

November 13, 2016
33rd 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,

Many of our Protestant brothers and sisters will be commemorating the "500th Anniversary of the Reformation". When Martin Luther posted his "Ninety-five Theses" on the church door in Wittenberg in 1517, no one expected how it would change the Christian world—Catholics and Protestants (from the root word "protest"). The Protestant Reformation denied the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, rejected the celibate priesthood, and refused to acknowledge that Mass was a sacrifice. It also rejected the authority of the pope and the claim of Catholics to be the one true Church of Christ. By the late Middle Ages, the abuse of indulgences, mainly through commercialization, had become a serious problem - which the Church recognized - but was unable to restrain effectively. Indulgences, were from the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, a target of attacks by Martin Luther and all other Protestant theologians. Eventually the Catholic Counter-Reformation curbed the excesses, but indulgences continue to play a role in modern Catholic religious life. The Catholic response at the Council of Trent reasserted the Mass as a sacrifice, the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, a celibate priesthood, the authority of the pope, and the doctrine of the one true Church. Latin was kept as the language of the liturgy, and Communion was given only under the species of bread. (Celebrating the Mass Through the Ages, by Norbertine Father Alfred McBride, Sept. 18, 2011, USCCB) Because of the strong protests concerning these events and teachings proposed by Martin Luther and other Protestant Theologians, the Church produced as a result of the Council a Universal Catechism. The Bishops needed to address the lack of education and understanding among its clergy and published the Church's teachings for clergy to learn from and to be able teach and preach better to the people.

A statement released by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) quoted Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton in an address to their Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans in August of this year. "Dear sisters and brothers, let us pause to honor this historic moment," said Bishop Eaton. "Though we have not yet arrived, we have claimed that we are, in fact, on the way to unity [with the Catholic Church]. After 500 years of division and 50 years of dialogue, this action must be understood in the context of other significant agreements we have reached, most notably the 'Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification' by the Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church in 1999." Although there are still areas of disagreement it is important to know the dialogue and agreements between the Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation. This "Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification" is just one of those areas where agreements have been met. You can find the document on the Vatican Website. The following are short snippets from the document: *"The present Joint Declaration has this intention: namely, to show that on the basis of their dialogue, the subscribing Lutheran churches and the Roman Catholic Church are now able to articulate a common understanding of our justification by God's grace through faith in Christ (one among many areas of agreement). It does not cover all that either church teaches about justification; it does encompass a consensus on basic truths of the doctrine of justification and shows that the remaining differences in its explication are no longer the occasion for doctrinal condemnations.*

The document ended with the following: *"The understanding of the doctrine of justification set forth in this Declaration shows that a consensus in basic truths of the doctrine of justification exists between Lutherans and Catholics. In light of this consensus the remaining differences of language, theological elaboration, and emphasis in the understanding of justification described in paragraphs 18 to 39 are acceptable. Therefore the Lutheran and the Catholic explications of justification are in their difference open to one another and do not destroy the consensus regarding the basic truths.*

With the upcoming 500th Anniversary of the Reformation please pray for unity among all Christian brothers and sisters.

Fr. Ray

Thinking of priesthood? If you're feeling a tug toward priesthood, consider being part of Bishop's Discernment Retreat Dec. 16-18. Contact Fr. Joe Pins at 515-237-5050 or email him at jpins@dmndiocese.org for details.

March For Life Signup It's time to start thinking about joining the pilgrimage in January to Washington, D.C. to be a part of the annual March for Life. Iowans for LIFE is securing several buses to take pro-life Iowans to the march, which will be on Jan. 27. Go to IowansForLIFE.org for details.

Parish News & Events

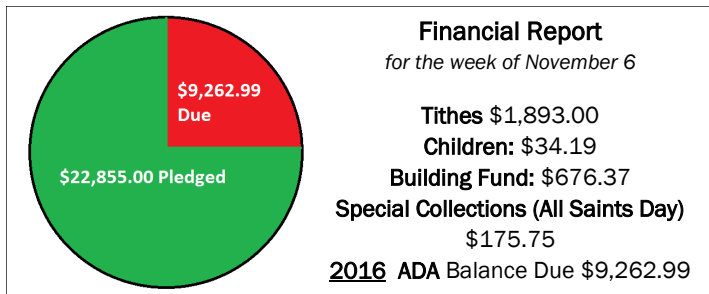
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Sunday 11/13	Monday 11/14	Tuesday 11/15	Wednesday 11/16	Thursday 11/17	Friday 11/18	Saturday 11/19
9am Choir Practice 10am Mass For the People 2017 CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE	Birthday: Lisa Poffenberger <i>Church office is closed on Mondays</i>	6-7am TMIY 6pm Mass For Dylan Watson 6:30pm Adult Rel. Ed. Birthdays: Norbert Tigges, Kathy Fitzgerald, Eric Weber, Judd Schaffer	6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Anniversary: Jerry & Lori Kuttler 1985	9am Mass at the Care Center For Veronica Colwell Birthday: Father Ray, Mary Freestone	8:30am Mass For Karen (Donnelly) Krogh <i>Church office is closed on Fridays</i>	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass For Ila Mae & Tony Pivonka

Catholic Campaign for Human Development - Working on the Margins Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD collection.

Mary Winkels (Mother of Maria Ladwig)

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Weekly Prayer Requests

Please pray for: Ruby Waltz, Bob & Mary Dickson. 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.

SATURDAY 11-19	Rosary Leader	Ushers	Servers	Commentator	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	REMEMBER: If you cannot serve, please be kind and find your own replacement.
Liturgical Ministers	Mary Doud	Wayne & Jan Gilman	Connie Drake, Larissa Crawford	Carol Smith	Jodi Bassett, Sr. Nesta, need 3rd person	
	Cross Bearer	Lector		Greeters & Gifts		
	Wayne Gilman	Roni Wilson		Wayne & Jan Gilman		

SUNDAY 11-20	Ushers	Cross Bearer	Altar Servers	Commentator	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Gulbranson, need 3rd person
Liturgical Ministers	John Gulbranson, Patrick Gulbranson	Patrick Tiernan	Eli Kasap, Sam Kasap, Jack Doyle	Gary Riordan	Joyce Van Pelt, Harriet	
		Lector		Greeters & Gifts		
		Daisy Nevins		Dennis & Joyce Van Pelt		

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.