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## ***Masses, Confessions, & Devotions***

### **Saturday, November 5th • Blessed Virgin Mary (Mass of the Dead)**

7:25-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & Morning Prayer

8:15 am *EF Mass* • Int. Jean Sedlacek (+) by Byron & Kate Bolton

3:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm *OF Anticipated Mass of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time* • Int. For All Parishioners

### **Sunday, November 6th • THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost)**

7:25-7:50 am Confessions

8:00 am *OF Mass* • Int. Anthony Bodus (+) by Mark & Angie Grant

11:00 am *EF Mass* • Int. Henry Joseph Shorkey (+) by Bernadette & Mike Porter; 4:30 pm Evening Prayer

### **Monday, November 7th • Weekday (Daily Mass for the Dead)**

7:10 am *EF Mass* • Int. Ted Sotak (+) by Sue Sotak

8:00 am Rosary

### **Tuesday, November 8th • Weekday (Daily Mass for the Dead)**

7:50 am Rosary

8:15 am *OF Mass* • Int. Jon & Johannah Dunn (+) by Charles & Sarah Berninger

### **Wednesday, November 9th • THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (Both)**

5:55 pm Rosary

6:20 pm *OF Mass* • Int. Randy Brzezinski (+) by Mike & Deb Bunek

### **Thursday, November 10th • St. Leo the Great (St. Andrew Avellino)**

8:15 am THERE IS NO MASS

### **Friday, November 11th • St. Martin of Tours (Both)**

5:00 pm Rosary & Evening Prayer

5:30 pm *OF Mass* • Int. Ryan McManus by Bridget McManus

### **Saturday, November 12th • St. Josaphat (St. Martin I)**

7:25-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & Morning Prayer

8:15 am *EF Mass* • Int. Bishop Walsh

3:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm *OF Anticipated Mass of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time* • Int. Tim & Terri Weber on their 45th Wedding Anniversary by their children.

### **Sunday, November 13th • THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost)**

7:25-7:50 am Confessions

8:00 am *OF Mass* • Int. For All Parishioners

11:00 am *EF Mass* • Int. Althea Petritz (+) by Cindy & Matt Mohrman

4:30 pm Evening Prayer



## ***From Deacon Wigton***

### **The Hill to Die On**

In 2 Maccabees, we read the interesting story of seven Jewish brothers and their mother who were apprehended and compelled to eat pork by King Antiochus IV. Because it was a command of God to not eat the flesh of swine, it became the hill that they all were willing to die on. They each were tortured and killed for their trust in Almighty God. The last son, as he was facing his persecutors, remained steadfast and implored mercy on the Jewish nation, saying to the king, "Through me and my brothers, may there be an end to the wrath of the Almighty that has justly fallen on our whole nation."

Like a lamb going before the shearers, Jesus went before His accusers, the civil and religious authorities of Jerusalem. When the priest asked him: "Art Thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" Jesus answered in the affirmative. He also claimed that He was King of the Jews. He was convicted of blasphemy. At any moment, He could have opted out of the extreme torture and crucifixion that He knew He would have to endure should He not recant. Without hesitation, He went to Calvary, the hill He was willing to die on. As He died, He cried out, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Courageous men and women have followed the example of Jesus over the subsequent 20 centuries, starting with St. Stephen, who was brought before the Sanhedrin and accused of speaking blasphemous words against Moses and God. As he was dying of stoning for his stance as a follower of Christ, he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." With conviction and strength that came to them from heaven in the hour of their need, these martyrs stood before emperors, kings, princes, magistrates, barbarians, and every kind of enemy of the Gospel and displayed the same willingness to die for their faith as did those seven brothers in Maccabees.

As we just celebrated the Feast of All Saints, we took closeup views of many lives that were courageously lived, many of them ending with the glory of martyrdom. That succession of holy lives has continued nonstop through the ages. They have always battled against the World, the Flesh, and the Devil in their fight for what is pure, good, and holy. That fight was deemed to be of the highest value, more than life itself.

St Polycarp was burned at the stake and pierced with a spear for refusing to burn incense to the Roman Emperor in 166 AD. St. Justin Martyr was tried by Junius Rusticus and beheaded for not sacrificing to the gods and not obeying the emperor in 162 AD. Pope St. Fabian died of martyrdom in 250 AD for not incensing Roman Cult idols. St. Andrew Trần Dũng-Lạc was a Vietnamese Roman Catholic priest execute by beheading during the reign of Minh Mạng in 1839.

Executions and martyrdoms continue to occur throughout the world for those willing to stand up for their faith. The enemy, Satan, has not let down his guard or his gauntlet. As ever, he is crafty and patient in his ploys to gather souls. He comes to lie, steal, and destroy, but Jesus comes to give life in great abundance. (John 10:10) Cleverly, he has taken a noble



political platform that identified with the common man and was dedicated to the principles of the rights of man; life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and morphed that platform to include rights to abortion and same-sex unions. The God-given rights of parents and physicians are being denied. Those who set themselves against such policies are deemed intolerant and hateful. We have been duped! In a sly and cunning fashion, Satan has fouled the platform, and as followers of Christ, we can no longer be faithful to it.

Will we be martyred? It is left to be seen! The gallows are set. We stand today on platforms that will lead us to our ultimate destiny: martyrs for our faith in Jesus and His commandments or slaves to the enemy of our souls. Interestingly, martyrdoms have notoriously occurred when the state mandates actions that are against our good and informed conscience. A close look at the proposals on an upcoming ballot is just that. Like Jesus and the many saints who have gone before us, are we prepared to choose a hill to die on? When we are persecuted or when we are martyred, can we say, Father, forgive them for they know not what they do?

### ***For the Coming Week's Masses***

**4:00 pm**      **OF November 12th**  
**Propers**      Christopher & Joseph Witkowski  
**Cantor**      Holly Olszewski  
**Lector**      Neil Witkowski  
**Acolyte**      Neil Witkowski  
**Ushers**      Bryan Brzezinski; Len Zeck  
                  Byron Bolton; Bernard Zacharias

**8:00 am**      **OF November 13th**  
**Propers**      Jim Thoreson; Brandon Maxon; Jake Dunphey  
**Cantor**      Bridget McManus  
**Lector**      Judy LaCross  
**Acolyte**      Neil Witkowski  
**Ushers**      Dale Pleva; Fred Peplinski; Mike Tate; Marc Maday

**11:00 am**      **EF November 13th**  
**Ushers**      Michael Kelly; Al Garvin  
                  Brent Weaner; Philip Nachazel; John Martz

### ***Our Sponsor of the Week***

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### ***Collection Totals***

#### ***For October 29th & 30th***

**OF Masses** .....\$5,963.00  
**EF Masses** .....\$2,027.00  
**Total** .....\$7,990.00



### **Folk Dance**

The Blessed Pierre Frassati Youth Group is hosting a folk dance on November 10th. The dance is for everyone ages 13 and over. The fun begins at 7pm in the church basement and snacks and drinks will be available. Please call or text Sarah Grignon with any questions 231 392 1999.

### **Habits Retreat Rescheduled at Holy Rosary**

Build good habits without nagging! Come join other homeschool mothers for a day of refreshment & renewal. Saturday, November 19th, from 9:15 am– 3:30 pm at Holy Rosary School. Lunch, childcare, & all materials included, \$30. Contact Rebecca Kranz at 231-510-6043

### **St. Mary Women's Retreat**

November 19th from 8:00 am—2:30 pm with a special guest speaker: Catherine M Lanni. Catherine is an author and the Foundress of 'The Servants of Jesus of the Divine Mercy' and 'The Women of Jesus' Merciful Passion' in Metro Detroit. Cost for attending the retreat is \$20. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Contact St. Mary at 231-256-9676. for mor information or to register.


### **Protecting our children—Diocese Promise to protect; pledge to heal.**

In an effort to protect all children and to promote healing, the Diocese of Gaylord encourages victims of child abuse or neglect to report the matter. In fact, many professionals are required by Michigan State law to report suspected abuse or neglect of a child or minor. Individuals should contact their local office of the Department of Human Services. If an allegation involves sexual misconduct of a minor by clergy or any employee of the Diocese of Gaylord, even if it is in the past, individuals may also contact Larry LaCross at 989-705-9010.


### **A Reminder on Cremation**

A reminder on the Catholic stance on cremation. The norm and goal is still to not cremate the body since it is a sign of the resurrection. Please make every effort to uphold that when talking to the funeral home about a loved one who has passed or for your own funeral arrangements. Certain countries have very little space for full burials, others live in climates where bodies need to either be buried right away or cremated due to sanitary reasons. Neither of those apply here. Having said all that I realize that the expense of a full burial can be a burden. If so, come and talk with me and also the funeral home, there are often many ways to help. If for some reason there is just no other way, at the very least the body is not to be cremated before the funeral, which would mean that the burial would need to be done on a different day separate from the funeral liturgy. Finally a reminder that under no circumstances are the ashes of a loved one to be spread or made into jewelry; nothing but buried, under pain of sin.

### **Choir Notes**

- Please join the choir to sing Lessons and Carols, on Sunday, December 4th. Rehearsals will be Sunday, November 13, and Sunday November 20th after the 11 am Mass. 
- Please join us to sing for Christmas! Rehearsals will begin November 9th after Mass.
- Mark your Calendars for the annual Carol-gram sale, Sundays in Advent.
- Men's Choir is Sunday, November 27, All Men are invited to join the choir for the offertory selection. This Month it will be *Rorate Caeli Desuper*, email Holly at [hollyoski@gmail.com](mailto:hollyoski@gmail.com) for more information. Practice is at 10:30 on the 27th.

### **Save-the-date!**

Please join us for our annual Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 4th at 1:15 pm. 



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