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CATHOLIC
CHURCH

NOVEMBER MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAYS: 12:15 AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES VARY DEPENDING ON PRIEST AVAILABILITY - SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION @HOLYCROSSBEAVERISLAND

WEEKLY ROSARY OFFERED TUESDAYS AT 10:00 AM

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM OH LORD,

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. I love the beauty of the colors. Of course I have many fond memories of playing in the leaves. At the farmhouse we had 6 or 7 very large trees that after dropping their leaves would be the source of leaf piles so large that an adult could get lost in them. I also love the fall because it is a time of harvest and bounty. I love apples, apple cider and pumpkins and, yes, pumpkin pie; YUM! It all just speaks to me of a time of plenty. One of my favorite holidays has always been Thanksgiving, mostly because of family, football and food. Of course many people look forward to hunting season as well. I have been known to do a little hunting myself. Still haven't gotten the big buck, but I'm four for four as far as shots taken. There is always so much to look forward to in the fall, as well as a lot to prepare for. Now that we are in the month of November, everything begins to look cold and dead, and nature begins to hunker down for the long winter ahead. It's a time where preparations have been made and food has been all stored up for the season.

Just as nature speaks of things coming to an end for the season, the Church contemplates the reality of dying. We first remembered all those who have died with the odor of sanctity and now rest from their labors in Heaven. Next we celebrated the feast of All Souls Day, in which we remember and pray for all the souls in Purgatory. These are those souls who still have a process of purification to go through in order to obtain the joys of Heaven. We know that they will make it to Heaven, but upon their death they perhaps had either venial sins on their souls or ripple effects of their sins that they needed be cleansed of. Not many of us like the idea of purgatory, but I actually find it very beautiful and merciful. The reality is, none of us can come before God and remain in his presence with any imperfections, because God is perfect. To share in the fulness of His life we need to allow His grace to perfect and purify us. If we don't quite get that finished up while we are alive on earth, we will have to go through the process of purification or purgation in Purgatory. The issue is that once we leave material time and space, we can no longer make reparation for ourselves. Our time for meriting purification is over and we have to passively undergo God's purifying fire. St. Paul states in his letter to the Corinthians that "each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire" (1 Cor 3:13-15).

While it is true that the souls in purgatory can no longer merit purification for themselves, we who are alive on earth can merit graces of purification through our prayers and sacrifices offered. There is a long standing tradition even among the Jews of offering prayers for the dead (See 2 Maccabees 12:38-45). During the whole month of November the Church has declared that we can earn a plenary indulgence (Full pardon of all sins and full reparation for all effects of sins) for a soul in purgatory. To obtain this indulgence, we simply need to make a visit to a cemetery and pray for the dead, along with all the regular criteria for receiving a plenary indulgence, which are: **1) Go to confession within 20 days of the visit to the cemetery, 2) Receive Holy Communion, 3) Pray at least Our Father and Hail Mary for the Holy Father, 4) be detached from sin.**

Remember that when you die you will want the prayers of your loved ones, so take the opportunity to pray for those who have died, during this month.

Eternal rest grant unto them oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in Peace.



IN NEED OF PRAYER

This prayer list will be updated monthly. If you wish for a name to remain on this list, please call the parish office before the 25th of each month.

Christine Barton	Kelton Hunter	Owen McDonough
Vince Beilman	Lester Jeske	Carole Pease
Mike Dunn	Erna Kriigel	William Reed
Crew Feltner (McElwain)	Kathy Maudrie	Kevin Allen
Susan Heller		

STEWARDSHIP

Totals from October 3- October 31

General Offering: \$7,987.90

Mass Stipend: \$30.00

CSA GOAL \$14,216.00

Total Pledged: \$6,695 - 47%

Total Received: \$6,405 - 45%

SUNDAY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

November 7th: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 17:10-16
Psalm: Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
2nd Reading: Heb 9:24-28
Gospel: Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Mass Intention:
Bob Welke

November 14th: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Dn 12:1-3
Psalm: Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
2nd Reading: Heb 10:11-14, 18
Gospel: Mk 13:24-32

Mass Intention:
Sister Rosalind Naebers

November 21st: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1st Reading: Dn 7:13-14
Psalm: Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5
2nd Reading: Rv 1:5-8
Gospel: Jn 18:33b-37

Mass Intention:
Robert M Stebbins

November 28th: First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Jer 33:14-16
Psalm: Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
2nd Reading: 1 Thes 3:12-4:2
Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Mass Intention:
Morris Boyle

The 2021 Homecoming Dinner and Basket of Joy Raffle Drawing were a complete success!

The **Homecoming Dinner** volunteers, led by Debbie Robert, provided outstanding services in preparing and serving these meals and cleaning up the aftermath. **Kudos to these fabulous volunteers!**

**\$3,371
Raised!**

**319
Meals**

**\$14,610
Raised!**

**1,706
Tickets
Sold**

The **Basket of Joy Raffle** was a great success! The basket items were donated by 67 people or businesses, and the license fee and tickets' purchase costs were donated.

In 2022, we will have tickets available earlier in the summer, likely by the 4th of July timeframe rather than by the Homecoming Dinner. Our goal remains hosting the raffle the day after the Bite of Beaver event. Having a basket filled with diverse items (i.e., less alcohol) was welcomed and this diversity of items will continue to grow in the future. The volunteers were led by Debbie Robert and Theresa McDonough with most of the ticket sales completed by Kevin McDonough, Mary Palmer, and Chris Heikka.

The Altar Society Painting Raffle was also a success! We brought in \$2,504. Thank you to Lois Stipp for the beautiful painting and congrats to Erin Brown for winning this beautiful piece of art!

We hope you will join us for a CHURCH LUNCHEON on Sunday, November 21st after Mass at the Parish Hall.

November Theme is Soups, Salads, Breads and Desserts! Please contact Jeanne Gillespie to sign up for a dish to pass at 448-2277.