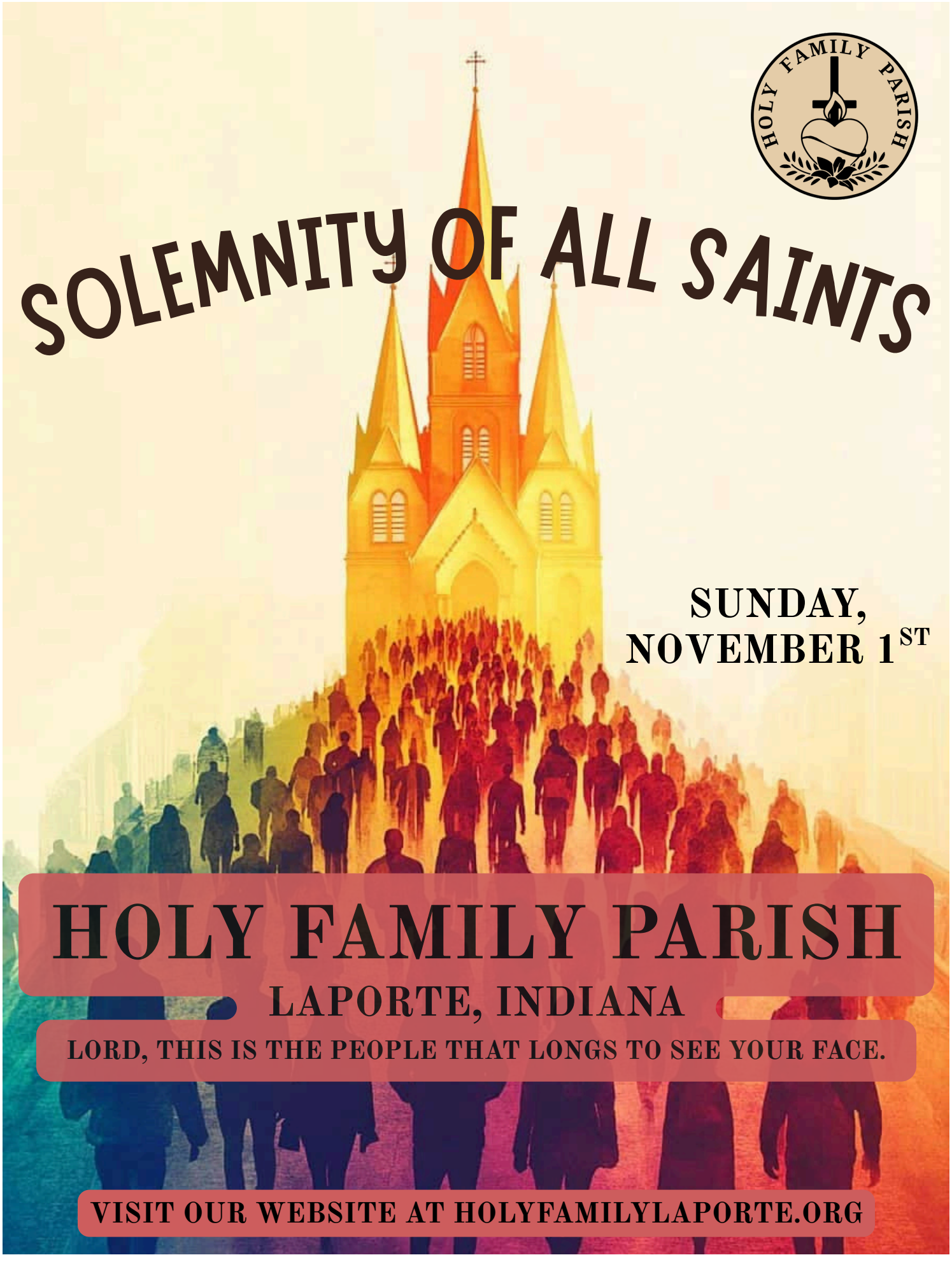

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1ST
HOLY FAMILY PARISH
LAPORTE, INDIANA
LORD, THIS IS THE PEOPLE THAT LONGS TO SEE YOUR FACE.
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT HOLYFAMILYLAPORTE.ORG

# WELCOME!
*¡BIENVENIDOS!*

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS HOMILIES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL.**
**www.youtube.com/c/HolyFamilyLaporte**

## DAILY MASS:

**Monday, November 2nd**
• 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+Danny Knoll by Devon & Bert
• **6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter's Campus**
Holy Family Parishioners

**Tuesday, November 3rd**
• 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Leo & Isabella Kramer by Marie Kramer

**Wednesday, November 4th**
• 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Charlotte & Ray Ambers by Family
• **7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph (Spanish)**
+ Helena & Stanislaw Warchal by Family

**Thursday, November 5th**
• 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Nancy Grimm by The Baltes Families
• **7:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart**
Mass of Remembrance

**Friday, November 6th**
• 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Dennis Wozniak by Mary

**Saturday, November 7th**
• 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph
+ Marti Fridh by Family and Intention of the Fatima Apostolate

## CONFESSION & ADORATION SCHEDULE

**Confession | Confesión**
- **Tuesday, 7:15 a.m. Sacred Heart (before 8 a.m. Mass)**
- **Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. St. Joseph (before 7 p.m. Mass)**
- **Thursday, 7:15 a.m. Sacred Heart (before 8 a.m.Mass)**
- **Saturday, 9:00 a.m. St. Joseph**
- **Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m. St. Peter**

**Eucharist Adoration | Adoración**
- **Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. Before 8 a.m. Mass, Sacred Heart (Livestream)**
- **St. Joseph Adoration Chapel, 8 am-5 pm**

# CONGRATS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS!

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday, Vigil Mass, November 7th**
• 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Peter
+ Levi Pattengale by Christine, Great-grandmother

**Sunday, November 8th**
**Reading 1: Wisdom 6:12-16**
**Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
**Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**
• 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter
+ Betty Mikowski by Family
• 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph
+ MiMi Toschi by Mickey Borg & Family
• 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+Mary Kulasa by Family
• 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph
+ Juan Carlos Parras by Adela Uribe
Holy Family Parishioners

## *THE LORD IS MY LIGHT*





## WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH CATHOLICS AND THE BONES OF SAINTS?

Have you ever wondered why Catholics keep the bones of saints, what we call relics? We preserve them, display them in churches and people even come to venerate them. Isn't that a little strange? Why do we do this?

This weekend, as we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, we will have several relics displayed at all our Masses. I thought this would be a good opportunity to explain why we Catholics have relics and why they are important to our faith.

You might be surprised to learn that this practice goes back to biblical times. In the Old Testament, a dead man came back to life when his body touched the bones of the prophet Elisha (2 Kings 13:20-21). In the New Testament, people were healed through pieces of cloth that had touched St. Paul (Acts 19:11-12). Of course, it wasn't the bones or the cloth that performed these miracles. It was God working through them. The early Christians also honored relics. Around the year 156, after St. Polycarp was martyred, Christians preserved his bones, considering them more precious than gold. This is a tradition the Church has continued for nearly two thousand years.

So, what exactly are relics? Relics are physical remains or objects connected to a saint or to Jesus Christ. We traditionally divide them into three classes:

**First-class relics:** Parts of a saint's body, such as a bone, hair, or blood.
**Second-class relics:** Something a saint owned or used, such as clothing, a rosary, or another personal belonging.
**Third-class relics:** Objects, such as a piece of cloth or a medal, that have been touched to a saint's relic.

But why would we want to keep these things? Think about someone you love who has passed away. Maybe you still have something that belonged to them. It might not be worth much money, but you would never throw it away because of what that person meant to you. We do something similar with the relics of saints. Here is one important difference. The saints are not just some people we remember from the past. We believe they are alive with Christ in heaven and continue to pray for us.

When we venerate a relic, we are not worshipping a bone or an object. We worship God alone. We are honoring someone who loved God and was willing to follow His will, even when it was difficult. That is what made them saints, they were not perfect people who never made mistakes. They were people who continued to say yes to God and allowed His grace to change their lives.

What does all this have to do with All Saints Day? The relics we have displayed this weekend belonged to real people who once walked this earth, just like you and me. They had problems, struggled with their faith, and faced difficult decisions, but they chose to follow Christ and today, they are in heaven.

That is what we celebrate on All Saints Day. We honor those who have made it to heaven, including the countless saints whose names we don't even know. We are reminded that heaven is where God wants us to be as well. If they could become saints, why can't we?

You might also wonder whether we receive any special graces by venerating relics. When we approach a relic with faith, we can ask God to help us grow closer to Him, give us strength in our struggles, and bring healing and peace into our lives. We can also ask that saint to pray for us.

Relics are not magical objects and venerating them does not guarantee a miracle. All grace comes from God, but throughout the history of the Church, people have experienced extraordinary blessings, including healings, through the intercession of the saints.

This weekend, I encourage you to take a moment to look at the relics displayed in our church. Say a prayer and ask the saints to intercede for you and your family. Perhaps we should also ask ourselves what can we learn from the way they lived?

After all, the reason we honor the saints is not just to admire what they did, but to follow their example. They chose to follow Christ, and now they are with Him in heaven. One day, by God's grace, we hope to join them. May we have the courage to follow Christ as they did.

All holy men and women, pray for us!



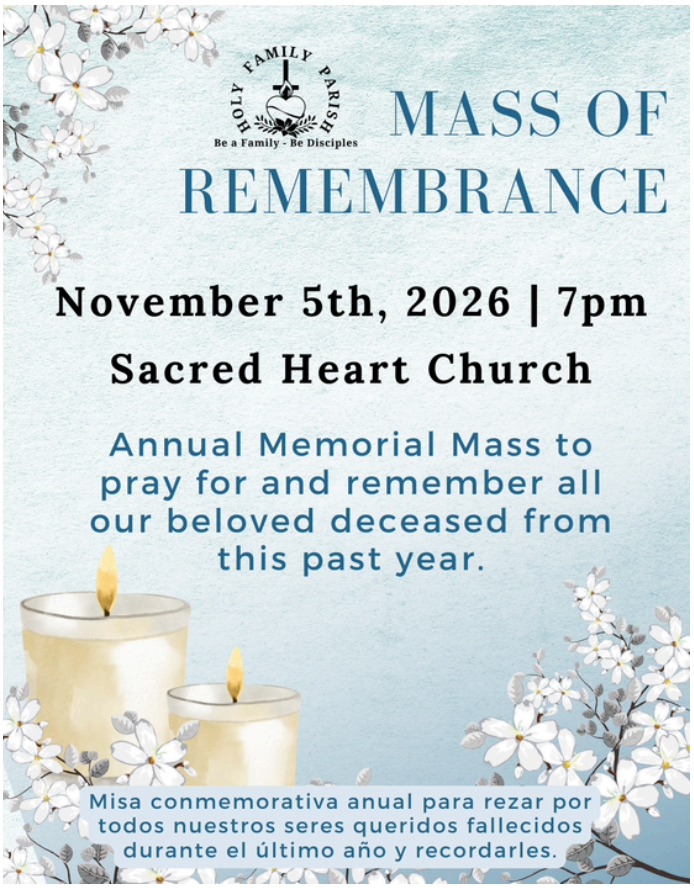
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# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED STUDENTS

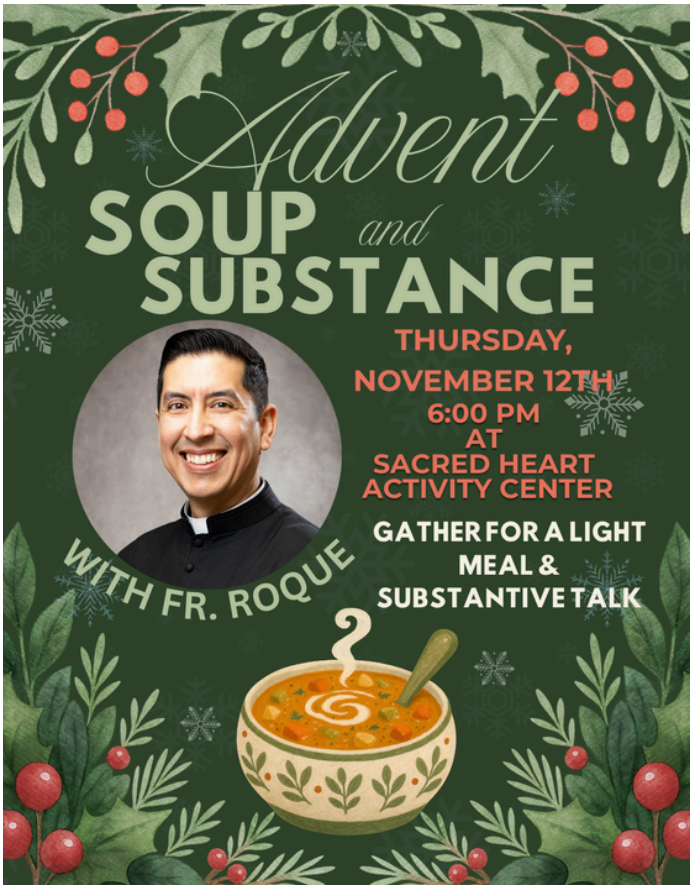
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Adrian Negrete
Johana Nunez-Ruiz
Elias Palma
Lorena Revuelta
Paulina Sanchez
Marek Spolyar
Lane Strefling
Olivia Zmuda
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**Thank you to all our catechists and parents for helping form our students in their faith!**


Monday, November 2nd
ALTAR OF THE DEAD AT ST. JOSEPH CAMPUS
All Souls Day
Día de los Difuntos
Altar de los muertos en san josé
NEW!
UPDATE
8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart
6:00 pm Mass at St. Peter's Campus


HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Be a Family - Be Disciples
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
November 5th, 2026 | 7pm
Sacred Heart Church
Annual Memorial Mass to pray for and remember all our beloved deceased from this past year.
Misa conmemorativa anual para rezar por todos nuestros seres queridos fallecidos durante el último año y recordarles.


CHILAQUILES BREAKFAST
A traditional Mexican breakfast made with crispy tortilla chips tossed in red or green salsa, topped with cheese and sour cream.
FULL OF FLAVOR,
NOT SPICY!
FREE WILL DONATION
$$$
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
7:30 AM - 11:00 AM
ST. PETER'S MINISTRY CENTER


Advent
SOUP and SUBSTANCE
WITH FR. ROQUE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
6:00 PM
AT
SACRED HEART ACTIVITY CENTER
GATHER FOR A LIGHT MEAL & SUBSTANTIVE TALK

# November FOOD DRIVE

**COLLECTING FOOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 22ND**
HELP US RESTOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY SHELVES FOR THE COLDER MONTHS AHEAD

*- colecta de comida -*
*Colecciones hasta el 22 de noviembre*
*Ayúdanos a llenar nuestras despensas de alimentos para los meses más fríos que se acercan.*

**BAGS WILL BE LOCATED AT EACH CHURCH ENTRANCE**

- Instant Oatmeal
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Instant Potatoes
- Instant Rice
- Knorr Rice/Pasta Side Dishes
- Toaster Pastries (PopTarts)
- Canned Pork & Beans
- Aluminum Foil
- Hamburger/Tuna Helper
- Canned Beef Stew
- Canned Tuna/Chicken
- Canned Chicken & Dumplings
- Pasta/Spaghetti Noodles
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Hash
- Canned Chili
- Saran Wrap
- Canned Soup
- Coffee/Tea
- Hot Cocoa Mix
- Cereal
- Kool-Aid
- Cooking Oil
- Flour
- Sugar/Brown Sugar
- Manwich

**PLEASE NO DONATIONS IN GLASS CONTAINERS**

**PLACE DONATIONS IN THE FOOD PANTRY BOXES LOCATED AT ALL THE CHURCH DOORS**

NEW UPDATE

# MASS IN THE PARK

**Please take our Interest Survey of this Event!**

*Diocese of Gary*
## VOCATIONS CORNER



Please continue to pray for more vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life. Your prayers are powerful and your support immeasurable.

The **Called By Name** campaign is a perfect time to suggest names of those you feel may have a calling or vocation. Sometimes, a gentle nudge from others helps young men and women recognize an inner calling they may have felt but were unsure or hesitant to take the next step in discerning their vocation.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO SEMINARIAN JOSEPH BJODA!**

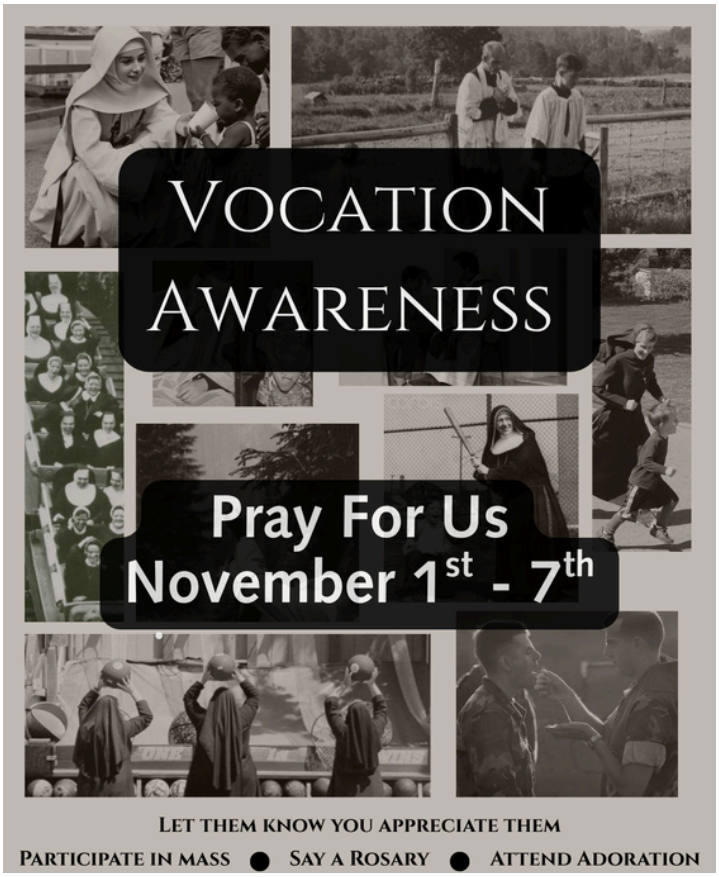




### *Prayer for Vocations*

O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth: send, we beg You, laborers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness; so that Your word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns world without end. **Amen.**

Diocese of Gary Vocations — www.garyvocations.com

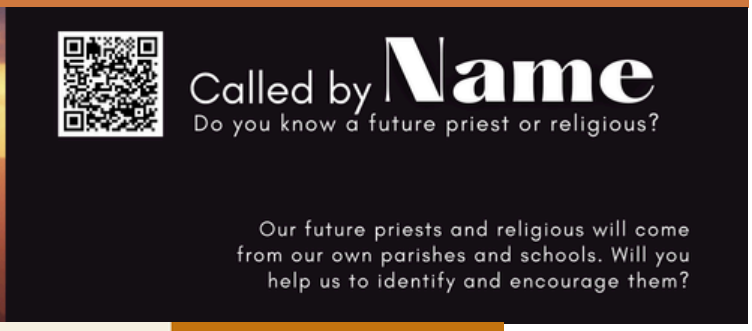

VOCATION
AWARENESS
Pray For Us
November 1st - 7th
LET THEM KNOW YOU APPRECIATE THEM
PARTICIPATE IN MASS ● SAY A ROSARY ● ATTEND ADORATION


Questions?
Contact Mary Wellinski
219.380.6303
Ladies!
Join us in November
for Kingdom Builders
The Potter's Love ~ It is easy to get distracted from the true meaning of Christmas. God is inviting us to a deeper surrender this Advent. He is calling our focus away from presents, so that we may rest in His presence. Ladies ~ Join us in November and allow yourself to be wrapped in the warmth of the Potter's love.
Monday, November 9, 6p-7:30p
Holy Family Parish, St. Peter Ministry Center, 1101 Michigan Ave, La Porte
Presentation - 6p, Adoration, Praise & Worship, Benediction - 6:45p
Kingdom Builders
www.BuildingThroughHim.com


Adviento
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CONVIVENCIA + COMIDA + MÚSICA + REFLEXIÓN
ACOMPÁÑANOS CON EL PADRE ROQUE
PARA UNA CHARLA ESPECIAL DE ADVIENTO
ESCUELA DE SAN PEDRO
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
LUNES, 16 DE NOVIEMBRE


Advent
Fortify
Night
FELLOWSHIP + FOOD + MUSIC + DISCUSSION
JOIN FR. ROQUE
REGARDING A SPECIAL ADVENT TALK
ST. PETER MINISTRY RESOURCE CENTER
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Monday,
November 23rd




**DID YOU KNOW HOLY FAMILY HAS THREE SEMINARIANS?**

As we begin the **Called By Name Campaign**, did you know that three young men from Holy Family Parish are currently studying for the priesthood? We are blessed to have Roy Graf, Nathan Knowlton, and Mark Akert discerning God's call to serve His Church.

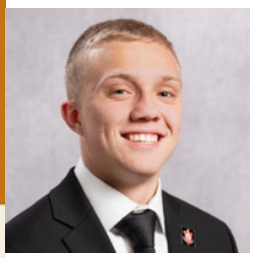
Let's get to know them a little better!

**ROY GRAF**

**Seminary:** Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, MN

Roy is the middle child of seven, with three older sisters and three younger sisters! Before entering seminary after high school, he worked at an orchard and a dairy farm. He enjoys hockey and basketball, and his favorite saint is St. Michael the Archangel because of his courage and strength.

**His advice for someone discerning:** "Surrender and trust in the Lord. Surrender your will to God and allow him to guide you."



**ROY GRAF**

**NATHAN KNOWLTON**

**Seminary:** Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, MN

Before entering seminary, Nathan worked as a carpenter for four years. He enjoys Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, hiking, and watching films. His favorite saint is St. Francis of Assisi, and his favorite part of seminary life is living in a house with Jesus in the Eucharist.

**His advice for someone discerning:** "Structure a little prayer into your day every day and see what Jesus does in your heart."



**NATHAN KNOWLTON**

**MARK AKERT**

**Seminary:** Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, MI

Before entering seminary, Mark served as a missionary and teacher in the Bronx, New York. He enjoys weightlifting, coffee, sunsets, and opera music. His favorite saint is St. Rita of Cascia, the patroness of impossible causes. He looks forward to accompanying people on their journey toward heaven.

**His advice for someone discerning:** "Do not be afraid to take small steps without looking back. God can do great things with a small amount of trust."



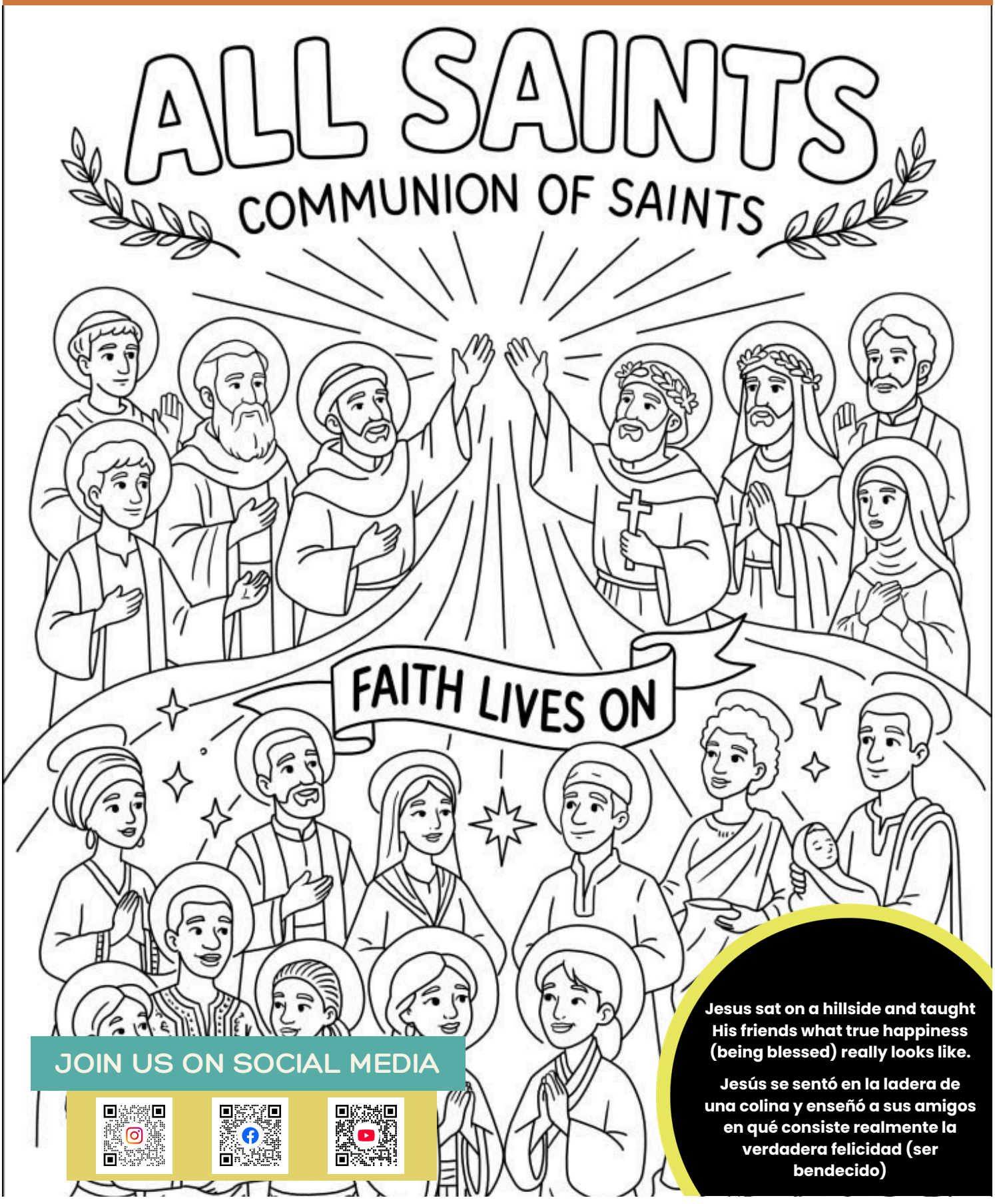
**MARK AKERT**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS!**

These three young men are responding generously to God's call. As a parish family, let us support them with our prayers and encouragement. During the **Called By Name Campaign**, let us also pray that more young men and women will have the courage to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

This weekend, we invite you to take a Called By Name card and write down the names of young men or women in whom you recognize the qualities of a good priest or religious sister. Submit your card and help us encourage the next generation to listen to God's call. Sometimes, all it takes is someone saying, "Have you ever thought about becoming a priest or religious sister?"

**Fr. Roque**
*Pastor*




JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

**Jesus sat on a hillside and taught His friends what true happiness (being blessed) really looks like.**

**Jesús se sentó en la ladera de una colina y enseñó a sus amigos en qué consiste realmente la verdadera felicidad (ser bendecido)**

## This Week at Holy Family Parish

### Meetings and Small Groups

**All Souls Day** - **Monday, November 2nd**
Altar of the Dead at St. Joseph Campus - available for 9 days (novena)
*8:00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church
*6:00pm Mass at St. Peter Church

**Kateri Circle - Tuesday, November 3rd**
**6:00pm - 7:30pm**
This women's small group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm, **St. Peter Ministry Resource Center**. At each meeting there is prayer, a reflection, fellowship, and discussion on ways to serve the church and community.
Contact: Donna Larson (219-362-6659).

**Nourish for Caregivers Support Group - Wednesday, November 4th**
Nourish for Caregivers is a faith based support group that aims to provide support and assistance to anyone caring for an elderly parent, spouse, child or loved one in their home. Meetings include prayer, discussion and information on issues relating to caregivers. We will meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at **6:30 p.m. at the Former Sacred Heart Rectory (130 Bach St, La Porte).**
For more information contact: Deacon Frank J. Zolvinski – 219-575-1090; Karen Yates – 219-363-5323; or Diana Riley – 219-363-6704.

**Men Growing in Discipleship**
See website for more information.

**Explore the Word of God - Every Wednesday**
Two Opportunities
1) Wednesday mornings **9:00-10:30am** Read and discuss the Gospel according to Matthew.
2) Wednesday evenings **6:30-8:00pm** Read and discuss next Sunday's readings.
Both groups meet upstairs at the Ministry Center (Mother Theresa Room). All are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Bible and your desire to understand what God has given us in His Holy Scripture! The discussions are lively, enjoyable, and informative!

**HFP | Young Adult Group (Ages 18+) - Thursday, November 5th**
Meetings are every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month from 6:30-8:30pm. Located at St. Peter Ministry Resource Center, 1110 Michigan Ave, La Porte.
For more information, contact:
John Paul Wellinski 219.851.7639 and Drew Noveroske 219.380.4552

**Fit Shepherds - Every Saturday from 6:30am - 7:30am**
Boston Middle School Track, by the corner of 1st and C street. Fit Shepherds aims to help every man in our community be in the best physical and spiritual shape of his life. Meetings every Saturday morning at 6:30am at the Boston Middle School outdoor track. All men 16 and older are welcome.

**Fiat Fitness - Every Saturday from 7:15am - 8:15am**
Women's exercise group that meets each week for prayer, movement, and fellowship. Women at all levels of fitness are welcome. Every Saturday, 7:15am - 8:15am, St. Peter Ministry Resource Center.
Contact: Jan Edquist, 219-575-1597.




## *Support Holy Family Parish*

*Do you want to support Holy Family Parish and our Mission to form disciples who serve? Use the QR code to make a contribution. | Utilice el código QR para hacer una contribución.*

## Peace and Justice.

Our U. S. Bishops remind us that participation in elections is a key component of faithful citizenship for U.S. Catholics. This **November 3rd** be sure to exercise your right as a faithful, Catholic and vote for the candidates of your choice. Vote in person at a vote center polling place. Remember to bring your Indiana picture ID or Driver's License. For further information call **219-362-6808 or go to https://www.vote.org, https://indianaacc.org or https://USCCB.org**

## *Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving*

Regular Collection **$17,777.35**
Building & Maintenance **$78.00**
World Mission Sunday **$348.00**
All Souls **$5.00**
Oct. Food Pantry **$1,706.00**



## St. Vincent DePaul Society

They look forward to assisting the people of the community (101 C St). Food Pantry is open every Monday from 3:00-5:00 pm. Clothing and small household items Annex is open every Monday from 3:00 -5:00 pm and every Wednesday from 11am-2pm.

## Low Gluten Host

To all Parishioners requiring a low gluten host: Before Mass please notify the sacristan of your need. At Sacred Heart and St. Peter's, low gluten hosts will be distributed by the EEM on the choir side of the Church. At St. Joseph, the celebrant distributes them.

**St. James Parish**, 9640 Kennedy Ave, Highland IN 46322 is having a Holiday Craft Fair and **Bake Sale on Saturday, November 14 from 9 am to 3 pm.**






## Sacred Heart Food Pantry

130 Bach Street - **Open Every Tuesday from 1:00 to 2:00 PM**. They collect and distribute nonperishable items and personal care items for Laporte residents needing assistance.



## New Protocol For Bulletin Submissions

**Due to sizing and image quality we would like the following to be sent if you want something in the Bulletin.**

- **Try to SEND TEXT ONLY -** *We will create the AD to avoid sizing issues*
- **SEND QUALITY IMAGES -** *Will be hard to read if not*
- **FEWER WORDS THE BETTER -** *Allows for Larger Text*
- **MUST BE SUBMITTED BY TUESDAY AT 5PM TO BE SEEN IN THAT WEEK'S ISSUE**

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## We Want to Pray for You!

***¡Queremos rezar por ti!***

To submit a prayer request: scan the QR code below and fill out the form OR go to:

**https://www.holyfamilylaporte.org/prayer-request**

**Want to call in?**
**Please Call**
**Donna Wagner at 219-363-1516**
**Jean at 219-716-3414**



**THANK YOU** to our Bulletin Sponsor(s) of the Week:

## LAKEVIEW FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY

*See full ad on the back of this week's bulletin!*