

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.



“The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’”

— Mt 25:10b-12

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD

(Right) Medal of Honor recipient Chaplain (Captain) Emil J. Kapaun. President Obama posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor to Chaplain Kapaun for his heroism at the Battle of Unsan, Nov. 1-2, 1950, during the Korean War.

Before he died in a North Korean Prisoner of War Camp he told his fellow prisoners: *“When I get up there I will say a prayer for all of you.”*

Father Kapuan was 35 years old when he died. Father Kapaun was named a Servant of God in 1993, signifying his cause for sainthood could begin.





MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 9th
8:00 am + All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 10th
8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, November 11th
8:00 am + All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 12th
8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, November 14th, 33rd Sunday in Ord. Time
4:00 pm + All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 15th, 33rd Sunday in Ord. Time
8:30 am + Rosie Osorio
10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC



Below and left - To help teach our young people how "sweet" it is to be a Saint in heaven, students and staff of the Religious Education Program decorated cupcakes with holy cards of various Saints. *All you saints in heaven, pray for us!*



giving
our thanks & praise

Saturday, October 31st
4:00pm and
Sunday, November 1st
8:30am

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| Sunday Envelopes..... | \$ 2,626.00 |
| Loose | \$ 215.00 |
| Total Collection..... | \$ 2,841.00 |
| All Saints Collection..... | \$ 478.00 |

American Red Cross Bloodmobile



The next Bloodmobile will be on Tuesday, November 10th at St. John's Parish Hall, 514 N. Monroe Street from 10:30am to 3:30pm. This is sponsored by the Clinton Fire Department. For an appointment, please call Faye at 935-8788. Walk-ins are welcome. Remember to bring your ID. Blood banks are still low. **PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS.** Please give the gift of life and donate if you are able.

Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) will meet **Wednesday, November 11, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.**

Altar and Rosary

Reminder- The next meeting of the Altar and Rosary will be **Thursday, November 12th, at 7:00 pm in the Hall.**

HELP: The Altar and Rosary sends greeting cards to our members for various reasons. If you have any of the following card and would like to donate them, please contact Lyn Corrigan: 935-3836. Thank You Cards, Thinking of You cards and/or Sympathy cards

CCD K-8 Classes

Classes meet today Sunday, November 8th in the Parish Hall following the 8:30 am Mass.

Book of Remembrance

Throughout the month of November, when we pray for the Holy Souls, let us also pray for all those who have preceded us in faith to the Father. Beginning November 1st, our Book of Remembrance was placed next to the baptismal font in the front of the church. You are invited to add the names of deceased family members and loved ones whom you would like to be remembered at Mass throughout the month of November.

Collection Counters this week are
Mary Lou Barnett and Donna Hall
Thank you for serving in this way.

Liturgical Assignments

Saturday, November 14th 4:00pm Mass

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| Lector | Marilyn Hight |
| EMHC | Mike Corrigan |
| Servers | Greg Toohill and Sofia Calvert |
| Usher/Greeters | Connie Harrold, Tom and Nancy Horsley |

Sunday, November 15th 8:30am Mass

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| Lector | Linda Kilgarriff |
| EMHC | Jim Kilgarriff |
| Servers | Davis Howell and Diana Naxi |
| Usher/Greeters | Rachelle Negrete and Sharon Kielar |



November 11. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as “the Great War.”

Armistice Day - The Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, marking the official end of World War I. Nonetheless, the armistice date of November 11, 1918, remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the conflict.

One year later, in November 1919, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The day’s observation included parades and public gatherings, as well as a brief pause in business and school activities at 11 a.m. On November 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at Arlington Cemetery near Washington, D.C. On the same day the previous year, unidentified soldiers were laid to rest at Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans’ service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word “Armistice” in favor of “Veterans.” President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American



CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

As announced last week, our annual appeal for your support for the assembly of food baskets for the Christmas Season has begun. This year our Parish has been asked to collect canned fruit. It can be any type or brand of canned fruit. Our goal is 500 cans to be shared with those in need in our area. Especially in this challenging year of 2020, your assistance is greatly needed. In two weeks we will hear the Gospel of Saint Matthew remind us: *“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25: 31ff)* Here is an opportunity to put this Gospel into practice. We can help the least among us by helping them with food for their ta-



The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids (25:1-13) emphasizes the importance of being prepared for Christ’s coming. In this parable, the master is

delayed. This parable reflects the fact that for Matthew’s church, late in the first century, is dealing with an unexpected delay in the Parousia (Second Coming). They expected Jesus to come by now, and this parable tell them that it is important to stay ready for the master will be coming.

“ten virgins (maidens, unmarried girls virgins), who took their lamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom” (v. 1b). Jesus describes preparations for a wedding. Weddings provide much needed relief from the humdrum and hard work of daily life. Usually women take care of children and perform household chores. They look forward to any small distraction, such as their daily visit to the village well where they can visit with other village women. But, occasionally, their tedium is broken by the great events of village life—weddings, births, and bar mitzvahs—even funerals. Of these, weddings involve the greatest celebration. At a wedding, the couple is the center of village life for days on end. After the marriage ceremony, there is feasting, dancing, and revelry, which can last for several days. It is a glad week for the couple—and for their friends as well—an event not to be missed!

An important part of the wedding ceremony is the procession from the home of the bride’s parents to the couple’s new home. As the bridegroom escorts his bride to their new home, their pathway is lighted by wedding guests holding aloft flaming torches, probably sticks wrapped with oily rags. A wedding is a great joy for all the members of the community, but especially so for the young women invited to serve as the bride’s attendants. It is an honor to be asked to participate, and those who agree are expected to do so enthusiastically and responsibly.

The wise bridesmaids are different from the foolish bridesmaids at only one point—they have the foresight to take flasks of oil to replenish their lamps. Both the foolish and wise bridesmaids sleep, but the wise bridesmaids first prepare for the bridegroom’s arrival. They have lamps and oil, and are set to greet the bridegroom no matter when he might arrive. They are ready—and readiness is the point of this parable.

We expect all the young women to be ready, because the bridegroom’s coming will signal the beginning of a great and joyous festival—something that promises to be one of the highlights of these young women’s lives. “ The theme is preparedness, not for the worst...but for the best.” The surprise is that five of them have not prepared—but in our everyday lives we see unprepared people—job seekers who go to an interview wearing their caps backwards—students who take a test without having studied—couples who “get married in a fever.” We shake our heads and wonder at their lack of preparation, but then we remember our own foolish moments.

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