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Parish Office Hours: Monday- Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Mass Schedule / Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Monday - NO MASS

Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am
Holy Day Masses - As Announced
Confessions- 3:15-3:45pm Saturday

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
every Tuesday after Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet every Wednesday after Mass

Rosary every Thursday at 5pm

First Friday adoration after Mass until Noon

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel (even if it is in the past) please call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at (217) 321-1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-(800)-25-ABUSE



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

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October 31, 2021

Baptisms - Baptismal Preparation Program is required call Rectory for Appointment

Marriage - Call the rectory at least 6 months in advance for appointment. Registration and Active Membership are Required.

Parish Registration - New families and individuals are asked to register at the rectory at their earliest opportunity. Each family or wage earner is requested to use the weekly envelope system.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, or needing PSR, please call the Rectory Office at 618-465-4221

From the Pastor's Desk - Year of St. Joseph

Every year on November 1st the Church honors All Saints on the feast of that name, preceded on October 31st by All Hallows Eve and followed on November 2nd by the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed or the Day of the Dead.

With the understanding that the “faithful departed” would, by definition, exclude those in hell, the peasants of medieval Ireland wondered how they should remember those souls, and even worried that if neglected, those souls may seek revenge. They solved the problem by banging pots and pans on October 31st, as a way of letting those in hell know that they weren’t forgotten.

Centuries later after the bubonic plague killed millions in France, those who survived prayed for the dead and meditated on their own mortality by staging elaborate All Souls’ Day parades. Their dense macabre included people - frequently children - costumed as princes, popes, and paupers, following Death to the grave, side by side.

It was traditionally believed that the souls of the departed wandered the earth until All Saints Day, and All Hallows Eve provided one last chance for the dead to gain vengeance on their enemies before moving to the next world. In order to avoid being recognized by any soul that might be seeking revenge, people would don masks, or costumes to disguise their identities. In the Middle Ages, churches displayed relics of saints, and those parishes that were too poor to have relics let parishioners dress up as the saints instead.

In Catholic England, on October 31st people walked from house to house, promising prayers for the inhabitants dearly departed in exchange for tasty cakes called “soul cakes” - a custom known as “souling.” Years later, after England fell into heresy and became a Protestant country, every November 5th the revelers celebrating Guy Fawkes Day visited the houses of known or suspected Catholics and demanded food or drink for their merrymaking. If the Catholics didn’t want to see their homes or business vandalized, they supplied what the revelers demanded. It was a choice of...trick or treat!

Many of these traditions died out in their country of origin. But in early 19th century America they found new life and new purpose on All Hallows Eve. Immigrants from England, France, Ireland, and other parts of Europe brought their unique customs with them. Mingled in the melting pot of America, they eventually became our present holiday of Halloween.

November 1st since it falls on a Monday this year is NOT a holyday of obligation. I will offer Mass at 6pm to give a greater chance for those who work to celebrate this Solemnity.

November 2nd I will offer 2 Masses for the Faithful Departed - 8:15am and 6pm. We will remember especially those who have died this past year since November 2nd. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Lastly, for those who wish to have their loved ones remembered in a monthly Mass for the Dead (Month’s Mind) please use the envelope in your offertory envelopes for Nov. 2nd OR pick up an envelope in church on the back table. Write the names of your beloved dead (or not-so-beloved dead) on the envelope with an offering and place in the offertory collection, mail, or bring to the office. Look to the Mass intentions in the bulletin each week for when the Month’s Mind will be offered.

God’s blessing in this new week of grace.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Jeff

October 31, 2021
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet. ©LPi

Question:

What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?

Answer:

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called "indulgences") can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration. In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far. ©LPi

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce that an IN-PERSON Experience will be held locally in Springfield, IL at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Center the weekend of March 18-20, 2022! Early registration is suggested due to limited space. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants.

For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.



Annual DCJH Collection:

November 20-21, 2021

is the annual collection for the Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH). Donations make it possible to provide hope and assistance of food, clothing, housing, education and medication to local people living in poverty. 100% of the contributions goes to fund organizations within our Diocese.

St. Joseph Candles October

- ❖ Intentions of Terri & Dan Beiser
- ❖ Personal Intentions - Brad Hampton, Martha Rankin, & Matthew Coolbaugh
- ❖ Special Intentions - The Smith & Stilwell Families
- ❖ Special Intentions - Carla Mackelden
- ❖ Special Intentions - Bruce & Paula Malone



- October 30
Susan Hendrickson
- October 31
Michael Marko
- November 1
Mary Horn
- November 2
Linda Springman
- November 3
John Wisniewski
- November 4
Lila Snider



October 30-31 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 4 pm † Marc Roller

Sunday 8:00 am Living and deceased members of the Parish

10:00 am † Joe Kuhnline

Monday, November 1 All Saints Day
6 pm † Robert Hinton

Tuesday, November 2 All Souls Day
8:15 am † All Souls
6pm † All Souls

Wednesday, November 3 Votive Mass St. Joseph
8:15 am † Mary Dee Bartolazzi

Thursday, November 4 St. Charles Borromeo
8:15 am † Bill Bray

Friday, November 5 First Friday
8:15 am † Jack & Katie Kruegel and Maeve Boehler (living)

November 6-7 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 4 pm † Jim Gaither

Sunday 8:00 am Living and deceased members of the Parish

10:00 am † Robert Logan



November 6-7

Lector

- 4pm - Byron Sever
- 8am - Ann Hornsey
- 10am - Christina Argyropoulos

Extraordinary Ministers

- 4pm - Dave Cordes
- 8am - Janice Dunphy
- 10am - Elaine Snyders

Servers

- 4pm - Mike Fitzgerald
- 8am - Sean Williams
- 10am - Jack Snyders

Ushers

- 4pm - Dave and Liz Cordes
- 8am - Jim Schwegel and Barb Von Almen
- 10am - Richard Phillips, Doug Mueller, and Robert Ryan

Weekly Financial Report

Collection	October 24, 2021
Envelope Collection	\$ 4,602.00
Loose Contribution	\$ 434.00
On-Line	\$ 176.00
Parish Tithing	\$ 85.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 405.00
Anonymous Donation	\$1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,722.00
Budgeted Income	\$ 7,500.00
Overage/Shortage	-\$ 778.00

Of 239 Envelope Holders
contributed to the
Sunday Collection

**Mass Attendance
October 23-24**

Saturday 4:00 - 115
Sunday 8:00 - 49
Sunday 10:00 - 89
Total Attendance - 253



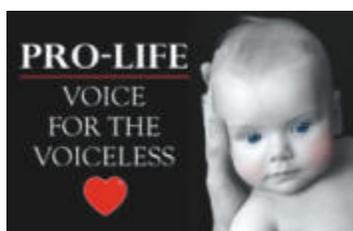
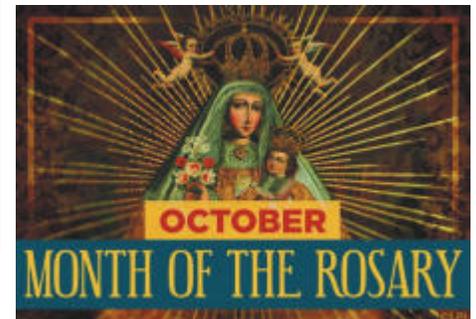
All Saints Day November 1 Mass will be at 6pm

All Souls Day November 2 Mass will be at 8:15 am and 6pm



We are happy to announce that our monthly Military Mass will resume on Thursday, Nov. 11th. at 6:00 PM at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton.

Please join us to pray for our active service members, veterans, living and deceased, and their families.



Such is the complete confidence in God that we have through Christ...Our competence comes from God Who has empowered us.....2 Cor 3:4-6
Reflection: The same Holy Spirit who created the universe, descended upon the womb of Mary, came as tongues of fire at Pentecost, and leads the Church on her mission is the One Who calls and equips us for pro-life work. Let us not lack for a moment the confidence and joy that come from Him and impel us to build a

Culture of Life.

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, and equip us, just as You equipped disciples of every century to advance the Gospel of Life.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Lisa Curtis
Jennifer Martin
Lisa Brinkman
Beth Ann Alvi
Patricia Harmon
Wes Schultz
Shane Fin
Barb Hinson
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Tracy Mahan
Carla Mackelden
Ann and Rich Phillips
Marilyn Smith
John Brinkman
Tony Martin
Dana Fallon
Dave Simonds
Ken Petitti
Shirley Plunk
Ashley Taylor
Amanda Wohler
Mike Blakely
Our Men and Women in the Military
Our Vincentian Clients

Keep Children of the World Safe
Shirley Hicks
Marilyn Smith
Brad Johnson
Richard Siemer
Annette Walsh
Sara Cleary
Angie Campagna-Goska
Rita Wyatt

- ◆ Please call the office if a name is to be removed from the list.
- ◆ Names in **BOLD** will be removed unless we receive a prayer update
- ◆ If you know of any parishioner that is in a Nursing Home or Home-bound, please let the rectory office know. Also, let us know which Nursing Home they are in.
Thank You.

MUSIC - October 31, 2021
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional: #447 On This Day, The First of Days

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: #1019

Offertory: #632 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Communion: #720 Where Charity and Love Prevail

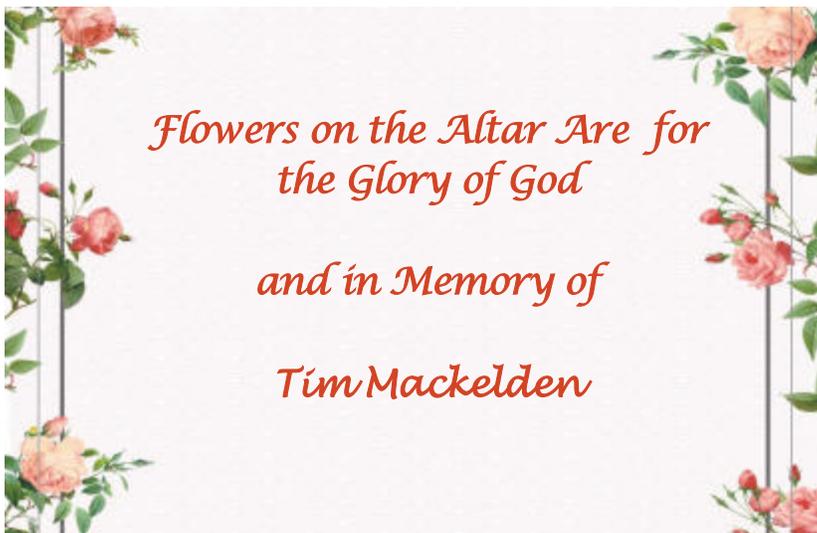
Recessional: #371 Jesu, Jesu

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ON OR BEFORE MONDAY AT 12 NOON.
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REQUEST TO:
ssppchurch717@yahoo.com**

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

October 2021
Intention for Evangelization -
Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



*Flowers on the Altar Are for
the Glory of God
and in Memory of
Tim Mackelden*

**If you wish to place flowers on the High Altar for a certain weekend, please call Theresa at the parish office.
618-465-4221**

The cost is \$40 for 2 bouquets created by Dick's Flowers.

As the landscape changes and wraps itself in the brilliant hues of Autumn, the programming on Covenant Network reminds us of the beautiful truths of our Catholic faith and keeps us focused on the things that matter. During the month of October, you can pray the Holy Rosary with Covenant Network at 10:00 AM and immediately after the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM. Listen and pray along on WRYT 1080 AM or 92.7 FM. If those times are not optimal for you, use our Covenant Network App or the web: OurCatholicRadio.org for Rosary resources that fit your individual schedule.



Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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