



Holy Angels Parish

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NOVEMBER 29, 2020 • FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Rosary - one half hour prior to Mass times

Weekday Masses

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM

Rosary: Monday-Thursday Following 8:00 AM Mass

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

RCIA

Adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic faith, call the Parish Office at 254-0679.

Baptisms

Appointment only after parents have attended required classes. Parents must be registered and active members of Holy Angels Parish for at least 3 months.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 PM, or by appointment.

Communion for the Homebound

Contact Parish Office at 254-0679.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Registration and active membership at Holy Angels Parish are required, plus attendance at an engaged encounter weekend or a pre-cana conference. No wedding later than 2:00 PM on Saturday.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Parish Office at 254-0679.

Funerals

Arrangements are to be made directly through the funeral home. Funeral liturgies are 10:00 AM.



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November 29, 2020 - First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30	
8:00 A.M.	Sam Pellegrino
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1	
8:00 A.M.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2	
8:00 A.M.	Sanctity of Life
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3	
8:00 A.M.	Anthony Stassi
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4	
8:00 A.M.	No Mass
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5	
4:30 P.M.	Madeline "Pandy" Ray
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6	
8:00 A.M.	Jim Moses
10:30 A.M.	For The Parishioners

ROSARY LEADERS SATURDAY & SUNDAY DECEMBER 5-6, 2020

4:00 P.M.	Dolores Murphy
7:30 A.M.	Linda Miller
10:00 A.M.	Jackie Konegni

In an effort to eliminate the need to clean the sanctuary following each Mass, the rosary will be led from the pews. Thank you.



Reconciliation

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th 3:00 - 4:00 PM



WEEKLY ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 7AM

Wednesday -
Following 8:00 AM Mass
Until Benediction - 10:00 AM

PRAY FOR ...

Please pray for the following parishioners who are ill at home and in need of our constant prayers:

Rhonda Bowman, Michael Carmody, Carrol Carr, Nina Giardina, Carol Gear, Shirley Hanneken, Gloria Hoormann, Doris Johnessee, Cynthia Moore, Marilyn Romani, Harold Simburger and Eileen Simonds.

Please pray for them and for all the sick.

MASSES ON FACEBOOK LIVE

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Rest in Peace

Please remember in your Masses and prayers the repose of the soul of

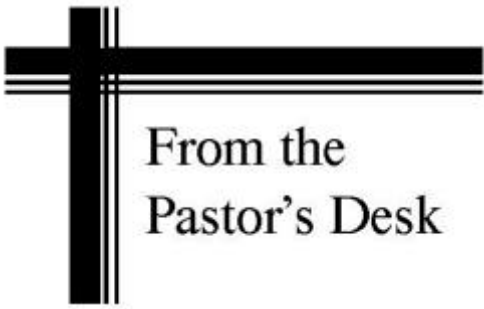
Mrs. Mary Ann Helmich, sister-in-law of Dorothy Krome. Mrs. Helmich passed away on Saturday, November 14th.

Mrs. Mary Fowler, whose graveside services were held at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Glen Carbon on Friday, November 20.

Mrs. Judith Walker, sister of Linda (Matt) Gernigin and sister-in-law of Virginia (Walter) Rushton. Mrs. Walker's funeral services were held on Friday, November 20.

Mr. Laurence Gallacci, brother of Jim (Angie) Gallacci. Mr. Gallacci's Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, November 27 at Holy Angels Parish.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

We begin again. Happy New Year! The new Church year has begun. But there is no drastic break from the last year, one flows into the other. Last week, the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, we commemorated the Solemnity of Christ the King. On that day we celebrated the fullness of the kingdom as Christ takes his place on the heavenly throne. We long for the time when we will be seated at that celestial banquet.

As Advent begins we continue to look to the coming kingdom. Our gaze is toward the future. Mark's Gospel tells us today, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." But as the season continues we read stories about the first coming of Christ long ago. We look to the past. All the while we are living in the present and we are called to recognize the coming of Christ in this moment. Advent, the comings of Christ: past, present, and future, are celebrated during this season.

We remember with great gratitude the fulfillment of the ancient promise to send a savior. The people of the Old Testament waited a long time. But they kept the hope alive. We look forward with great anticipation for the new promise to be fulfilled. Jesus promised he would come again in glory at the end of time to bring the fullness of the kingdom. We, the people of the New Testament, have also waited a long time. But we, too, keep the hope alive. As we remember and we wait we are encouraged by Christ's coming today in Word and in Sacrament. Each day we look for his coming in our daily lives. We experience him especially when we hear the Word proclaimed and receive him in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We remember, we celebrate, and we believe. During the days of Advent we come to know his coming in History, in Mystery, and in Majesty.

Mass this Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, will be at 9:00 AM. However, I will not be here. The Oblates from St. Mary's will be here to celebrate Mass. I normally would leave after Mass on Thanksgiving morning to drive 4 hours to Kankakee with Marianne and Paul. Then I would stay overnight, driving back on Friday or Saturday. However, I have a funeral on Friday morning. So I will drive to Kankakee on Wednesday, have an earlier dinner on Thursday, and drive back Thursday evening. An eight hour round trip

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seemed like a little too much, even for me. The brewery where my sister, brother-in-law, and I normally spend the morning after Thanksgiving for biscuits and gravy and the newly tapped stout beer, will not be serving. 2020 strikes again!

Next Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, due to Covid-19, the dispensation from obligation given by Bishop Paprocki still applies. We will be having Mass on Tuesday December 8th at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

In Christ,

Fr. Don



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THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



IN LOVING MEMORY:

The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** which was lit on Sunday, November 22 was offered by the Vinyard Family in loving memory of Maurice and Shirley's daughter **KRISSY LITTLE**. Krissy's birthday was November 26.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER,
O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON HER. AMEN.**

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

1506-1552

Patron Saint of Foreign Missions

Feast Day December 3

Today's great missionary knelt on the floor next to Saint Ignatius Loyola and five other men in a church on Montmartre overlooking Paris in 1534 and took private vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to the Pope. It was the start of the Jesuits. Francis Xavier would be ordained a priest three years later in Venice and, in 1540, would sail from Lisbon, Portugal, to India, never to return. The thirteen-month sea journey was brutal, but Francis was as tough as bark. He held his own with all the sailors, slaves, and criminals on board who were seeking to start anew for reasons noble and otherwise. When Francis arrived in Goa, India, he and his two confreres found a Portuguese settlement about thirty years old. As was sadly typical, the greatest hindrance to the success of Spanish, Portuguese, and French missionaries was their own countrymen. Slave traders, merchants, pirates, nobles, and crown officials gave a contrary Christian witness, which undercut the priests' own teaching and example. It was said that when the Portuguese whipped their servants, they counted the lashes on their rosary beads.

Francis' first goal was to evangelize the settlers. He preached, taught, heard confessions, and encouraged the Portuguese to live their baptismal faith if they harbored any hope of winning India for Christ. After working among his own for a few years establishing the basic structures of an organized church, including a seminary, Francis went on the first of his incessant voyages, the sub-missions inside of his greater mission to Asia. Among the people of the islands near modern-day Sri Lanka, Francis slept on the dirt like they did. He ate rice and drank water like they did. He put the Our Father and Hail Mary to music and so made these prayers easier to remember. He became a father to a humble people and baptized so many thousands that helpers had to hold up his arm to continue his sacramental work. That very arm is found today in a reliquary in the Jesuit's mother church in Rome, the Gesù, near the tomb of Saint Ignatius Loyola.

Francis used Goa as his base as he departed on one missionary journey after another among the islands off of Southeast Asia. He wrote letters to Ignatius and to the King of Portugal describing his labors and plans, bemoaning the lack of priests and the unethical behavior of his fellow Europeans. On one journey, he heard of an archipelago that no European had yet entered. It was Japan. Francis started to plan and, in 1549, he was the first missionary to plant his foot into the soil of the Land of the Rising Sun. The work was difficult. As so many Europeans noted, Japanese culture was fundamentally unlike other Asian cultures. The Japanese were intellectually sophisticated, sensitive to slights, honora-

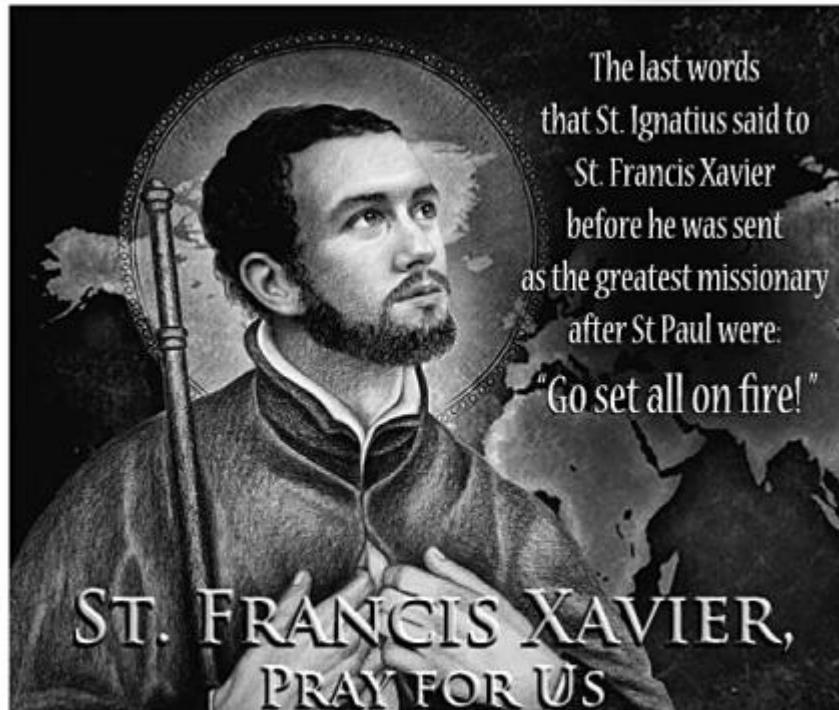
ble, open to reason, and naturally inquisitive. But the language was impenetrable, the leaders often hostile, and the monks welcoming only until they realized that Francis' religion was a rival to their own. An expert missionary, Francis had to create a neologism adapted from Latin - Deusu - to convey the Christian concept of the word God. No equivalent existed in Japanese.

After little visible success in Japan, Francis had further adventures on land and sea before he embarked on a

plan to enter the vast and forbidden territory of China. But it was not to be. On December 2, 1552, Francis Xavier died of fever at the age of forty-six on a small island a few miles distant from the shores of mainland China. Like Moses, he died seeing the promised land but never entered it. Francis was buried in a shallow grave in the sand as four people looked on. His body was covered with lime in case anyone wanted to recover it later. They did. This Apostle to the Indies and Japan was canonized in 1622 and is considered the Church's greatest missionary after Saint Paul. His body is largely incorrupt and rests in a glass coffin in a church in Goa, India.

Saint Francis Xavier, your indefatigable journeying to spread the Gospel inspired generations of missionaries. May your legacy of generosity and vigor continue in us as we convert others through our own witness of virtue, work, and charity for all.

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**WOOD RIVER
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9th
7:00 PM**

The Wood River Knights of Columbus meeting for Nov/Dec will be held Wednesday December 9th at 7:00 PM. This change is due to conflicts with scheduled meetings being near Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN
THROUGH DECEMBER 7**

The Wood River Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual "Coats for Kids" drive. This program enables the Knights to purchase boxes of fine quality new coats at a greatly reduced price. These coats are then donated to local needy children. These coats have no markings to show they are donated. Any ministry donation is accepted and as little as \$25 will purchase a fine new coat for a deserving child. You may place a donation in a sealed envelope marked "K of C Coats for Kids" and place it in the collection basket. Checks may be made payable to Wood River Knights of Columbus. **Donations must be received by Monday, December 7th.**

On behalf of these children, their families and the Wood River Knights of Columbus, we thank you.

"TOOTSIE ROLL" DRIVE THANK YOU

Thanks to all who donated to the Annual Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll" drive for those with Intellectual Disabilities.

Special thanks to the local businesses who donated, especially Don Beasley of Beasley's Convenience Store, Wood River, who matched every dollar collected at his store. We were able to raise over \$3500 even in this time of Covid. Thanks to all Brother Knights and family and friends who wore masks and gloves out there collecting. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. This money helps better and enrich the lives of those with Intellectual Disabilities. God Bless!

Thank you,
Jeff Lister
Grand Knight

Readings for the Week of November 29, 2020

- Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/
1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
- Monday: Rom 10:9-18/
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/
Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]
Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/
2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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RETURN TO MASS PLAN

Returning to Holy Angels' normal mass schedule


PARISHIONERS FROM DIFFERENT
HOUSEHOLDS MUST SIT 6 FEET APART
Every other pew will be closed off.

WE ASK THAT YOU WEAR MASKS AND
USE HAND SANITIZER UPON ARRIVAL
Hand sanitizer is available at all entrances, and you may remove
your mask once you have socially distanced in your pew. Cleaning
crews will disinfect the church before each mass.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED

HYMNALS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
Only the Cantor will sing to reduce airborne particles.

NOT READY TO RETURN?
That is okay! The temporary dispensation is still in place. We
will continue streaming 10:30 mass and offering small group
communion services at noon.



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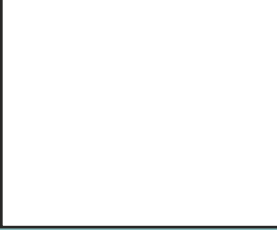
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