

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, 6th, Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, 7th, Weekday

8 a.m.: Margaret Fadler, by friends & family

Wednesday, 8th, Weekday

11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Lorine Schuette

Thursday, 9th, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8 a.m.: Debby Heine, by Steven & Jennifer Beck

Friday, 10th, Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8 a.m.: Pat Sutterer, by Welda & Carol DeRousse

Saturday, 11th, Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

4 p.m.: Walter & Dolores Spreitler, by family

Sunday, 12th, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 a.m.: For the Parish

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, November 11th, 4 p.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Wiegard, H. Siegfried, J. Meyer, M. & P. Martin

Gift Bearers: B. Zipfel, W. Mitan

Lectors: J. Mergelkamp

Servers: N. & N. Gantner

Ushers: M. & V. Cowell

Sunday, November 12th, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Rahn, K. Fahey, T. Seemann, J. Barbeau, M. Scheffert

Gift Bearers: J. Becker family

Lectors: C. Crain

Servers: C. Crain, J. Siegfried

Ushers: E. & A. Stadter

Thought for the Week

In every situation we have two options:
Trust in the Lord, or choose another.

On the Lighter Side

Little Jimmy always fussed at his mom when it was time to go to Church. He didn't want to go! One Sunday his mom thought she would ask him how he liked church that day. Little Jimmy replied, "The music was fine, but the commercial was too long."

Please Pray For ...

Beulah Robert, Carol Thompson, Glenda Wiegard,
Jane Lucht, Roberta Lurk, Derrick DeWilde,

Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners

Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

Vocations Corner

This Sunday starts National Vocations Week. In the Gospel today we hear that Jesus is the root of all vocational calls. We are all partakers in Him as His Body. This week let us especially pray that God will stir up a desire in more young people to be led by Jesus in the service of others to build up Christ's kingdom here on earth. The gifts and talents we receive are not for our own well-being, but must always be directed to humbly serve the Body of Christ in the headship of Jesus.

Readings

1st Reading: Malachi 1:14b - 2:2b, 8 - 10

In the name of the Lord of hosts the prophet asked, "Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?"

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b - 9, 13

Paul gave thanks to God and praised the Thessalonians for receiving the gospel as God's word at work in all who believe. He said, "We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children."

Gospel: Matthew 23:1 - 12

Jesus warned the crowds and disciples not to show off but to practice the faith humbly before God: "The greatest among you must be your servant."

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

On this thirty-first Sunday, our first reading and Gospel deliver a very clear message about practicing what we preach. Imagine being a scribe or Pharisee and hearing Jesus tell the people to ignore what you do and only do what you preach! As we hear this word, let us each examine our own lives. Do we do what God asks of us, or do we only pay lip service to God's commands? Let us pray for the humility of Christ in our daily interactions!

This week, Nov. 5-11th is National Vocation Awareness Week. Please take time to read the insert in the bulletin. In talking with your children or grandchildren have you raised the call to Church ministry? The process of answering God's call begins in childhood. Throughout adolescence and adulthood, the attitudes assumed in childhood begin to influence the course of one's life. A vocation or a talent will not grow to fruition unless it is nurtured in childhood and adolescence by a parent. Children too often talk about what they want to be "when they grow up". They may talk about these roles, but do they ever talk about being a priest, sister, or brother? You are the hand of God - encourage your children to consider Church ministry!!

Let us pray throughout this month for all the Faithful Departed! May they share in the joy and peace of heaven!

Thank you for your expressions of support and care last weekend as we celebrated Priesthood Sunday. Let us continue to work together to build and strengthen the Body of Christ.

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

Mattress Sale!

If you need a new mattress, now is the time to buy! SJB Athletic Department Mattress Sale is Sunday, November 26th at Red Bud Mattress Company (new location: 139 W. Market), 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Huge savings - up to 70% off retail! New mattresses in all sizes (king, queen, full, twin); luxury top, memory foam, latex and more. Pick up, delivery and layaway available. Cash, check or credit cards accepted; credit/debit cards will incur a processing fee. If you are unable to attend the Nov. 26th event, bring a flyer to the Red Bud Mattress Company store from now until Dec. 16th at receive the same promotion. Store hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m.-noon.

Church A/C & Heating Fund Drive

We are still waiting to complete the final work on the AC unit for the balcony and several other minor projects. Thank you for your continued support for this project. To date we have collected \$65,599.20. You have been wonderful!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Last weekend there was an insert in the bulletin to see if there is interest in providing a Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10 a.m. Mass for children in grades K-4. If you didn't get one, find a copy on the bulletin tables. If there is sufficient interest and adequate help we would begin sometime in January or February. Drop your reply in the collection. Thank you!

Run, Rudolph, Run

SJB School's 6th Annual Run, Rudolph, Run 5K Run and 1.5 Mile Fun Walk will be Fri., Nov. 17th at 6 p.m. For all race info, including registration forms, please visit the school website, or the SJBrunrudolphrun Facebook page. Flyers can be found at the entrances!

Baptismal Preparation Class

All first-time parents who wish to have their child baptized at St. John's, St. Patrick's, or St. Joseph's must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. The next class is scheduled for Thurs., Nov. 9th, 6:30 p.m. at the Red Brick Center in Ruma. Please call Rhonda (SJB: 282-3222), Sandy (St. Pat's: 282-3176), Jill (St. Joseph: 284-3314) to reserve your spot.

Choir Practice

Ecumenical choir practice will be on November 6th and 13th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Prayer Group

Have you ever wanted to thank the Lord for all His gifts, graces and love He has given you? Need to pray for a special request? Come pray the rosary and the prayers on the 7th of each month in the Church at 1 p.m. Bring a friend November 7th.

Thank You to Our Advertisers!

E-Z Self Storage Rentals

St. Anne's CCW

St. Anne's CCW will meet Tues., Nov. 7th at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. All women of the parish are welcome; please join us.

Your Gifts to God & Parish

Sunday.....	\$4,215.00
Loose.....	\$345.25
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$4,560.25
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$65.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$40.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$50.00
School Endowment.....	\$10.00
Seminarian Education.....	\$10.00
CCHD.....	\$5.00
All Saints.....	\$10.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$10.00
Online October Donations.....	\$1,852.00

Happenings This Week

- Sun.: No 8 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's; Wurstmart, Country Store, Raffle at St. Patrick's, 11-3 p.m.; Vocation Awareness Week - read the insert in the bulletin!
- Mon: RCIA session, 7 p.m., Red Brick Center, Ruma; Ecumenical Choir practice, 6:30 p.m., Church
- Tues.: Bible Study, 8:45 a.m., Church: St. Anne CCW mtg., 7 p.m., cafeteria
- Wed.: PSR classes, 6:45 p.m., school; Bible Study, 6:45 p.m., Church basement
- Thurs.: Visit Sisters, 3rd floor, Ruma Convent, 10:30 a.m.; Baptism Preparation Class, 6:30 p.m., Red Brick Center, Ruma
- Fri.: 8 a.m. Mass honoring our Veteran's; Veteran's Day Eve Cash Bingo, 7 p.m., Social Center
- Sat.: Santel baby Baptism after 4 p.m. Mass; Welcome Weekend
- Sun.: Welcome Weekend; 1 p.m. Baptism of Fr. Dennis' great-nephew in Waterloo

Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts

(God's Name is Love) Let us recognize that God is not something vague; our God is not a God "spray"; he is tangible; he is not abstract but has a name: "God is Love." His is not a sentimental, emotional kind of love but the love of the Father who is the origin of all life, the love of the Son who dies on the cross and is raised, the love of the Spirit who renews human beings and the world. Thinking that God is love does us so much good, because it teaches us to love, to give ourselves to others as Jesus gave himself to us and walks with us. Jesus walks beside us on the road through life.

Veteran's Day Eve Bingo

Friday, November 10th - Veteran's Day Eve Cash Bingo! Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$20 per guest (half off for all Veterans and Active Duty); includes 12 bingo games, 2 specialty drinks, 1 dauber. Additional raffles and games offered; basket raffles. Bring your own snacks. Max of 12 people per table; limited seating (reservations encouraged; walk-ins welcome). Call 282-3222 for reservations.

Food Challenge Round 2!

St. Mary's School in Chester has asked for a rematch. Remember, SJB soundly beat them in the Food Challenge so we are out to defend our title! Our school will be collecting non-perishable food items during the month of November. We are asking for everyone's help. Please bring all food items to the back of church or to school by November 30th. Thanks! ~ SJB students & staff

Cookies Needed

On Sunday, Nov. 19th at 7 p.m., the Ecumenical Service will be held here at St. John's. All are welcome! We are asking everyone to bring at least two dozen HOMEMADE cookies for the fellowship following the service. You can put them on tables in the back of church at Mass that Saturday or bring them Sunday morning to Mass and we will take care of sorting them on the trays. We also ask you to please label if any of your cookies have nuts in them; they have to be on separate trays. Thank you in advance!

Respect Life Corner

Human Trafficking - In the United States, victims of trafficking are "all around us" in poorly regulated industries like agriculture, in-home domestic work, nursing home work and the food-service industry. Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Human trafficking is a pro-life issue. It is about respect for men, women and children; it is about human rights. Discern your own ability to fight human trafficking, whether through volunteering, material donations, awareness-raising or working to change and enforce laws. Pray that we recognize the opportunity to start making a difference.

St. Anne's Christmas Banquet

St. Anne's CCW Christmas Banquet will be on Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 6:30 p.m. at Lisa's Restaurant in Prairie du Rocher. You must RSVP no later than November 17th. Please call Jan at 282-6962. At the time of your reservation, you need to pay \$13.

Reflection

Count back 17 weeks. In Matthew 11 on the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus said, "my yoke is easy and my burden light". This burden is the Covenant, the loving relationship of God and People. Jesus loves the Law and those who faithfully keep it. But he has no patience and no praise for those who go to extremes - the proud, the pushy, the puffed up. He has no patience for the extreme of acting more for show than for goodness and right. He detests preaching goodness while not practicing it. ~ Whose example will I follow? ~ How will I lay to heart goodness and right behavior? ~ How can I be humble? How will I serve?

Christmas Outreach Project

It's hard to believe that Christmas is right around the corner, but it is! Our annual Christmas Outreach is fast approaching. Sign up will be Nov. 18 & 19, and 25 & 26. More information soon!

Way of Lights Volunteer Request

Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display or helping in the children's craft area at the Shrine from November 17 through December 31. This is a great opportunity for youth service hours. If interested, email programs@snows.org or call 618-397-6700 ext. 6281.

Upcoming Events

Wurstmarkt, Nov. 5th, St. Patrick's, Ruma. Whole hog pork sausage dinner (with mashed potatoes, milky gravy, sauerkraut, vegetables, rolls, dessert, drink), 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Raffle, Country Store.

Bingo, 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month, American Legion, Rocher. Doors/concession: 5 p.m.; Early Bird: 6:30 p.m., Bingo: 7 p.m.

Fall Rummage Sale, Nov. 11th, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Gibault. Special deals from 1-3 p.m.

Quilt/Cash Bingo, Nov. 12th, St. Augustine's, Hecker (held at Hecker Community Center). Fried chicken & pork sausage plates, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; bingo begins at 1:30 p.m. Lightning Round prior to bingo. Attendance prizes, raffle, Pot of God.