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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – 8:00 AM Saturday Vigil – 5:00 PM Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM Monday-Friday - 7:45 AM

All Masses live-streamed on the Parish Website

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday: 7:00-8:00 PM (With Eucharistic Adoration) Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 PM

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WELCOM

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THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH

Mon

7:45 AM Mass

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

7:45 AM Mass

8:30 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Confession & Adoration 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus

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7:45 AM Mass

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

7:45 AM Mass

8:15 AM Eucharistic Adoration for Life 6:00 PM Children's Choir Practice

7:00 PM Mass of Remembrance

8:00 AM Mass 4:00 PM Confession

4:30 PM Rosary for Persecuted Catholics

5:00 PM Mass

7:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass

PRAYING FOR PEACE AND REPARATION

We invite you to stay at the end of Sunday Mass - following the closing hymn – and join us in praying three "Hail Mary's" for Peace: in our World, in our Families and in our Hearts. We also pray the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, for healing and reparation in our Church. The Prayer to St. Michael can be found on the back inside cover of the St. Augustine Missal.



Prayer Campaign: Sanctity of Human Life

Join Us as We Pray for the Unborn and their Futures









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Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, Nov 09, 2025

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA The Lord's living house

How often, when we speak of church, we have to clarify whether we mean the faith community or the building where that community gathers. The fact that the memorial of the dedication of the Church of St. John Lateran today replaces even the Sunday liturgy reminds us that our faith reaches into the clay from which we are made. We celebrate this building—the pope's own cathedral, the mother of all churches—remembering that human beings need things that appeal to the senses to remind us of spiritual values. Saint Augustine says that when the community of faith gathers "they are hewn out, as it were, from mountains and forests, like stones and timber; but by catechizing, baptism, and instruction they are . . . shaped, squared, and planed by the hands of the workers and artisans" and finally are made into a house for the Lord, "fitted together through love."

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

Monday, Nov 10, 2025

Called to account

It's easy to fall into the habit of blaming others when things go wrong. But Jesus challenges us to take responsibility for our own actions. At the same time, Jesus calls us to hold each other accountable: "If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him" (Luke 17:3). There's a tension here—justice and mercy—but they go hand in hand. For Saint Augustine forgiveness is a great gift we can give to others and ourselves: "There are many kinds of alms, the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us." Avoid blame and focus on accountability and mercy, two sides of divine love.

Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6 (491). "Wisdom is a kindly spirit, yet she acquits not the blasphemer of his guilty lips."

Tuesday, Nov 11, 2025

A soldier of Christ

If conscientious objectors had a patron saint, it would be Saint Martin of Tours (316/317-397). Though Martin was born into a military family and named after Mars, the god of war, his conversion to Christianity led him to renounce military service and dedicate his life to the gospel. "I am a soldier of Christ," he said. "I cannot fight." Such a decision, then and now, is never easy for a soldier to make and, depending on the time or place, could lead to imprisonment (as it did for Martin), physical punishment, even death. As we rightly honor all those who have given military service to their country today, let us also remember those who have chosen to fulfill a different duty.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP; VETERANS DAY Wisdom 2:23–3:9; Luke 17:7-10 (492). "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, '... we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

Wednesday, Nov 12, 2025

Love rules

Jesus asks a good question in the story about the 10 lepers he cleansed after only one returned to offer thanks: Where were the other nine? We can only imagine they were off doing exactly what Jesus told them to do: showing themselves to the priests, a Jewish ritual prescribed for the healing of leprosy. The tenth man, a Samaritan, wasn't bound by Jewish law. So he was free to return and

thank the Lord. When it comes to leading a virtuous life, it's always a safe bet to follow the law, but not at the expense of the good news of God's saving love. Christ's whole purpose for becoming human was to teach us that lesson. Remember that the next time you use church law as a crutch or a cudgel instead of a path that leads to the abundant love of Christ.

Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19 (493). "Desire therefore my words; long for them and you shall be instructed."

Thursday, Nov 13, 2025

MEMORIÁL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI Good deeds build the Kingdom

The word kingdom, found in the frequently used New Testament phrase "kingdom of God," comes from the Greek basileia, meaning "kingdom," "reign," or most literally "foundation." Jesus laid God's foundation among us, and Christians continue to build on that foundation through lives of love and service. Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917) desired to build her life on Christ: "Convert me, Jesus," she wrote in her diary, "for if you do not make me a saint, I will not know how to work in your vineyard." God's kingdom comes each time we do the right thing—fight a just cause, serve the needs of our community, follow God's command to forgive and show mercy. Without a desire to do God's will, we will, in the words of Mother Cabrini, "end by betraying God's interests, instead of rendering them successful."

Wisdom 7:22b–8:1; Luke 17:20-25 (494). "Behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."

Friday, Nov 14, 2025

Prepare for final approach

Old cathedrals preserve images of a sea of flames in which men and women are paying the penalty for their dissolute living. Replace the word "penalty" with "preparation," and the idea of a "place" where souls are sent with the concept of a "process." That comes closer to how the church speaks of purgatory today. Purgatory is a process whereby each soul is prepared for glory. If God is Love, then anything unloving or unyielding in our spirits must be surrendered before approaching final union with the Lord. Start the winnowing process now and let go of all that isn't heaven ready. Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495). "Whoever seeks to preserve his

Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495). "Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it."

Saturday, Nov 15, 2025

MEMORIÂL OF ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Science and religion: let's talk

As scientists probe ever more deeply into the mysteries of life, some people of faith feel threatened by the new terrain being traversed. But rather than retreat from the field, believers do well to bring their faith and ethics to the dialogue. We can turn to Saint Albert the Great (1193/1206-80) for inspiration. Albert was a Dominican friar and priest famous for his advocacy of the peaceful coexistence of science and religion. Tutor to Saint Thomas Aquinas, Albert brought Aristotle out of the shadows of the Dark Ages and ushered in the modern era of scientific inquiry. If we believe that God is Lord of all creation, we have nothing to fear from the exploration of the mysteries of that creation.

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8 (496). "They beheld stupendous wonders."

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Why did the pilgrim's pants keep falling down? Because his buckle was on his hat.

Why did the cranberries turn red? Because they saw the salad dressing.

What comes at the end of November? *The letter R.*

How do turkeys travel throughout the month of November? *By gravy train.*





Peace be with you!

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of St John Lateran Basilica in Rome. The following is a summary of the salient points of its history.

The Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, Rome's true papal cathedral as the seat of the Bishop of Rome, holds primacy as the "mother and mistress of all churches," symbolizing the Pope's role as first among equals and the unity of the global Church. Built on land donated by Emperor Constantine in the 4th century from the Lateran family estate, it endured fires, earthquakes, and wars, serving as the site of papal consecrations until the Avignon exile; the current structure dates to 1646, ranking first among Rome's four major basilicas. Adorned with statues of Christ, the two St. Johns (Baptist and Evangelist, its co-patrons), and 12 Doctors of the Church, it enshrines beneath its altar a wooden table tradition holds was used by St. Peter for the Eucharist; dedicated to Christ the Saviour with the titular feast of the Transfiguration, its annual dedication celebrates the Church's communion with the Pope and among all local churches.

Praise the Lord! Phase II of the flooring project is almost complete with the installation of our new carpeting. What an excellent and professional job Omar and his installer crew have done. The nave of the church looks wonderful.

Next, we are awaiting the installation of the two medallions for the main aisle and the baptistry area to finish this second phase. We will now turn our attention to Phase III, which is the sanctuary area. We will take the next few weeks to consider our options and possibly plan this final phase in the new year. More to follow in coming weeks.

When it rains, sometimes it pours. We also just completed the remediation and restoration project of the restroom/hallway areas from the pipe burst we experienced last month. The restrooms have been restored and the new carpet has been laid in the hallways, and Porta-Johns and dumpster have been taken away. The timing was very good for both projects to follow each other. We also removed the Crystal Rock water dispenser from the hallway outside the sacristy door and installed a beautiful water cooler with a bottle refill option. It's pretty spiffy and adds a nice touch to the project.







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One Truth. One Youth.





ELEMENTARY

EDJE STUDENT GOOD DEEDS

"I helped my friend when he dropped his candy." Submitted by David

"I helped my teacher pick up the pencils." Submitted by Brooke

"I helped my Mom clean the basement." Submitted by Aria

"I helped my Dad put up blinds." Submitted by Madelyn



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www.stjosephbrookfield.com/igniteyouth-ministry



If Friday Nights don't work for you but Sunday nights do, please check out

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Warm Winter Wear Donations Kicks off November 1 and ends January 6 to support the working poor and homeless in our community.

We need: New hats, gloves, scarves, and coats for kids ages 10-18. Gently used coats and outerwear will also be accepted.

Donation receptacles, decorated by our Ignite Youth, will be located in the vestibule for donation drop off.

EDJE ONLINE WORK DUE NOVEMBER 9			
My Catholic Faith Delivered			
Grade 1	Lesson 9: Mary Hears Some Wonderful News & Assessment		
Grade 2	Chapter 9: I Choose to Love God & Assessment		
Grade 3	Lesson 9: Loving God Most of All & Assessment		
Grade 4	Lesson 8: The People of God Suffer in Egypt & Assessment		
Grade 5	Lesson 8: Moses Leads the People of God & Assessment		
Grade 6	Lesson 8: In the Heart of the Family & Assessment		







Monday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great

7:45 AM - Frank Ferrante, req. by the McGorty Family

Tuesday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours

7:45 AM - Marie Spadafora, req. by Kevin & Mariellen Carr & Family

Wednesday, November 12 - St. Josaphat

7:45 AM - Joe, Fern & Peter Rajcula, req. by family

Thursday, November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners

Friday, November 14

7:45 AM - Anita Dembiczak, req. by Maria Fernandes

Saturday, November 15 - St. Albert the Great

8:00 AM - Peter Tomascak, req. by Jim & Pat Tharrington

5:00 PM - Patrick Maguire, req. by Miz Buzzeo

Sunday, November 16 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Bridget Daley, req. by Matt & Maureen Farrell 9:00 AM - Kevin Denten, req. by Danielle Xavier LeRoux

11:00 AM - Tony McInerney, req. by Paula Morasco

THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING, STRENGTH, AND COMFORT: Baby Albert Docktor, Johnathan Iamartino, Wendy Ricard, Fr. Joseph Pettit, Teresa Von Thaden



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week In Memory of Patrick Maguire, at the request of Mia Buzzeo



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SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH ANNUAL APPEAL

GOAL: \$150,000



The Saint Joseph Annual Collection is underway. Over the years your generous financial support has been one of our greatest blessings.

Our Finance & Parish Councils have earmarked the proceeds of this 2025 Annual Collection for a particular project, the cost of which, as in past years, exceeds what can be funded through the regular weekly offertory. This year, our plan is to replace all the flooring in the church, both the seating area and the sanctuary, as well as the narthex and hallways.

Please take a moment to prayerfully consider your support of this project. Thank you for your continued faith, love, and generosity.

Give Now by scanning the code and going to the St. Joseph Parish Annual Collection tile.



*Bereavement*iMinistry

Coping with the loss of a loved one can weigh us down physically, emotionally and spiritually, but it is not a journey we need to walk alone.

St. Joseph's 8th Station Bereavement Ministry offers comfort and help during the grieving process.

This group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. The sessions are led by Mary Shaughnessy and Patricia Tharrington.

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