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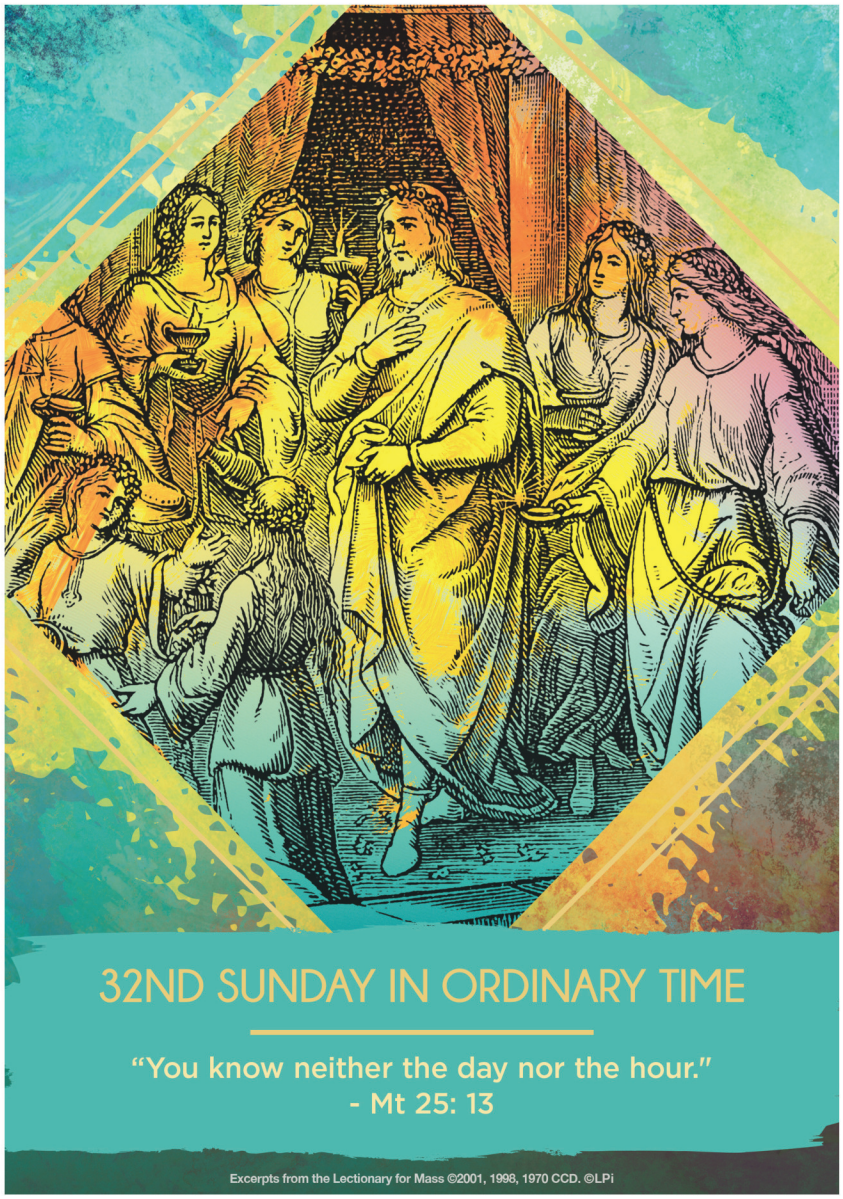

November 8, 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 25:1-13

My first instinct upon waking is to grab my phone and start scrolling. Sometimes I do it for 20 or 30 minutes, and it makes me feel distracted and agitated. I feel guilty, too, for wasting my first moments of the day. So recently, I committed those minutes to reading a book that would focus my mind on Jesus. I enjoy the fact that I am not scattering my attention as much. I feel more peaceful and focused on God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about attention. He contrasts wise and foolish virgins, and then sums up the teaching by saying, **"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13).** The basic currency of the human heart is attention. The foolish bridesmaids are not immoral or malicious; they are unfocused, distracted, and unprepared. They assume that borrowed oil will suffice, that someone else's readiness can make up for their own lack. But the attention which is love cannot be outsourced. A relationship with God requires personal attentiveness cultivated over time.

This Gospel leaves us with an honest question. What am I giving my attention to each day, and am I forming a heart that is awake, watchful, and ready to meet the Lord when He comes? How can I use key moments of my day to focus my attention where I need it to be?

— Father John Muir

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Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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Weekday Masses
Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Gift Bearer	Usher
November 14th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Maureen Reed	Mark Denton Trish Denton	Michelle Kujawa Keith Painter	Betty Cerulli Sue Kaltenbronn	Tristan Kujawa Nick Kujawa
November 15th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Greg Mehochko	George Mehochko	Lynne Fulte	Alvina Tippy Need Volunteer	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
November 15th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Sue Bolen	Beth Regensberger	Kathleen Dumontier	Joyce Dierkes Dawn York	Jerry Ahrens Chris Knee

Respect Life Corner

Palliative Care Awareness Month

Illinois legalized physician-assisted suicide this year, which goes directly against the Catholic Church's teaching that everyone is deserving of dignity, love, and care through every stage of life. Our response to suffering or despair is accompaniment with compassion, not the suggestion that some lives are not worthwhile.

Visit Catholic Conference of Illinois for more resources: **www.ilcatholic.org**

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Christian life is a life of waiting, for the Bridegroom is long delayed. We can grow too comfortable in the waiting that we forget what it's all for. So let us look to our lamps and always remember — the waiting will not last forever.

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Blessing for Veterans

O God,
Bless the men and women who have stepped forward in the service of our country.
Protect them in Your mercy, care for their needs: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.
Give them courage, strength, perseverance, and support.
Amen.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of of November 8, 2026

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
Monday:	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
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Observances for the week of November 8, 2026

Sunday:	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday:	St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
Thursday:	St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Saturday:	
Next Sunday:	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions for the week of November 8, 2026

SUN	11/8	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Dr. Paul Biegler For the People
MON	11/9	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
TUES	11/10	8:00 AM	Patricia Guido
WED	11/11	8:00 AM 10:20 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions ACHS Mass
THURS	11/12	8:00 AM	Eileen Svec
FRI	11/13	8:00 AM	SVDP Members, Donors, & Volunteers
SAT	11/14	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Judith Marchand Linda Moyer
SUN	11/15	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	For the People Walter & Cecelia Turner, Sr. Diane Marie Turner

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Outside the Wedding Feast

Every time my husband tells me he needs to take our car in for an oil change, I groan: "Didn't we just do that, like, six months ago?"

"Yeah," he replies. "And like I told you six months ago, that's roughly how often it needs to be done."

If I didn't have him, I would forget to change that oil until the engine came to a grinding halt in the middle of the interstate. It's not that I'm incapable — I remember when we're about to run out of butter, when we need to scrub out the kitchen sink so it doesn't get nasty, when it's time to schedule the kids' annual doctor visits. I just don't even think about the oil.

Why would I? My husband's on top of it.

Our brains reflexively prioritize certain tasks, delegating the rest to the care of others we trust. I do it with the oil in the car. My husband does it with the groceries.

Sometimes — too often, in fact — we do it with our spiritual lives. We let it go. We don't think about it. We trust. God's got us. We'll focus on that tomorrow.

It's beautiful to have a relationship with God based in confidence, not in anxiety. But do we sometimes take this further than is healthy? In trusting that God loves us unconditionally, do we slip into the habit of de-prioritizing him? Do we linger too long outside the wedding feast, trimming our neglected lamps, forgetting that once the door closes, it also locks?

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The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

Do you remember your or your children's or, perhaps, your grandchildren's first time away from home attending college? While greatly anticipated, it can also be a challenging, sometimes overwhelming experience. Today hundreds of young adults find a comfortable, secure, faith-based home during their college years as a "family" member of the Newman Catholic Student Center at Southern Illinois University. Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps makes this experience possible. Partner with Newman's students and staff by making your gift to the Appeal today!



Kindness, *Explained!*

In the modern lexicon, the quality of "kindness" is often equated with politeness — but real, virtuous kindness is so much more. Virtuous kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God.

God is not polite — God is kind, and His kindness is abundantly evident in all of creation. It was suspicion of this divine kindness that precipitated the fall of Adam and Eve (CCC 214), and it was this unfailing kindness that facilitated our own adoption as God's children, conformed to the image of His son (CCC 257).

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and is a central theme in the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. In practicing kindness and seeking the good of another without prejudice or condition, the Samaritan reflects God's own plan of loving kindness for us. ©LPi

Vocation Corner

"Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God." – Thomas Merton



"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."

Alice	Dan	Kennedy	Ron
Amanda	Darla	Kurt	Rose
Andrew	Emily	Laura	Sue
Andy	Greg	Linda	Susan
Barb	Groh Family	Louise	Tanya
Barbara	Hayden,	Maggie	Terry
Betty Ann	Jon	Michele	Tom
Cathy	Kelly	Pope Leo XIV	William
Cullen Family			

Please keep in your prayers all who are ill, specially those listed, their families and their caregivers.

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 message.

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



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

November 1, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	**$ 5,614.15**
St. Vincent de Paul	**$ 285.60**
Guatemala	**$ 285.00**
World Mission Sunday	**$ 20.00**
All Saints Day	**$ 233.00**
Catholic Campaign for Human Developemnt	**$ 5.00**
Christmas Flowers	**$ 342.00**

THANK YOU

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



November 8, 2026

Sunday	**8:30 AM Mass** Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass **10:30 AM Mass**
Monday	8:00 AM Mass Ladies Club Mtg 5:30 pm at St. Augustine Canterbury
Tuesday	8:00 AM Mass Men's Club Mtg 7:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 AM MASS 10:20 ACHS Mass **Eucharistic Exposition** 2:30-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
Thursday	8:00 AM Mass
Friday	8:00 AM Mass
Saturday	8:00 AM Mass **4:00 PM Mass**
Sunday	**8:30 AM Mass** Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass **10:30 AM Mass**

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The Parish Rosary Program. Each week parishioners are requested to either email to the church secretary sthenryc@peaknet.net 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
239	6,079	22,827



We are joining St. Augustine's Queenship of Mary Sodality on **Monday, November 9th at 5:00pm (Doors open at 5:00pm Dinner at 5:30pm).** For the Annual Pot Luck Dinner/Ornament Auction in St Augustine's Kuhl Hall. Auction to benefit the Pregnancy Care Center.

Main menu will be ham, fried chicken and scalloped potatoes. St. Henry Ladies are asked to bring dessert or 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 always make the night entertaining. Looking forward to a fun evening.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will hold its monthly meeting this Tuesday, November 10, at 7 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Prizes for the fantasy baseball league will be distributed. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

All men of the parish are welcome!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What musical instrument is more commonly found inside churches than not?

Answer: The organ

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HONORING
VETERANS DAY
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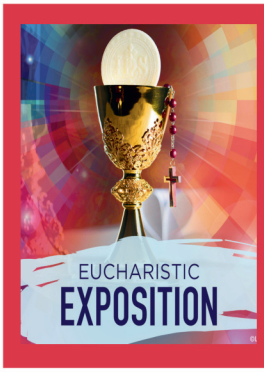

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is the most powerful prayer a person can say to obtain God's mercy! If you have never experienced The Chaplet in song then you are in for an amazing experience. Eucharistic Exposition every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.



Megan Kernan 11/09
Brenda Johnston 11/10
David Dahm 11/10
James Schlesinger 11/10
Karen Lundy 11/10
Mary O'Donnell 11/10
Abigail McPherson 11/11
Austin Sonnenberg 11/11
Jennifer Clarke 11/11
Helen Reed 11/12
Jeanette Manion 11/12
Paul Quirk 11/12
Linda Noblitt 11/13
Pamela VonAlst 11/13
Shawn Bakkila 11/13
Coleton Cook 11/14
Jerald Carda 11/14
John Sambo 11/14
Kay Krauss 11/14
Matthew Partington 11/14
Scott Rubin 11/14
Giambattista Patti 11/15
Jonell Rapp 11/15
La'Kia Jones 11/15



PRAYING FOR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians. Each week, we will feature one of our 11 seminarians. Please consider dropping them a note of support. At the very least, a simply prayer would be helpful.
For this week:

Jacob Walker
Conception Seminary College
37174 State Hwy V V
P.O. Box 502
Conception, MO 64433



St. Vincent de Paul Society
Treasurer's Fiscal Year Report

For October 2025 through September 2026
SVDP aided 228 clients with power, water, sewer for a total of $40,015.00 given for the fiscal year.
Volunteers gave 1000 hours of service this fiscal year.
SVDP thanks everyone for their support in this effort to help those in need.

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We **DO** have classes on Sunday, November 8 and on Wednesday, November 11. Remember, if you have a child in 2nd. Grade or in 8th. grade, it is important that they be present for every class, so we have time to prepare them properly. Also, if your child cannot attend on the day you registered for they can come to the other class that is available for them that week, so they do not miss a class. The faith formation of your child is as important as the practices your child attends for a sport. Keep that in mind. Passing faith on to your child is so important in their life. Life has many challenges, but faith pulls us through those difficult times. We can't do without it.

"Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right." (Max Lucado)

Sister Theresa Markus, S.S.N.D.
Coordinator of the Parishes School of Religion
tmarkus@ssndcp.org or 618-550-9903

Next week special collection
Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Nearly 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities.

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6th of December

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Lighting Candles in Church

Question:
Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:
Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

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