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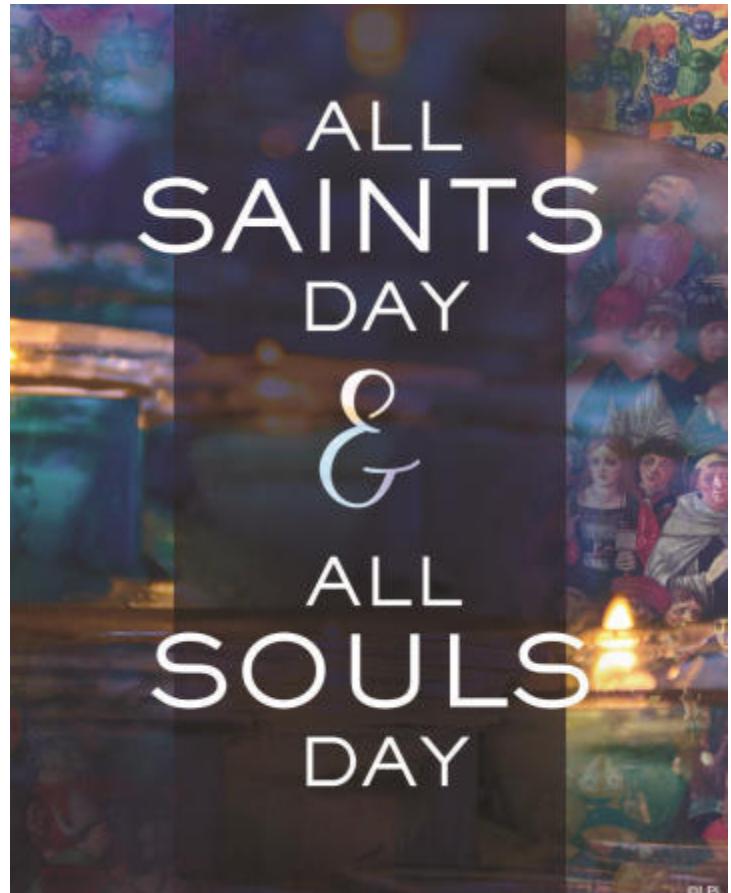
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PARISH VISION STATEMENT:

Go forth and make disciples of all nations.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

Forming Disciples and Living Disciples



Stewardship Message

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." Mark 12:30

True stewardship is other-directed. The question a steward always tries to answer is: "What is the best way I can show my love for this neighbor?"

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Pastor's Note

All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2) are annual reminders to remember, honor, and celebrate the dead. Today these ancient observances are overshadowed by Halloween by all the fun of Trick or Treat. Yet, the ritual of consciously remembering loved ones who have died is an important spiritual practice in all our lives. It brings death into the context of our daily experience and reminds us that death is not the end but a beginning in Christ.

When we think back on our relationships with people who have died, a little thing can remind us of their love, their laugh, or a story. Each creates a feeling of connection beyond the grave. This year on All Saints Day, think about coming to Mass to celebrate those Holy people our Church honors as saints. Also, on All Souls Day, we celebrate Mass to pray for our departed loved ones.

Remembrance is a powerful healer that calls us to a moment of grace, remembering the past with love and blessing tomorrow with hope. The simple spiritual practice of remembrance becomes an expression of gratitude, wonder, and continuing love.

Let us remember together our loved ones. In the Gathering Space, on the large circular table, there will be a basket, paper, and pens for families to write down the name of loved ones who have died and place the names in the basket. Each Sunday until the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the basket of names will be carried to the Altar as the gifts are brought forth.

A Safe Halloween, Blessed All Saints Day, and a Prayerful All Souls Day,

H. Boo

Have You Ever Thought About Volunteering?

The Community Kitchen in Jeffersonville, IN needs volunteers to serve as subs every other Thursday. Please call Pat Byrne at 502-609-5497 for details.



Congratulations to these families who celebrated the baptism of their child in October: Brian & Tessa Ricker—Liam Jude; Michael & Amy Bernardi—Kenzie Grace; Adam Kelsie Kruer—Coen Joseph; and Matthew & Tessa Hearn—Madelyn Grace.

Stewardship Information

Weekly Budgeted Amount.....	\$22,993
Collection of 10/24/2021	\$18,128
Variance to Weekly Budget.....	(\$4,865)

Budgeted total through 10/24/2021	\$390,881
Actual Collected through 10/24/2021.....	\$351,861
Variance to Annual Budget.....	(\$39,020)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Catholic Men's Fellowship

Meeting Monday, November 8, SIX pm in Assumption Hall. The goals of our Fellowship are to help men grow in holiness and in God's Love. Also to share that Love with all around us, especially our families. Bring your Bible or one can be provided. No need to sign up,. Join us anytime

October 23-24 Mass Attendance:

4:30pm—226

8:00am—157

10:30am—273

Mass Intentions

Nov. 1	8:00am	Todd Thompson
Nov. 1	9:00am	SMK Parishioners
Nov. 2	5:30pm	The Receveur Family
Nov. 3	8:00am	Millie & Ed Ebel
Nov. 4	5:30pm	Anna Podlaska
Nov. 5	9:00am	Paul Bowe

Nov. 6	4:30pm	Bob Shine
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Nov. 7	8:00am	Todd Mann
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Nov. 7	10:30am	SMK Parishioners
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Nov. 7 10:30am Outdoor Mass on the Grass in front of rectory—weather permitting.

Gift Bearers November 6-7:

4:30pm	Buck & Jane Wiseman
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8:00am	Mike & Kit Halbleib
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10:30am	Gift Bearers Needed
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Join us at Cardinal Ritter Council 1221 Knights of Columbus 809 E. Main St in New Albany as we offer our Friday Fish Fry on November 5. Lunch drive-thru only service is from 11 -1 and sit-down or carryout will be available from 4:30 – 7:30. All your seafood favorites. Proceeds to fund our annual Thanksgiving Baskets for the less fortunate. Call (812) 944-0891. You gotta eat!

Our Lady of Providence High School is accepting applications for the position of Principal. The successful candidate will begin employment on or about July 1, 2022. for the 2022-'23 school year. Interested and qualified candidates may submit a cover letter expressing their interest in the position as well as describing how the candidate would advance the Catholic mission of the school, a resumé or C.V., and a letter of recommendation along with two additional contacts for reference. Send directly to the President of Our Lady of Providence High School, Mr. Victor S. Beeler at: vbeeler@providencehigh.net Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. EST November 5, 2021.

Stay Connected

Any parishioner who is shut in and would like to have the weekly bulletin mailed to them should please contact the parish office at 812.923.2456.



Habitat help is needed on December 11, 2021. Shift hours are 9am-12noon or 12 noon-3pm. Type of work expected for this day is assembling Akea cabinets. If you can help out, please call Mark Huber at 502-376-4310.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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.

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THE DAILY EXAMEN OF STEWARDSHIP

"Stewardship" can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term "stewardship" from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. "Here's Father asking for more money," they groan inwardly, "Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards."

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn't say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of

a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the "Daily Examen" — a pious devotion wherein, at day's end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God's will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?

What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?

To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me?

Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT IS A PILGRIMAGE? WHY DO PEOPLE GO ON THEM?

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.



Opening Hymn: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven (Missal #231)

Gloria

First Reading -- Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

"Fear the LORD, your God,
and keep, throughout the days of your lives,
all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you,
and thus have long life.

Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them,
that you may grow and prosper the more,
in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers,
to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!

Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.

Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm -- Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock!

Extolled be God my savior.

You who gave great victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading -- Hebrews 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters:

The levitical priests were many
because they were prevented by death from remaining in office,
but Jesus, because he remains forever,
has a priesthood that does not pass away.

Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him,
since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest:
holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners,
higher than the heavens.

He has no need, as did the high priests,
to offer sacrifice day after day,
first for his own sins and then for those of the people;
he did that once for all when he offered himself.

For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests,
but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law,
appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Gospel -- Mark 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him,
"Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

*Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

The second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher.

You are right in saying,

'He is One and there is no other than he.'

And 'to love him with all your heart,
with all your understanding, with all your strength,
and to love your neighbor as yourself'

is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding,
he said to him,

"You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily

Creed

Offertory Hymn: Ubi Caritas (Gather 696)

Communion Antiphon: "You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord."

Communion Hymn: Draw Near and Take the Body of Thy Lord (Missal #123)

Recessional Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Missal #193)



10,000!

SMK Corvette Raffle Update

We are off to a great start with **2,454 tickets sold prior to the first Early Bird Drawing**. Special thanks our processing team and everyone that pitched in to get it done! The drawing for \$1,000 was held during the Trunk or Treat event with a great crowd in attendance and on Facebook Live to witness **Terry Harvey from Columbia, KY** drawn as our first winner! Thanks to Terry for contributing to support our Raffle and SMK! We appreciate everyone's generous support and look forward to the next Early Bird Drawing to be held at the **Advent Hour of Service on Sunday, December 12th**. Check out the Ticket Thermometer in the back of church to track ticket sales to 10,000. 2,454 sold, 7,546 to go!



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