, you can bring change to communities, families and individuals experiencing the cross of poverty.

Your investment in people will have a long-lasting impact. I urge you to support this year’s Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Parish Support

October 22	Weekly	2,001.00
October 29	Weekly	3,373.00
Capital Improvements		20.00
World Missions		465.00

MASS Intentions

Mass Intentions Available. Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10

Sat	Nov 4	8:00 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Nov 4	5:00 PM	✠ Deceased Members of Karl Cord Family
Sun	Nov 5	7:30 AM	✠ Keith Hillenburg
Wed	Nov 8	8:00 AM	✠ Living & Deceased Al Little Family
Fri	Nov 10	8:00 AM	✠ People on Prayer List
Sat	Nov 11	8:00 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Nov 11	5:00 PM	✠ Jennifer Purdy
Sun	Nov 12	7:30 AM	✠ Wm Carl Oeffinger
Wed	Nov 15	8:00 AM	✠ Fred & Brenda Allen & Family
Fri	Nov 17	8:00 AM	✠ Bill & Eddie Purdy
Sat	Nov 18	8:00 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Nov 18	5:00 PM	✠ Phil Wittich
Sun	Nov 19	7:30 AM	✠ Kimberly Reed

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>November 11</u>	<u>November 12</u>
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Joan Carter
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Jill Jansing
Lector	Sharon Voegeli	Andy Miller
Eucharistic M	Ron Ebinger	Andy Miller
	<u>November 18</u>	<u>November 19</u>
Coordinator	Ted Wissel	Ron Miller
Greeter	Steve Mathes	Bob Voegeli
Lector	Jill Jansing	Gary Payne
Eucharistic M	Stephanie Green	Ron Miller

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Rosemary & Idona Newhart	Week of Nov 5
Ted Wissel & MJ Hunter	Week of Nov 12
Sue Gridley & Margaret Jarvis	Week of Nov 19
Mary Ann W & Susan Banta	Week of Nov 26

Thank you all for your time and hard work!

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Any food and household cleaning items.



2024 United Catholic Appeal United in the Eucharist- St John's Goal \$11,919

Shepherding

Our archdiocesan ministries and programs allow us to walk alongside those who are on their faith journey, as well as those who are lost and in need of God's healing. Your gifts to the United Catholic Appeal:

- Walk beside young adults seeking the faith
- Celebrate and affirm cultural diversity in our Church
- Walk with those hurting or in crisis
- Uphold the sacredness of marriage and support and strengthen families
- Welcome and include persons with disabilities
- Promote the dignity of life.

PRAYER

Almighty Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you send us forth to love as you have love us.

United in Christ, grant us generous and faithful hearts, as we love our neighbor, as we clothe the poor, as we feed the hungry, as we care for the sick, as we speak our words to others, as we share your blessings.

Be our joy, strength, and guide, that we may become one Body, one Spirit in Christ, to the praise of your glory.

AMEN

Fall Smorgasbord at St Maurice Church, Napoleon – November 11.



Annual Fall Smorgasbord in the Parish Hall, 4PM to 6:30 PM. Cost is \$15/adults, \$5 children.

Menu: turkey/dressing, roast beef, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, German potato salad, noodles, vegetables, salads and homemade desserts!



Amy Castner
Tim Castner
Todd Castner
Mary K Chambers
Elliott Elkins
Peggy Fear
Paul Graf
Amy Graham
Aaron Greiwe
Lily Handt
Todd Holzer
Keith Jarvis
Larry Kendall
Linda McCain
Mark Meister
Teresita Noah
Tom Noah
Eileen Ogden
Pavi Pathak Family
Randy Simon
Dolores Simon
Pam Thomas
Darin Toops
Sharon Voegeli
Ben Zigan

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