

## YOUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Adult Envelope	\$ 796.00
Electronic Monthly Donations (Nov. 15)	3,520.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	50,262.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	50,980.00
Loose Plate	20.00
Green/Special Needs Envelope (Bldg. Mntnc)	110.00
Wednesday Coffee Cup	15.00
Children's Envelopes	2.00
Catholic Charities Envelopes	20.00
Retirement for Religious Envelopes	25.00

## 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!** We have been serving an average of 60 people at each meal, and we encourage you to join us!

**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 donated my coat to the clothing drive."  
"I gave my mom the rest of my candy bar."*

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH 8:30 AM MASS

USHERS:	SERVER:	LECTOR:	GIFT BEARERS:	EUCH. MINISTERS:	SACRISTAN:	MUSIC:
Clarence & Shirley Simon	Scott Wallner	Nick & Greg Hansen	Mark & Susan Mckeon	Tess Koltes Nancy Fandel Dan Ortloff	Arnie Sauerer	Br. David Klingeman OSB

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH 8:30 AM MASS *THANKSGIVING DAY*

USHERS:	SERVER:	LECTOR:	GIFT BEARERS:	EUCH. MINISTERS:	SACRISTAN:	MUSIC:
Bob Simon Harry Reischl	Jane Simon	Denis Hynes	Bob & Evie Dumonceaux	Bob Dumonceaux Evie Dumonceaux Mary Reischl	Chuck Lauer	Br. David Klingeman OSB Karen Schellinger

## CALENDAR

**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,  
Breaking Bread, Turkey Bingo

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

8:00 AM Mass & Breakfast

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28** *Thanksgiving Day*

8:30 AM Mass

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

NO MASS (Parish office closed)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1** *First Sunday of Advent*

8:30 AM Mass

## 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!



**Join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, November 28th in the Parish Center.**

**\*\*Please note we will not have a Mass on Friday, November 29th\*\*  
Reminder: the parish office will be closed both Thursday & Friday.**

### Hope For Those Who Mourn



If you or a friend has experienced the loss of a loved one, you know how empty and sad life can seem. There is a grief support group which meets once a month at St. John the Baptist Parish Center for people like yourself who are experiencing grief because of a loss. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, November 20th, at 9:00 a.m.** . You do not have to register. Simply come. All are welcome. You can bring someone with you if you wish to do so. God bless you.

-Sister Joyce Iten, OSB, group facilitator.

### Note of Sympathy

Please keep in your prayers the family of Robert Kappes who passed away on November 12th. Robert is the father of Darren (Jody) Kappes and grandfather of Lauren & Mykaela.

May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### 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! Order forms are on the bulletin board or parish website.



### How do the Numbers Compare?

Mass Attendance:	2018	2019
<i>Week 4 of October</i>	107	135
<i>Week 1 of November</i>	98	149
<i>Week 2 of November</i>	62	74

Are you part of our numbers?

**We Are Called to Be Saints**

Catholics often are drawn to saints due to their profession, hobbies, or ethnic background. One's patron saint serves as an example of how to live a life of holiness and service to God. We hold up the saints of the Church in high regard. However, we can sometimes make the mistake of seeing them as the subject of stories in print and not real living people. We can assume that their level of devotion and holiness is unattainable. In fact, we are all called to be saints.

Our world needs more living saints living out their stewardship in a radical manner. Stories are valuable, but when others get to see disciples of Jesus Christ answering their call in person, consider the impact. There is a reason why lay witnessing is so important in cultivating a stewardship culture in a parish community. The people we can see and hear are alive right in front of us. Some will say that to



truly be humble means to act anonymously, but we are not speaking here of actions that call out, "Look at me!" We are talking about acting in a way that people see not you and me, but Jesus instead.

We are to be models and examples to one another. We are to build up one another and make the Body of Christ strong. Don't sit back wishing you had the strength to be a saint. You have already been given the gifts needed to be the saint you are called to be. Maybe people will read about you later, but the Church needs you now!  
 — Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

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NOVEMBER 17, 2019  
 THE 33RD SUNDAY OF  
 ORDINARY TIME



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**WELCOME**



This year our parish's **Advent "Giving Tree"** will feature two projects in which members of our parish might want to participate.

Some of the ornaments on the tree will have the names of some special people in our own parish. Included will be the names of those on our prayer list and shut-ins, and parishioners 90 years old and older.

You are invited to choose a name from the tree. During Advent and the Christmas season, you can be the "Secret Santa" for that person, possibly doing something for them weekly and ending with a small gift or visit.

The other ornaments on the tree will be invitations to donate money to FACT, a local non-profit organization that provides weekend nourishment to food-insecure school children in our area. \$5 will buy enough food and snacks for one child for one week.

The tree will be up and ready beginning Sunday, November 24.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.



**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.

**MASS TIMES**

Wednesday & Friday: 8 am  
 Sunday: 8:30 am

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