

November 14, 2021-Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

"En verdad que no pasará esta generación sin que todo esto se cumpla. Podrán dejar de existir el cielo y la tierra, pero mis palabras no dejarán de cumplirse. Nadie conoce el día ni la hora. Ni los ángeles del cielo ni el Hijo; solamente el Padre". - Mc 13, 30-32

REGULAR MASS TIMES:

St. Michael
 Tues. 5:00pm
 Thurs. 8:00am
 Sat. 5:30pm
 Sun. 8:00am
 & 6pm Mass in Spanish

St. Mary
 Fri. 8:00am
 Sat. 4:00pm
 Sun. 9:30am

Holy Trinity
 Wed. 5:00pm
 Sun. 11:15am

Confession Schedule:

St. Mary:
 Saturday
 8:00am-9:00am
Or by appointment

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 Monday - Thursday
 8:30am - 4:30pm
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 Friday 8:30am until Noon

Readings for the week November 14, 2021



Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44 *Dedication:* Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37 ©LPI



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BARCH

Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King and the end of the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis. Even though we end the Year of St. Joseph, we still remember the holiness and dedication to family of St. Joseph! Next Sunday we begin Advent, a time when we celebrate and prepare for the coming of His Son, Jesus Christ, at Christmas. The best way to prepare for this great event is by preparing our souls to receive Him through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

One week from Thursday is Thanksgiving, a time of giving thanks to God, family and friends for our many blessings, celebrating family, eating and watching football. While not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is appropriate and necessary that we give thanks to God for the many blessings he bestows on us every minute of every day. We will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday at 8 am at St. Michael, Galena. Let's show God how grateful we are by joining in this celebration at church.

Thank you for all the support and patience you have given me. Also, thank you for your generosity ... especially during this time when we have had so many second collections. Your patience is both inspiring and humbling. Thank You!!! Happy Thanksgiving!!!



"I am a big fan of The Chosen"
- Bishop Barron

The
CHOSEN



Father Lopez will be showing the series
The Chosen in Dolan Hall for 8 weeks starting on:

Tuesdays 11/2-12/14 at 8am
(Coffee & Donuts will be served)

The film is 45 minutes and 1/2 hour
discussion will follow

Parking is available in the Museum Parking Lot on
Bench Street as well as St. Michael Church
Parking Lot



The Knights of Columbus, Council 696, will be welcoming new members, their families, & current members & their families to an Exemplification Ceremony & Mass at **7 PM on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16TH in St. Michael Church**. Membership applications will be available for all Catholic men to join us. Come celebrate the Eucharist with us. Snacks & refreshments will follow in Dolan Hall. Masks are required in church.

ST. MICHAEL NEWS



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 11/16 5:00pm

+ Mabel Schmitt requested by Family

Thursday 11/18 8:00am

+Walter Petersen requested by Family

Saturday 11/20 5:30pm

+Carol Hebert (anniversary of her death)
requested by Ed Hebert

Sunday 11/21 8:00am

+Mary Ann Kieffer (birthday remembrance)
requested by Jerry Kieffer

Sunday 11/21 6:00pm

Arturo Vasquez requested by Family

CANDLES

The St. Joseph Candle is burning this week
in Honor of the Year of St. Joseph



ST. MARY NEWS



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Friday 11/19 8:00am

+Deceased members of the Wachter &
Westemeier Families

Saturday 11/20 4:00pm

+Kenneth Kennedy requested by Family

Sunday 11/21 9:30am

The People of St. Michael, St. Mary & Holy
Trinity Parishes

CANDLES

The St. Joseph Candle is burning this week
in Honor of the Year of St. Joseph

The Blessed Mother Candle is burning this
week in memory of Mary Wiene requested by
Dan & Lisa Hall



Program on Matrimony and Holy Orders at St. Mary's

The Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church can be said to fall into **two** categories: "**Come**" and "**Go**." In **five** of the Sacraments, we **come** to Jesus: the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) and the two Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick). In **two** of the Sacraments, we **go** out on **mission: Matrimony and Holy Orders**. Please come join other Catholics to learn more about, and to discuss, these two amazing Sacraments of **mission, Matrimony and Holy Orders!**

We will meet on **Saturday, December 4th** at **9 am** at **Bally Hall**, the St. Mary Church basement. We will start with a brief introduction and then watch an excellent video lecture on the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders by **Bishop Robert Barron**. After his lecture, we will discuss these two Sacraments.

We will also read and discuss the **upcoming Sunday Bible readings**. The program will last 90 minutes.

Cookies, donuts, coffee, juice etc. will be served. **All are welcome! The program is free.** For further information, you can email John Scott at j.j.scottjr@msn.com or you can text or call him at 773-610-4385.

May God Bless

Sarah Jilzk & Christopher Clark
who were united in the Sacrament of
Marriage on November 6, 2021 at
St. Michael Church



"What God has joined, let no one put asunder."

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." — Mk 13:26-27

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Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Lawrence Pflieger

May His Soul Rest in Peace



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Patricia Todd

May Her Soul Rest in Peace

HOLY TRINITY NEWS



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday 11/17 5:00pm

+Dr. Dan Schamper (anniversary of his death)
requested by Family

Sunday 11/21 11:15am

+Laverne Holland (birthday remembrance)
requested by Leo Holland



Please pray for:

Merla Carl, Arlene Frank, Curtis Cook,
Elaine White, Debbie Johnson O'Leary,
Gary Vondran, Mildred Allendorf,
Darlene Scharpf, Jim Folks, Dave Shuey,
Ruth Henry & Darlene Greibe

If you want your living loved ones names in the bulletin requesting prayers, a family member **must call the parish office and authorize us** to have their names published in our weekly bulletin. Because of the privacy issues, we will not publish any names which are not authorized by the family either in the bulletin or in the intercessory prayers on Sundays and weekdays. This list will be updated every month unless the family wants us to leave their names for an indefinite period of time.



Welcome to Our Christian Community

Thomas Richard Rogers
who was baptized on
November 7, 2021 child of
Derek & Heidi Rogers

God Bless Thomas & his Family

The Parish office will be closed on:

Thursday November 11th~Veteran's Day
Thursday 11/25 & Friday 11/26~Thanksgiving

Early Bulletin deadlines were/are as follows:
Wednesday 11/10 8:30am for the 11/21 bulletin
Tuesday 11/16 8:30am for the 11/28 bulletin

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HOLY TRINITY FOOD DRIVE

Holy Trinity Altar & Rosary will be holding a food
drive for the Food Pantry starting immediately
and going through December 12th.
Please drop non-perishable items (canned food,
boxed food, paper products, etc.) in the front
entry of the church. Any monetary donations
can be placed in the collection
basket marked
"Food Pantry Donation".
Thank you all for your generosity
and have a blessed holiday
season.



Prayers for Our Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank your for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on
fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength
they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire
them with the vision of your Kingdom.



Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our
Eternal Priest. Amen.

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Modesto Martinez/Jim Glasker

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ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

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| Adult Envelopes Received | \$2,705.00 |
| On Line Giving..... | \$410.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$333.00 |
| Building Fund Envelopes Received | \$10.00 |
| Holy Day Envelopes Received | \$287.00 |
| Christmas Envelopes Received | \$10.00 |
| Christmas Flower Envelopes Received .. | \$10.00 |
| Total | \$3,765.00 |

Contributions reported include those mailed to the office
& collected from Mass

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| Mission Appeal..... | \$100.00 |
| All Souls' Day Envelopes Received | \$270.92 |

ST. MARY WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

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| Adult Envelopes Received | \$1,777.00 |
| On Line Giving..... | \$709.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$309.00 |
| Building Fund Envelopes Received | \$5.00 |
| Holy Day Envelopes Received | \$141.00 |
| Energy Envelopes Received | \$25.00 |
| Christmas Flower Envelopes Received. | \$25.00 |
| Total | \$2,991.00 |

Contributions reported include those mailed to the office
& collected from Mass

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| Mission Appeal..... | \$50.00 |
| All Souls' Day Envelopes Received | \$265.00 |

HOLY TRINITY WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Adult Envelopes Received | \$440.00 |
| On Line Giving..... | \$415.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$105.00 |
| Holy Day Envelopes Received | \$55.00 |
| Total | \$1,015.00 |

Contributions reported include those mailed to the office
& collected from Mass

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|---|----------|
| Mission Appeal..... | \$100.00 |
| All Souls' Day Envelopes Received | \$130.00 |

November 14, 2021-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” Take a moment to ponder these words from today’s Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It’s hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the “when” of death, the “what” of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord’s coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God’s eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear. ©LPI

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Invites you to join us in prayers and support for the priests and sisters of our diocese. To show our appreciation and gratitude for their dedicated lives of service, a prayer calendar assigns a special day to each priest or sister. The dates of each week will be in the bulletin.

Nov 14th-20th

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 11/14-Fr. James Burke | 11/16-Fr. Myles Hoare |
| 11/14-Fr. Charles Kelly | 11/16-Diocesan Seminarians |
| 11/14-Msgr. Joseph Healey | 11/17-Sts. Of the 3rd Order |
| 11/14-Fr. Francis McDonnell | of St. Francis, East Peoria |
| 11/14-Retired Religious | 11/18-Rockford Deanery |
| 11/15-Fr. William Whearty | Priests |
| 11/15-Fr. Julian Burzynski | 11/19-Fr. John Hackett |
| 11/15-Fr. Edward Berthold | 11/19-Msgr. J. McLoughlin |
| 11/15-U.S. Bishops | 11/20-Fr. Joseph Reikas |
| | 11/20-Fr. W. Kriegsmann |
| 11/20-Fr. Sylvester Nnaso | |

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Our website address is:

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Signup for Flocknote...Click on that link and it will take you to **Galena Parishes...sign up to get updates**. Fill in your First Name, Last Name, Email and Mobile Phone Number, then Click: Sign Me Up. That's it!
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Intercessions for Life

November 14th-33rd Sunday In Ordinary

For married couples considering adoption: May the Holy Spirit guide their discernment, grant them peace, and bring to fruition His holy will;

We Pray to the Lord

Sharing the Gospel with Children:

Today's Gospel reading gives us both a warning and a promise. One day Jesus will come back, so we need to be ready. For those of us who follow God to the end, Jesus promises to take us to heaven. So live every day like you are going to meet Jesus. One day you will.



Prayer

Dear God, keep me close to you until I live with you in heaven.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of angels bringing you to heaven.

Mission for the Week

Invite a friend to come to church with you. Share a meal together, and talk about the promise Jesus made about heaven.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS FOR ALL 3 PARISHES



Greetings!

As we continue our journey though this beautiful month of November and we begin preparing for that wonderful celebration of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday a little update on our Religious Education Program may just be in order.

This year we have 84 families and 139 students registered for our family-based catechesis program. That compares to 75 families and 112 students who enrolled last year. Twenty-four second grade students will prepare to receive their First Holy Communion this upcoming May, while twenty-one eighth grade students will prepare to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation next fall. The lessons are all uploaded on-line, and the parents are once again helping to assist in the development of the spiritual minds of our youngest parishioners. Our wonderful catechists are there to help the parents with this ever-important responsibility.

We are also planning to schedule some in-person sessions when appropriate this upcoming year. Our first in-person gathering has been slated for Wednesday December 15th at 6:00 P.M. at St Mary's Church. This will be an Advent Reconciliation Service for the Religious Education Program to also include their families. The program will consist of Reconciliation, Adoration, Benediction, and a few surprises. Grades 3-8 will meet up in the church while grades 1 and 2 will meet down in Bally Hall. We have a wonderful evening planned as this is our first live gathering in quite some time.

Please stay safe and we will talk again soon!

God Bless
Deacon Jay

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