



## *The Solemnity of* **All Saints**

**"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me,  
even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives  
and believes in me will never die." *John 11:25-26***

## *The Commemoration of* **All the Faithful Departed**





## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### ALL SOULS' DAY

November 2, 2025

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only.

Nov. 1	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
Nov. 8	5:45pm	Poor Souls req. by Ed & Judy Phelan +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
Nov. 15	5:45pm	In Thanksgiving req. by Ed & Judy Phelan +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
Nov. 22	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family Poor Souls req. By Ed & Judy Phelan Parish Family of St. Patrick

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Nov. 1	Mark May	P. Engler
Nov. 8	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella
Nov. 15	Sherrie Ashley	L. Cakora
Nov. 22	Sue Nugent	C. Smith

### SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are  
attending

### WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 10/25/2025

Sunday \$1029.00

Maintenance \$100.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54

THANK YOU For your faith - filled support

**Scripture Readings  
For the Week of November 2, 2025**

**Sunday** The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

**Monday** Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday** Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2,3; Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday** Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday** Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

**Friday** Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday** Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22



**SAVE THE DATE**

**PARISH HOLIDAY  
POT LUCK**

**Saturday, Dec. 6**

**After 4:00PM Mass**

**Sign up sheet available**

**Next weekend**

**To bring either a  
Salad, vegetable, or dessert**



**Please Remember our sick;**

**especially:** Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski, Lisa Price, Marshall & Duncan Lorenzen, Barbara Schriver, Leslie Lund, Joe & Carol Price, Beth Oniel, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Haley Donzella, Ken Smith, Laura 'Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard. Joe Hanson

*Thankful*



**During the Month of  
November  
Our Blessed Mother Candle  
Is burning for  
THE POOR  
SOULS IN PURGATORY**



## All Saints Day

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

## ALL SOULS DAY

All Soul's day commemorates all of the faithful departed, and offers us the opportunity to aid the poor souls in purgatory by our prayers and devotions. In fact, an indulgence for the souls in purgatory is granted to the faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed.



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
IS THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS  
REMEMBRANCE CARDS**

**ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE  
ALL SOULS REMEMBERANCES WILL BE  
PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN DURING  
THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

In Loving memory of Those Buried in  
St. Patrick Cemetery, or buried from our  
Parish and Entered  
into Eternal Life This Past Year.

**DORIS ROBBINS**

**DON TULLEY**

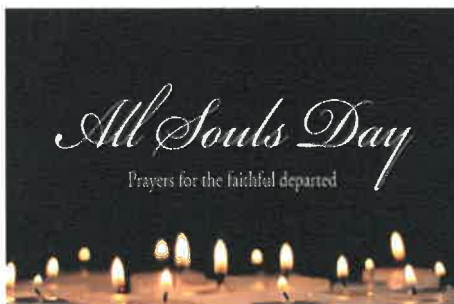
**AUSTIN NEEDHAM**

**GLADYS MEYER**

**THOMAS WHITE**

**GRACE NIEMIEC**

May the Souls of all the Faithful  
Departed through the Mercy of God Rest in  
Peace. Amen



## National Vocation Awareness Week Begins

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



OUR HARVEST SOCIAL CARD PARTY  
WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.  
WONDERFUL FOOD, GREAT FUN, AND LOTS  
OF FELLOWSHIP.  
SPLIT THE POT WINNERS ARE:  
\$125.00 - MARY BOYLE  
\$75.00 - GEORGIA PHELAN  
\$50.00 - BERNADETTE SHERIDAN  
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL  
OF OUR WINNERS,  
SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED  
RAFFLE PRIZES ESPECIALLY  
BERKOTS GROCERY STORE  
FIRST BANK OF MANHATTAN  
FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS!



Bishop Hicks' Column  
November 2025



"I Have Loved You" — A Gift from the Holy Father

The wait is over! After just five months of being elected, Pope Leo XIV has speedily penned and shared with us his first Apostolic Exhortation, Dilexi Te ("I Have Loved You"). It radiates the heart of Jesus and reminds us that love for Christ and love for the poor are inseparable. The Holy Father teaches that when we draw close to those who are weak, forgotten, or struggling, we meet Christ himself. It is not only an invitation to charity; it is a call to conversion.

In last month's column, I invited everyone to read my pastoral letter MAKE! which lays out our diocesan vision for evangelization. If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to take some quiet time to read and pray with it, and now to also read Dilexi Te. These two letters, the Holy Father's and ours, speak to one another with one voice: a call to be a Church that listens, serves, and brings the love of Christ into action.

Some may think this theme of love for the poor is simply a continuation of Pope Francis and something that only Francis and Leo share in common. However, Pope Leo shows in a scholarly and deeply pastoral way that love for the poor has always been at the very heart of the Church. Throughout Dilexi Te he grounds this teaching in Scripture from the Old and New Testaments and draws upon the wisdom of the Early Church Fathers, the lives of the saints, and the witness of countless religious orders and popular movements. He even highlights how Saint John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI carried forward this same conviction in their own teaching. Far from being a new idea, Pope Leo reminds us that this is part of the Church's unbroken tradition, one that the world urgently needs to hear again today.

Reading Dilexi Te moved me deeply. It reminded me that when we share life with the poor, they evangelize us. During my years serving in El Salvador at a home for orphaned and abandoned children, I remember when a donation allowed us

to buy doughnuts for all 525 children. We ran out before the adult staff could have any, including me. Then a little boy approached and offered me two thirds of his doughnut. I said, "That's generous, but give me one third and keep two thirds." He replied, "No, Padre, you're bigger and probably hungrier, you get more." That small act of love preached the Gospel better than any homily.

I was struck by Pope Leo's reminder that poverty is not only material. There is also a spiritual poverty, an emptiness and isolation that affects many, especially in our own country. He warns that this kind of poverty can be even more dangerous because it hides behind comfort or distraction. This insight challenges us to see the poor not only as those who lack food or shelter but also as those who hunger for meaning, mercy, and belonging. Our call is to reach both kinds of poverty with the same love of Christ.

Not long ago, I visited a parish food pantry where volunteers gathered to pray before they served. It was not simply about groceries; it was catechesis, evangelization, and faith in action all at once. One volunteer said, "Bishop, we try to do more than give out donations. We are trying to share God's love and see the face of Christ in everyone we serve." That is Dilexi Te come to life. When love meets action, we encounter Christ, and transformation happens.

May Dilexi Te be a roadmap for a Church that truly believes what it proclaims: that Christ's love is most visible when we serve, listen, and walk with the poor. In every act of mercy and every parish outreach, may we turn faith into action and reveal the love that Pope Leo describes so powerfully. And may we, as disciples here in the Diocese of Joliet, make that love visible in our words, our witness, and our works every single day.



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## The Propaedeutic and Discipleship Stages

A man's formation for priesthood takes place over the course of four stages. The first of these is the Propaedeutic Stage, a year of preparation before diving into academic work. During this year, the seminarian takes time to build a solid foundation in prayer, Scripture, catechesis and community. It is a season of deepening conversion where one learns to live a Christian rhythm of life. The goal is simple: to help a man center his life on Christ.

Upon completion of the Propaedeutic Stage, a man begins the Discipleship Stage, during which a man begins the study of philosophy. Concurrently, the seminarian deepens his understanding and witness as a follower of Jesus in daily life. He grows in virtue, learns self-discipline, and gains a broad understanding of the human person and the world through his studies. It is a time of becoming a "disciple in heart and mind."

Together, these two stages foster the necessary interior and exterior freedom to hear and respond to the call to the priesthood. Without a firm spiritual foundation built on the habits of a true disciple, later formation would lack stability. The priesthood is not a job one takes up but a calling one receives—and the earliest stages are about preparing the soil so that the Lord's call can take root and flourish.

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### ABOUT FATHER BORELLO

*Fr. Steven Borello is a priest of the Diocese of Joliet currently serving as the Director of Vocations.*

*Fr. Steven grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and is the oldest of 4 children. He attended the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana where he studied chemistry and chemical engineering. While there, he received a call to the seminary to discern the priesthood.*

*He received his Bachelors in Theology and Masters of Divinity from Mundelein Seminary and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Joliet in 2011.*

*He first served as an associate pastor at Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills and was then transferred to Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Naperville in June of 2014.*



## All Saints

The Gospel for today's feast is always Matthew's account of the Beatitudes. At first they seem to favor the meek, the humble, the merciful. But then Jesus ends with some tough ones, aimed at those who are persecuted, insulted, and slandered. While it may sound negative, Jesus is actually giving us encouragement.

Jesus isn't telling us to make enemies, but not to be afraid if we do. An important part of our faith is the imperative to spread it. Some people do that by sharing their faith during their lunch break. Others teach formation classes to prospective Christians. So there are many ways to spread the faith, and many types of saints who are celebrated today.

Maybe today would be a good day to learn about your favorite saint. What made her special? How did he spread the faith? What persecution did they suffer? Perhaps you could talk about the saints with your children. What saint shares a name with your child? As St. John says in the second reading, we are all God's children (1 John 3:2). As we get to know our favorite saints, their lives can inspire us to face persecution or ridicule for our faith—or at least the courage to talk about our faith, and maybe change someone else's life. Tom Schmidt

## All the Faithful Departed

Eleven years ago on this date, our first child, a son named Alexander Lloyd, was brought into our world stillborn. The heartbreak and confusion of why our beloved child would not grow with us together in my husband's and my lifetime still resonates day in and day out a lifetime later.

Despite having many subsequent children alive and vibrant around us, I take the loss of our beloved boy as a sign of God's covenant. If I can come out victorious in this spiritual battle over pain and suffering, my reward will be so immensely infinite when on that sweet day I can finally be with the son who was not meant for this life but has an even greater purpose with the Lord.

It is not a unique story that, living on this Earth, each of us will lose a loved one at some point. We often like to avoid the memories that bring us sadness. However, through the most difficult of times arises the most gratifying results: that Jesus Christ promised to resurrect those who belong to Him. His love surpasses death for all people of all time.

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh