

**November 6, 2016**  
**32nd 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,

We enter the month of November with great hope as we just celebrated two great Holy Days--the Solemnity of All Saints and the Feast of All the Faithful Departed. Both celebrations call to mind that God calls us to Himself and God wants us to be in communion with Him. We are His family and it gives God great glory when all of us are one with Him. In these celebrations, we not only acknowledge those in heaven, but we also acknowledge and pray for those still in need of purification before they enter into heaven.

The familiar term used for state of purification is purgatory. We should not look at purgatory as a separate place, but as a part of Heaven. Why would someone still need to be purified after they die? The simple answer is that none of us are perfect or pure of heart (*"Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God" Matthew 5:8, one of the Beatitudes*).

What does purity of heart look like or how do we acquire a pure heart? The heart is where "Love" itself dwells - that is we say, God is in our heart. That is why love tends to warm the heart - for it is "on fire" we say, with the passion of love. Love strengthens our hearts and focuses us on the good in each other. However, our focus can be on other things than love. For example, money, power, and earthly pleasures, but it can also have a darkness where we do evil or sin toward others. It can be filled with pain that has not healed.

In essence, these conditions do not allow a pure heart. God has provided a means to help heal and purify the heart through the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament is completed when we are reconciled with God and the person(s) we harmed or those who have harmed us. In other words, our relationships need healing and mending. If we do not make an effort, then it is true that we harbor those unresolved and unreconciled feelings in our heart.

Reconciliation involves a "making up" with God and others. We don't simply say: "my bad" and walk away as if all is well. What is important is the promise of God that we do as He asks, first of all, to love Him and one another and this love involves forgiveness and reconciliation (purification). Love seeks true peace between each other and seeking reconciliation puts us on the road back to loving for one another with a "pure heart". The familiar term is penance which really is simply a "making up" with God and one another. Think of ways, you make up with family and friends when you have committed an offence, and think of ways you want people to make up with you. We do this now, while in this world, because our offences have been done here and we ought to make up quickly because love demands it.

It's sometimes quite difficult, but we must overcome and heal the harsh feelings that come from the disappointments, frustrations, and betrayals in our relationships. God wishes for us to work through these experiences and not avoid them. If we look at the family from our first reading this Sunday - the king tortures all seven brothers in one family and kills them while the mother must stand by and watch. Yet she is more pleased that her children are faithful to God than for them to preserve their life here in this world and lose their life in the next. We too, must be willing to overcome the hurts and frustrations that deprive of us of true love in this life and the next.

Have a great week, Fr. Ray

**Thank You!** To everyone who attended our chicken dinner this last weekend. A special **Thank You** to all those who worked hard at the dinner and those who provided the wonderful desserts! - Wayne Nosbisch



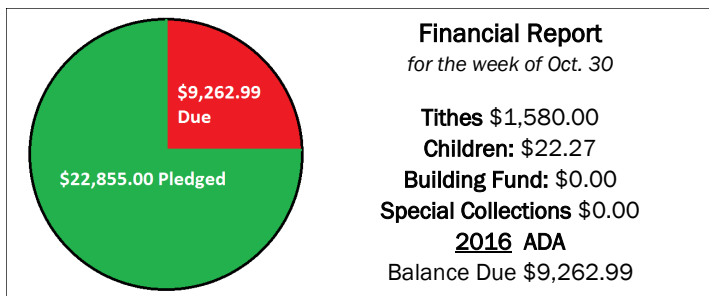
# Parish News & Events

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Sunday 11/6	Monday 11/7	Tuesday 11/8	Wednesday 11/9	Thursday 11/10	Friday 11/11	Saturday 11/12
<b>9am</b> Choir Practice <b>10am Mass</b> For the People  <b>Birthday:</b> Florence Cook	<b>Anniversary:</b> Tom & Amy Doud 1992  <b>Birthday:</b> Dennis Van Pelt  <i>Church office is closed on Mondays</i>	<b>6-7am</b> TMIY <b>9-10:15am</b> Women's Group  <b>6pm Mass</b> For Pat Cornwell  <b>6:30pm</b> Adult Rel. Ed.  <b>Birthday:</b> Janice Stein	<b>6:30-7:30pm</b> Faith Formation  <b>Birthday:</b> Tom Clancy	<b>9am</b> Mass at the Care Center For Raymond & Mary Jane McKee	<b>8:30am Mass</b> For James Witkowski  <b>Birthday:</b> Kari Tisl  <i>Church office is closed on Fridays</i>	<b>3:30pm Confessions</b> <b>4:30pm Mass</b> For Tom Billheimer


**"Discover What God Wants for Your Marriage and the Five Tools Every Couple Should Know!"** Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Enrichment. For information, dates and to register go to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call [563-608-3305](tel:563-608-3305).  
Upcoming Dates: Nov 18-20 at St Anthony's Center, Marathon City WI; Dec 2-4 at Clarion Inn, Iowa City IA; Feb 17-19th at the Ramada, Ankeny IA. [JJjwwme08@gmail.com](mailto:JJjwwme08@gmail.com) Couples who attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier.



**Coming up in Faith Formation November 23rd:** No Classes - Thanksgiving Break **December 21st:** Christmas Program



**Weekly Prayer Requests**

Please pray for: *Mary Keast, Bob Dickson, Mary Winkels*. 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](mailto:stjohnallsaints@gmail.com).  
*Be sure to include the person's name, your contact information, and that you have permission to submit the name.*

<b>SATURDAY</b> 11-12	<b>Rosary Leader</b> Florence Cook	<b>Cross Bearer</b> Marty Doud	<b>Lector</b> Carol Smith	<b>Greeters &amp; Gifts</b> Marty & Julie Doud	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b> Jodi Bassett, Jeanine Holland, Maria	Ladwig  <i>REMEMBER: If you cannot serve, please be kind and find your own replacement.</i>
<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>	<b>Ushers</b> Marty & Julie Doud	<b>Servers</b> Nick Doud, Connie Drake	<b>Commentator</b> Roni Wilson			

<b>SUNDAY</b> 11-13	<b>Ushers</b> Faith Formation	<b>Altar Servers</b> Faith Formation	<b>Lector</b> Faith Formation	<b>Greeters &amp; Gifts</b> Faith Formation	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b> Jill Gerling, Cathy Hicks,	Jo Beaman 
<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>	<b>Cross Bearer</b> Faith Formation		<b>Commentator</b> Faith Formation			

**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.