

## YOUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Adult Envelope	\$ 1,787.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	45,946.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	48,431.00
Loose Plate	58.00
Green/Special Needs Envelope (Bldg. Mntnc)	20.00
World Mission Sunday Envelopes	20.00
Wednesday Coffee Cup	8.00
Children's Envelopes	11.00
Breaking Bread Free Will Offering	72.00

## PRAYER CORNER



Louise Bartlett,  
Julia Beckmann,  
Lorraine Degiovanni,  
Paul Dukowitz,  
Gloria Ebacher,  
Ron Eisenschenk, Mckenna Froehling,  
Alvina Klocker, Gen Ludowese, Mildred Notsch,  
Maynard Meyer, Anthony Scholz,  
Charlie & Nancy Wenner,  
Military Men, Women and their families,  
and all ill or suffering.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

**Curious about Our Community Meal?**  
We have been hosting a "Breaking Bread" community lunch after every Faith Formation class. This meal is for **EVERYONE!** September 8th we served 40 people, Sept. 22 we served 55 people, Oct. 6th we served 65 people and Oct. 27th we served 73 people. **Join us November 24th, serving at 10:45 am, a free will offering is collected at all community meals.**



Thanks to all of the volunteers who prepare food, set-up and clean-up at these community meals!



Kids, stop by the table in the hallway to pick up your weekly Gospel puzzle sheet – **and don't forget to pick up a yellow children's envelope and write a good deed on it – Father will collect them during the offertory.**

Some wonderful good deeds submitted on recent children's envelopes include:  
"I helped my mom take down Halloween decorations."  
"I collected food for the food shelf."

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH 8:30 AM MASS

USHERS:	SERVER:	LECTOR:	GIFT BEARERS:	EUCH. MINISTERS:	SACRISTAN:	MUSIC:
Lee & Carol Wolf	Caroline Linz	Nancy Fandel	Joe & Elaine Omann	Bob Mayers Alice Mayers Elaine Omann	Brian Posch	Br. David Klingeman OSB Dianne Bechtold

## CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10** 32nd Sunday

8:30 AM Mass ++Claude & Loretta Dullinger

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11** Veterans Day

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

8:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM Breakfast

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

8:00 AM Mass & Eucharist Adoration

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17** 33rd Sunday

8:30 AM Mass ++George & Viola Dullinger

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

8:00 AM Mass +Rose Schaefer

8:30 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Hope For Those Who Mourn

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

6:00 PM Finance Meeting

Faith Formation/Liturgy Meeting

Social Justice & Ministry Meeting

7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

8:00 AM Mass +Bill Cofell

Eucharist Adoration

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24** King of the Universe

8:30 AM Mass

Faith Formation

Adult Speaker (Ann Scherer)

Breaking Bread

Turkey Bingo

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

8:00 AM Mass

Breakfast

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28** Thanksgiving Day

## FAITH FORMATION CORNER

### Adult Faith Formation Speakers:

- November 24 – Ann Scherer, explaining about St. Joseph Food Shelf and donations needed; Assembling baskets for age 80+ parishioners at 10:15, Breaking Bread at 10:45 with Parish Life Committee hosting, Turkey Bingo following.
- December 8 – Josie Stang: History of the St. John's Cemetery.
- December 15: Setting up Blankets on tables/ Assisting classes with Fleece Blankets which will be donated to the St. Joe Food Shelf

### December 12, 6:30 PM: First Reconciliation for grade 2 and Parish Reconciliation.

### Thanksgiving Food Drive:

#### Bring to Faith Formation class by November 24.

- ♦ Grade Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten: Box of Jello and a can of Cream of Mushroom soup
- ♦ Grade Kindergarten and Grade 1: Canned corn and canned beans
- ♦ Grade 2: A box of Instant Potatoes and packet of Ramen noodles
- ♦ Grade 3, Grade 5, and Grade 5: Box of stuffing and can of cranberries
- ♦ Grade 7 and Grade 8: Jar or can of gravy and Thanksgiving themed paper plates
- ♦ Grade 9, Grade 10, Grade 11: Thanksgiving themed napkins and delivering bags

## MASS INTENTIONS

First, thanks to all who have made offerings for mass intentions in the past. Due to the minimal number of mass opportunities we will no longer be accepting Special Intention Mass Offerings. We simply cannot fulfill them in a timely manner. However, you are invited and encouraged to write any intention in the book located in the entrance.

We will continue the practice of remembering deceased parish members at Masses for thirty days following their death.

A couple of simple reminders

- ALL Masses are offered for the living and the deceased.
- Masses have never been "for sale", but persons have expressed gratitude by making an offering.

## Turkey Bingo & Breaking Bread Meal:

Sunday, November 24th at 10:45 a.m. Following Faith Formation.

Fun for the whole family, you don't want to miss it! Join us – win a Turkey!



## How do the Numbers Compare?

Mass Attendance:	2018	2019
Week 3 of October	91	103
Week 4 of October	107	135
Week 1 of November	98	149

Are you part of our numbers?

## A Deer Hunter's Prayer

Bless me, Lord, as I walk the woods,  
In search of a Deer to provide us food.  
Grant me composure, skill and patience,  
when I finally make it's acquaintance.  
Provide safety and protection in the wind,  
snow, rain and cold, and help me be honest  
when the story is told.  
Amen.



**Clothing Drive** The Social Justice and Ministry committee is sponsoring a clothing drive to benefit organizations that do corporal works of mercy, such as Catholic Charities Emergency Services, Salvation Army and Place of Hope. Clean, gently used and wearable coats, sweat-shirts, mittens, scarves, men's and women's gloves, boots and children's warm wear will be accepted with gratitude. There will be bins in the hallway and coat racks for donated items. XL and XXL sizes are especially needed as those sizes do not usually get re-circulated. Salvation Army also mentioned need for women's and men's underwear, warm pants, shirts, t-shirts and socks. Items can be brought to the parish center any time before November 18. Thank you for your generosity.

## Holiday Coffee Cake Sale:

We are now taking orders for our famous Polish Coffee Cakes. These make great gifts, or to share at your holiday gathering! Order yours today!



**Thanksgiving Day Is Coming!**

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it, and you will soon be saying, "Pass me the mashed potatoes, please." This November holiday has its roots in American history and has grown into a day where we remember all the things for which we are thankful: country, family, friends, health, etc. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves so caught up with travel plans and buying the perfect turkey or ham that we let the day pass us by, and all we can focus on is how much we ate and who won the day's football games. That's why it is time NOW to begin reflecting daily of all things, great and small, that we are thankful for in life.

Gratitude is a key characteristic of a good Everyday Steward, but it does not develop in us without effort. In the coming days, we can contemplate all those things God has given us. If it helps, we can create a written list and bring it with us to the Thanksgiving dinner table. The point is that too often we take so many gifts for granted, and unless we pause and purposely reflect, we miss the chance to give thanks. A healthy and hearty heart filled with gratitude can make the highs in life that much higher and the lows easier to bear. Increased gratitude will also bring us closer to the source of all those good gifts, our God.

So, what will Thanksgiving be like for you this year? You have some time to make it something more than it has been in the past. The choice is yours.

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



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OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST. JOSEPH PARISHES

NOVEMBER 10, 2019  
THE 32ND SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME



**WELCOME**



**A PRAYER FOR VETERANS**

Dear Lord,  
We honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

By Joanna Fuchs  
Prayer credit: Actionministries.net



**OUR MISSION**

We are a progressive Catholic Benedictine Community encountering Christ through the celebration of Word and Sacrament, one another, nature, and our thirst to create a just world.

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