

### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15<sup>th</sup> to November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

#### Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Weekday

4:15-4:30 p.m. – All Saints – Confessions

5:00 p.m. – AS – For All The Faithful Departed

#### Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30-8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Confessions

8:15 a.m. – All Saints – For The People

10:00-10:20 a.m. – St. Isidore – Confessions

10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – Armand Landry by Therese Begnoche

#### Monday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

8:30 a.m. – AS – Patricia Lefebvre by Hib & Claire Doe

#### Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

6:00 p.m. – AS – Intentions of Bridget Condrill & Family by Fr. Jordan

#### Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – The Dedications of the Basilicas of SS.

#### Peter & Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

8:30 a.m. – All Saints – Pat Walter by Nancy Harian

#### Thurs., November 19<sup>th</sup> – Weekday

6:00 p.m. – All Saints – Conversion of Loved Ones by JAN

#### Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – Weekday

8:30 a.m. – All Saints – Jim LaClair by a Jackie & Family

#### Saturday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

3:00 p.m. – All Saints – Stations for Life

4:15-4:30 p.m. – All Saints – Confessions

5:00 p.m. – AS – For All The Faithful Departed

#### Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30-8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Confessions

8:15 a.m. – All Saints – Diane & Ken Lavalla by the Family

10:00-10:20 a.m. – St. Isidore – Confessions

10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – Arthur "Bill" McFarland by Connie McFarland

**Please Pray For:** Erica Johnson, Joan Hahr, Christine Scanlon, Joe Noonan, Sarai Tirado, Sandy Morriell, Michael Daley, Mary Latimer, John Young, David Lindsey, Joel Rasco, Deborah Cuesta, Cecilia Fatzinger, Kristin Lotane, Dena Cassidy, Caroline Elkins, Ryan Skochin, Danielle Desnoyers, Lucille Brooks, Dora Hurtubise, Russell Hilton, William Harlow, Cheryl McMurphy, David Robert, Christopher Martel, Leslie Garvey, Ann Twohig, Deborah Kneen, Caroline Daberer, Sue Rhodes, Alice Kinney, Terry Kneen, Leonard Embury, Special Intention for a Parishioner, Joel Rivera, Pat Carroll, Joseph Adams III, Liza Farrar, Mary Parent, Jerry Tatro, Denise Brier, a Parishioner, Scott Patterson, Jackey Garrow, Kelly Nuovo, Annie Button, Amber Kneen, Richard Ploof, Jessica Pomerleau-Honlon, Kaida, Father Jordan, a Parishioner, the recently deceased, Betsy Snider, Peter Fournier, Tara Stubbs, Special Intention, Gloria Weld, Lexi Booska, Steven Tracy, and all Soldiers.

To add someone to the prayer line please call Suzanne Lavalla @ 848-7462

### **Receipts: November 8, 2020**

#### **All Saints** Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$1,440.00

Offertory	1,194.00
Food Shelf	53.00
All Saints Day Env., Food Shelf, Priest Benefit Fund, Energy	297.00
Donation	100.00
Mac & Cheese Fundraiser	330.00
Use of Hall	250.00

#### **St. Isidore** Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$705.00

Offertory	515.00
Food Shelf	58.00
Christmas Flower Donation, All Saints Day, Cath. Camp & Energy	70.00
Donation	500.00

**Thank you to all who are supporting our parishes with your monetary gifts and offerings. God bless you ever more!**

### **Second Collection:**

Nov. 15: Energy

Nov. 22: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

*Thank you for supporting our bulletin:*

*Bernie's Restaurant & Bar*

*72 Main St. Montgomery Ctr., VT 05471*

*802.326.4682 \*\*\* www.berniesvtfood.com*

### **Calendar of Events:**

~Friday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>: Rosary Cenacle at All Saints at 6pm.

Please come. Our world needs our prayers

~ Saturday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>: Stations for Life at AS @3pm

~Sunday mornings @All Saints: Recitation of the Holy Rosary before Mass beginning around 7:40am

### **Christ Our Hope Campaign**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

This week we celebrate reaching \$2,404,217.20 in gifts and pledges for the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign. Thank you to our donors for their support. It's because of their sacrifice that the campaign is at 25% of its goal. With the amounts listed below, we are well on our way to reaching our parish goals.

Please note that next weekend – Nov. 21-22 – we will host a **Virtual Weekend of Giving**. This will offer us the opportunity to recognize the success we've realized in just a few weeks. But it will also be a time to encourage those who've yet to make a gift to join others in their faith community in support of our parishes and the Diocese.

As part of the celebration, Bishop Coyne will match the first 10 gifts of \$1,000 or more received online during the weekend with a \$1,000 gift. Each \$1,000 gift will go to the donor's parish. Each parish may receive one (1) matching gift.

We encourage you to spend time in prayer this week to discern on how you may make a difference with your support for the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign.

**Our Parish Goals and Progress: (updated 11/06/2020)**

**All Saints – \$2760 raised toward goal of \$77,643 ~ 4%**

**St. Isidore – \$396 raised toward goal of 40,539 ~ 1%**

### **2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Progress**

**Updated November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Parish Progress for the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal:**

**All Saints – 64% of \$14K – we need \$5,048 to meet goal**

**St. Isidore – 97% of \$4,656 – we need \$139 to meet goal**

**Congratulations to the**

**Newly Baptized Members of the Parish:**



*Willow Belle Guilmette and*

*Iyla Laurretta Shea*

*Baptized on November 8<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Church*

*Welcome to the Roman Catholic Church!*

## All Saints Christmas Giving Program

Our Christmas Giving Program will take place again this year. However, it will be handled differently because of COVID-19 health and safety guidelines. The program begins the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th and will continue through Saturday, December 12th. Your gifts are due back to the church by 9:30 am on Sunday, December 13th, at the latest. Instead of taking your gift tags from the giving tree as you've done in the past, please contact me at goodbro\_ms@yahoo.com or leave a message with Linda at the rectory and I'll call you back with tag information. Even though our program looks different this year, your generous gifts convey the message that "Jesus Is The Reason For This Season" to the many needy families and senior citizens in our area.

### !A Note of Thanks!

Thank you to all who came to support the Mac-&-Cheese Fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

A special note of thanks to the donors:  
Hannaford for supplying the coleslaw and green beans, and Mark Godin for bringing three gallons of milk.

Your support helped All Saints raise \$330.

### Finance News


#### Financial Report – July 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2020

All Saints	St. Isidore
Total Income: 25,749.63	Total Income: 10,906.82
Total Expense: - 26,542.66	Total Expense: -12,621.33
Net Income : -793.03	Net Income: -1,714.51

Reports are available by request.

Please call the office at 848-7741

## St. Margaret of Scotland –Feast Day Nov. 16



The daughter of the Saxon king Edmund "the Exile," Margaret married King Malcom III of Scotland around 1070. She bore him eight children, Margaret was an influential force in both her marriage and her nation. She read aloud to her illiterate husband,

encouraging in him a love of learning and a spirit of prayer. "Whatever she refused, he refused also," her biographer tells us, "whatever pleased her, he also loved for the love of her." King and country followed the queen in her works of mercy on behalf of the sick and the impoverished. Under Margaret the churches were adorned with art, and monastic life flourished. Even in her private life, she remained extremely devout. She served orphans food and washed the feet of the poor every day.

Margaret died in 1093.

## November 21<sup>st</sup>: The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*A non-biblical event that is celebrated by the Church each year.*



Each year on November 21 the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple. The feast is based on an ancient text from the year 145, called *The Protoevangelium of James*, a text that was revered by the early

Christians. In it, we find the Virgin Mary's parents entrusting her to the Jewish Temple at an early age. According to Fr. Alban Butler, this was a custom of some Jewish parents at the time, "Religious parents never fail by devout prayer to consecrate their children to the divine service and love, both before and after their birth. Some amongst the Jews, not content with this general consecration of their children, offered them to God in their infancy, by the hands of the priests in the temple, to be lodged in apartments belonging to the temple, and brought up in attending the priests and Levites in the sacred ministry." While the historicity of the document has been questioned, the event has always been a day for religious men and women to consecrate themselves to God, in imitation of the Virgin Mary. Below is the narrative from *The Protoevangelium of James* that describes exactly what happened when she was entrusted to the care of the Temple.

*"And the child was two years old, and Joachim said: Let us take her up to the temple of the Lord, that we may pay the vow that we have vowed, lest perchance the Lord send to us, and our offering be not received. And Anna said: Let us wait for the third year, in order that the child may not seek for father or mother. And Joachim said: So let us wait. And the child was three years old, and Joachim said: Invite the daughters of the Hebrews that are undefiled, and let them take each a lamp, and let them stand with the lamps burning, that the child may not turn back, and her heart be captivated from the temple of the Lord. And they did so until they went up into the temple of the Lord. And the priest received her, and kissed her, and blessed her, saying: The Lord has magnified your name in all generations. In you, on the last of the days, the Lord will manifest His redemption to the sons of Israel. And he set her down upon the third step of the altar, and the Lord God sent grace upon her; and she danced with her feet, and all the house of Israel loved her. And her parents went down marvelling, and praising the Lord God, because the child had not turned back. And Mary was in the temple of the Lord as if she were a dove that dwelt there, and she received food from the hand of an angel."*

## November 16<sup>th</sup>: Feast of St. Gertrude the Great

**SAINT GERTRUDE THE GREAT** was a German Benedictine nun, mystic, and theologian. Little is known of her early life who was born on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 1256, in Eisleben, Thuringia. At the age of four, she entered the monastery school at St. Mary at Helfta under the direction of its abbess, Gertrude of Hackeborn. It is speculated that she was offered as a child oblate to the church by devout parents. Given that Gertrude implies in the *Herald* that her parents were long dead at the time of writing, however, it is also possible that she entered the monastery school as an orphan.

Gertrude was confided to the care of Mechtilde, younger sister of the Abbess Gertrude, and joined the monastic community in 1266. It is clear from her own writings that she received a thorough education in a range of subjects. In 1281, at the age of 25, she experienced the first of a series of visions that continued throughout her life, and which changed the course of her life. Her priorities shifted away from secular knowledge and toward the study of scripture and theology. Gertrude devoted herself strongly to personal prayer and meditation, and began writing spiritual treatises for the benefit of her monastic sisters. Gertrude became one of the great mystics of the 13th century. Together with her friend and teacher Mechtilde, she practiced a spirituality called "nuptial mysticism," that is, she came to see herself as the bride of Christ. Gertrude died at Helfta, near Eisleben, Saxony, around 1302. Her feast day is celebrated on November 16, but the exact date of her death is unknown; the November date stems from a confusion with Abbess Gertrude of Hackeborn.

One of the most esteemed woman saints of the Christian West, she was a notable early devotee of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Book 2 of the *Herald of Divine Love* is notable within the history of Christian devotion because its vivid descriptions of Gertrude's visions show a considerable elaboration on the long-standing but ill-defined veneration of Christ's heart. This veneration was present in the belief that Christ's heart poured forth a redemptive fountain through the wound in his side, an image culminating in its most famous articulation by Bernard of Clairvaux in his commentary on the Song of Songs. The women of Helfta—Gertrude foremost, who surely knew Bernard's commentary, and to a somewhat lesser extent the two Mechtilds, Mechtild of Magdeburg and Mechtild of Hackeborn—made this devotion central to their mystical visions. Gertrude reported a vision on the Feast of John the Evangelist. She was resting her head near the wound in the Christ's side and hearing the beating of his heart. She asked John if on the night of the Last Supper he had felt these pulsations, why he had never spoken of the fact. John replied that this revelation had been reserved for subsequent ages when the world, having grown cold, would have need of it to rekindle its love. Pope Benedict XIV gave her the title "the Great" to distinguish her from Abbess Gertrude of Hackeborn and to recognize the depth of her spiritual and theological insight.

Gertrude showed "tender sympathy towards the souls in purgatory" and urged prayers for them. She is therefore invoked for suffering souls in purgatory. The following prayer is attributed to St. Gertrude, and is often depicted on her prayer card:

*Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home and in my family. Amen.*

## Saint Gertrude on Purgatory

After Gertrude had prayed for her a long time, she saw [a particular] soul soon after her passing in a place filled with light, like a little maid, who dressed in red clothing is presented to the Spouse. There also appeared beside her the Lord in the figure of a refined young man. He revived with His five wounds the five senses of her soul with wonderful sweetness and consoled her with His gentleness and humbleness. Then Gertrude said to the Lord: 'You oh God of every consolation are so benevolent towards this soul. What does it mean that her sad look betrays an inner pain?' The Lord answered: 'Due to my presence she cannot yet enjoy the fullness of joy, because I only give her the joy of my humanity. Because in such a way I have recompensed just that love and devotion which she has shown for my Passion, on her deathbed. But later when she will be completely purified from the negligence of earthly life, I will fill her completely of joy with the presence of my beatifying divinity.' Then Gertrude continued: 'Were not all her earthly weaknesses expiated by her piety at her death, since in a place of Sacred Scripture it is said that man will be judged as he will be found at the end of his life?' Then the Lord gave this answer: 'When the strengths leave a person who is dying, then also his life is already at the end, he cannot do anything more with his strengths, but only with his will. The one to whom through my gratuitous goodness, I continue to give good will and pious aspiration, goes still a step forward; he cannot nevertheless repair all the debt of the previous omissions in such a measure and so perfectly, as when the person is still healthy and capable of improving his life.' Then Gertrude continued: 'But, oh my Lord, could not your most sweet mercy liberate this soul, to whom since her childhood You have given a heart so rich and benevolent towards everyone, from the impediment of her negligence?' The Lord responded: 'I will reward abundantly the sweetness of her heart and her good will, nevertheless, my Justice demands that she be first purified of every stain. My spouse is in agreement with my justice, because after the purification she will be completely consoled by the glory of my divinity'. Having the soul of the deceased joyfully approved these words of the Lord, He immediately returned to Heaven, while she remained at the place where she was and stretching towards the sky with all her strengths, she tried to ascend. By having remained alone that soul was purified from her youthful carelessness, for which she entertained herself too much sometimes with other people and through the difficult ascent she was purified from the laziness in which she had at times indulged due to her weariness. One day while Saint Gertrude was praying for this deceased novice during the Holy Mass, at the elevation of the Most Holy Host she prayed in this way: 'Lord, Holy Father, I offer You this Most Holy Host for her on behalf of all those who are in Heaven, on earth and in Purgatory!' And behold that soul appeared lifted up a bit higher, and innumerable people, who were on their knees in front of her, were elevating the Most Holy Host high with both hands. She had much relief and benefit from it and said: 'Now I truly experience how certain is what Sacred Scripture says, namely that in man there is nothing good, be it even the smallest thing, that would not be repaid, and no fault that would not be expiated before or after death; thus for this reason, since I willingly received Holy Communion, now I receive much relief from the Holy Sacrament of the altar offered for me. And since I have always loved all people, now I benefit from the prayer said for me. Therefore, for all this, I anticipate an eternal recompense in Heaven!' At these words it appeared that she was lifted up even higher, carried by the prayer of the Church; when arriving to the place established for her, she knew that the Lord in the fullness of His mercy would have met her with the crown of glory and welcomed her in eternal glory."