



I lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn't find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again.

Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today's Gospel (John 6: 37-40), he says, "This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what He gave me." Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given Him. He searches for every lost soul — as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the women rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead to recover that which seems forever lost.

On All Soul's Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to Him by the Father is ever truly lost. So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in His loving care and destined to be raised on the last day. Of what the Father gives Him, He loses nothing. — Fr. John Muir

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 8 & 9, 2025
Sat. Nov. 8 @ 4:30PM @ St. Nicholas
Reader: Brenda Tebbe Music: Sally Rehberger
Euch. Min.: Brenda & Marce Tebbe
Server: Pat Kalous

Sun. Nov. 9 @ 8:00AM @ St. Gertrude
Reader: Katrina Korsmeyer Music: Nick Worman
Sacristan: Gail Ohren
Euch.Min.: Judi Rode, Jane Deiters & Karen Knackstedt
Ushers: Bryan Rutz & Kevin Schwarz
Servers: Elizabeth Schwarz & Morgan Dressler

Sun. Nov. 9 @10:00AM @ IC
Reader: Lowell Wellen Music: Joy Winkeler
Servers: Kendyl & Dylen Potthast
Euch. Min.: Kristin Potthast, Mary Korte & Erica Knebel

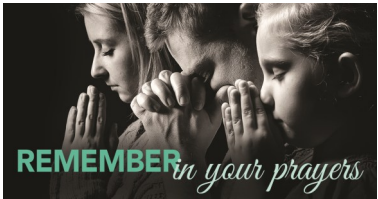


The next St. Nicholas Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18th at 7PM



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

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter **STNICHOLASCHURCH** to schedule an appointment.



REMEMBER in your prayers

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 Jolliff, Pat Kalous, Val King, Barrett Korte, Denny Korte, Randy Korte, Ruth Korte, Steve Korte, David Kuehn, Sue Lubert, 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, Jerrett 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.



God created you on a special day. Your birthday is special and so are you. We would like to pray in a special way for all those born during the month of November. May God bless you abundantly especially on your birthday.

Instead of listing individual names of those celebrating a birthday, and in an effort to celebrate all with birthdays, we would like to instead say, "Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating a birthday this month!"



Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

PS 17:15B

Readings for the week of November 2, 2025

Sunday:
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:
Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcd, 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 27:1bcd, 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

Next 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



Discover Ways To Serve In Our Parish

Our 3 parishes are looking for people to volunteer for all ministries, such as Lector, Servers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers & Gift Bearers. If interested please call the parish office. Please consider volunteering a small amount of time to assist in these ministries. The word "liturgy" can be translated "the work of the people," so it takes all of us to fully celebrate liturgies at our churches. We are truly blessed by the faithful service of our current liturgical ministers. Please consider joining them! Contact the parish office about sharing your gifts during our parish liturgies.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To live with Christ, we must die with Him. But what does this mean? What does this look like in the ordinary life of a Christian? We must ask God for the wisdom to see our own crosses, so that we may carry them into the newness of life.

STN Collection	10/25/25
Envelopes/Loose	\$1,261.00
Sister Parish	\$140.00
World Mission	\$85.00
All Souls	\$50.00
Budget Goal	\$1,257.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	\$4.00
Support Needed (budget)	\$21,369.00
Support Actual	\$20,514.06
Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$-854.94

"...because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me...." John 6:38

When praying the "Our Father", say the words slowly so you truly recognize what you are saying. Every day when praying this prayer, we repeat what Jesus said in the scripture passage – "thy kingdom come, thy will be done." Even though we say these words, do our actions reflect those words? This is the difference between saints and the rest of us. Saints were faithful and obedient to God's will. Start today – start aligning your words and actions with God's will for you.



PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND ALL SOULS' DAY
-NOVEMBER 2-

Our Annual Mass of Remembrance will be held at St. Nicholas Church this Sunday, November 2nd at 3:00PM. Please remember in prayer the souls of all the faithful departed and all who are grieving. As we enter this season of remembrance when we especially honor our brothers and sisters who

have gone before us, may we always remember them in prayer and place our hope in the power of the Resurrected Christ, who binds us all together.

Missions International, the non-profit who oversees our Sister Parish program, is organizing a trip to Guatemala. The trip will be at the end of June, 2026. If you are interested, please contact Shelly Sands at sisterparish13@gmail.com by Nov 5.

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.

STG Collection	10/26/25
Envelopes/Loose	\$450.00
Sister Parish	\$10.00
Maintenance Fund	\$40.00
Cemetery	\$20.00
All Souls	\$35.00
Budget Goal	\$1,505.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	\$-1,055.00
Support Needed (budget)	\$25,585.00
Support Actual	\$20,678.00
Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$-4,907.00

Observances for the week of November 2, 2025

Sunday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Daylight Savings Time Ends
Monday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious
Tuesday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop; Election Day
Next Sunday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November Pantry Needs:

Toothbrushes (Single Packets) & Tooth Paste
HACSM can always use monetary donations to allow them to purchase additional items as needed. All food donations will still be accepted no matter the above assignment each month. We appreciate your support! Thank You!



Fr. Cal recently visited Jerry Knebel's Dairy Farm.



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 starting this weekend thru December 7th. Thank you for your generous support!!

St. Anne's Altar Society Turkey Trot Card Party Luncheon: play cards & games at your table! Wed., Nov. 12th; Doors open at 11AM Lunch Served 11:30AM, Mother of Perpetual Help —200N. Lange St., Maryville \$12 per person; Call Michele at 618-972-7372 for reservations.

IC Collection	10/26/25
Envelopes/Loose	\$1,803.00
Sister Parish	\$100.00
World Mission	\$225.00
Justice & Hope	\$10.00
Military Arch Diocese	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$15.00
All Souls	\$55.00
Budget Goal	\$2,672.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	\$-869.00
Support Needed (budget)	\$45,424.00
Support Actual	\$38,757.84
Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$-6,666.16

Mon. (Nov. 3)
Tues. (Nov. 4) 8:00am (St.G)
Tues. (Nov. 4) 9:30 am (H.H.)
Wed. (Nov. 5) 8:00am (IC)
Thur. (Nov. 6) 8:00am (St.N)
Fri. (Nov. 7) 8:00am (IC)
Sat. (Nov. 8) 4:30pm (St.N)
Sun. (Nov. 9) 8:00am (St.G)
Sun. (Nov. 9) 10:00am (IC)

**† Mass Intentions †
No Mass**

For the People of St. Gertrude, St. Nicholas & Immaculate Conception

† **All Souls**
† **Leonard & Pauline Frohn** — Int. of Bill & Denise Trickey
† **Dale Haberer** — Int. of Mark Williams
† **Firmin & Thelka Pierron** — Int. of Jane & Dale Grieser
† **Ken & Betty Wagner** — Int. of Joe Lubert
† **Cliff & Dorothy Landolt** — Int. of David & Therese Frank
† **Mass of Thanksgiving** — Int. of Cindy & Orville Knebel
† **Pat & Lawrence Frank** —Int. of Gena & Tim Daiber

More pics of the Gary Plog Soup & Song
at St. Nicholas



Meet Our Seminarians



Thomas Marten
Configuration II
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

One thing I have learned in discernment is that I have found that you must jump in with trust when the Lord speaks to you. He asks me to lay down my self-reliance and take up sonship.

Devotions Explained!
Prayer for the Dead

It may seem strange to pray for someone who is already dead and who, according to our earthly reckoning of time, has already undergone judgment. But God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity that exists between all members of the Body of Christ. Prayer for the dead is a practice which not only predates Catholicism but predates Jesus Christ, as we see in the Second Book of Maccabees (2 Maccabees 12:42-45). "By virtue of the 'communion of saints,' the Church commends the dead to God's mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1055).

The most common Catholic prayer for the dead is as follows: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace."

Mater Dei Open House: November 2, 12 pm—2pm

Families with students in grades 5 – 8 are invited to explore the Mater Dei difference at their Open house for prospective families on Sunday, November 2, from 12pm to 2pm Visit the Mater Dei website for details. "Walk-ins" are welcome!

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.

"The master is more than our master; he is our Father. Our vocation is to be children. We realize this through the gift of God's Son. The Father loves us as he loves him. The key to sanctity is spiritual childhood."

FR. PETER JOHN CAMERON O.P.
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ALL SOULS DAY NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2025



Saint Nicholas - Pocahontas



Immaculate Conception—Pierron



Saint Gertrude—Grantfork

+BISHOP
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DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD
IN ILLINOIS



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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

