

## MASS INTENTIONS

- Wed., Nov. 25th, Thanksgiving Vigil, 6:30 p.m.:** Bill Umbdenstock, by Glenda & family; Harold & Mary Crook, by David & Reneta Wittenauer  
**Thurs., Nov. 26th & Fri., Nov. 27th:** No Mass  
**Sat., Nov. 28th, 4 p.m.:** Sandy Arnold, by Ralph & Karla Chapman; Bernard Imming, by family  
**Sun., Nov. 29th, 10 a.m.:** Paul Meyer, by family; For the Parish

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God in your life is what makes it matter.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Snoopy was getting his food for his Thanksgiving dinner. He knew everyone else was having turkey. He meditates and talks to himself: "Everyone is eating turkey today, but just because I'm a dog, I get dog food." He trots away and positions himself on top of his doghouse and concludes: "Of course it could have been worse: I could have been a turkey."

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Barb Niermann, Mary Ann Fahey, Jim Davison,  
Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners  
Names remain for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

- Sun: Welcome Sunday today at Mass; Baptism after Mass; Community Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m.  
Remember, you must call for a reservation!  
Mon.: Confirmation forms need to be turned in.  
Wed.: Early School Dismissal; Parish Thanksgiving Mass at 6:30 p.m. Call for a reservation.  
Thurs.: Happy Thanksgiving! Stay healthy and safe!  
Fri.: No morning Mass  
Sun.: First Sunday of Advent; Liturgy Mtg. after Mass

## CONFESION/RECONCILIATION

Starting next Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, I will be available on Saturday afternoon for Confessions from 3 – 3:30 p.m. in the priest sacristy. There will be the two last pews reserved on the right side of Church for you to use. When you come in to the sacristy, there will be hand sanitizer on the corner of the table, please use it and then close the door. You will see a glass type screen. I will be seated on the other side of it. There will be no kneeler or chair for you to use. You just walk up to the screen and stand there and I will begin by giving you a blessing. When you finish your confession, you can open the door and go back to your pew. Remember you must also wear your mask!

## SCHEDULE CHANGE

As you read in the bulletin last week, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> was the last evening Mass of the week we will have. We will have Mass on Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. starting on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Beginning next weekend we will begin to live-stream our Saturday 4 p.m. Mass which will also be available to watch on You Tube at a later time. There will be some weekends when we will live-stream both Masses. Thanking you for watching. Thanks also to Matt Cowell and Mark Cowell for making this all possible for us each week.

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## READINGS

### 1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11 - 12, 15 - 17

The Lord said, "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock...I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark." I will pasture them, give them rest, bring back the strays, and heal the sick.

### 2nd Reading:

### 1 Corinthians 15:20 - 26, 28

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life." Christ must reign until the last enemy, death, is destroyed, "so that God may be all in all."

### Gospel: Matthew 25:31 - 46

As a shepherd separates sheep from goats, so will the Son of Man come in glory to separate those who fed the hungry from those who did not: "Whatever you do for one of the least...you did for me."

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year the readings concern the end of time and Christ's role as King and Judge. Before Jesus spoke to his disciples about separating sheep from goats, Ezekiel prophesied about the sheep God tends and then judges. Paul explained how at the end of time all will be brought to life and death will be destroyed. Finally, we hear Matthew's account of the Last Judgment. Let us look for the Lord in our neighbor, welcoming Christ in the stranger, providing for him in the needy, comforting him in the suffering, befriending him in the lonely, and exulting with him with those who are filled with joy.

**REMEMBER, YOU MUST CALL FOR A RESERVATION!** You need to do this for the Community Thanksgiving Service (tonight-Sunday at 7 pm), for our Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm and for the weekend Masses. Thank You!

Next weekend, Nov. 28 & 29<sup>th</sup> we begin a new Liturgical Year with the Season of Advent. On the table by the cry room are displayed various Advent reading materials for you and your family. Attached to the bulletin we have our Annual Advent Prayer Calendar which lists a scripture reading every day along with a special prayer intention. What a great prayer time for your family or for you individually. Did you sign up for the BestAdventEver.com to receive a daily short inspirational from Dynamic Catholic? There are many ways we can make this time prayerful and reflective! How are you going to Prepare the Way of the Lord?

Have a blest week! Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved! ~ Fr. Dennis

## HOLY WATER

Have you wanted Holy Water to bless yourself at home, as well as your house? In the basket by the table where our Book of Remembrance is, you can find some bottles of Holy Water.

## LITURGY COMMITTEE

A reminder to the liturgy committee members that we will have a short meeting after the 10 am Mass next Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH**

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| Sunday.....                          | \$3,554.00        |
| Loose.....                           | \$25.00           |
| <b>Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....</b> | <b>\$3,579.00</b> |
| Adopt-a-Parish.....                  | \$90.00           |
| Capital Campaign.....                | \$80.00           |
| School Support.....                  | \$80.00           |
| Thanksgiving.....                    | \$135.00          |
| All Saints.....                      | \$60.00           |
| CCHD.....                            | \$95.00           |

**'Tis (ALMOST) THE SEASON**

We invite you to join us and fellow parishioners for the BEST ADVENT EVER, a free E-mail program from Dynamic Catholic. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas, but we often get distracted and busy. Don't let this Advent pass you by. Slow down and focus on what matters most. Each day you will receive an E-mail with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your everyday life, and real life stories of hope. All you have to do is sign up at: [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com). Get ready for the best Christmas of your life!

**CCHD COLLECTION**

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs in our diocese and throughout the country that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who struggle across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty initiatives. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. You may also give at: <https://stclarechurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/CCHD>. All funds collected at this site are forwarded on to the diocesan collection.

**12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

It's time for SJB Church's annual Christmas Raffle! Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100! Tickets are re-entered each time; you could win all twelve prizes! Prizes: Day 1: Lotto Ticket Board; Day 2: Hand-made Quilt (Queen); Day 3: \$25.00; Day 4: Lotto Ticket Board; Day 5: Hand-made Quilt (Queen); Day 6: \$25.00; Day 7: Lotto Ticket Board; Day 8: Hand-made Quilt (Queen); Day 9: \$25.00; Day 10: Lotto Ticket Board; Day 11: Hand-made Quilt (Queen); Day 12: \$2,020.00. Prizes drawn the first 12 days of December. Tickets must be returned by November 29, 2020. Pick up tickets at the main entrance or contact the rectory.

**ST. ANNE'S CHRISTMAS  
PARTY: POSTPONED**

Party Postponed: St. Anne's CCW Christmas party which was scheduled for December 1st has been postponed. Due to the current issues with the COVID 19 mandates we cannot meet. We are hoping to have the party at our January meeting. We will keep you posted, and all who made reservations will be notified.

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS****TO OUR HEARTS**

(God Grants Strength to Our Weakness) There are no difficulties, trials, or misunderstandings to fear, provided we remain united to God as branches to the vine, provided we do not lose our friendship with him, provided we make ever more room for him in our lives. This is especially so whenever we feel poor, weak, and sinful, because God grants strength to our weakness, riches to our poverty, conversion and forgiveness to our sinfulness.

**FOOD COLLECTION DRIVE**

This year we are not in competition with anyone but ourselves. Last year the school and parish collected 3,546 items for the food drive. That was fantastic! Because of the pandemic and other situations that have changed, we have set our goal at 1,773 items. Help us reach our goal by December 11<sup>th</sup>. Bring your items and put them in the bins in the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your help in this outreach project.

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAIL**

Dec. 1 or Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be putting in the mail a letter to all parishioners about the coming celebration of Christmas, the Masses we will have, opportunities for Confession, etc. During this most challenging time, we need to work together to keep everyone safe. Please read the letter and what we are asking you to do for the coming celebrations we will be having, how they will be live-streamed, and most important that you will need to **CALL AND MAKE A RESERVATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. REMEMBER, WE ARE ONLY ALLOWED 100 PEOPLE IN CHURCH.** Thank you for working with us, being patient and understanding with all we are trying to do to make you feel safe when you come to Church.

**LIVE-STREAM MASS**

Live-stream Mass link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaNKmagnqdtCFh07WAmyBq> It will take you to the YouTube page; click on the live video stream. Beginning the weekend after Thanksgiving.

**GIBAULT NEWS**

**It's Gibault's Raffle Mania time!** With a purchase of a \$25 ticket, you are entered for: \$100 Early Bird Christmas Drawing (ticket must be purchased by December 15 to qualify); \$30 Daily Drawings on Monday-Friday from January 1 - May 31, 2021; \$100 Bonus Winner the last day of each month (January - April); GRAND PRIZES in May for \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, and \$250! If your ticket is pulled for a prize, it goes right back in, so you have the chance to win again! You can buy your ticket online at [www.GibaultRaffle.givesmart.com](http://www.GibaultRaffle.givesmart.com) or contact the school office at 939-3883.

**Enrollment News:** Applications for 2021-2022 were mailed this week. If you did not receive one, but would like to apply, contact our enrollment office at 939-3883.

**Update:** Out of an abundance of caution, we are suspending the Placement Test that was scheduled for December 5.

For more information on student life at Gibault, contact Director of Enrollment Kelly Day at 939-3883 or [kday@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibaulthawks.com)

### **VOCATIONS CORNER**

This coming week we celebrate a National day of Thanksgiving. We, Catholics, give even greater thanks for all the gifts God has bestowed on us and for us to share. Each one of us has been given a unique calling to Holiness. Each one is to serve the Lord in her/his own "called" way. A vocational calling is asking us to surrender our talents to God so that they may be sanctified and produce fruit for the Kingdom.

### **MASS ATTENDANCE**

Thurs., Nov. 12th, 30 people attended the 6:30 p.m. Mass  
Sat., Nov. 14th, 61 people attended the 4 p.m. Mass.  
Sun., Nov. 15th, 100 people attended the 10 a.m. Mass.  
We have plenty of room for you to attend! Please join us!

### **MATTRESS SALE!**

Fundraiser to support SJB Athletic Dept. - if you need a new mattress, now is the time to buy! During the entire month of November, head to Red Bud Mattress, purchase a mattress and mention SJB Athletics so the department is credited. Pick up, delivery, layaway available. Cash, check or credit cards accepted. New mattresses in all sizes, luxury top, memory foams, latex & more; up to 70% off retail!

### **FROM OUR SISTER PARISH**

I greet you on behalf of your sister parish in Jutiapa. You may have heard that recently a hurricane has caused flooding and damage in Guatemala. Fortunately, Jutiapa did not receive much damage from the storm. Your sister parish may be suffering in other ways though. You may want to reach out and check on your sister parish, if you have not already. Covid-19 has not allowed our sister parishes to have Mass with the public for over 7 months now. You can imagine how difficult this has been on the priests and people of your sister parish. You must also realize that the priests of Jutiapa do not get paid and rely on their parishioners for support. It is truly a struggle for our brothers and sisters in Jutiapa. I realize that many are going through difficult times, but it is in our shared faith that we can find peace. I ask that you remember your sister parish in your prayers, as they remember us.

### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus talks to his disciples in the form of a simple story: a shepherd separating animals at the end of the day in the Middle East. The sheep and goat tend to mingle easily with one another -until the end. The sheep represent those who will share eternal life with Christ, the goats represent those who will suffer eternal punishment. Jesus tells the disciples that however you treated the least of people, you treated me. This highlights the significance that we are Jesus' arms, his voice, his heart and we are his co-workers in the kingdom on earth. Learn, Act, Connect and Pray- let's use this time to examine our lives as we listen to the readings that represent the end of the Liturgical year. How are we doing? Are we providing for those who are in prison by writing letters of encouragement through our diocese pen pal ministry through Prison Ministry? Are we getting involved in Respect Life efforts in our diocese to help the abortion vulnerable as well as the marginalized? We must look at and respect the dignity of all human life - in every stage and situation- and then we will know we are working for Christ.