

November 14, 2021



“HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY, BUT MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY.” - MK 13:31

33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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CHURCH OF THE  
**BLESSED Sacrament**

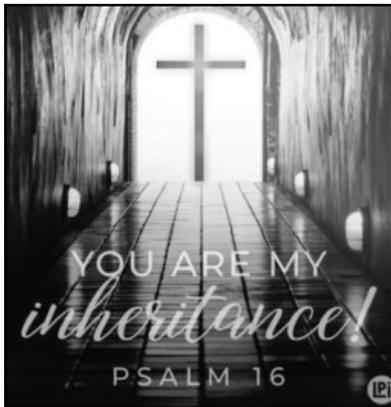
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Mass Times: Saturday Anticipatory: 4 pm Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am Daily, T-F 8:30am

## Church of the Blessed Sacrament

### You Can Always Find Hope

On Thanksgiving Day, I decided to attend Mass. It had only been a few months since returning to the Church after an extended absence; however, I would not classify participation before the break as faithful. I thought it made perfect sense to attend the celebration of the Eucharist, whose very meaning is — thanksgiving. Unaware of the liturgical calendar, I went expecting joyful readings about gratitude and, well, thanksgiving. However, that is not what I heard, not even close. Hello, doom and gloom!

The liturgical calendar spans from the First Sunday of Advent to the Solemnity of Christ the King. I have discovered the alignment of the end of the liturgical calendar with readings focused on the end times. At first glance, the weeks' readings leading up to Advent become foreboding, ominous, and even a little depressing. One has to search really hard to find the hope, but it is there. Thanks to the Resurrection, one can always find hope!



While Daniel sets up the doom, the Responsorial Psalm dispels the gloom. Here we find the words, "I set the LORD ever before me; with Him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed." Then, the author of Hebrews records, "For by one offering He has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated." Once, for all. Alleluia, what could be more hopeful than that!

Fast forward many years after that eye-opening Thanksgiving Mass, my life relationship with the Lord and the Church has grown significantly. This winding down of both calendars has become my chosen time to consecrate myself to Jesus through Mary using St. Louis de Montfort's Total Consecration method. I love preparing for the coming of Christmas by devoting time to the scriptures, Marian prayers, and spiritual reading. I tend to get caught up in the secularism of the holidays, hence my assuming the "Thanksgiving" themed Mass!

Soon we'll be entering the season of Advent, a time to prepare for the coming of Christ, not just in remembrance of His first coming in the Feast of His Nativity but also in the understanding He will come again. We need to prepare our hearts and homes not only for our company (yeah, finally!) but for the greatest guest of all: Christ.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus explains what to expect when He returns — "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." Furthermore, it reminds us to heed these warnings, so we are not caught unaware. To remember, though heaven and earth pass away — His words, His teaching, He, Himself, does not. Be alert, be prepared. Although we know not the hour, every year, the Church provides us a time to pause, reflect, and prepare with the cycle of the liturgies and the great devotions of our faith. From the darkness comes a great light. As

we pass from Advent to Christmas, let us enjoy the celebrations, careful not to leave Jesus out of them, and most importantly, ready our homes and our hearts to receive Him.

*Allison Gingras*

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## IN LOVING MEMORY

The month of November has traditionally been a time to reflect upon the mystery of Christian death and to remember those who have gone before us. During the month of October, we were encouraged to write in our "Book of Life" the names of all family members, friends and parishioners who had died, whether long ago or recently. Let us all offer prayers and sacrifices in remembrance of those we have lost for the holy repose of their souls. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

**Thursday, December 2  
6:30 pm**

## Wine Tasting

Appetizers and desserts, too  
Presentation by Marv Koppen of  
Party Time Liquors  
Please RSVP by November 29  
Free will offering  
Adults 21 and older are invited.

Hosted by Women's Club

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**FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**



**Veterans in Need**  
*Every Third Saturday*, a Veterans' support organization, located near the VA Hospital, is in desperate need of gently used winter clothing. Boots, hats, gloves, winter underwear, jeans, shirts, colored T-shirts, sweats (tops and bottoms XL or XXL),

shoes, diabetic socks, peroxide, liquid hand soap, mouthwash, sewing kits, muscle ointment, hand lotion, foot and body powder, Q-tips, baby wipes and Chapstick. This year there is also a need for men's boxers 2XL-3XL and T's 2XL-5XL and women's briefs M-XL. Laundered items may be left in the Veterans' Donation Box in the corner of the Gathering Space. Expect blessings!

**Rectory Thermostat**

Thank you to Mark Coleman who came to our rescue and replaced the thermostat in the Rectory. We know that Father will stay warm this winter season thanks to your efforts!

**SOCIAL CONCERNS FOR NOVEMBER**

**Kentucky Giving 2021**

This year's program for the annual giving to the community in Kentucky is going to continue looking a little different. We will be dedicating our Social Concerns' Collection for November so that we can send funds to Kentucky instead of you shopping for gifts. Our collection will be next weekend or just note "Kentucky Tree" on the memo line of any donation you wish to make to this cause throughout the month. Expect blessings!



**Holiday Pie Sale**

Samples available after all weekend Masses, November 13 & 14  
 Have a taste, then buy a bunch!!



Take home wonderful "thaw and serve" pies or complete an order form for later pick up!  
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**ADORATION CHAPEL NEWS**

*How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment. Saint John Chrysostom*

We are still working at expanding our hours of Adoration. Please contact us if you feel called to devote an hour a week to spend with the Lord. We are always in need of prayer partners with a special need for a prayer partner for Fridays at 9 pm. Please call Kathy at 651-247-5185 or the parish office, if you are interested.



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**S** **BAPTISM** - Participation in the Baptism preparation program is a prerequisite for Baptism. Schedule with the Parish Office.  
**A** **RECONCILIATION**— Saturday 3:00-3:45pm; after 8:30 am Mass on Friday  
**C** or by appointment on other days  
**R** **MATRIMONY**- Make arrangements with the pastor at least six months before the date.  
**A** **ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - Please call the parish office if you or a family member is going to be hospitalized. Also, if you are home-bound and wish to receive the Eucharist or a friendly visit, please call the parish office.  
**M** **LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE**- Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

- P**  
**R** • Blessed Sacrament Adoration, M-F, Please see signage for hours.  
**A** • The Rosary is said just prior to all weekend Masses.  
**Y**

**Sunday, November 14**

*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32  
 8:30am Parish Mass  
 11am Katrin Reintop

**Monday, November 15**

*Weekday/Saint Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday, November 16**

*Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin*  
 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10  
 † Bernard Bearth

**Wednesday, November 17**

*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*  
 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28  
 † Art Heutmayer Family

**Thursday, November 18**

*The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles/ St Rose Duchesne, Virgin*  
 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44  
 † Leonor Gonzales

**Friday, November 19**

*Weekday*  
 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48  
 † Al & Joan Bierwerth

**Saturday, November 20**

*Weekday/BVM*  
 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40 (Morning Readings)  
 4pm † Huey Henriksen

**Sunday, November 21**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
 Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37  
 8:30am † Barbara Luna  
 11am Parish Mass

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## Church of the Blessed Sacrament

### SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

November 14—November 21

- Sun, Nov 14:** Pie Sampling after both Masses  
9:45am Faith Formation Classes
- Mon, Nov 15:** 6:30-7:30 Movement & Christian Meditation
- Tues, Nov 16:** 9:30-11:00am CGS  
Noon— 55 Club Luncheon  
6:30pm Adorer Function
- Wed, Nov 17:** Young at Heart after Mass
- Sat, Nov 20:** Second Collection for the Kentucky Tree
- Sun, Nov 21:** Second Collection for the Kentucky Tree  
9:30-10:45am Coffee & Donuts  
9:45am Faith Formation Classes  
Noon-2:00pm Advent Decorating

## FINANCE

### Gifts of Treasure

November 6/7, 2021

Sunday Envelopes & Plate	\$ 7,135.00
All Saints' Day:	\$ 140.00
All Souls' Day:	\$ 115.00
Kentucky Tree:	\$ 195.00
<u>Additional Operations &amp; Other:</u>	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,785.00</b>

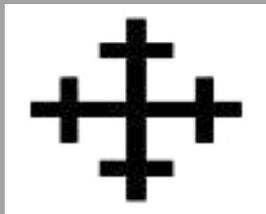


#### **Bishop Andrew Cozzens is named the new Bishop for the Diocese of Crookston.**

His installation as the eighth bishop of Crookston will take place December 6, at 1 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston.

A Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Cozzens will be held Sunday, November 28, 12 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, with a reception following for people to greet him from 1-4 p.m.

Our **Evangelization Team** wants to make sure you know of our Lord's promise to St. Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament: "Souls that say this chaplet (of Divine Mercy) will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death."



Prayer cards are on the table to take. Look for a new message from St. Faustina's Diary weekly.

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FAITH FORMATION: PEEK AT THE WEEK

Families are taking back their Sundays by placing God first at Holy Mass and participating in Faith Formation classes. We are inspired!

Last Sunday we held a Parent/Child meeting for those students preparing for First Reconciliation. We talked about this beautiful Sacrament as a gift from God where we meet Jesus and restore our relationship with Him and with others. Parents heard about the role they play in raising children with a Catholic identity and worldview. Also last Sunday, some students worked in the atrium and Father Benny met with Confirmation candidates. We strive to guide our kids in following the Good Shepherd. We are empowered!

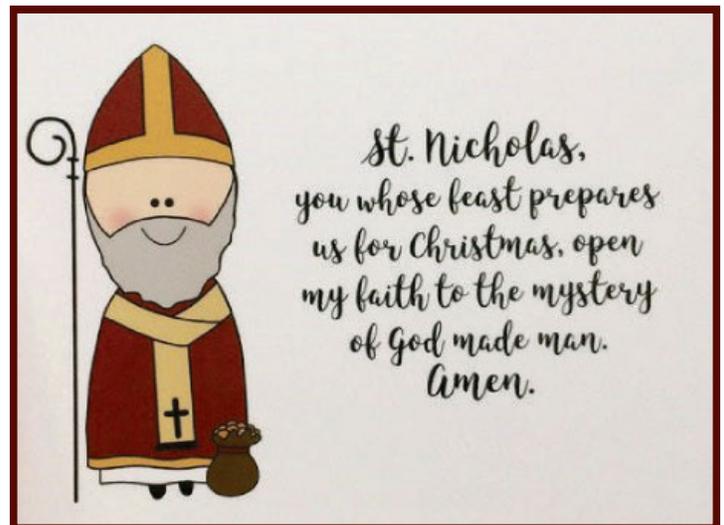
Each of us in the parish has a unique mission and God equips us for what He calls us to do (as an E Team member reflected on last week.) Some of us work very directly with the youth, helping them to learn the truths of the faith. Arguably, all of us impact our youth by living our vibrant Catholic life at Mass, parish activities, and community events. We are Blessed Sacrament!

#### Saint Nicholas Celebration

Join us on Sunday morning, December 5 for a small celebration to celebrate the Feast of Saint Nicholas, from 9:30-9:45am.

We will have treats, a story, and a special visit!

All children are welcomed!



# BINGO

## Turkey Bingo

Saturday, November 20

5:00pm \$10 to play all night

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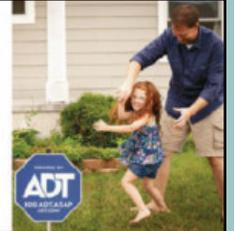


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