

St. Mary's Catholic Church

All Saints

November 1, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. This feast day invites us to celebrate the lives of those persons past and present whose holy lives mirror the face of Jesus.



We can take great pride in remembering those officially canonized blessed persons who preceded us and now enjoy God's heavenly kingdom. We can take pride in acknowledging those persons here and now present among us who continue living out Jesus' Gospel message gracing our lives and our community. We can take pride in the hope that as we grow in our own life of holiness that someday we, too, will be counted among the great number of people in God's heavenly kingdom. To celebrate in pride is not to be triumphalist, since we are acknowledging the numberless people who have remained open to the workings of God's spirit in their lives. Today's feast reminds us of a very important truth that can be found in today's Scripture readings: by God's grace there have been many holy, heroic people who have gone before us rejoicing in God's heavenly kingdom **and** by God's grace there will be many more and **we** can be counted among them!

I am sure that all of us have our own particular image of what a saint looks or acts like. For most of us we see saints as extraordinary "holy faith heroes" or "successful spiritual stories." But how do saints see themselves? What do they think about themselves? In their own eyes, saints are ordinary people who were no different than us. They are real people who experienced joy and sorrow, successes and failures, graced and sinful moments. They see themselves as God's beloved children, trying to be faithful to God by carrying out Jesus' ministry and mission in the world. This conviction of being a child of God burns deeply within their souls. Saints also see themselves as belonging to a life far greater than their own individual lives. They believe that their lives belonged to Jesus Christ and they are loyal to Him. Jesus is the center of their lives and they are always ready to live and die for Him. Saints also know that they have a destiny far beyond the limits of this world. They believe that they will receive a glorious future if they mirror Jesus in all they do. Being a child of God, taking part in Jesus' mission and seeking eternal life are the truths that saints embrace, live and witness to on a daily basis.

We rejoice in the saints we have read about and rejoice in those we still encounter in our daily lives. We thank God for those persons who attended to and still attend to the hungry, the orphaned, the aged, the poor, the lepers, the outcasts, the wounded, the destitute and the forgotten.

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Weekend Masses

Sat Oct 31	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention, For the outcome of the election
Sun Nov 1	8:00 a.m.	For the outcome of the election to be in accordance with God's Will
Sun Nov 1	10:00 a.m.	Nancy Brodman, Kathy Sehlhorst, Larry Mathewson, Betty Yant For the outcome of the election
Sat Nov 7	4:00 p.m.	George Donaldson
Sun Nov 8	8:00 a.m.	Gene Baderstcher
Sun Nov 8	10:00 a.m.	Larry and Ima Mathewson

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,045.00	Loose \$233.00
	Total	\$2,278.00

39 envelopes returned = 24%



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Assignments for November 7 & 8, 2020

**Money Counters: Angie Wenger, Barb Galvan
4:00 p.m.**

Cantor: Kevin Vance
Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer
Lector: Laura Jones
E.M.: Basil Meyer
Servers: Grace and Greta Myers

8:00 a.m.

Cantors: Karen Phillips
Ushers: *Volunteer*
Lector: *Volunteer*
E.M.: *Volunteer*
Server: *Volunteer*

10:00 a.m.

Cantor: Karen Phillips
Ushers: Mike and Rhonda Maag
Lectors: Anna Schroeder
E.M.: Wes Lovett
Servers: Ethan Hoffman

Readings for November 8, 2020

32nd Ordinary Sunday

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12 – 16
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1 – 13

