All Saints ~ November 1, 2026

Mission Statement: We are a united faith filled community, dedicated to Christ, obedient to the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Word of God through sacramental life. We are committed to the enrichment of our children with faith, hope and love.

Upcoming November Events
Knights of Columbus - Turkey BINGO
November 15th and 22nd at Marian Hall

Thanksgiving Mass Times
St Mary's in English at 10am
St James in English at 10am

Baby Bottle Campaign Ending, please turn in bottles as soon as possible.

St Mary's Calvary Cemtery
water will be turned off for the winter. Please remove all artifical displays by 11-7-26

Próximos eventos de noviembre
Caballeros de Colón: BINGO de pavos
15 y 22 de noviembre en el salon Marian

Horarios de las misas de Acción de Gracias
St. Mary's, en inglés, a las 10am
St. James, en inglés, a las 10am

Finaliza la **campaña de los biberones**; por favor, entreguen los biberones lo antes posible.

Cementerio St. Mary's Calvary
El suministro de agua se cerrará durante el invierno. Por favor, retire todos los adornos artificiales antes del 7 de noviembre de 2026.

Mass Intentions
We invite all of our brothers and sisters to submit Mass Intention requests. A donation of $10 is requested for each intention. Donations may be placed in the office drop box, in the collection basket during Mass, or given in person at the parish office.
Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Intenciones de Misa
Invitamos a todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas a solicitar intenciones para la Misa. Se solicita una donación de $10 por cada intención. Las donaciones pueden depositarse en el buzón de la oficina parroquial, en la cesta de colecta durante la Misa o entregarse en persona en la oficina parroquial.
Agradecemos enormemente su generosidad y sus oraciones.

Faith Formation Schedule

Wednesdays
Northside Elementary, 2-3pm
Madelia Elementary, 4:30-5:30pm
Middle School and Older *(St James & Madelia)*, 7-8pm

Thursdays
surrounding areas to St. James, 7-8pm

Registration closes November 20, 2026. Please call Parish Office to register.

Horario de formación en la fe

Miércoles
Northside Elementary, de 2p a 3p
Madelia Elementary, de 4:30p a 5:30p
Estudiantes de secundaria (Middle School) y mayores *(St James & Madelia)*, de 7p a 8p

Jueves
Zonas aledañas a St. James, de 7p a 8p

Las inscripciones cierran el 20 de noviembre de 2026. Por favor, llame a la oficina parroquial para inscribirse.

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Mass Intentions for the week of November 2 - 8, 2026

Mon 2	**8:00 am**	**St. Mary Parish**	**✠ Willy & Emily Lopez**
Mon 2	**11:00 am**	**St James Calvary Cementary**	**✠ Amber Aleman & Juan D Rodriguez Jr**
Mon 2	**7:00 pm**	**St James Parish - *Spanish***	**✠ Roberto & Maria Elena Gonzalez**
Tues 3	8:00 am	St. James Parish	✠ Harold & Aurelia Guggisberg
Tues 3	7:00 pm	St. Mary Parish - *Spanish*	✠ Sandy Seibert
Wed 4	8:30 am	St. Mary Parish	✠ Linda Smith
Thurs 5	7:00 pm	St. James Parish - *Spanish*	✠ Mary Ellen Stenzel
Fri 6	8:00 am	St. James Parish	✠ Linda Smith
Sat 7	7:00 pm	St. Mary Parish - *Spanish*	*pro populo*
Sun 8	8:00 am	St. Mary Parish	✠ Janet Dysthe
Sun 8	10:00 am	St. James Parish	✠ Harold & Aurelia Guggisberg
Sun 8	12:00 pm	St. James Parish - *Spanish*	✠ Guadalupe Ortiz Zuniga

2026 ~ Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

Parish	Goal	Received	Donors
St. James	$18,967	$2,350	7
St. Mary	$12,193	$1,310	10

Remember: If parish goals are not met by December 31, 2026, the parishes must pay the amount remaining from operating funds.

"And of all that you give me I will surely give one tenth to you." ~ Genesis 28:22

As of October 18, 2026	*St. James*	*St. Mary*
Church Support needed per week:	$5,595	$2,926
Church Support giving last week:	$3,490	$4,273
Church Support needed fiscal year-to-date:	$83,925	$43,890
Church Support giving fiscal year-to-date:	$59, 440	$38,265

Weekly Readings

MONDAY November 2
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
Wisdom 3:1-9
Romans 6:3-9
John 6:37-40

TUESDAY November 3
St Martin de Porres, Religious
Phil 2:5-11
Lk 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY November 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Phil 2:12-18
Lk 14:25-33

THURSDAY November 5
Weekday
Phil 3:3-8a
Lk 15:1-10

FRIDAY November 6
Weekday
Phil 3:17— 4:1
Lk 16:1-8

SATURDAY November 7
Blessed Virgin Mary
Phil 4:10-19
Lk 16:9-15

SUNDAY November 8
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6:12-16
1 Thes 4:13-18
Mt 25:1-13

Reflections and Guidance ~ Reflexiones y Orientación

Taking Back All Hallows' Eve

Every year as October comes to an end, Catholics face the same question: What should we make of Halloween?

Perhaps the first thing we need to remember is that the very name "Halloween" comes from **All Hallows' Eve — the Eve of All Saints**. It belongs to a Christian season centered on three days: the vigil on October 31, All Saints' Day on November 1, and All Souls' Day on November 2. Together, these days remind us of the whole Church: the faithful on earth, the saints in heaven, and the souls for whom we continue to pray.

Sadly, much of our culture has taken this season and distorted it. Instead of holiness, we often see the occult; instead of reverence for death and eternity, we see death trivialized; instead of beauty, we sometimes see ugliness celebrated for its own sake. Evil is mocked, imitated, and even presented as entertainment.

Christians should never be naïve about this. Anything involving divination, séances, attempts to contact spirits, witchcraft, or occult practices has no place in the Christian life. But neither should we simply surrender these days to the culture.

We can **take the season back**.

Children can dress as saints or other meaningful characters. We can visit a cemetery, pray for our deceased relatives by name, celebrate All Saints with joy, and remember especially the souls in Purgatory.

The Christian answer to death is not fascination, fear, or ridicule. **It is Christ**.

Death does not have the final word. Ugliness does not conquer beauty. Darkness does not overcome the light.

Perhaps this Halloween, instead of allowing the world to tell us what these days mean, we can reclaim them and remember what they were meant to proclaim: **holiness, eternity, prayer for the dead, and the victory of Christ over death.**

Fr. Mariano Ruiz, IVE

Recuperar la Víspera de Todos los Santos

Cada año, cuando octubre llega a su fin, los católicos nos enfrentamos a la misma pregunta: ¿Qué debemos hacer con Halloween?

Quizás lo primero que debemos recordar es que el mismo nombre "Halloween" proviene **de All Hallows' Eve —la Víspera de Todos los Santos**. Pertenece a un tiempo cristiano centrado en tres días: la vigilia del 31 de octubre, la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos el 1 de noviembre y la Conmemoración de los Fieles Difuntos el 2 de noviembre. Juntos, estos días nos recuerdan a toda la Iglesia: los fieles en la tierra, los santos en el cielo y las almas por las que seguimos orando.

Lamentablemente, gran parte de nuestra cultura ha tomado este tiempo y lo ha distorsionado. En lugar de santidad, a menudo vemos ocultismo; en lugar de reverencia ante la muerte y la eternidad, vemos la muerte trivializada; en lugar de belleza, a veces vemos la fealdad celebrada por sí misma. El mal es ridiculizado, imitado e incluso presentado como entretenimiento.

Los cristianos nunca deben ser ingenuos ante esto. Cualquier cosa que implique adivinación, sesiones espiritistas, intentos de contactar con espíritus, brujería o prácticas ocultas no tiene lugar en la vida cristiana. Pero tampoco debemos simplemente entregar estos días a la cultura.

Podemos **recuperar este tiempo**.

Los niños pueden disfrazarse de santos u otros personajes significativos. Podemos visitar un cementerio, rezar por nuestros difuntos por su nombre, celebrar a Todos los Santos con alegría y recordar especialmente a las almas del Purgatorio.

La respuesta cristiana a la muerte no es la fascinación, el miedo ni la burla. **Es Cristo**.

La muerte no tiene la última palabra. La fealdad no vence a la belleza. La oscuridad no vence a la luz.

Quizás este Halloween, en lugar de permitir que el mundo nos diga qué significan estos días, podamos reclamarlos y recordar lo que estaban destinados a proclamar: **la santidad, la eternidad, la oración por los difuntos y la victoria de Cristo sobre la muerte**.

Padre Mariano Ruiz, IVE

Church Calendar ~ November 1 - 14, 2026

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
All Saints Day **Day Light Savings Time Fall Back an Hour!**	**All Souls Day** **Mass Times** ***St Mary, English 8am*** **St James Cemetery, English 11am** ***St James, Spanish 7pm***	**St. James** **Rosary** at 7:30am **St. Mary** Eucharistic Adoration 8pm / ***Adoración Eucarística*** *8pm*	**St. Mary** **Rosary** at 8:00am **St Mary** **CCW Meeting** 5:30pm at Social Hall **St James** **Knights of Columbus Meeting** 7pm in Room 8	**St. James** Eucharistic Adoration 8pm / ***Adoración Eucarística*** 8pm **St Mary School** **Early out at 12:30pm.** Conferences from 1pm to 6pm **St James** **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Begins at 8pm until 8am Friday *Everyone is welcome* **Exposicion del Santisimo Sacramento** Empieza a las 8pm, hasta las 8am el viernes *Todos son bienvenidos*	**St James** **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** ends at 8am *Everyone is welcome* **Exposicion del Santisimo Sacramento** terminando a las 8am *Todos son bienvenidos* **Mountain Lake** **Mt Lake Christian School** **710 11th St. N., Mt Lake, MN** *60th annual borscht supper* **and 5th & 6th grade bake sale.** **4:30pm-8pm** *7th grade and older $10, K-6th grade $5, Pre-K Free*	**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil**

Neighborhood Pantry
Annual Adopt a Turkey Campaign, $25
How to donate:
P.O. BOX 123, St James, MN
Venmo @WatonwanCounty-Foodshelf

National Vocations Awareness Week

Sunday 8	Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **St Mary's** **Coffee and Rolls** after 8am mass. *All are welcome* **Odin** **Odin Firemen's Relief Assciation** *Pancake Breakfast 9:30am to 1:00pm at the Odin Community Center.* Free Will Donation.		**St. James** **Rosary** at 7:30am **St. Mary** Eucharistic Adoration 8pm / ***Adoración Eucarística*** *8pm*	**St. Mary** **Rosary** at 8:00am	**St. James** Eucharistic Adoration 8pm / ***Adoración Eucarística*** *8pm*		**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil** **2nd Collection** Campaign for Human Development **2ª colecta** para el desarrollo humano