

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening while lying on my bed, and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "you should love the Lord, your God, with all your heart." (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, He wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love Him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Becasue of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is!

It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love. --Fr. John Muir

Liturgical Ministers for Oct. 31 & Nov 1, 2026

Sat. Oct. 31 @ 4:30PM @ St. Nicholas
Reader: Brenda Tebbe
uch. Min.: Doris Eilers & Marce Tebbe
Server: Pat Kalous
Ushers: Barb Kalous & Tom Kalous

Sun. Nov. 1 @ 8:00AM @ St. Gertrude
Reader: Janice Korsmeyer
Music: Nick Worman & Randy Eckstein
Sacristan: Sue Dickman
Euch.Min.: Amber Kapp, Jane Deiters & Sue Messerli
Ushers: Randy & Dianne Leitschuh
Servers: Kinslei Kapp & Katie Schwarz

Sun. Nov. 1 @10:00AM @ IC
Reader: Mary Bergman
Servers: Avery Gilomen & Cyiah Wiegmann
Euch. Min.: Rick & Ruth Zurliene & Amy Gilomen



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, SteveCrawford, 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, BarbaraWeiss, MargieZurliene 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.



Congratulations to Tiffany Knebel & Christopher Dilks who were married last Saturday, October 17th at Immaculate Conception Church!

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

Megan Frey and Trevor Kohrmann
Please join us in prayer for the upcoming marriage of Megan & Trevor.

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 St. Boniface in Germantown on November 7th, 2026

Please keep them and all those discerning Holy Marriage in your prayers.

Mon. (Oct. 26)
Tues.(Oct. 27) 8:00am (St.G)
Wed. (Oct. 28) 8:00am (IC)
Thur. (Oct. 29) 8:00am (St.N)
Fri. (Oct. 30) 8:00am (IC)
Sat. (Oct. 31) 4:30pm (St.N)

Sun. (Nov.1) 8:00am (St.G)

Sun. (Nov.1) 10:00am (IC)
Mon. (Nov.2) 6:30pm (IC)

† Mass Intentions †

No Mass
† **All Souls**
† **Lindsey Graham –** Int. of Bill & Denise Trickey
† **Kenny Oestringer** —Int. of Jeannie Korte
† **Derek Burns** —Int. of Lowell & Denise Wellen
† **Bill Klostermann** — Int. of Tom & Bonnie Goestenkors
For the People of St. Nicholas, St. Gertrude & Immaculate Conception
† **Geraldine Lewis** — Int. of Lynn Weis & Family
† **Cliff & Dorothy Landolt** — Int. of Skip & Joan Dickshot
† **Earl & Marie Weis** — Int. of the Weis Family
† **Tamie Horstmann** — Int. of Charlie & Jeannie Korte
† **All Souls**

Readings for the Week of October 25, 2026

Sunday
Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday
Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday
Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday
Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday
Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday
Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday
Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

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

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." – Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.







The Gary Plog Family

Gary Plog Soup & Song final report

Attendees of the Soup & Song enjoyed an evening of delicious food and music provided by 6 local musicians who continue to come back every year to play in memory of their friend Gary. They even had the crowd singing along with them by the end of the evening!

The food, all raffle prizes and the music were donated by parishioners and supporters of St Nicholas.

Donations $570
Raffle tickets $1536
Total $2106
Raffle winners:
Quilt Sally Rehberger
$150 Korte Meats Brenda Tebbe
$100 Joe Dapkus
$100 Sonya Curry
$75 Natasha Kapp
$50 Funderburk's gift card Scott Barr
$50 Roger Frey



Pics of St. Nicholas Soup & Song
More pics to follow in next week's bulletin

Pray for Pope Leo!
With the news of Pope Leo's diagnosis of lung cancer, the Pope is asking for prayers.
"As you know, I have been unable to be among you during these days," Pope Leo said. "Entrusting each of you to the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth, I ask you please to pray for me, as I pray for you."

STN Collection	10/17/26
Envelopes/Loose	$1,372.00
Budget Goal	$1,276.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	$96.00
Support Needed (budget)	$20,416.00
Support Actual	$20,512.00
Surplus/Deficit YTD	$96.00



Observances for the Week of October 25, 2026

Sunday
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday
Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Saturday
All Hallow's Eve
Next Sunday
All Saints; *Daylight Saving Time Ends*; National Vocation Awareness Week



St. Gertrude Altar Society Meeting will be held on Monday, October 26th at 7:00PM. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

STG Collection	10/18/26
Envelopes/Loose	$1,637.00
Sister Parish	$5.00
All Souls	$20.00
World Mission	$100.00
Maintenance Fund	$70.00
Budget Goal	$1,524.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	$113.00
Support Needed (budget)	$24,384.00
Support Actual	$19,397.00
Surplus/Deficit YTD	$-4,987.00



IC Collection	10/18/26
Envelopes/Loose	$2,052.00
World Mission	$200.00
All Souls	$10.00
Candles	$55.00
Building Fund	$10.00
Budget Goal	$2,920.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	$-868.00
Support Needed(budget)	$46,720.00
Support Actual	$39,645.03
Surplus/Deficit YTD	$-7,074.97

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 note: For parishioners who have lost a loved one this past year who is not a member of IC, STN, or STG please contact the parish office by Oct. 26th if you would like your loves ones name included in the Mass of Remembrance). If you cannot be present at the service, you may pick up the candle with your loved one's name at the Parish Office. 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.



ANDREW DINNER

For men in high school to mid-30s



WHAT WERE YOU MADE FOR?

Join Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, Fr. Zach Samples, and local priests for prayer, dinner, and discussion about discerning your vocation.



Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois
and Chief Judge Christopher P. Threlkeld
Madison County, Third Judicial Circuit
Cordially Invite Legal Professionals and their Families to the

10TH ANNUAL RED MASS

10:15 a.m. Sunday | 1 | November 2026



Keynote Speaker: Caleb Briscoe, General Counsel for Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

St. Boniface 110 N Buchanan St, Edwardsville, IL 62025

@stbchurch

Contact Sarah Kreke to RSVP by October 22nd for Luncheon/Speaker at skreke@st-boniface.com or 618-656-6450

Judges are invited to be part of the entrance procession and attend the Mass wearing their judicial robes.
Luncheon to follow Mass - Bella Milano
Luncheon/Speaker: $20 (Adult) and $10 (Children 12 and under)
Mail checks payable to St. Boniface, pay via Venmo or at the door

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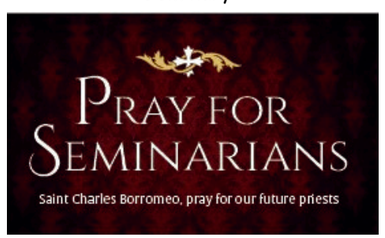
Sts. Simon and Jude

St. Jude — desperate and seemingly impossible causes
St. Simon — Tanners, leather workers, woodworkers
Chosen among the Twelve Apostles, Simon and Jude bore witness to Jesus Christ. Their shared feast invites us to remain faithful to the Gospel and turn to God with confidence, even in difficult circumstances.





Keaten Mansfield
Propaedeutic
Bishop Simon Bruté
Seminary



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 24 & 25, 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