



All Saints Cathedral Parish

NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH (PNCC)

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Catholic in Faith, a People Empowered

October / November 2025



*A message from your humble
Editors:*

Welcome to FALL at All Saints
Cathedral Parish!

We had to combine October and
November into one Newsletter,
due to this being a very busy
season for us. Our plan is to
resume publishing on the first
Sunday of each month, as long as
we continue to receive all your
great news items and photos.

When submitting your items, it
would be very helpful to **email**
them to ascpncc@gmail.com
instead of texting. Be sure to
include full details when
announcing events, and full
names and details so we can
properly caption your photos.

And if you submitted anything
that did not appear as requested,
please let us know! We are all
important members of the
Newsletter team. Thanks!



"I have not stopped thanking God for you."

~Ephesians 1:16

Sunday, November 23rd

Holy Mass at 9 am

Thanksgiving Dinner (no charge)
follows the Mass

Let us know you'll be there!

Sign up sheet in the vestibule

Future Direction Committee

Cathy Andersen, Director

October Message

I have always thought of October as a bit of a transitional month. School has been in session for awhile. The seasons have changed from Summer to Autumn with warmer temperatures becoming cooler ones. It stays darker in the mornings and gets darker earlier in the evenings. We begin to think about the upcoming holidays as decorations for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and/or New Years begin to appear in the stores.

The Church is still in "Ordinary Time" as we celebrate such feast and solemnity days as the Feast of Guardian Angels (October 2), the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of the Rosary (October 7), the Solemnity of the Christian Family (Second Sunday in October) and the Feast of the Archangel Raphael (October 24). Before we know it, we will enter into the Advent Season anticipating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

October is also devoted to our Blessed Virgin Mary (as was the month of May). There are various ways in which we can honor Mother Mary this month (and always) which might include the following:

1. Pray the Hail Mary daily in your preferred language whether it be English, Polish or Spanish.
2. Pray the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary which is found in the PNCC "Devotions and Prayers" prayer book.
3. Pray the Rosary by yourself, with others or while listening to the Rosary on line.
4. Search the internet for Mary's Way of the Cross, which is the Stations of the Cross from our Mother's point of view, and pray it during the month.
5. Take a break during your day and listen to the beautiful and beloved song "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" by Carey Landry.
6. Pray The Angelus Prayer which I have included further below.

I hope you will take time this month to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Taking time to slow down this month for additional prayer and meditation may even help you ease into the busyness of the upcoming holiday season!

The Angelus Prayer

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to your Word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Attitude of Gratitude

November – the month of thanksgiving and Thanksgiving! A month of gratitude.

As we begin the month of November, we remember all of the Saints on All Saints' Day (which is November 1 and a Holy Day of Obligation) and our departed loved ones and all the departed souls on All Souls' Day (which is November 2, although celebrated on November 3 this year in the PNCC). Both days often bring to mind how thankful we should be to those who have gone before us. We should never forget them. Each of them left a legacy. We must remember and be thankful for the things that they taught us about love, life, work and the Church, among many other things. In one way or another, all our departed loved ones helped to shape who we are today whether by actual instruction, guidance or example. We should take a moment to remember them in our prayers, visiting their graves or attending the special Church services that are held.

As to thanksgiving, we should always be in a state of gratitude. Thankful to those who fill our daily lives with love, support, kind words, prayers, meaningful notes and gestures of various types. We must take time daily to slow down and recognize what others are doing for us or what we can do for others. We must recognize each human being that we come in contact with as made in the image of God, a child of God. We must be thankful for the opportunity to love and to serve others.

We must always give thanks and gratitude to God -- for the good and the bad, the beautiful and the ugly, the joys and the sufferings, the successes and the failures. We must nourish an attitude of gratitude by consciously and regularly expressing appreciation for both the significant and the small blessings that He bestows upon us. We must intentionally focus on the abundance in our lives rather than the lack thereof. We must not compare ourselves to others as to what we have or don't have but instead focus on what God has indeed given to us -- for all things come from God. These practices not only increase happiness and joy, give you a sense of fulfillment, reduce stress, improve the health of ourselves and our relationships, bring peace and foster resilience, but they bring us into a more intimate communion with God.

How does one cultivate an attitude of gratitude? You could create a gratitude journal in which you write down all your blessings; be mindful by staying present in each moment looking for God's hand in everything around you; and learn to say thank you to others and let them know you appreciate them, and they are a blessing to you.

When you are facing challenges, sufferings or hardships and it may be difficult to express your gratitude to God, turn to Scripture - the Word of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 reads, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you".

Psalms 107:1 says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever".

Philippians 4:6-7 reads, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God".

Once you have developed an attitude of gratitude, challenge yourself to develop an attitude of advance gratitude. This is the practice of feeling thankful for things before they happen or before they are received, based on belief that they are already on their way. One must view the future with optimism and wonder, trusting that whatever you need is already in place. God will provide to you all things that are necessary for you. Thank God for the many incredible people that you will encounter today; shift your focus on all the good things going on and how you may contribute to positive change within yourself and the community; for unexpected moments of joy and laughter that you will experience today; and for all the ways that your circumstances will exceed your expectations today. An attitude of advance gratitude is not easy because it will require faith that God will indeed deliver!

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, let us come to our tables with an attitude of gratitude, and even an attitude of advance gratitude, for all the abundant blessings that God has given us in the past, present and future!

Lotsa Birthdays!

Adeline Kozak



Adeline celebrated her 103rd birthday on September 2nd. Joanne Gramza, her daughter Mary Nystrom and Mary's husband Don, and Jerry Gap made the trip to South Elgin to visit with cake and smiles!



Zofia Wolkiewicz



Jerry Gap



Jerry Gap once again hosted a lavish Polish meal to share and celebrate his Birthday in October. Thanks Jerry!



Nicole



Cathy Andersen



Casey Mrozek



“Alone With You” Duet Concert



Boo Bingo – October 26



Special Surprise Guest!



Yes, it's true! On Sunday, October 5th Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and former President of Poland **Lech Wałęsa** worshipped with us at English Mass. Mr. Wałęsa was in Chicago to speak at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont the night before. His lecture tour of North America ended October 30th in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.



Joan M. Pucillo

June 11, 1941 – October 15, 2025

A special collection for the benefit of outreach at the Diocesan level will be held on Sunday, November 23rd.

A new fund will be established in the Online Giving portal. You can also mark an envelope with “Western Diocese Outreach” and place it in the basket.

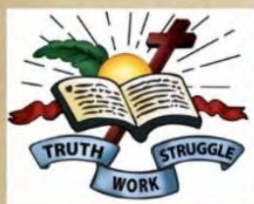
Thank you for your generous support of all our outreach efforts!

MaryJane on Stage

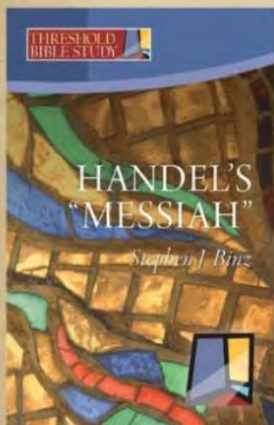
Our own MaryJane Scott recently performed in a 10-minute play festival, Nueves Voces. Nueves Voces is a new tradition at Northeastern Illinois University where current students and graduated students submit their own plays and scripts. Three plays are chosen for the festival, and the playwrights are given an award. The coolest thing about these plays is that they're all new – never been performed on stage before.

This year was the 9th annual festival and MaryJane played the role of “Daisy” in the play “Give Me A Sign”. MaryJane had a blast performing, as she always does.





We invite you to attend the
Western Diocese PNCC
Advent Word of God Study
Handel's "Messiah"
Presented on Zoom



For 5 Tuesday Evenings
November 11 & 25 (no class on the 18th)
December 2, 9 & 16, 2025
7:00 p.m. Central / 8:00 p.m. Eastern

Facilitated by Very Rev. John Kowalczyk
& Rev. Jim Ploskonka

To purchase the book from
Twenty-Third Publications
1-800-321-0411 resources@bayardusa.com
Product code : 858441 \$12.95



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85440411651?pwd=rKzQpTbmC94mXcj7ZmaWh9LiTygqYs.1>

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Upcoming Events

Women's Society Advent Tea

The Women's Society will once again host an Advent Tea. The event is **Saturday, December 6th**. Full details will be announced shortly.

Christmas Card Exchange

Watch for details about a new event this year – a Christmas Card exchange.

PNA Council 306 Family Night Hockey Game

Time for our Annual Fraternal Family Get-together!

PNA Council 306 Family Night



AHL Hockey
Allstate Arena - Rosemont, IL
Chicago Wolves vs Rockford Icehogs



Saturday, January 17, 2026 @ 7 p.m.

Only 50 Tickets Available . . . Center Ice Section
Order Your Tickets Today!

Contact Christine Wachna by December 31, 2025
with your reservation and payment:
847-927-9534 or email: pnacouncil306@gmail.com

Game Ticket Pricing 50 Tickets Available

Adult (17 & up)\$30 each
Youth PNA Member (16 & under) ...Free
Youth Non-member (16 & under) ...\$30 each

Parking fee is \$15 per car at the Allstate Arena.
Concessions at the Allstate Arena are cashless!

**Ticket Order
Deadline
December 31, 2025**

PNA Council 306 Family Night

Chicago Wolves Hockey Game
Saturday, January 17, 2026

Ticket Order Form

Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Adult \$30 each Qty. _____ \$ _____

Youth Non-member \$30 each Qty. _____ \$ _____

Youth PNA Member Free Qty. _____ \$ FREE

Total Tickets Ordered: _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

List Names of Youth PNA Members:

Make checks payable to: **PNA Council 306**

Please send order and payment to: Christine Wachna
14335 Garden Way - Cedar Lake, IN 46303

**** ACCEPTED FORM OF PAYMENT: CHECK OR CASH ****

Payment must be received at time of order.

Order & Payment due no later than December 31, 2025

Contact Christine Wachna for details 847-927-9534 or email pnacouncil306@gmail.com

Bishop Jerry Memorial Scholarship Fund



Please remember we continue to collect donations for the bishop Jerry Memorial Scholarship Fund. Our first award was given in July 2025.

Nominating Committee

If you are on the 2025 Parish Committee and would like to continue in your current position, please let any member of the Nominating Committee – Fr. David Rowinski, Cathy Andersen, Mark Kowalsky or Christine Turner – know as soon as possible. If you are not on the 2025 Parish Committee and wish to be considered for a position, please let one of them know as well. We would like to have a proposed slate for nominations completed as soon as possible.

The election of the 2026 Parish Committee will be held on Sunday, December 7th after 9 am Mass.

Belated Thanks



We wish to thank Jim Jensen and Jeff Jensen for handing out hundreds of

Summerfest / Classic Car Show flyers and helped our Summerfest a great success. Jim is the dad of Julia Smolka and Jeff is her brother.

Facilities Available

Did you know that our facilities – such as the Fellowship Hall, classrooms and even the picnic grove – are available to reserve for your event?

The Parish Committee has established guidelines for members and non-members for use of our facilities. The important thing is to book as far in advance as possible.

If you are interested in hosting an event at All Saints, contact Father David, Chairman Gary or Deacon Doug.

In mid-July 2025, a friend of Cathy Andersen's, Cheryl Miceli, received a diagnosis of Blastic Plasmacytoid Dendritic Cell Neoplasm (BPDCN), which is a rare, aggressive blood cancer. Cheryl has received two rounds of chemotherapy and is now seeking a stem cell donor.

Please see the facts below about being a donor and see the flyer on the next page. If you are able to share this information with as many people as you are able, it would be appreciated.

Of course, we all believe in the power of prayer, so please keep Cheryl, her husband and family, and Cheryl's medical team in your prayers.

Thank you very much!

Cathy



Facts about blood stem cell donation:

- 1) 90% of donations are done through the blood so it's like donating plasma. Only 10% of donations typically have to be done from bone marrow.
- 2) If you need to travel to donate NMDP pays all of your expenses including flights, hotel stays, meals for you AND a companion. Plus, they cover your missed pay from work, pet care and childcare expenses.
- 3) Medical research has shown that cells from younger donors lead to better long-term survival for patients after transplant. That is why we need to reach people between the ages of 20 and 40.

How long does the donation process take?

- 1) Online registration takes about 10 minutes
- 2) Completing and returning a cheek swab kit takes only a few minutes
- 3) If you are called to donate, the typical time commitment for a donation process is 20-30 hours spread out over a four-to six-week period. This includes phone calls, appointments and donation.



YOU COULD BE THE CURE FOR CHERYL

Or any patient in need.

Join the NMDP Registry™ today.



Text Hope4Cheryl
to 61474



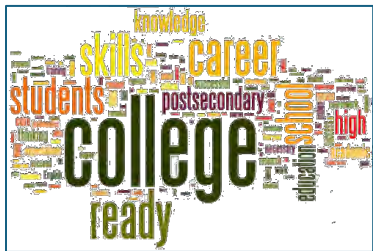
Cheryl
searching patient

75% of patients needing a blood stem cell transplant don't have a fully matched donor in their family. They depend on NMDP to find an unrelated donor to potentially save their life.

PLEASE PASS THIS ALONG TO SOMEONE YOU KNOW BETWEEN THE AGES OF 20 AND 40. A CHEEK SWAB TEST WILL BE SENT WITH ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS NECESSARY AS WELL AS THE FREE SHIPPING MATERIALS TO SEND THE SAMPLE BACK TO THE LAB. IT COULDN'T BE EASIER TO JOIN THE REGISTRY.

HOW AMAZING WOULD IT BE TO SAVE A LIFE? HOW AMAZING WOULD IT BE TO SAVE CHERYL'S LIFE?

College Outreach Ministry



The Future Direction Committee is establishing an outreach to our college students. If you are a student currently enrolled at a

local school or away on campus and are a member of All Saints Cathedral, or know of a student that qualifies and would appreciate a note from our church along with a little gift a few times a year, please send an email address AND a street address to Darlene Niebuhr at darjoy0409@aol.com.

We are looking to keep in touch with our young adults in order to strengthen our membership going forward. Contact Darlene for more information.

Greeter Ministry



greeters

The church Greeter ministry is a vital, visible, and essential component of church life, serving as the first point of contact for both visitors and regular attendees. It is a ministry rooted in Christian hospitality, where Greeters are called

to extend God's unconditional love and make everyone feel welcomed, valued, and part of the church family.

We are looking for a few more volunteers to serve as Greeters. Greeters are scheduled to serve about once a month, and you may team up with another greeter if you wish.

If you are interested, please contact Joanne Gramza at 614-477-4370 to be put on the next Greeter schedule.

Come Sing With Us!

Our Saint Cecelia Choir welcomes anyone who would like to come and offer their voices up to the Lord in worship. We rehearse about once a month to offer one song every Sunday during Holy Mass. Our next rehearsal is Thursday, November 20th.



Contribution Statements Available

As we approach the end of 2025, you may be reviewing your charitable giving. If you need to see your 2025 (to date) Contribution Statement, please contact Judie in the office.

Veteran's Memorial Campaign

The official launch of our Veteran's Memorial Campaign has been delayed. Watch for more news on this soon!





PARISHIONERS: Cathy Andersen, Bob Gradowski, Mark Kowalsky, Sherry Lapinski, Sylvia Smolka, Teri Heath, Bob Maycan, Diane Hughes, Sonny Collinet, Phyllis Collinet, Donald Pagels, Mary Andersen, Adeline Kozak, Lorraine Truskolaski, Joan Pagels

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Nancy Walton, Stenia Dabrowska, Jeff Gap, Jason Malkowski, Sophia Forchas, Audrey Bockenhauer, Cheryl Miceli, Jim Lakowski, Byron Sahovich, Don Andrew, Susan Meyer, Barbara Boyle, Karen Skorzewski, Luz Raygosa, Eluid Raygosa, Suzanne Eberle, Margaret "Gosia" Szajowska, Richard Kitching, Ed Davis, Derek Jones, Alivia Lindbeck, Kathy Joseph, Greg Kurzynski, Sherrie Sekyra, Tony Kilroy, Tina Tziolas, Rosetta Bizzotto, Barbara Consentino, June Felski, Jill Ziegler, Rita Bader, Eugenia Czaban

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Stephanie Rowinski

PRAY FOR ALL OUR TROOPS DEFENDING FREEDOM but especially for: Martin Venegas (USAF), Michael Warren Sobczyk (USAF), Hannah Sobczyk (USAF), Noe Corral-Galvan (USAF), Anna Wietrecki (USA)

Remember to let us know when you or a loved one can be removed from the Prayer List. Thanks!



The **DECEMBER** issue of the All Saints Newsletter will be published on December 7th. The deadline for submission is **Wednesday, December 3rd**

Submit your pictures and stories to our new email:
ascpncc@gmail.com



The **Clean Kids Backpack Program** is a new ministry of our Future Directions Committee. It provides toiletry items anonymously through local school districts to homeless children attending school. Items needed include soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, sanitary pads and tampons, combs, hairbrushes, and band aids. This is now an ongoing collection effort so you can give at any time. Please bring items as often as possible to church and place them in the collection bins provided. For those who prefer making a financial donation, a Contribution Fund has been established. Write "Clean Kids" on your donation envelope, or use Online Giving.

It's Shoebox Time!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week is November 17-24. Organization of donated items and assembly of shoeboxes has begun. You may continue to donate items or give monetary donations any time throughout the year.



Reminder

Absolutely NO liquid or paste items can be accepted

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse International Relief.
(www.samaritanaspurse.org)



The Women's Society will be organizing more food drives to benefit the New Hope Community Food Pantry in the near future. You can always donate directly online at newhopefoodpantry.com.



We have now collected and forwarded **\$4,927** in donations to MorningStar Mission Ministries since 2020! Thank you for your continued generosity.



Remember that **WINGS** does more than help clothe the needy. See their website for ways to give:
www.wingsprogram.com



October 5 – New Sunday School year begins!
October 5 & 12 – *Beautiful Eucharist Book*
Discussion
October 26 – PTO Boo Bingo
November 9 – Brookfield Zoo Tree Decorating
December 6 – Women's Society Advent Tea
December 7 – Election of 2026 Parish
Committee, Birthday Party for Jesus
December 13 – Seniorate Advent Retreat
September 28–30, 2026 – PNCC General
Synod (Manchester, New Hampshire)

MEETINGS, ETC.

(unless otherwise announced)

Cemetery Trustees
November 11

Future Direction Group
November 16

Parish Committee
November 18

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
TBA

Women's Society
November 2

Saint Cecelia Choir Rehearsal
November 20

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

(see *Weekly Bulletin* for schedule changes)

Sunday Masses
9 am English / 11:30 am Polish

School of Christian Living Classes
10:15 am October – May

Bible Study with Father David
Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom

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EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS or DEATHS
*Please report to **Father David** immediately.*

CEMETERY

Visiting Hours: 8 am – 5 pm
Office Hours: By appointment only
Jill Lindenmuth, Cemetery Secretary
773-380-7131 x4 cemetery@ascpncc.org

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