

St. James the Greater

Where All are Welcome

Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time † November 7, 2021

We honor those from St. James who have died in the last 12 months

Charles Martenson

Nancy Jo O'Connell

Patricia Johnson

Richard Crisp

James Connolly

Theresa Maenner

Robert Flynn

Alan "Tom" Roach

Shirley Brindle

Mark Brantner

Enid Cota

Yvonne Brown

Maxwell Bawden

Gerald Burr

Steven Lange

Ronald Czubakowski

Victor Bachmeier

Peter Castner

Gerald Fisher

James Metz

Thomas Robertson

Barbara Pike

Carolyn Meider

Marge Wendt

Gretchen Seidling

Mary Lou Nowak

Gary Streveler

Jeanne "Marie" Kneer

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Ronald Wampler

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Charles Zabrowski

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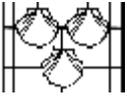
Patricia Faast

Elaine Lambrecht

Rosina Treacy

Mary "Cass" Lamb

Loretta Stoltz



Message from Fr. Tom

This weekend we offer a special welcome to anyone who comes to mass from out of town specifically to be part of one of our masses and to remember a family member who died in the past year. We do this each year on the weekend after All Souls Day, November 2. For some people it is hard to come into church and light a candle for their loved one, while others would travel many miles to do so because it is so important to them. I'm so touched when they do come. Especially during these months of Covid, I sometimes forget that people who died have in fact died, because there are so many of our people whom I have missed seeing. So, this weekend will be an important one to treasure in my heart all the good folks whose souls we have commended to God in the past twelve months.

I write this on Tuesday evening, All Souls Day, or as it is officially known these days, "The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed." It was a happy coincidence that this commemoration fell on a Tuesday because that is our most highly attended weekday mass, since many people come not only for mass but to stay for the Exposition of the Eucharist, a Rosary, and Benediction. During the preceding mass, I spoke of All Souls Day as a time to pray for our dead, and then we had the opportunity to do this together in front of the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus, who hold us all together, living and dead. Again, I thank the PCCW for getting this week time of prayer organized.

Speaking of Eucharistic Adoration, I was so impressed by one of our Confirmation students with whom I had a conversation last week. I asked her when she felt close to God and she named three very different circumstances: when a prayer was answered right on the spot one day, when someone chose her to be a Godparent for a baby, and when she prays in various ways in front of the Blessed Sacrament. I really admired how in this frenzied, over-stimulated world of smartphones she was still able to appreciate time of focused silence. During these days when we remember the faithful departed, it was refreshing to be with the faithful up-and-coming!

Getting back to All Souls Day, though, I have been pondering the paradox I have come to embrace that I should pray for the dead, even as I trust they are with God in heaven. I'm not saying this is the way it should be for everyone, but that's been my experience lately. Going to heaven is not something we should just assume happens to everyone, and yet I think it's OK to trust that our loved ones are with God in heaven. There's a difference between taking something for granted and trusting that it is so. Trusting still gives all the credit to God, and his Son, our Savior, Jesus, for breaking the chains of death and opening the way to heaven. I think of that line of Jesus': "Who among you would give your son a snake when he asks for a fish, or a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you, who are wicked, know how to give good things to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him." So, I think, if we want our loved ones to go to heaven so badly, how much more does God—and God has the power to make it happen! And of course the story of the Prodigal Son gives me great confidence in the unending mercy of God. Still, there are plenty of other Jesus stories/parables that spell disaster for the unfaithful. This I'm pretty sure of: We are called to be faith-filled, and love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and love our neighbors as ourselves—this is the way to share in God's Kingdom even now. My prayer is that even for those who have done this imperfectly, God's mercy will prevail. I trust that, but I don't assume it. I both trust my dad is with God and pray that it is so.

Mrs. Welke's 4th graders did an excellent job teaching our entire school community about saints this week. It climaxed at All Saints Day Mass when they all dressed in costume and shared a bit about their saints, and then they walked through the other classrooms giving reports about their saints. It's neat to see our smallest ones look up to our 4th graders as models of faith and goodness. Julien was dressed so much like Saint Pope John Paul II that I told him, "If you were wearing a ring on your finger, I'd kiss it!"

If you were lucky or smart enough to get a ticket for this weekend's homemade ravioli, *buon appetito*! If you were not, there always next time. I wish you all the experience of the Love of God that will help you be the Love of God for others this week. Peace.

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November 7, 2021, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

Music Musings: It is so important to keep in mind that sometimes, we forget to show or GIVE our LOVE for God. HOWEVER, God has endless love for us regardless!! "Endless is Our Love" with the text: "You know my heart. You know my mind. You know my words long before I speak them. There is no place that I can hide. Endless is your love for us." We as people of St. James, have Christ present in each of us. With his strength and love, we can do so much good! Please continue DOING – Please take this with you as you move through the weeks of Covid, find strength in the WORD and MUSIC
Submitted by Mary Kolstad

Food Service Employees Needed

Calling all stay-at-home parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and friends! Are you or someone you know looking for a part-time employment opportunity within our schools? Our Regis Catholic Schools Food Service program is currently looking for kind and dependable people who are willing to work a few hours each day. We currently have 2 opportunities available. If you, or anyone you know is interested, please contact Teresa Culbert, Director of Food Service, at (715) 832-4623 or at tculbert@RegisCatholicSchools.com.

Head Cook at Immaculate Conception Elementary School: This position works 5-6 hours per day when school is in session. **Assistant/Float Cook:** This position works approximately 15 hours per week. Primary responsibilities will be at Regis but you may be asked to work at other locations as needed.

Habitat for Humanity

Stay tuned for working/renovating information by emailing kolstadmary@gmail.com or call Mary Kolstad 715-577-6678 OR go to: [Chippewa Valley Habitat for Humanity \(cvh4h.org\)](http://ChippewaValleyHabitatforHumanity.org) I will put you on the active helpers list in order to receive the weekly schedule of times and where they will be working. Right now, work is at a standstill waiting for products and need for sub-contracted electricians and plumbing. STAY tuned!!

Coat Drive Results

Wow St. James. The coat drive was such a smashing success. Chippewa Valley Street Ministry took a van full of warm winter coats to hand out to the homeless that they see on the streets. And Laurie Osberg took a van full of coats to take to the Afghan refugees! Your generosity is helping a lot of people in need, particularly these cold days. Thank you all.

Baby Shower

Nov. 15! Eau Claire Catholic Women's group is having a Baby Shower at St. Mary's Church Library in Altoona at 1:00 PM. Come support Catholic Charities and the young mothers of our area by bringing un-wrapped diapers, pull-ups, wipes, clothing, toys, books, blankets, soaps, lotions, and maybe even a little something for mom. Everyone is welcome to come and participate in this event. Coffee and desserts will be provided at no charge!

Care Packages! St. James is going to send care packages to our college freshmen this November. Confirmation students will put them together with positive messages and they'll get mailed off before the students have finals! If you would like to sponsor a care package, please send your donation into church or donate on-line on the website. THANKS!

Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Tuesday Nov. 9. if you have any parish concerns or feedback, please contact a member of the council, who will share it with the group. A list of council members is posted on the bulletin board the left of the school entrance

Scandinavian Bake Sale

Because of Covid, PCCW members have not be able to hold their wonderful fundraising bake sale we normally hold at Christmas time. Instead members are going to hold a virtual bake sale of Scandinavian treats, with a limited selection available for pre-order. We will be taking orders for rosettes, krumkake, sandbakkels, and pizzelles. Prices are \$11 a dozen or \$1 for individual cookies.



All orders must be placed by Friday, December 3. Pick up day is after all of the masses December 11-12, until 1 PM, under the canopy by the Gathering Space. The dozen can be a mixture of the 4 choices or just one kind. We will package in dozens unless other instructions are given. We can also make gift packages. Order forms are available online, at the parish office, and in the back of church. Payment should be made at the time of ordering. Make checks out to St. James PCCW. Orders can be returned to the parish office. Any questions, please call Connie Bushman, co-chair of the bake sale. 715.429.0703

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. James

With Good Shepherd. Tuesday November 23, 6:30 PM

Immaculate Conception Jubilee Fall Festival and Dinner Sunday Nov. 14

Festival 9 AM—3 PM. Raffles, wine tasting, white elephant sale, silent auction, entertainment
Dinner 11 AM—1:30 PM: pork loin, rice pilaf, oven roasted chicken, home baked pies, and more. Adults \$12, Children 6-12 \$5. All takeouts \$12.

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Mass Intentions & Schedule

Weekday masses are at 9 :00 AM Tuesday-Friday.

Wednesdays are school masses.

Rosary and Adoration are available after the Tuesday Mass until 10:30 AM.

Sat.	Nov. 06	4:30 PM	Jim and LaVonne Kelley
Sun.	Nov. 07	8:00 AM	Jim Connolly
		10:00 AM	People of St. James
Tue.	Nov. 09		Carl Robelia
Wed.	Nov. 10		Fr. Al Sonnberger
Thu.	Nov. 11		Harry Bechel
Fri.	Nov. 12		Helen Hanford
Sat.	Nov. 13	4:30 PM	Ed and Gert Menard
Sun.	Nov. 14	8:00 AM	Deceased members of the PCCW
		10:00 AM	People of St. James
		NOON	(Mass on the Grass) World Peace

St. James Elementary for November:

Tuesday, Nov. 16: Lifetouch School Pictures - Retakes

Tuesday, Nov. 16: Jeans for Jesus - Toys for Tots

Friday, Nov. 19: Kindergarten & 1st Grade Hearing Screening

Wednesday, Nov. 24-26: No School - Thanksgiving Break

Card-Making Party

A group is meeting to create 90 cards on Nov. 8 at 9 AM in the Gathering Space. These cards used in the PCCW Poinsettia project—giving a poinsettia to the homebound and elderly in the parish. If you would like to help make cards for this worthwhile project, contact Carol Murray at 715-292-8272

Sermon on the Amount

October 24, 2021

Sunday Adult Envelopes (104)	\$7,442.00
2020 same week (87)	\$6,778.00
Students	\$2.00
Plate	<u>\$142.00</u>
Total	\$7,586.00

Year to date Adult Env./CPL Income through Sept. 30, 2021:

Actual (July 1-Sept. 30) \$162,534.00

Budgeted (July 1-Sept. 30) \$163,483.29

Long term maintenance & facilities improvement fund and Past*Present*Future Campaign income for Oct. 24 was \$255.00 for a total since July 1, 2021 of \$10,245.00.

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Bulletin deadlines: end of day Mondays.



Trunk or Treat 2021!
Thanks to all who organized and all who participated!



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