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Weekday Mass ScheduleMonday – No MassTuesday – St Maurice5PM Holy Hour – 6PM MassWednesday – St John7AM Holy Hour – 8AM MassThursday – Millhousen5PM Holy Hour – 6PM MassFriday – St John7AM Holy Hour – 8AM MassSaturday – St John7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass

### "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

Sunday Obligation Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 7:30 AM

<u>Eucharistic Adoration</u> <u>Friday - 3:00 to 6:00PM</u> <u>Reconciliation</u> <u>Saturday - 4:45PM</u> <u>Friday - 3-4PM</u>



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.

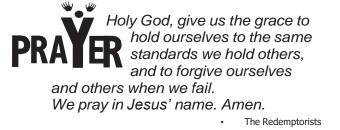
#### A Word from Pope Francis

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.

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#### **<u>Reflection Questions</u>**

"Whoever exalts himself will

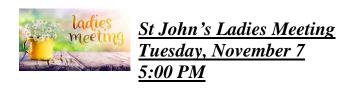
- Are you ever tempted to reject the truth spoken by someone you don't admire?
- Do you live up to every truth you speak?

#### <u>Stewardship</u>



## 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.



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

his 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

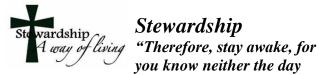


encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the *lamp of faith* is not enough; we also need the *oil of charity* and good works.

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



#### 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.

#### <u>The Annual Collection for the Catholic</u> <u>Campaign for Human Development will</u> <u>be November 18-19</u>

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 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

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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 AI 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	Gred & Brenda Allen & Family	
Fri	Nov 17	8:00 AM	🕆 Bill & Eddie Purdy	
Sat	Nov 18	8:00 AM	🗸 Fr Binu & All Priests	
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Sun	Nov 19	7:30 AM	Kimberly Reed	
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<u>EUCHARISTIC ADORATION</u> 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Every Friday

#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

	November 11	November 12
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Joan Carter
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Jill Jansing
Lector	Sharon Voegeli	Andy Miller
Eucharistic M	Ron Ebinger	Andy Miller
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	November 18 Ted Wissel	November 19 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

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

Denotes Active Service Deployment

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, beef, meatloaf, roast

mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, German potato salad, noodles, vegetables, salads and homemade desserts!