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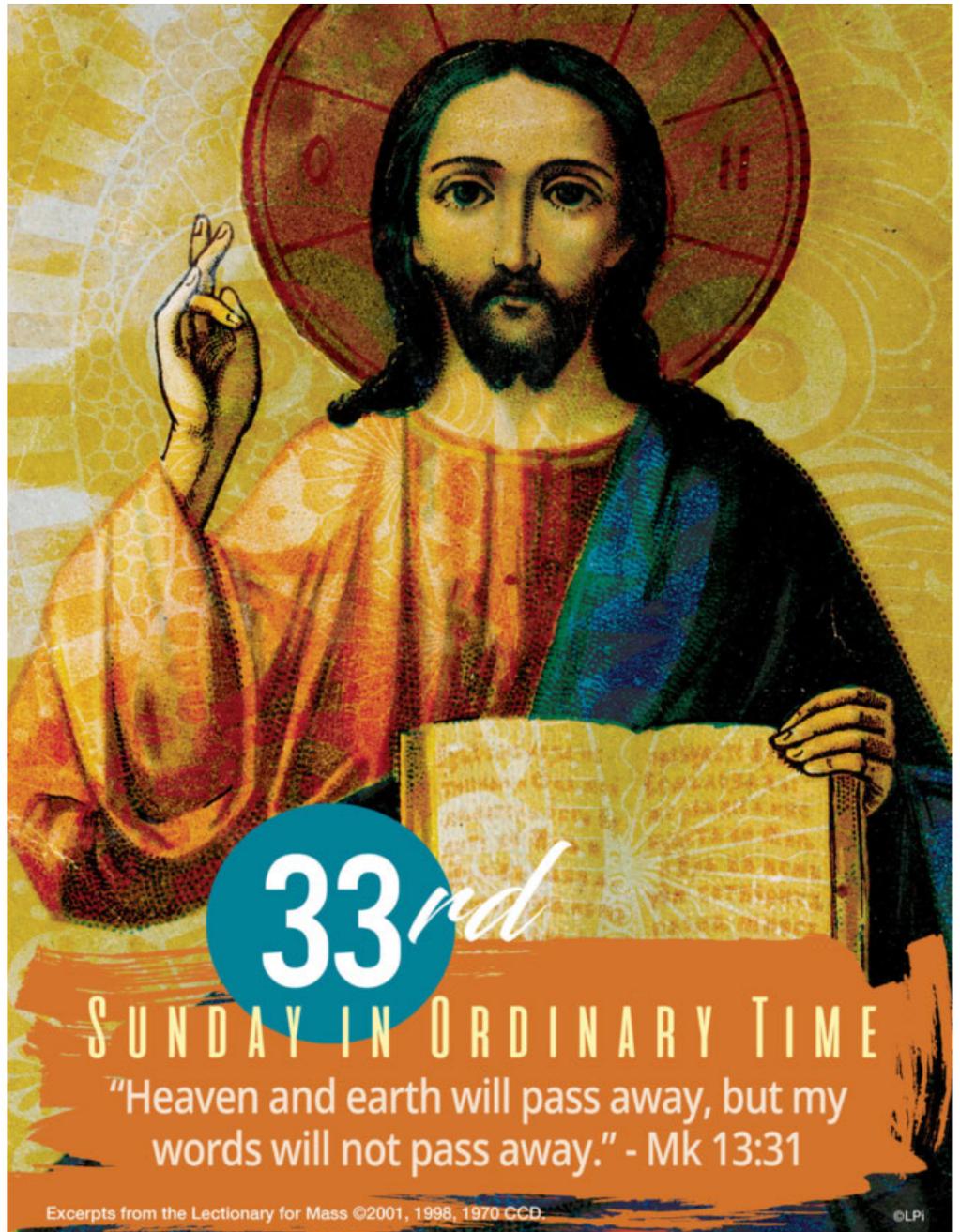
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FR. CHRIS' COLUMN

Scott Hahn's Reflection on the Readings

In this, the second-to-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem. Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation" (see Mark 13:9). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see Mark 13:7–8). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9–13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also Isaiah 13:10; 34:4). Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see Mark 8:31). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels (see Daniel 7:13). He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant (see Isaiah 43:6; Jeremiah 32:37).

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust.

We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

**CATHOLIC FUNERALS**

Thanks to those who were able to come to the presentation on Catholic funerals last Sunday. Many people who weren't able to come have asked about the information I provided. The diocese has recently created a webpage about Catholic funerals at dio.org/funeral. It is even better than my presentation! You can email or call me if you still have questions.

CAC RETREAT

I will be gone this week to attend the Catholic Athletes for Christ Retreat in Oceanside, CA. This retreat is for those who are involved in professional baseball ministry. I will be the celebrant and homilist at one of the masses. I will be back on Saturday in time for Confessions and Masses. Fr. Rick Weltin will be covering the masses while I am gone. Please keep me in your prayers as I will pray for you.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD. AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE. AMEN

Featured Saint

St. Margaret of Scotland (November 16)



St. Margaret spent much of her youth in the court of her great-uncle, the English king. She married King Malcolm of Scotland in 1070, and after moving to Scotland, she encouraged religious synods and founded several churches. She personally supervised the religious instruction of her eight children. She read Scripture and prayed daily, attended midnight Mass when possible, and often washed the feet of sick people. It's recorded that she never sat down to eat without first feeding orphans and other adults. She died in 1093. St. Margaret of Scotland is a good example of someone who has many material gifts yet still visits the sick and prioritizes her faith.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tabernacle Candle
In Memory Of

St. James: John & Kay Fitzgerald
St. Patrick:

Monday, November 15

8:00am at St. James
 Ruth Pelinski

Tuesday, November 16

8:00am at St. Patrick
 John Burger

Wednesday, November 17

8:00am at St. James
 Benny Romano

Thursday, November 18

No Mass

Friday, November 19

11:15am at St. Patrick
 David Slade, Sr.

Saturday, November 20

4:00pm at St. James
 Cathy Comerford

5:30pm at St. Patrick
 All Parishioners

Sunday, November 21

8:30am at St. James
 John & Kay Fitzgerald

10:15am at St. Patrick
 David Nulf

MASS SCHEDULE & SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Before an infant may be baptized, the parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. Please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms generally take place on a Sunday, the day of the Resurrection.

MATRIMONY

Arrangements must be made six months in advance with the Pastor.

PENANCE (Reconciliation)

Anytime by appointment or:

at St. James: at St. Patrick:

Monday 7:30 - 7:45am

Friday 10:30 - 11:00am

Wednesday 7:30 - 7:45am

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00am

Saturday 3:15 - 3:40pm

Ill or Hospital Bound?

Please call the office so Father can anoint you if you have not been anointed recently. When you go to the hospital please register as a parishioner of Ss. James and Patrick. If you have not been visited by a priest within two days, please call the office.

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Welcome New Parishioners: Please register at the office during the week.

Rest in Peace: May parishioners, family, and friends who have died be embraced with God's love forever.



Daily Marriage Tip:

Share a childhood memory with your spouse. What was your favorite song, TV show, toy, or outdoor activity? Is it possible to recreate it for a date?

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Parish School News

www.decaturstpatrick.org

And on Facebook through the school website

EPIC youth group - The city-wide youth group will hold meetings at Holy Family Parish Center at the following times:

Junior High - Nov 21, Dec 12

High School - Nov 14, Dec 5, Dec 19

For more information, please contact Deena at 217 855-9845 or Ivy at 217 412-5188.

Fill your freezer raffle - St. Patrick School is having a fill your freezer raffle. Raffle includes a whole hog donated by Andrew & Jessica Clarkson. \$25 per ticket - purchased at St. Patrick School call 217 423-4351 for tickets. Winner drawn November 22. All proceeds benefit St. Patrick School.

Knights of Columbus are bringing back their monthly breakfast (the second Sunday) from November to April. Please join us on Nov 14th from 8am until noon at the K of C Hall at 520 E. North St. in Decatur. The all-you-can-eat menu consists of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, hash browns, coffee, juice, and milk. Adults \$10, under 12 \$5, under 5 free. All are welcome.

Thanksgiving/Christmas Baskets at SSJP will be given out on a smaller scale again this year. If you would like to help; food, gift cards, or monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. If you know someone that is struggling and could use a basket, please let us know.

Christmas Gifts/Toys will be donated through the Salvation Army again this year. Please take a tag with the knowledge that the toys listed are JUST suggestions - you do not have to purchase that particular item. We will also be supporting a couple adult special need homes and will have tags on the trees. For more information contact Robin @ 217 428-7733.

St. Patrick Home and School will host a carry out Advent breakfast Dec. 5 from 7:30am to noon. Please support us by buying breakfast. Adult \$7, children age 4-17 \$5, under 3 free. Thank you!

Advent Evening of Prayer and Reflection - Come spend a quiet evening in candlelit St. Patrick Church with a reflection on the O antiphons of Advent through Scripture, prayer, reflections, and haunting music. This event is Sunday, December 5 at 6:30pm. Reservations are not required.

Advent by Candlelight - Ladies, would you like to spend an evening with old friends and new in a lovely candlelit atmosphere, with beautifully decorated holiday tables? Then Advent by Candlelight at the Beach House on Tuesday, December 7 at 6:30pm is something you'll enjoy. The Beach House will provide the food with a cash bar. Cost is \$20.00. To make a reservation, please contact Margaret Hickman by phone at (217) 429-1865 or text (217) 855-4608 or email margaret.hickman@gmail.com. Would you like to decorate one of those holiday tables? To volunteer for a table, contact Donna Dausman at (217) 433-0807 or dmdausman@comcast.net. Please include Advent by Candlelight in your message, so we know it's not spam.

WeShare Donor Match - Our parish is receiving a New Donor Match for the rest of the year! For everyone who signs up to be a recurring donor before December 31, our parish will receive a matching donation of \$50. Sign up for recurring donations here: <https://ssjpparish.weshareonline.org/>

3 Steps to Donate via QR Code

1. Open the camera app on your phone
2. Hover the camera over the QR code below
3. A notification pop-up will appear on your phone. Click the link to be taken to our online donation page.



Meals on Wheels - Our parish will participate in the Meals on Wheels program the week of Monday Nov. 22 through Wednesday Nov 24th. Volunteers are needed each day to deliver a hot noon meal to the elderly homebound of our community. Meals are picked up at DMH and the route takes about an hour or less to complete. This is a very valued ministry of Catholic Charities. Please call Patty Anderson (217) 429-1135 to volunteer one or more days. Thank You!

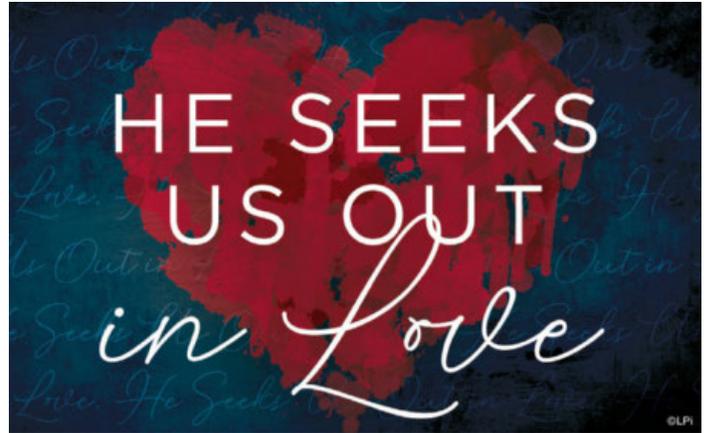
Catholic & Company - Want to hear relevant topics for your life? Tune into the new local show on WDCR Decatur Catholic Radio "Catholic & Company". Hosts are Fr. Chris Comerford & Dave Slade; and the ladies edition with Sharon Schilawski & Katherine Smith. Program airs every Thursday at 8am, encore at 5pm and 10pm. Tune into 88.9 or 96.5 FM radio or on podcast whenever you like. Thank you!

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PARISH CALENDAR & EVENTS

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Holy Family School, Decatur IL
 K of C Holy Family Council #17241
 Nov. 13 from 8 - 11am
 Tickets at door \$6; Child under 6 - Free



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Daniel 12:1-3. Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11. Hebrews 10:11-14, 18. Mark 13:24-32.

Is the End-Time Coming? The liturgical year of 2021 ends in 14 days. These past weeks have kept our focus on living in the Kingdom of God and living for its completion. Who knows when this world will end. None of us! It will come when God is ready. We know it ends here for each of us at death. And then perdures for ever in the eternal presence of God. Rather than fret about when the end will come, let us behave rightly now.

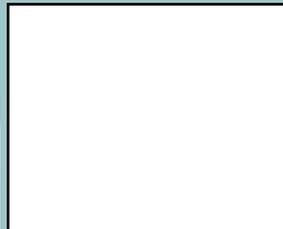
- What will I do today to behave as God wants?
- What will I say today that is right and true and just?
- What mercy work will guide my week?

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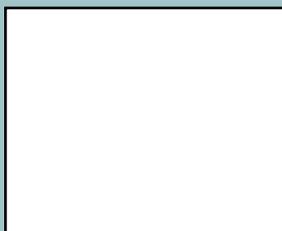
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