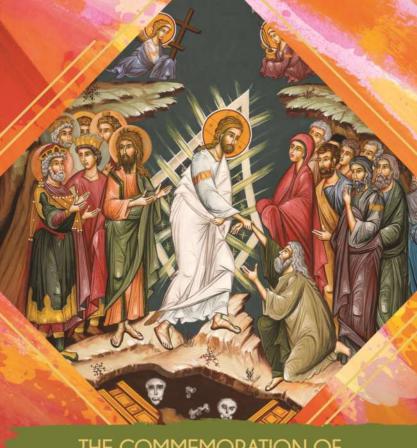


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THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." - Jn 6:40

November 2. 2025 The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed John 6:37-40

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 woman 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 Souls' 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.

— Father John Muir

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Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Gift Bearer	Usher
November 8 th	Maureen Reed	David Bollman	Bobby Elam	Betty Cerulli	Mark Denton
Saturday, 4:00 PM		Janis LeChein	Marilyn Elam	Sue Kaltenbronn	Kevin Effinger
November 9 th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Karen O'Dell	Joyce Dierkes	Kathy Pajares	Lynne Fulte Bernadette Gadu	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
November 9 th	Jerry Ahrens	Beth	Need	Pat King	Chris Knee
Sunday, 10:30 AM		Regensberger	Volunteer	Dawn York	Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

"Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families. While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to 'remain' at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross...The path of accompaniment until the moment of death must remain open, with appropriate care for body and soul customized to the personal needs of the patient."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

Vocation Corner

This Sunday starts National Vocations Awareness Week. National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. Please pray each day this week for an increase in vocations and for young people to hear their call to Holiness.



Prayer During Loss

O God,

In the midst of my grief, be with me. Cover this season with Your comfort and consolation, help me to know Your presence and Your grace. Bring comfort to my affliction, and hope to my heart.

Amen.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

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 131:1bcde, 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 27:1bcde, 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

Observances for the week of November 2, 2025

Sunday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls'

Day); Daylight Saving Time Ends

Monday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious

Tuesday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop; Election Day

Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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Mass Intentions for the week of November 2, 2025

SUN 11/2	8:30 AM	Rita & Jim Pajares, Nowak Family
	10:30 AM	For the People
MON 11/3	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
TUE 11/4	8:00 AM	Judith Marchand
WED 11/5	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
	10:20 AM	ACHS
THUR 11/6	8:00 AM	Wayland Downen
FRI 11/8	8:00 AM	Memorial Donors
SAT 11/9	8:00 AM	William Eckmann
	4:00 PM	Quentin Lauer, Geraldine Quirin
SUN 11/10	8:30 AM	For the People
	10:30 AM	Wayne Adams, Curtis Wiley, Jr



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC -**BENEATH THE SURFACE** By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence — she lived, she died — using for ink the very dirt that fills my grave. The dust from which I was created.

The Semicolon

My grave is in the corner of a cemetery in rural southeastern Wisconsin. For at least a mile in every direction, all you can see is farmland — cows, barns and quiet country roads. It's beautiful, serene. I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence — she lived, she died — using for ink the very dirt that fills this grave. The dust from which I was created.

Surrounding my grave are the burial plots of other family members — Rachel, Georgiana, Julian, Josephine. I visit the cemetery to pray for them, knowing they are there, but also not there. And when I visit their graves, I stand on my own. I look out at the tree-lined horizon and the farmland. I think of how, in a thousand years, none of this will be here. But I will be here, God's hand paused against the page, preparing to write the rest of the story not in dirt but in his own blood. For Christ does not lose anything of what the Father has given him.

Not a soul. Not a bone. Not a lock of hair.

She lived, she died; she lived again. No longer is there a period after the words *she died* but instead a semicolon. And the semicolon is the grave, that mystical place where the Blood mixes with the dust of the earth, where life meets death, and then meets life again. And the story continues.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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.

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All Souls Day



Prayer for the Dead, Explained!



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."



Please remember in your prayers all of our ray for... shut-ins, and those who are nursing homes and hospitals.

Continue to pray for all of the men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces here and abroad that they may return home safely.



PRAYER REQUESTS

"Heavenly Father, we offer all the prayer requests on our prayer chain to you. We ask that you would hear and answer each one according to your perfect will. We trust in your love, your power, and your grace. May your peace reign in our hearts and in the lives of those we are praying for."

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To add names to the Prayer List, please contact Carol Lesko by phone at 618-698-5838. If she unavailable to take your call please leave a

Names will be published for 4 weeks unless we are notified to retain them longer.



You can flyers with MORE information about bingo's, picnics, quilting, dinners, and other activities happening throughout our diocese on the bulletin board in the church's vestibule.



**All parish support listed is from the week's collections, mailed in, and online donations. **

October 26, 2025

Envelopes/Loose	\$	3,906.27
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	250.25
Guatemala	\$	20.00
100 Year Jubilee Celebration	Donations	
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World Mission	\$	50.00
All Saints Day	\$	10.00

THANK YOU

to everyone who supports our parish through donations, prayer, and or service!



November 2, 2025

Sunday - 8:30 am Mass

Live Stream Mass 8:30 am

- 10:30 am Mass

Monday - SVDP Mtg 9:00 am

Tuesday -

Wednesday - Eucharistic Exposition

2:30-4:30 pm

- Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

- 4:00 pm Mass

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- 8:30 am Mass

Sunday

Live Stream Mass 8:30 am

- 10:30 am Mass



The Parish Rosary Program. Each week parishioners are requested to either email to the church secretary <u>sthenryc@peaknet.net</u> or drop a slip of paper in the collection basket with the number of rosaries they prayed this week. (started February 12, 2023)

Weekly	Year to Date	Grand Total
115	5,797	15,835



BIRTHDAYS

Anna Nguyen 11/03 Victor Behr Susan O'Malley 11/03 Susan Wess Madison Martin-Giacalone 11/04 Don Poirot Phyllis Reece 11/04 Angela Oui

Ashley Hettenhausen 11/05 Fatima Reyes 11/05 Victor Behrmann 11/06 Susan Wessel 11/06 Don Poirot 11/07 Angela Quirk 11/07 Megan Kernan 11/09 Jo Ann Syzdek 11/09

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Hope in the Lord

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry provides funding to parishes, schools and organizations throughout our diocese for local projects. A total of 37 grants were awarded throughout our diocese in the past year. Help this popular program which funds local projects continue through your gift to this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.



We offer our deepest sympathies and prayerful support to the family of

Frances "Cookie" Koszelnik

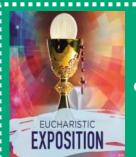
May our prayers be of comfort to their family in their time of loss and sorrow.



The St. Henry Parish Christmas party is Sunday, December 7th after 10:30 A.M. Mass, in the Msgr. Voss Parish Center, for the WHOLE parish. Sponsored by the Men's Club and Ladies Club. Reservations are required! Please call Marilyn Elam 618-604-6340 or Dawn at the rectory 618-233-2423 x10 before November 28th.

Food will be catered by Betty Ann Market. Entertainment will be Harmony Express at 1:30 P.M.

All are welcome!



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is the most powerful prayer a person can say to obtain God's mercy!

If you have never experienced The Chaplet in song then you are in for an amazing experience.

Eucharistic Exposition every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30

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**.



We are joining St. Augustine's Queenship of Mary Sodality on **Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

at **6:00 pm** Annual Pot Luck Dinner/Ornament Auction in St Augustine's Kuhl Hall.

All are asked to bring a side dish for the dinner and a Christmas or Fall item to be auctioned to support the Pregnancy Care Center.

Father Ken and Father Bill make the night entertaining.
Always a fun evening!



National Vocation Awareness Week SEMANA NACIONAL DE CONCIENCIA DE LAS VOCACIONES OLPI

Come and See Discernment Retreat

Held at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, this Come and See Retreat is for men in high school discerning their vocation. Retreatants will get to experience what life in seminary is like by hearing talks from seminary formators, praying with the college seminarians, and being a part of the seminary fraternity. Visit stlvocations.org/vocation-office-events to register.

Discernment 101 with the Daughters of St. Paul

Discernment 101 is a series of talks, prayer opportunities, and community facilitated by the Daughters of St. Paul to help you grow in your relationship with God and discern how God is inviting you to live out the gift of who you are in the world. Discernment 101 meets one Saturday a month on Zoom from 11:30am–1:00pm CST for a talk and small group discussion. Topics include My Identity in God, Thoughts, Emotions, & Their Place in Discernment, and Making an Authentic Gift of Self. Open to single Catholic women ages 16-33. To register, email Sister Bethany at vocations@paulinemedia.com.

Fall 2025 Dates: October 18, November 8, December 8

Veni Si Amas Discernment Retreat with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George

What is religious life and how does one begin to discern it? If these questions have crossed your mind or have piqued your interest, then come join us for a weekend of prayer, talks, and encountering the Lord through the charism of Merciful Love! All single Catholic women between the ages of 18-30 are invited to join for talks on discernment and religious life, time in prayer, as well as many opportunities to meet, share, and pray with Sisters. 2025 Dates: November 7-9, 2025, March 6-8, 2026 at 1 Franciscan Way, Alton, IL 62002 Feel free to email Sr. M. Karolyn at vocations@altonfranciscans.org with any questions.

Fall Holiness Retreat with the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus

Single Catholic women 17-29 years of age are invited to join the Carmelite Sisters for a Holiness retreat November 7-9th to experience their way of life through participation in communal prayers, chanting of the Divine Office, Holy Mass, and recreation. Retreats include talks given on the theme by a Sister or priest, time for silence with the Lord, and an opportunity to meet other young women discerning God's call. Please visit carmelitedcj.org/vocation/retreats -events for more information.

Online Evening Prayer with the School Sisters of Notre Dame

Young adults are invited to pray online with the School Sisters of Notre Dame and other young adults from across the U.S. and Canada at 7 p.m. CT on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Participants will experience evening prayer in the rhythm of the Liturgy of the Hours with additional time for faith sharing in small groups, online prayer typically lasts about an hour. Learn more and register at ssnd.org/events/.





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