



When I was 22, I entered St. Peter’s Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today’s Gospel He says, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that His own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today—whether they mirror the basilica’s grandeur or embrace humble simplicity—we experience architectural symbols of Christ’s risen body. It is no accident we call them “churches: they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ’s body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter’s, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ’s resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ. — Fr. John Muir

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 15 & 16, 2025
Sat. Nov. 15 @ 4:30PM @ St. Nicholas
Reader: Don Cureton Music: Sally Rehberger
Euch. Min.: Brenda & Marce Tebbe
Server: Pat Kalous

Sun. Nov. 16 @ 8:00AM @ St. Gertrude
Reader: Chad Korte Music: Nick Worman
Sacristan: Wendy Essenpreis
Euch.Min.: Sue Messerli, Gail Ohren & Brenda Knackstedt
Ushers: Terry Dickman & Michael Sauls
Servers: Nevin Straube & Katie Schwarz

Sun. Nov. 16 @10:00AM @ IC
Reader: Denise Trickey Music: Joy Winkeler
Servers: Parker & Mabry Munie
Euch. Min.: Cindy Knebel, Amy Gilomen & John Dea

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 22 & 23, 2025
Sat. Nov. 22 @ 4:30PM @ St. Nicholas
Reader: Kelsey Bentlage Music: Sally Rehberger
Euch. Min.: Brenda & Marce Tebbe
Server: Pat Kalous

Sun. Nov. 23 @ 8:00AM @ St. Gertrude
Reader: Brenda Knackstedt Music: Nick Worman
Sacristan: Sue Dickman
Euch.Min.: Terry & Sue Dickman & Karen Knackstedt
Ushers: Randy & Dianne Leitschuh
Servers: Evonna & Makayla Korsmeyer

Sun. Nov. 23 @10:00AM @ IC
Reader: Tim Schuette Music: Joy Winkeler
Servers: Jack Williamson
Euch. Min.: Rick & Ruth Zurliene & Mary Korte

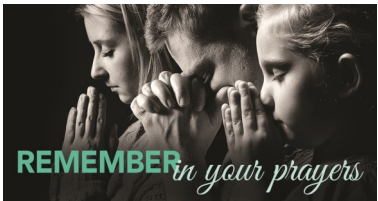
Mon. (Nov.10)	
Tues. (Nov.11)	8:00am (St.G)
Wed. (Nov.12)	8:00am (IC)
Thur. (Nov.13)	8:00am (St.N)
Fri. (Nov.14)	8:00am (IC)
Sat. (Nov.15)	4:30pm (St.N)
Sun. (Nov.16)	8:00am (St.G)
Sun. (Nov.16)	10:00am (IC)

Mon. (Nov.17)	
Tues. (Nov.18)	8:00am (St.G)
Wed. (Nov.19)	8:00am (IC)
Thur. (Nov.20)	8:00am (St.N)
Fri. (Nov.21)	8:00am (IC)
Sat. (Nov.22)	4:30pm (St.N)
Sun. (Nov.23)	8:00am (St.G)
Sun. (Nov.23)	10:00am (IC)

† **Mass Intentions** †

No Mass
† **All Souls**
† **Mary Frank** — Int. of Virginia Vosholler
† **George Luber** — Int. of Mark Williams
† **Donna Rapp** — Int. of Lenny & Mary Ratermann
† **Bill & Betty Haberer** — Int. of Lowell & Denise Wellen
† **Dean & June Sauls** — Int. of Joyce Weis
† **Weakie, Ellie, & Tammy Potthast** —Int. of Michael & Andrea Loeh
† **Tony & Virginia Vosholler** —Int. of Arline Vosholler

No Mass
† **All Souls**
† **Archie & Darlene D’Amico & Jeff Overby** — Int. of Bill & Denise Trickey
For the People of St. Nicholas, St. Gertrude & Immaculate Conception
† **Henry Korte** — Int. of Suzanne & William Walker
† **Orville Liening** — Int. of Karen & Bruce Kovach
† **Nancy Zaloga** — Int. of Emily Schwarz & Family
† **Tom Whalen** — Int. of Dennis & Paula Calvert
† **Toots & Glenn Knebel** —Int. of Rob & Diane Haugen



Members of our parish families who are recovering in the hospital & at home, for their strength and patience each day, and for all those who ask for our prayers for health or other issues.

Pat Beard, Ana Cantrell, Steve Crawford, Don Dapkus, Dave Deiters, Teresa Dickman, Joan Dickshot, Jean Fields, Scott Frank, Gabriel Frey, Jerry Fyke, Ed Gagen, Karen Grabowski, P.J. Hereford, Gene Jolliiff, Pat Kalous, Val King, Barrett Korte, Denny Korte, Randy Korte, Ruth Korte, Steve Korte, David Kuehn, Sue Luber, Christopher Marti, Taylor Marti, Barry May, Alex McCall, Eleanor Munie, Cody Neal, Jeannie Oestringer, Suzanne Steinbring, Marcia Rowe, Gunner Sadler, Abby Schrage, Bill & Ruth Schroeder, Bertha Voss, Marie Weis, Ginny Werner, Dean Wernle, Bob Winet.

FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES:
Delmar Knebel, Ann Plocher, Barbara Weiss, Helen Wuebbles, Margie Zurliene and special people in our families.

FOR THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
Adam Canfield, Tim Doll, Chad Knebel, Michael Knebel, Dustin Korte, Solon McGill, Lt. Abigail Mesaros, Jerritt Mettler, Jimmy O’Boyle, Sgt. Joseph Patterson, Rickie Schuster, Joseph Schatte, Greg Spina, T.J. Waddington, Sgt. Tyler Wegman, Sgt. Zach Weiss.

If you would like to have someone added or removed from the prayer list please call the parish office.



We are having a 3-parish St. Gertrude’s Feast Day celebration on Sunday, November 16th at Noon at St. Gertrude’s Church Hall. There will be sign-up sheets at the back of each church. Please sign up if you plan to attend and what dish you would like to bring. We are providing fried chicken. We will have coffee, tea, and lemonade to drink.



Readings for the week of November 9, 2025

Sunday:
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

Monday:
Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/ Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday:
Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/ Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday:
Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday:
Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday:
Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/ Lk 17:26-37

Saturday:
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday:
Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/ 2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19



STN Collection	11/1/25
Envelopes/Loose	\$1,545.00
All Saints	\$55.00
Sister Parish	\$30.00
Justice & Hope	\$100.00
Military Arch Diocese	\$50.00
All Souls	\$85.00
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00
Budget Goal	\$1,257.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	\$343.00
Support Needed (budget)	\$22,626.00
Support Actual	\$22,114.06
Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$-511.94

“Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?” 1 Corinthians 3:16

Simply remembering that we are “temples of the Holy Spirit” should make our daily decision making relatively easy. If we truly want to imitate Jesus, then our words and actions should reflect the love, mercy, and forgiveness that flow from His Sacred Heart. Try it for one week. Try to remember that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and see how it affects the way that you live.



Blood Drive at St. Nicholas Church Hall on Tuesday, November 11th 2:00PM to 6:00PM

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter STNICHOLASCHURCH to schedule an appointment.



Kylee Gilomen as St. Cecilia & Ellie Singh as St. Therese of Lisieux at the Saint Presentation at Immaculate Conception

STG Collection	11/2/25
Envelopes/Loose	\$1,947.00
All Saints	\$5.00
Sister Parish	\$25.00
Justice & Hope	\$25.00
Military Arch Diocese	\$40.00
Maintenance Fund	\$80.00
Cemetery	\$15.00
All Souls	\$105.00
Budget Goal	\$1,505.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	\$597.00
Support Needed (budget)	\$27,090.00
Support Actual	\$22,780.00
Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$-4,310.00

Observances for the week of November 9, 2025

Sunday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica;
Monday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
Wednesday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Saturday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The next St. Nicholas Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18th at 7PM

Thanks to Denny Gobble for his hard work cleaning out the gutters at St. Nicholas. Thanks Denny!!



The PAPAYA Youth Group will be collecting money for a Christmas family (or families) in need. Donations will be collected after each Mass at IC & STN thru December 7th. Thank you for your generous support!!

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 8th mass schedule:
8:00AM at St. Nicholas
5:00PM at St. Gertrude
7:00PM at Immaculate Conception
This is a Holy Day of Obligation

The Holy Name Society's Bingo Benefit for St. Mary Trenton Cemetery will be on Thursday, November 13th at 7pm at St. Mary Parish Center, 325 S. Jefferson, Trenton. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5 for a 20-game series. Hot sandwiches, beverages and dessert will be served from 6-7pm with refreshments available throughout the evening.

“You are the temple of God,” Paul tells us. But in today’s Gospel we see how easily even temple areas become corrupted. Jesus, purge the greed and selfishness from our hearts. Make them fit dwellings for your Holy Spirit.

IC Collection	11/2/25
Envelopes/Loose	\$3,389.00
All Saints	\$270.00
Sister Parish	\$100.00
World Mission	\$25.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$25.00
Building Fund	\$257.00
Candles	\$134.00
Cemetery	\$365.00
All Souls	\$350.00
Budget Goal	\$2,672.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	\$987.00
Support Needed (budget)	\$48,096.00
Support Actual	\$42,416.84
Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$-5,679.16

St. Gertrude Cemetery received a flag pole with solar powered lights for their cemetery from Grant Heisler, who worked on this for his Eagle Scout Project. Some pics of the project work day!!



[A Knight in the Woods Shotgun Season Deer Contest :](#)
November 21, 22, 23— Calling all deer hunters! Register to-day for A Knight in the Woods, Mater Dei Marching Knights' shotgun season deer contest! 2-person teams (\$100/team) will weigh their deer November 21, 22, or 23. The team with the highest combined weight will win 50% of the proceeds up to \$2,000. Visit www.materdeiknights.org for detailed information and the registration form (due 11-15).



Devotions Explained! Spiritual Retreat

Spiritual retreats are an act of removing oneself from one's daily life for a period of prayer and reflection, with the intent of returning to that daily life transformed. It was Christ himself who was the greatest and earliest advocate of spiritual retreat. In the Gospels, he is constantly depicted as withdrawing from other people to be alone in prayer. Likewise, participants in a modern retreat most often go somewhere like a retreat center to seek silence, solitude and communion with God. There are many different varieties of retreats; they can be guided and take place in a group setting, or they can be undertaken alone by just one person. Some are focused on a specific topic or theme; some are defined by periods of total silence. Though clerics are compelled by canon law to go on retreat regularly, all faithful are encouraged to make retreat part of their spiritual life. ©LPi

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Prayer to the Good Shepherd

Beloved Shepherd,
You guide in a way often beyond my understanding. You lead to paths yet undiscovered. Keep me in Your care, as together we seek green pastures and still waters. Amen.

Meet Our Seminarians



Devin Flach
Configuration II
Kenrick-Glennon
Seminary

One thing I have learned about discernment is that it is not merely about my desire, but another desiring in me. My true life consists in following where there is a union of desire—that is, when my heart is in union with His.



St. Gertrude Parishioners

The members of the United for Others (UFO) group would like to make a donation to those parishioners of St. Gertrude Church that are now attending college. Please contact Carole Sauls at 618-741-9522 with the students name and address.

"What God asks is simply that we come home, that we share our lives with him, that we let him help us in those ways in which we are powerless to help ourselves."

RONALD ROLHEISER
Prayer Our Deepest Longing

 DynamicCatholic.com

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA/33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 8 & 9 AND 15 & 16



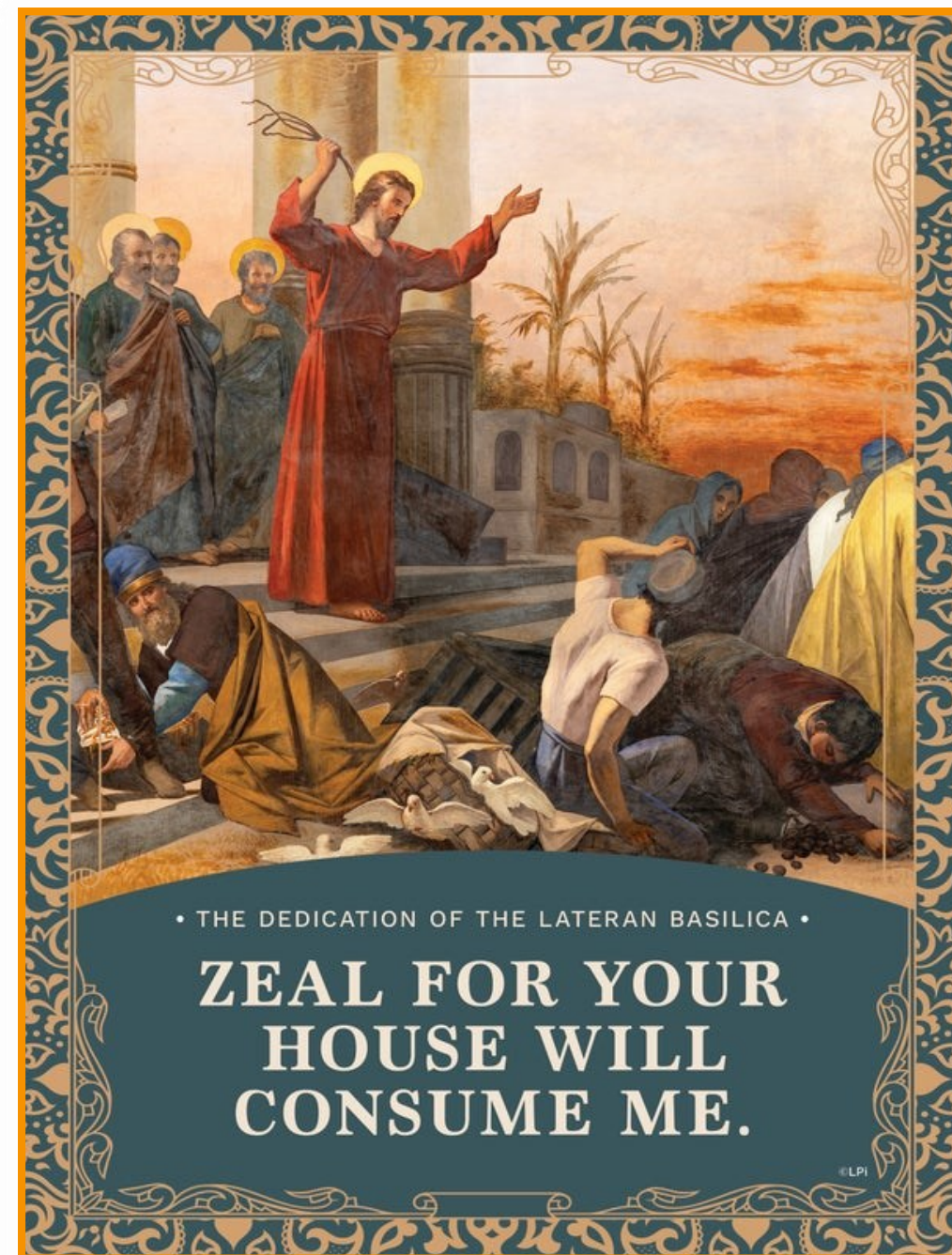
Saint Nicholas - Pocahontas



Immaculate Conception—Pierron



Saint Gertrude—Grantfork



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Mass Times
Immaculate Conception
Wed. & Fri. —8:00am
Sunday —10:00am

Saint Nicholas
Thursday — 8:00am
Saturday — 4:30pm

Saint Gertrude
Tuesday — 8:00am
Sunday — 8:00am