

Knights of Columbus



Council 15490

St. John's Golden Group

Est. 1987

"wisdom is aged men, with long life is understanding" Job 12:12

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1st Tuesday at 11:30: Blessing & Lunch



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Man, and a Fork

There was a young man who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So, as he was getting his things 'in order,' he contacted his Priest and had him come to his house to discuss certain aspects of his final wishes. He told him which songs he wanted sung at the service, what scriptures he would like read, and what outfit he wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the Priest was preparing to leave when the young man suddenly remembered something especially important to him.

'There's one more thing,' he said excitedly... 'What's that?' came the Priest's reply. 'This is especially important,' the young man continued. 'I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.' The Priest stood looking at the young man, not knowing quite what to say. That surprises you, doesn't it?' the young man asked. 'Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request,' said the Priest. The young man explained. 'My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement.

In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?'

Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork ... the best is yet to come.'

The Priest's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young man good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see him before his death. But he also knew that the young man had a better grasp of heaven than he did.

He had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice his age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. He knew that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young man's casket and they saw the suit he was wearing, and the fork placed in his right hand. Over and over, the Priest heard the question, 'What's with the fork?' And over and over he smiled. During his message, the Priest told the people of the conversation he had with the young man shortly before he died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to him. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So, the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come. Friends are an exceedingly rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share. Being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility. And just remember ... keep your fork!

The BEST is yet to come! God Bless You



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November 08, 2020: 32nd Sunday OT

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MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 8:00 A.M.

Thursday 8:00 A.M.

Friday 8:00 A.M.

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anytime: Please call the Office

ROSARY & ADORATION:

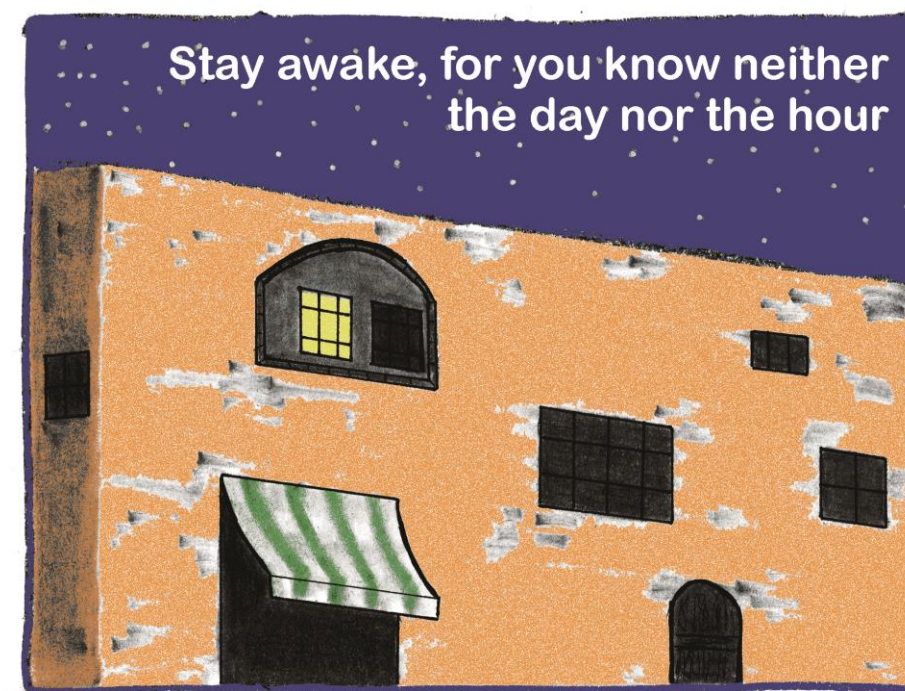
Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Wisdom 6:12–16; Psalm 63:2–8; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 [13–14]; Matthew 25:1–13

AUTUMN LEAVES

In the autumn, as leaves are dying all around us and nights are growing longer, it is natural for our thoughts to turn to the end of our lives. We may ask ourselves if we will be ready when the Lord comes to meet us. Perhaps we have experienced the sudden, unexpected death of a loved one. Perhaps we have kept vigil with someone who died slowly. If so, we know that death is an unpredictable and ever-present reality in every human life.

How are we to live our lives in the face of such knowledge? What is wise? Today's scriptures address this question. We are not to live as though we are immortal, and nothing can harm us. Neither are we to live in fear and despair, as though we were already dead. Paul tells the Thessalonians to console one another with the knowledge that we are meant to be reunited with our loved ones for eternity. Jesus tells his disciples not to be so foolish as to think that they can get by with only the bare minimum of faith, hope, and love.



Tracie Moose, Maddie Blake Rivers, Jimmy Summerlin, Ethel Graham, Becky Thompson, Betty Cauley, Clara Davis, Wesley Dixon, Carey Olsen, Anita Wright, Lynda Jones, Doug Jones, Kathleen Borne, Aaron Poiroux, Michelle Waite, Jeff Waite, Callie Waite, Martha Delmas, Heather Cotton, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Isabel Rel, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloecheener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Glenn Boney, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Leyah White.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish: Bob Heurion, Ida Clark, Theresa Wakeman

Pray for the Special Intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces: Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailev.

Known Birthdays for November 2020

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| 2nd: Jade Pagala | 16th: Clarence Thompson |
| 3rd: Scotty Bowden | 16th: Craig Switzer |
| 4th: Taylor Schilling | 17th: Debbie Lewis |
| 6th: Quintin Smeriglio | 17th: Kris Schaffer |
| 10th: Wyatt Medders | 17th: Victoria Fonteot |
| 10th: Kennedy Bridges | 18th: Roberta Robison |
| 12th: Michael Ladnier | 18th: Tony DeAngelo |
| 13th: Larry Davis | 22nd: Timothy Moser |
| 14th: Kathryn Bridges | 25th: Avis Garret |
| 14th: Father Sherwin | 27th: Lyman Ramsay |
| 14th: Stephen Ray Scott | 30th: Glenda Poiroux |

Known Anniversaries for November 2020

- 2nd:** Rhonda and Steve Cauley
20th: Theresa and Tony DeAngelo
21st: Sandi and Keith Reynolds

Golden Group News

The Golden Group has a limited number of Joy Boxes available in the church hall this weekend. Please take one fill with supplies suggested on the display along with \$9.00 (checks only) to cover the shipping as directed on the envelopes inside each box and return by November 8th. In this year of challenge we are grateful that we can in small way bless children with a Joy Box this season.

Mass Intentions:

Saturday & Sunday Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm – For all the sick, infirmed, and homebound of the parish
Sunday 10:00 am – For all deceased parishioners

Daily Mass intentions

Week of Nov. 10 thru 13

Nov. 10, 11, 12 & 13 – For the eternal repose of the soul of Evelyn Robison by Kathie Sema and for the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Becky & Willie Thompson.

Week of Nov. 17 thru 20

Nov. 17, 1, 19 & 20 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Kris and Bill Schaffer.

Week of Nov. 24 thru 27

Nov. 24, 25, 26 & 27 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Kris and Bill Schaffer

Week of Dec. 1 thru 4

Dec. 1, 2, 3 & 4 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Rita Sullivan.

Capital Campaign

Campaign Goal is \$195,000.00
 Pledged to date **\$473,266.00**
 Because of your support we are at 243% of our campaign goal.

Catholic Charities

Our Parish Catholic Charities Campaign pledge for 2020 was \$21,670.00 which is 124.5% of our goal of \$17,400.00

Lectors for next weekend, November 14 & 15:

5.00 pm on Saturday, Nov. 14th, Kathie Sema.
10:00 am on Sunday, Nov. 15th, John McBride
 Please remember that if you cannot lector at the time assigned it is your responsibility to find a replacement.
 Anyone that is interested in lecturing during Mass at St. John's, please contact Carol Voss at cavoss99@gmail.ocm.

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at the Chapel of the Archbishop and will be filmed at 9:00 am. on Tuesday, November 17, 2020:

NURSING HOME OUTREACH:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

HOUSE BLESSINGS

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

STAY AWAKE!

How then, shall we live our lives? We are told to keep vigil and to "stay awake." What does that mean? It means that we keep our spirits well stocked with faith, hope, and love, so that our "lamps" will not burn out too soon. It means that we continually seek out wisdom, especially in dark times of suffering. It means that we are always ready for the Lord to come in unexpected ways, teach us unexpected lessons, and bring us unexpected joys, even in unexpected situations. Then, at the moment of death we will be prepared, because we will be in the habit of watching for and welcoming the Lord.

Cute One-Liners

- The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.**
- We don't change the message, The message changes us.**
- You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him/her.**
- The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.**

Announcements for Week of November 8, 2020

- The Lady's Sodality Annual Bazaar** will be next Saturday, Nov. 14th. The ladies are asking for baked goods and candies and they could use a lot of help at 5 am on Saturday morning setting up for the bazaar.
- The 2020 Christ the King** medal recipient for St. John the Baptist is Bill Schaffer for his selfless giving of time and talent.
- The Knights of Columbus Council No. 15490** of St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish, Grand Bay in collaboration with LifeSouth Community Blood Centers will sponsor our first annual blood drive on Sunday Nov. 15th from 8 am until 2 pm in the church parking lot. Donors will receive cholesterol screening as well as COVID 19 antibody testing at no cost. Give the gift of life.
- Joy Boxes** are available this year for anyone who is interested in filling and sending one. See the information under the "Golden Group on page 2 of this weeks' bulletin.
- Father Sherwin** will be on vacation from November 14th through December 14th, 2020.
- Known Birthdays:** 10th: Wyatt Medders, Kennedy Bridges, 12th: Michael Ladnier, 13th: Larry Davis, 14th: Father Sherwin, **No Known Anniversaries:**

Stewardship and Capital Campaign

General Contributions

Week of October 31st: General Fund: \$3,697.00

Online Contributions – General Fund

October 2020: \$325.45

Capital Campaign to date:

Contributions to date: \$85,631.10 (43.9% of pledge)
Parish Distributions to date: \$17,126.22 (20%)

Confirmation 2020

