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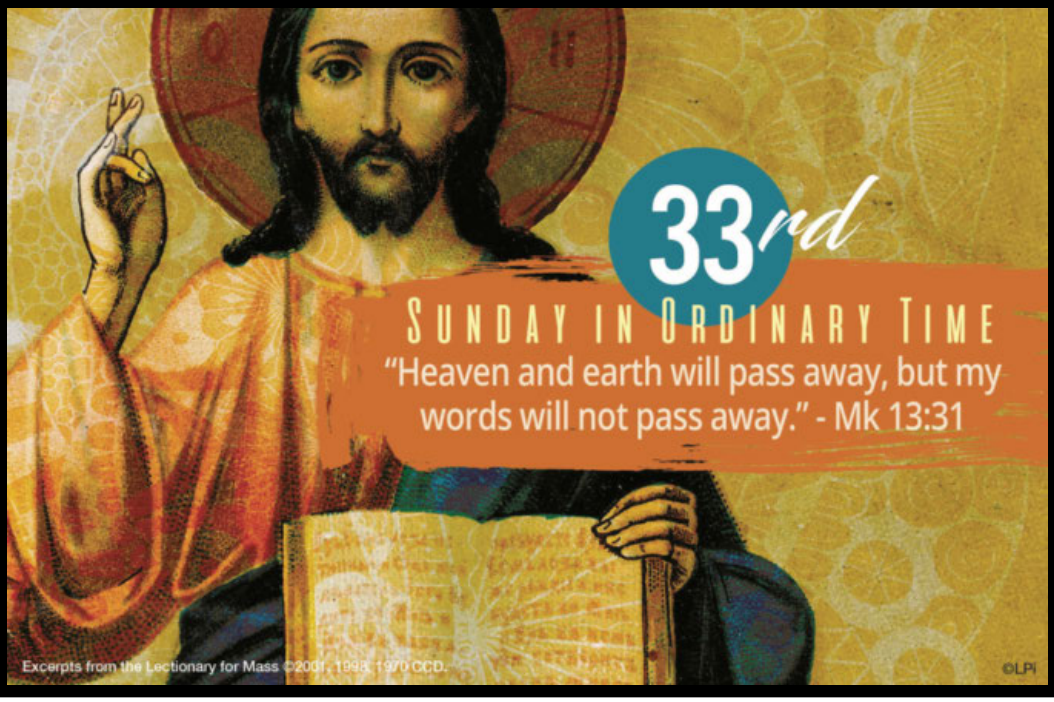

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Our mission is to love God and neighbor by prayerfully celebrating the Sacraments, generously serving others, and intentionally engaging in lifelong faith formation.

LITURGY & PRAYER

Scouts

CUB SCOUT PACK MEETING

Boys in grades 1-5 and their parents are invited to join us for our monthly Pack meeting. This month's pack meeting we will be building dreamcatchers and learning about Native American heritage.

The meeting will be held in Donovan Hall on **November 22nd from 7:00-8:00pm.**

We welcome **Philip Joseph Johnston** to the Church as he celebrates the sacrament of baptism. May the seeds of faith grow always stronger in his heart and may our prayers support his parents & godparents in their responsibility of raising him in the Catholic faith.

The prayers & sympathies of our parish community are with the families of **Mary Mellinger & George Styne.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Thursday November 25th Thanksgiving Mass

St. Monica: 8:00am Mass
St. Eugene: 9:00am Mass

Please note that there will be no Eucharistic Adoration at St. Monica on Thanksgiving Day.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 14th, 2021

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32 • **Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43 • **Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10 • **Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28 • **Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44 • **Dedication:** Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33 • **Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/ Lk 19:45-48 • **Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40 • **Next Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Our next two Bulletin Deadlines: Early Deadline: *November 12th for the November 28th Bulletin & **November 24th** for the December 5th Bulletin. To submit a request, visit the website steugenecongregation.org/communications-requests. **Bulletin Requests subject to approval.**

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 11/13	5:00pm	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	ǂ Paul Meyer
SUN 11/14	8:00am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	Parishioners of St. Monica
	10:15am		ǂ Joe & Fran Hodor
MON 11/15	8:00am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	ǂ Mark Ganser
TUE 11/16	7:30am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	Mass at St. Eugene
WED 11/17	8:30am	Fr. Paul Hartmann	ǂ Trudy Thome
THU 11/18	7:30am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	ǂ Peter Olsen
FRI 11/19	8:00am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	ǂ James Miller
SAT 11/20	8:00am	Fr. Paul Hartmann	ǂ Edna Perry
	Reconciliation: Saturdays at 8:30am or by appointment		
	5:00pm	Fr. Paul Hartmann	ǂ Robert & Monica Schmitz
SUN 11/21	8:00am	Fr. Paul Hartmann	Parishioners of St. Monica
	10:15am		ǂ James & Geraldine Kallas

THIS WEEK — November 14th—21st

SUN 14	9:00am	Child Ministry Sunday School	School
	3:00pm	Rosary	STME Ministry Center Shrine Outside
	5:00pm	Confirmation Class	Donovan Hall
MON 15	8:30am	Rosary	Church
TUE 16	8:00pm	Compass	STME Ministry Center
WED 17	7:00pm	Youth Ministry: Teen Night	Donovan Hall
THU 18	6:00am	Catholic Man Cave	Donovan Hall
	8:30am-8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	6:15pm	Child Ministry Middle School	Mackin Hall
	6:30pm	Youth Ministry: Study Night	Upper Room
	8:00pm	Catholic Man Cave	STME Ministry Center
FRI 19	8:30am	Rosary	Church
SAT 20	Thanksgiving Full Food Box Drop Off after Masses		
	6:00am	Discipleship 101	STME Ministry Center
	9:00am	Sandwich Saturday	St. Eugene Mackin Hall
SUN 21	Thanksgiving Full Food Box Drop Off after Masses		
	9:00am	Child Ministry Sunday School	School
	3:00pm	Rosary	STME Ministry Center Shrine Outside
	5:00pm	Confirmation Class	Donovan Hall

Friends,

In our Catholic Church, how are we to understand the complementary roles of clergy and laity? On the one hand, we are unquestionably dependent upon clergy for the celebration of the sacraments. We are also hierarchical in the governance which organizes a one and a half billion-member, global church. On the other hand, we are communities of faith comprised primarily of the laity, activated by the laity, and meaningless without you, the laity.

In the 19th century, with missionary work stretching around the world, the Church was already wrestling with its understanding of this relationship between clergy and laity. Rendered more locally – between pastor and parishioners. The great St. John Henry Cardinal Newman is renowned to have rebuked his own bishop who dismissively lamented "who are the laity" believing that those in the pews should essentially just pray, pay, and obey. In response, Newman rightly pointed out that when it comes to the primary role of the laity it must be remembered that the clergy, and the whole Church, "would look foolish without them."

Since last week, when I shared that Archbishop Listecki had asked that I take on a temporary, part-time role helping St. Joseph Catholic Academy in Kenosha, I have been overwhelmed by parishioners offering expressions of support and promises of prayers. After my masses last Sunday, when I stopped by Pick-N-Save, a parishioner caught me in the parking lot to offer these very sentiments. The young dad of four kids sincerely offered that "if there was anything" he could do to help, I should let him know.

As I thanked him, he expanded on his thinking. "My kids are getting old enough now that I can, and should, start getting more involved in the parish." I smiled, thanked him again and laughed a little as I told him "Be careful, I might take you up on that." It is edifying when my parishioners, intentionally or not, express in their actions a deep understanding of what it means to be Catholic and a member of a parish.

It is coincidental that my taking on extra responsibilities comes at the same time of the year when we usually call on parishioners to reflect upon and discern the outward signs of their commitment to Christ. It is a fortunate coincidence though. For in gaining a more general realization that our priests are stretched thin in their ministry responsibilities, allows every member of the faithful to grasp just how necessary they are to the life of the parish. Summarily put, while we are not Catholic unless we have clergy and a hierarchy, we are not a parish if we don't have an active, involved, and generous laity.

Whatever the present moment in the life of the parish offers as inspiration, please take some time in the next few days to prayerfully discern how you, and your family, can become more actively involved in the parish. How you can make our communities better parishes. Allow me to offer up a challenge – for me, one round-trip between the rectory here and the school in Kenosha, takes about 90 minutes. Can you consider ways that you can offer yourself for the sake of the parish (or the wider Church) for just 90 minutes each week?

Here are some possibilities:

- Join the choir or the other liturgical ministries
- Offer to serve on a parish council, commission, or committee
- Volunteer for one of the many Human Concerns outreach activities
- Help with activities for our children in formation or school programs
- Devote time to extra prayer or Eucharistic Adoration

There are plenty of other options as well. Whenever I do the 90 minutes of driving to and from Kenosha, I will be praying for my parishioners. I ask the same in return. As we pray for one another, let's build up our great parishes with both clergy and laity contributing.

Blessings to all.

PARISH SUPPORT

Please remember to turn in your pledge cards to the parish office.

Also, if you are an electronic donor kindly consider increasing your donation over last year through prayerful reflection.

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"This last week's giving was a bit better than the week before. Thank you! We still are a bit behind if there is any extra you can give it is appreciated."
~Andrew Bird, St. Monica Finance Council

"Our Lord's love shines out just as much through a little soul who yields completely to His Grace as it does through the greatest."

~ St. Therese of Lisieux

Saint Monica School – Weekly News

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ONE MINUTE CATECHISM

The One Minute Catechism: The Eucharist - Part IV (CCC 1322-1419) We have been discussing the four elements of the Eucharistic Liturgy. To recap, the first two elements are the Introductory Rites and the Liturgy of the Word. The third element is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, which includes Preparation of the Gifts, the Eucharistic Prayer, and the Communion Rite. The Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of the Eucharistic Liturgy. It begins with thanksgiving (expressed especially in the Preface). In this prayer, we thank God the Father, through Christ in the Holy Spirit, for His gifts of creation, salvation, and sanctification. We then all recite the Acclamation where we join with the angels and saints in singing or saying the Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus). We then kneel.

The priest, acting in the person of Christ, says the Epiclesis (Invocation) and implores the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine offered by human hands into Christ's Body and Blood. The priest extends his hands over the bread and wine. In many churches, the altar server will briefly ring the bells to signal to the congregation the importance of the Epiclesis and the need to give one's revenant attention to the altar. The priest then recites the Institution Narrative and performs the Consecration. The priest repeats Jesus' words at the Last Supper over the bread and wine. The power of the words, the action of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit then make Christ's Body and Blood sacramentally present in the bread and wine. In other words, the substance of bread is changed into Christ's body and the substance of the wine is changed into Christ's blood. This "transubstantiation" is absolutely awe inspiring to contemplate.

We believe that Christ is truly and "substantially present" in the Eucharist. Sometimes this phrase confuses people. We do not mean "substantially" in the sense of "mostly" like when we say something is "substantially complete." Rather, we mean "wholly and completely." In other words, the actual substance of the Eucharist is now fully Christ, even as the outward appearance remains the same.

Reflect: *The sinner in his pride prefers his own will to the will of God. -- Fr. Cajetan Mary Da Bergamo*

Pray: *O Lord, increase our faith.*

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Reinvent Your Advent This Year

So often the season of Advent gets lost in the busyness of preparing for Christmas. Don't let it happen this year. Let's reinvent Advent together at Firstfruits Women's Center in Elm Grove. On the four Mondays in Advent, join us for prayer and an opportunity to unleash your creativity. Each week features an art project that you can give as a gift to someone on your Christmas list or keep for yourself as a reminder of how you have taken the time to reinvent your Advent this year.

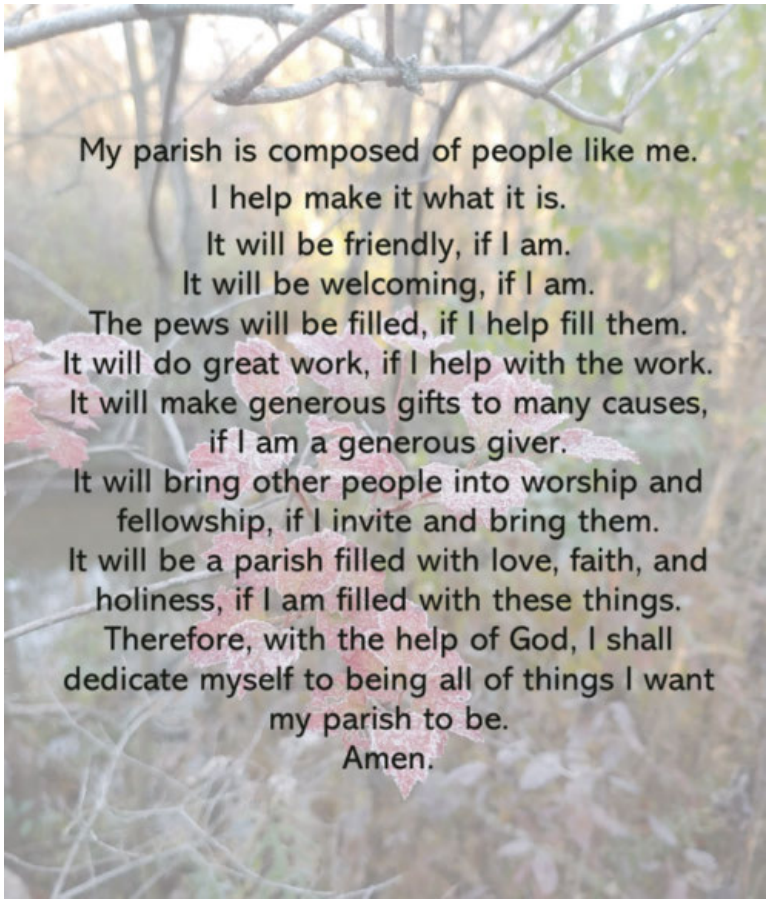
Check out our website for details and to register: firstfruits.info/events

SANDWICH SATURDAY, NOV 20TH, 2021, 9AM-10AM

We will be making sandwiches in St. Eugene Mackin Hall. (Please use west entrance).

We will need donations of bread, lunch meat, cheese slices to make the sandwiches.

If you are unable to participate in sandwich making, we will continue to accept donations of sandwich making supplies, all non perishable food items and toiletries to benefit Hope House.



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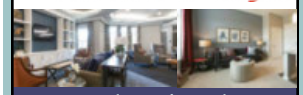

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