

October 23, 2016
30th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

All Saints Catholic Church

Mission Statement: "Rejoicing with gratitude in God's blessings, we invite and welcome all to share in the fullness of the Catholic faith. We live our baptismal call through worship, teaching, and serving one another."

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Dear Parishioners,

November has important days that we as Catholics must observe. We have Holy Days of Obligation and a privilege day—Election Day. According to Canon Law paragraph 1246 §1. "Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation." The U.S. Bishops have stated: "In addition to Sunday, the days to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Latin Rite dioceses of the United States of America, in conformity with canon 1246, are as follows: January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; the solemnity of the Ascension (transferred to Sunday for us); August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; November 1, the solemnity of All Saints; December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; December 25, the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We will be celebrating Mass at 5:30pm in Adair and 7pm in Stuart for All Saints Day November 1st and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) on November 2nd.

The Catholic bishops of the United States have a teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics entitled: **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**. The U.S. Bishops' conference says, "This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching." We have copied the full document which is 42 pages in length. We have placed some copies in the foyer, but if we run out, please let Brenda know and she will make a copy for you, send you the information via email, or you can go directly to it online at www.usccb.org.

The U.S. Bishops go on to say: "The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order. First and foremost, however, we remember that we relate to the civil order as citizens of the heavenly Kingdom, whose reign is not yet fully realized on earth but demands our unqualified allegiance. It is as citizens faithful to the Lord Jesus that we contribute most effectively to the civil order."

The bishops remind us that "from these great teachings we discern, for example, messages to the universal Church to attend in a special way: to the inextricable link between our witness to the truth and our service to those in need (Caritas in Veritate); to our role as missionary disciples, called forth from the sanctuary to bring Christ to the margins with joy (Evangelii Gaudium); and to the care for our common home and all who dwell in it, especially the poorest (Laudato Si')."

There are updated statements concerning contemporary topics such as: The ongoing destruction of over one million innocent human lives each year by abortion • Physician-assisted suicide • The redefinition of marriage—the vital cell of society—by the courts, political bodies, and increasingly by American culture itself • The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, which harm both the environment and the poor • The deadly attacks on fellow Christians and religious minorities throughout the world • The narrowing redefinition of religious freedom, which threatens both individual conscience and the freedom of the Church to serve • Economic policies that fail to prioritize the poor, at home or abroad; • A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis • Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity."

"All of these threats, and more, speak to a breakdown in what Pope Francis has called an "integral ecology" (Laudato Si', nos. 137-55). Without the proper ordering of relationships of persons with each other, with creation, and ultimately with God himself, sin takes hold. Pope Francis reminds us that all individuals, nations, and members of the global community have the duty to place the needs of others ahead of selfish desires to possess and exploit the good things that come from God's hand." Please read over this important document prayerfully as we continue to enter in the political realm on the local level, state level, and federal level.

- Fr. Ray

Parish News & Events

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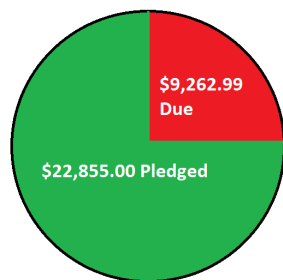
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| Sunday 10/23 9am Choir Practice 10am Mass For Bob Willeke Birthday: Gene Simons | Monday 10/24 <i>Church office is closed on Mondays</i> Birthday: Linda Lee O'Neel | Tuesday 10/25 6-7am TMIY Men's Group 9-10:15am Women's Group 6pm Mass For Dylan Watson 6pm 6:30pm Adult Rel. Ed. Birthdays: John O'Brien & George Kasap | Wednesday 10/26 6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Anniversary: Tom & Helen Clancy 1957 | Thursday 10/27 9am Mass at the Care Center For Ernest Suchon | Friday 10/28 8:30am Mass For Maynard Witkowski <i>Church office is closed on Fridays</i> | Saturday 10/29 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass For Charles Edward Holland & Christopher Birthdays: Becky O'Brien, Patrick Tiernan, & Macinzie McFarland |
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Weekly Prayer Requests

Please pray for: *Mary Keast, Keenan Volz, Ruby Waltz*
To request prayer for someone for publication in the bulletin, please contact the church office at 515-523-1943 or via email at: stjohnallsaints@gmail.com.
Be sure to include the person's name, your contact information, and that you have permission to submit the name.

Upcoming Special Masses:

The Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday 11-1: 5:30pm at St. John/7pm at All Saints
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
Wednesday 11-2: 5:30pm at St. John/7pm at All Saints
If you would like to add a loved one's name to the Book of the Dead, please do so on the sign up sheet in the gathering space.



Financial Report
for the week of Oct. 16
Tithes \$2,053.00
Children: \$26.83
Building Fund: \$25.00
Special Collections \$0.00
2016 ADA
 Balance Due \$9,262.99

All Saints Chicken Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Staley's Chicken Dinner on Sunday October 30th from 10:30am-1pm in the parish hall. Adults \$9, Children ages 6-12 \$4, Children 5 and under FREE. Menu includes mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, salad, dinner roll, drink, and homemade pie.

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| SATURDAY 10-29 Liturgical Ministers | Rosary Leader Frank Holle Ushers Wayne & Jan Gilman | Cross Bearer Wayne Gilman Servers Nick Doud Taylor Ommen | Lector Carol Smith Commentator Roni Wilson | Greeters & Gifts Wayne & Jan Gilman | Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary | REMEMBER: If you cannot serve, please be kind and find your own replacement. |
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| SUNDAY 10-30 Liturgical Ministers | Ushers Knights of Columbus | Cross Bearer Knights Servers Knights of Columbus | Lector Knights Commentator Knights | Greeters & Gifts Knights of Columbus | Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Knights of Columbus | |
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SACRAMENT of BAPTISM: Preparation class for parents and godparents is required. Please contact the church office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Preparation for marriage must begin at **least six months** before the anticipated date of the wedding. Please contact the church office to set up an appointment to speak with Father.