

November 20, 2016
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King
of the Universe

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,

As we look to another celebration of Thanksgiving, many of us might recall from our school days that in 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November (History.com). Historically, we recognize that the early pilgrims were people fleeing religious persecution, people who were fleeing a society that had become exceedingly decadent and very immoral, and they were looking to be able to practice their faith. There were of course others looking for opportunity to own land. Among early pilgrims were many Catholics, those who founded, for instance, the states of Maryland and Virginia—both named after our Blessed Lady by Catholics who came to America. The first religious who came to America came in 1776. It was a community of Carmelite nuns who came to the New World to be able to lay a spiritual foundation for those who would follow. The very essence of what our founding fathers came for was to practice their faith, and it is that faith that we have to be so grateful to God for because now it is we who, in fact, live in a society that is similar to the one they were trying to flee. We live in a society where they are trying to push God out of society, but how grateful we must be that the Lord has given to us the grace to recognize Him, to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him. Let our Thanksgiving not be focused on one day on the third Thursday of November, but every day and every time we celebrate the Mass and are at prayer. We thank God for all His blessings, gifts, experiences—good or bad because we grow and learn from them, and we especially thank God for our life and relationship with Him and those we are surrounded by.

If you've been at Mass in the last couple of weeks, you have heard during the announcements that we are forming an Enrichment Committee for the parish. Several folks have been actively working to set up and coordinate efforts to redecorate the gathering space to make it more inviting as well as other areas of hospitality.

Several volunteers met last Monday evening to begin the process of implementation. The first committees formed include Hospitality/Parish Programs/Wise & Wonderful, Young Adults, and Gathering Space Redecorate. There are still more areas to cover, but these are a great start!

Here is what the Enrichment Committee is wanting to accomplish:

Gathering Space Redecorate: Create a warm, comfortable space for parishioners to gather;

Hospitality: Provide important fellowship time after Masses and respond on an "as needed" basis for other parish hospitality needs;

Parish Program & Events: Identify, develop and make available a variety of programs engaging parishioners at every age level with a focus of building a vibrant parish community;

Teen Events: Identify, develop and make available programs that engage teens and provide projects to teach and model the importance of service and caring for others in the community;

Young Adults: Identify, develop and make available programs to engage young adults to build community and parish leadership;

Wise and Wonderful (those who consider themselves older than the "young adult" group): Identify, develop and make available programs for adults focusing on meaningful experiences and deeper friendships.

Liturgical Training Events: Develop a program that regularly engages in the training of children, teens and adults who are willing to serve as Sacristans, Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, Commentators, Greeters/Gift Bearers, Cross Bearers, Rosary Leaders, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Anyone who is interested in working with any of these areas is encouraged and welcome to join the committees mentioned. Please contact the church office to make the connection.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving,
Fr. Ray

Parish News & Events

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Sunday 11/20	Monday 11/21	Tuesday 11/22	Wednesday 11/23	Thursday 11/24	Friday 11/25	Saturday 11/26
9am Choir Practice 10am Mass For the People 2017 CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE	Birthdays: Margaret Tiernan, Kim Olson, Jim Pivonka <i>Church office is closed on Mondays & Fridays</i>	6-7am TMIY 6pm Mass For Donato Cianciaruso Birthdays: Brenda Wedemeyer, Alexandra Kasap No Adult Class	NO Faith Formation Birthday: Vince O'Brien 5:30pm Thanksgiving Mass at St. John's in Adair	9am Thanksgiving Mass at All Saints For the People Birthday: Felecia Lorenzen Anniversary: Eric & Margaret Tiernan 1979	8:30am Mass For the Dolan/Johnson Family Birthdays: Larissa Crawford, Davis Doud	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass In Honor of Vern & Norma Tigges Birthday: Joyce Tibben Anniversary: Marvin & Janet Bassett 1960



A check for \$297.11 was presented to the Cottage Food Pantry. Thanks to everyone that donated to this collection at our annual chicken dinner. **Thank You!**

Faith Formation Project During this Advent season, we will be having an Advent Giving Tree. The purpose of this project is to give gifts to less fortunate children to help fill the void in a child's life who otherwise might not get anything for Christmas. This will be a chance for the Faith Formation children to bring in slightly used toys, books, puzzles, or other mementos that they have outgrown or no longer use. They will bring such items to Wednesday Faith Formation classes during Advent and put them under the "Giving Tree".

Altar & Rosary Society There will be a year-end business meeting of the Altar & Rosary Society following Mass (@5:30pm) on Saturday, December 3rd.



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.

Financial Report

for the week of November 13

Tithes \$1,999.00 Children: \$10.16

Building Fund: \$25.00 Special Collections: \$0.00

2016 ADA Balance Due \$9,129.66

SATURDAY 11-26	Rosary Leader Mary Doud	Ushers Eric Tiernan Dave Boss	Servers Larissa Crawford Jodi Bassett	Commentator Roni Wilson	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Jeanine Holland Mark Tisl Kari Tisl	REMEMBER: If you cannot serve, please be kind and find your own replacement.
Liturgical Ministers	Cross Bearer Eric Tiernan	Lector Carol Smith		Greeters & Gifts Eric & Margaret Tiernan		

SUNDAY 11-27	Ushers Vince & Christy O'Brien	Cross Bearer Vince O'Brien	Altar Servers Lauren O'Brien Nate Gerling Cora Boyle	Commentator Daisy Nevins	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Amy Doud Cathy Hicks	Tyler Johnston
Liturgical Ministers		Lector Wayne Nosbisch		Greeters & Gifts Vince & Christy O'Brien		

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.