

At the end of her short life, my hero, Thérèse of Lisieux, found herself in a curious position. Audaciously, she was convinced that she would become a great saint and would be loved by many after her death. At the same time, she insisted that she was weak, impatient, and ordinary. She became arguably, the greatest saint in modern times. How is it possible that an ordinary and imperfect person can also be a great saint?
On this All Saint's Day, Jesus overturns our assumptions about holiness. He says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). The blessed are not the impressive or the self-sufficient, but the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. These are not heroic traits by normal standards. They are signs of a heart that has learned to rely on God rather than itself. That's what St. Thérèse, and all the saints, are all about. All Saints' Day is not a celebration of spiritual elites. Rather, it announces what grace can do in our ordinary lives. The saints are not those who avoid weakness or suffering, but those who allow these things to deepen their trust. What good news for us! The smaller and weaker we are, the more qualified we are to be great saints. --Fr. John Muir

Liturgical Ministers for Nov. 7 & 8, 2026

Sat. Nov. 7 @ 4:30PM @ St. Nicholas
Reader: Pat Kalous
Euch. Min.: Karen Kalous
Server: Pat Kalous
Ushers:Denny Gobble & Don Cureton

Sun. Nov. 8 @ 8:00AM @ St. Gertrude
Reader: Carole Sauls
Music: Nick Worman & Randy Eckstein
Sacristan: Gail Ohren
Euch.Min.: Carole Sauls, Judi Rode & Karen Knackstedt
Ushers: Karen & Nathanial Straube
Servers: Oliver Lewis & Makayla Korsmeyer

Sun. Nov. 8 @10:00AM @ IC
Reader: PAPAYA Youth Group
Servers: PAPAYA Youth Group
Euch. Min.: Cindy Knebel, John Dea & Evelyn Knebel



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. John Alberternst, Pat Beard, AnaCantrell, Steve Crawford, Don Dapkus, Teresa Dickman, Garland Edwards, Jean Fields, Gabriel Frey, Jerry Fyke, Karen Grabowski, John Grubb, Eugene Henson, P.J.Hereford, James Hodge, Gene Jolliff, Pat Kalous, Val King, Barrett Korte, Denny Korte, Gerry Korte, Randy Korte, Steve Korte, David Kuehn, Sue Luber, Christopher Marti, Taylor Marti, Barry May, Alex McCall, Eleanor Munie, Cody Neal, Marcia Rowe, Gunner Sadler, Abby Schrage, Bill Schroeder, Suzanne Steinbring, Brenda Usher, Rich Weis, Ginny Werner, Dean Wernle, Melanie Wernle, Paige Wernle

For Our parishioners in nursing homes:

Delmar Knebel, Harold Schwarz, Barbara Weiss, Margie Zurliene and special people in our families.

For those currently serving in the military:

Adam Canfield, Tim Doll, Ensign Eli Jones, Chad Knebel, Michael Knebel, Dustin Korte, Solon McGill, Lt. Abigail Mesaros, Jerritt Mettler, Jimmy O'Boyle, Sgt. Joseph Patterson, Rickie Ford, JosephSchatte, 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.

All Souls

Our Annual Mass of Remembrance will be held at IC Church on Monday , Nov. 2, at 6:30pm. This liturgy will be especially in remembrance of anyone who has died since October 2025. The names of all our deceased parishioners who died last year will be read after the homily at this Mass and candles with the names of the deceased will be lit. 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.

St. Gertrude Feast Day Celebration

We are having a 3-parish St. Gertrude's feast day celebration on Sunday, November 15th at 12:30PM at STG parish 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. St. Gertrude is providing fried chicken. There will be coffee, tea, and lemonade to drink.



Pray for Holy Marriages

Candace Luitjohan & Mitch Campbell
Please join us in prayer for the upcoming marriage of Candace & Mitch.

Lord God, the source of all love, the wise plan of Your providence has brought these two together.
As they prepare themselves for the sacrament of marriage and pray for Your grace, grant that, strengthened by Your blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love. Amen.
They will be married at Immaculate Conception Church in Pierron on November 7th, 2026
Please keep them and all those discerning Holy Marriage in your prayers.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Karen Branger, wife of Wayne Branger of our parish family. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Karen's family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord…

† Mass Intentions †

Mon. (Nov. 2) 6:30pm (IC)
Tues.(Nov. 3) 8:00am (St.G)
Tues.(Nov. 3) 9:30am (H.H.)
Wed. (Nov.4) 8:00am (IC)
Thur. (Nov.5) 8:00am (St.N)
Fri. (Nov.6) 8:00am (IC)
Sat. (Nov. 7) 4:30pm (St.N)

Sun. (Nov. 8) 8:00am (St.G)

Sun. (Nov.8) 10:00am (IC)

† **All Souls**
† **Shirley Schumacher** – Int. of Bill & Denise Trickey
† **All Souls**
† **Leonard & Pauline Frohn** —Int. of Tom & Joan Wilhelm
† **Kenny Oestringer** —Int. of Jeannie Korte & Family
† **Living & Deceased of the Paul & Dolores Talleur Family**—Int. of Kevin & Jackie Goring Family
† **Bill & Betty Haberer** — Int. of Linda Hansen
For the People of St. Nicholas, St. Gertrude, & Immaculate Conception
† **Leo & Lois Goestenkors** — Int. of Kevin & Kris Schwarz & Family
+ **Shirley Schwarz** — Int. of Don Cureton
† **Anne Collins** — Int. of Barb Zaloga
† **Gayle England** — Int. of Bill & Denise Trickey

Readings for the Week of November 1, 2026

Sunday
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a

Monday
Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/ Mt 11:25-30

Tuesday
Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32/Lk 14:15-24

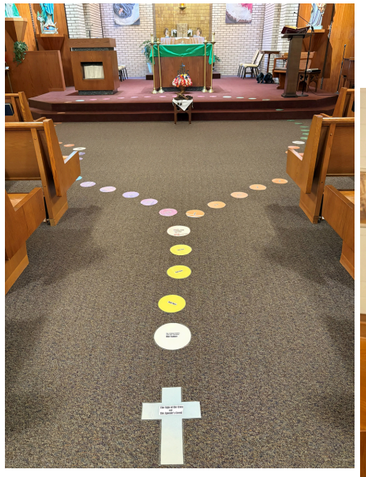
Wednesday
Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday
Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday
Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday
Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday
Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." --Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions are the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety, and depression than ever before. The lives of the saints show that the key to a happy life are relationships. Relationships with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

Pics of PSR kids at Immaculate Conception last Wednesday praying the Live Rosary







"He does not come down from Heaven each day to stay in the gold ciborium. He comes down to find another Heaven He cherishes infinitely more than the first, the Heaven of our souls, made in His image, living temples of the Most Blessed Trinity!" — St. Therese of Lisieux



Observances for the Week of November 1, 2026

Sunday
All Saints; *Daylight Saving Time Ends*; National Vocation Awareness Week

Monday
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Tuesday
St. Martin de Porres, Religious; *Election Day*

Wednesday
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Next Sunday
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The rectory bathroom has recently been remodeled. Many thanks to Bill Trickey for all of his hard work tearing out the old existing walls and fixtures. Thanks also to Jim & Terry Potthast for their work on this project too! Thanks Bill, Jim & Terry!!



STN Collection	10/24/26
Envelopes/Loose	$725.00
Sister Parish	$140.00
World Mission	$65.00
Budget Goal	$1,276.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	$-551.00
Support Needed (budget)	$21,692.00
Support Actual	$21,237.00
Surplus/Deficit YTD	$-455.00

STG Collection	10/25/26
Envelopes/Loose	$1,038.00
Sister Parish	$25.00
World Mission	$25.00
Maintenance Fund	$200.00
Budget Goal	$1,524.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	$-486.00
Support Needed (budget)	$25,908.00
Support Actual	$20,435.00
Surplus/Deficit YTD	$-5,473.00

IC Collection	10/25/26
Envelopes/Loose	$2,002.11
All Saints	$35.00
All Souls	$30.00
Candles	$92.00
Building Fund	$220.00
Sister Parish	$90.00
World Mission	$85.00
Cemetery	$20.00
Budget Goal	$2,920.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	$-882.89
Support Needed(budget)	$49,640.00
Support Actual	$41,682.14
Surplus/Deficit YTD	$-7,957.86

More pics of the Gary Plog Soup & Song 2026











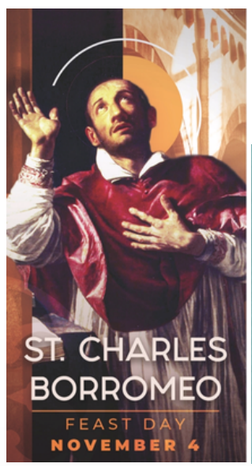




Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the Gary Plog Soup & Song on Oct 17. Your generous support is greatly appreciated!! See you next year.

Holy Hour for Vocations at Mother of Perpetual Help in Maryville; Nov. 3rd 5:00PM

St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584), whose feast day is November 4, helped guide Church reform during the Protestant Reformation and the final years of the Council of Trent. Born into nobility, he was named cardinal-deacon and administrator of Milan by his uncle, Pope Pius IV, while still a young student. After his brother's death, he became a priest at 25 and later Bishop of Milan. He worked behind the scenes to keep the Council of Trent going and devoted himself to renewing his archdiocese. He founded seminaries, colleges, and communities to improve the formation of priests. St. Charles died at 46 and is patron of bishops, catechists, seminarians, apple orchards, and those with digestive ailments.



St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Marine, Illinois is seeking an Office Manager. This is a part-time position, with 20 hours or less anticipated each week. The Office Manager's time schedule may be a hybrid work environment. Should any potential applicant want to discuss the requirements of the position further or would like to express interest, please call 618-792-2831 or 618-830-1647.





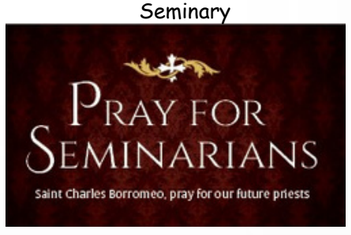
Fr. Cal said Mass at Mater Dei High School in Breese







Dcn. Padrick Mulligan
Configuration IV
Kenrick-Glennon
Seminary



All Saints October 31 & November 1, 2026



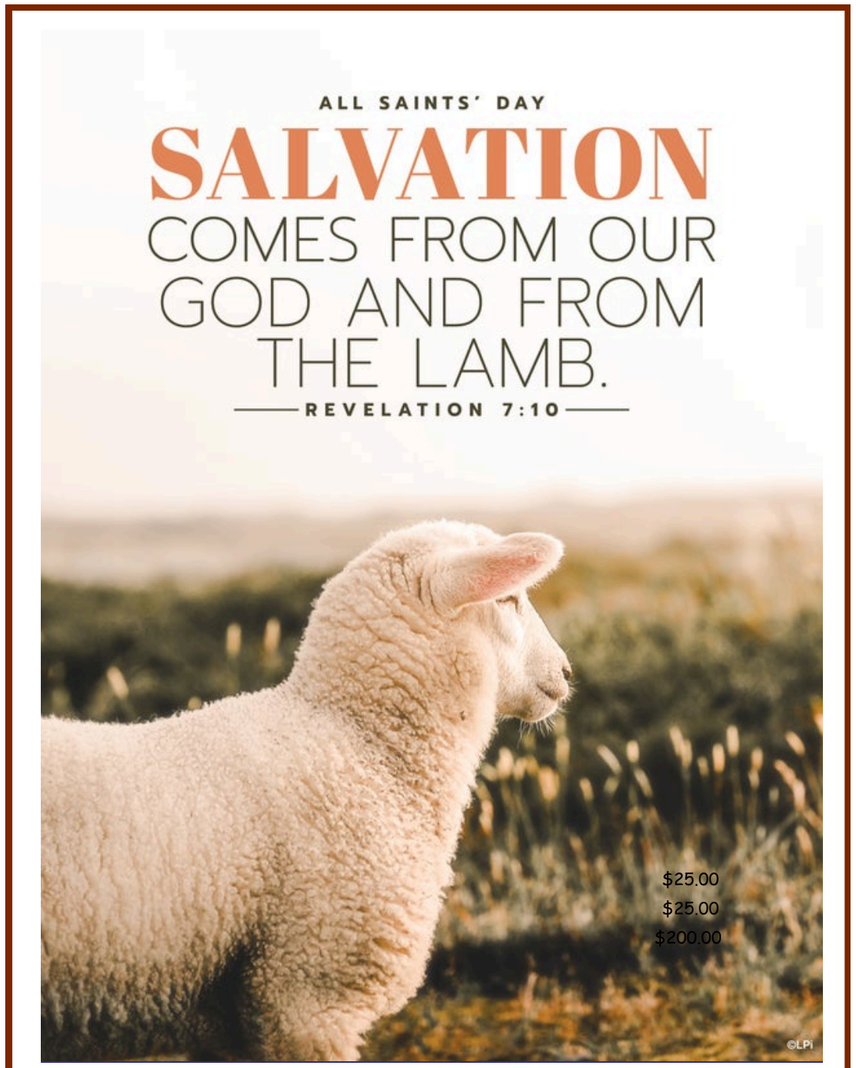
Saint Nicholas - Pocahontas



Immaculate Conception—Pierron



Saint Gertrude—Grantfork



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MassTimes

ImmaculateConception
Wed.& Fri.—8:00am
Sunday —10:00am

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

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