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**Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2020**

**ALL SAINTS DAY**



**ALL SAINTS**



"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:12a

"Alégrense y salten de contento, porque su premio será grande en los cielos". - Mt 5, 12

**ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT**

"Our vision is to see Christ in others and to treat others as Christ, because this is what we believe." As a Catholic community, we gather and celebrate the presence of Christ in sacrifice and sacrament. "Our mission is to support our community by meeting the spiritual, faith formation and other needs of our parishioners."

**Welcome!** *It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for the day, we pray God's blessings on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please join us at the beginning of each mass before the opening song to pray three "Hail Mary's" and a "Glory Be" to end abortion in our country.*

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*Please call the office or Fr. Lazarus prior to visiting the staff so we may assist you best.*

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### *Musings From The Pastor.*

This year the Solemnity of All Saints falls on Sunday; this is good because majority of us will be able to participate in this celebration than if it was during other days of the week.

The day before All Saints is called Halloween in the secular world. The name is Christian. Halloween means the Eve of All Hallows (All Hallows Eve), the Eve of All Saints, but that is the only Christian element in it. All the rest that accompanies Halloween is of pagan origin so it goes back to the time before Christianity. It was a pagan Celtic feast. They believed that after sunset on Samhain, which we now called Halloween, the spirits of the dead and evil spirits roamed the skies seeking to harm humans, especially if the dead had been harmed by them.

To protect themselves people disguised themselves by dressing up in costumes and carried lights inside in turnips. In order to turn a pagan feast into a Christian feast, the Church placed the feast of All Saints on November 1<sup>st</sup>, to coincide with the pagan celebration.

Children have fun on Halloween now but it would be a pity if children did not know the Christian feast at this time, the feast of All Saints. So if your children are celebrating Halloween and know nothing about All Saints, please explain All Saints to them. We are Christians now, so let us not celebrate as pagans. The Church has tried to turn a pagan celebration into a Christian celebration. Is the reverse happening again now? Let us celebrate All Saints.

Today is the Feast of All Saints. Some saints of the Church have a particular day on the calendar associated with them and are commonly recognized by name. Many more, though not as familiar to us, are still known by God and have been caught up with Him to glory. Today is their day, the day of the countless multitude who have made it home to glory by God's grace and by their "Amen" to the gracious call of God. Let's consider these saints under three headings, based on today's readings.

In fact, the most common way that Heaven is described is in liturgical imagery. The liturgy is a kind of "dress rehearsal" for Heaven. To those who find Mass "boring," this description can be challenging. Indeed, many people today have rather egocentric notions of Heaven. Heaven is a place where / will be happy, where / will see *my* family, where / will take leisure. / will have *my* mansion; / will no longer get sick; / can play all the golf / want, etc. Heaven is a "better place." But this better place is generally understood in very personal terms; it's a kind of "designer Heaven." But Heaven is what it is, not what we conceive it to be.

As for the real Heaven, the heart of it is being with God, looking upon His glorious face and thereby having all our inexpressible longings satisfied. In Heaven, the saints behold the glorious face of God and rejoice. It is their joy to praise Him and to rejoice in His truth, goodness, and beauty.

Note, too, both the sense of communion of the saints with God and with one another. The biblical portraits present a multitude, a vast crowd. The biblical way to understand the

multitudes in Heaven is not to envision physical crowding but rather deep communion. In other words, the Communion of Saints is not just a lot of people standing around talking or moving about.

The Gospel for this feast sets forth a kind of picture of what sanctity looks like. The beatitudes are the description of the transformed human person; they describe what happens to us as Jesus begins to live His life in us through the Holy Spirit. Therefore, today's feast of all saints does not merely point to the completed saints in Heaven, but to us who would be saints, not just someday in the future but beginning now and in increasing degree.

*Have a Blessed Week, Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.*

#### **ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE-10/09/2020**

Pledges	\$2,525.00		
Pledge Payments	\$2,325.00		
Pledge Balance	\$ 200.00	# of Donors	45
Gifts	\$19,507.00		

**Parish ADA Goal** **\$28,121.00**

**Current Amount Due/Refund Due) \$ 7,961.00**

Parish ADA Goal	\$28,121.00
-Pledges	\$ 2,525.00
-Gifts	<u>\$17,635.00</u>
Expected Shortfall (Overage)	\$ 7,961.00

#### **COVID RECOVERY COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE**

COVID Recovery Iowa offers free virtual counseling and assistance for all Iowans affected by COVID-19. Counselors available 24/7 at 1-844-775-WARM(9276). You will never be asked to share payment or health insurance information or your last name. All services are confidential.

#### **CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SW IOWA**

The Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa has released a new series of 15 minute educational webinars. These webinars will cover topics of gifts of grain, stock gifts, 529 Educational Plan and planned giving. Prior to COVID-19, these in person meetings were an hour. With COVID-19, this simply isn't possible right now, but we don't want you to miss out! So, please join them in a compressed, but informative webinar to learn more! Their website is [catholicfoundationiowa.org](http://catholicfoundationiowa.org) or call them at 515-237-5044.

#### **2020 ROYAL CHILD CHRISTMAS GALA**

Iowans for LIFE will host their 10th annual fundraising banquet on November 21st at the Hy-Vee Ron Pearson Conference Center in West Des Moines. This year's theme is a Christmas Gala, featuring top musical talent, including Gina Gedler and Tony Valdez, backed by a 20 voice choir and orchestra. In addition, you will experience a fabulous meal and hear a great pro-life talk by Bishop William Joensen. Tables of ten/\$500; \$60/seat. Order online today: [lowansforLIFE.org](http://lowansforLIFE.org).

#### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE—NOVEMBER**

November is traditionally the month in which the Church remembers Her dead, and in a special way we are invited to remember our family and friends who have died, especially those who have passed in the previous year. The book to sign your loved ones name is in the front of the church, on the right side of the altar.



**FAITH FORMATION  
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

**November Schedule:**

November 4-Faith Formation

November Lesson Parents/Students k-6

November 11<sup>th</sup>-YDisciple Session students/leaders

November 18<sup>th</sup>-Tutors available for Faith Formation for parents of k-6

November 27<sup>th</sup>-No Session-Thanksgiving Break

December 9<sup>th</sup>-YDisciple Session students/leaders

Thank you everyone who attended the October Family Formation, Confirmation and YDisciple meetings. Please pick up your November Family Formation packets in the back of church. There are videos and schedules on the St. Mary's Faith Formation website giving information about these meetings. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfaith> if you have not done so. Please sign up for Formed and YDisciple. The formed website is: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org).

I realize much is changed but these are real opportunities to improve our programs. Please know that the St. Mary's staff, volunteers, and especially myself will always be there to help!

Any questions please call Alan @ 712-303-2680. Blessings to all!

Alan Vonnahme, St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Director of Religious Education; [stmarysrodre@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysrodre@gmail.com)

**REMINDERS ABOUT CHURCH FUNCTION  
CHANGES**



If the weather changes throughout the day, a decision will be made by 5:00 p.m. and will be announced on KCSI if Faith Formation, or any other function, is cancelled, **AND** sent on Flocknote. Please remember to sign up for flocknote if you have not, so that you may stay informed of any changes. We pray all of you and your families stay safe. If you need any help please call the office.

**BOX OF JOY-DUE NOV. 5**

We have put out the information and boxes for our Annual Box of Joy drive. Every year, thousands of poor children experience a Christmas without hope. Burdened by poverty, their parents are simply too poor to provide anything but the most basic necessities. There are children who may have never held a picture book, never worn a new shirt or never owned a new toy. Be thinking what you may want to put in a box to send to a boy or girl to help give them the joy every child should experience at Christmas. Call Connie Sampers if any questions. Thank you.

**UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS-  
FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP-For Iowa Catholics-2020**

Each election cycle has unique characteristics, and this one is no exception. This time it seems to be distinguished by threats: The threat of the coronavirus pandemic  
The threat to life  
The threat to human rights and to the common good  
The threat to immigrants  
Finally, there is the threat to our democratic process.

**Readings for the week of November 1, 2020**

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a ; Solemnity of All Saints  
Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40; Comemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)  
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24; St. Martin de Porres  
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33; St. Charles Borromeo  
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10; St. Peter Chrysologus  
Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 16:1-8; St. Nicholas Tavelic  
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15; St. Didacus  
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



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Omaha Stations:  
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**BRING YOUR MASK**

If you're coming to Mass, please bring your mask. While you may not fear getting sick, it's an act of charity and love to do what we can to prevent others from getting sick. Thank you for doing all you can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
PORK LOIN DINNER-NOV. 5**

Don't forget to pick up your dinner Thursday at our drive-by Pork Loin Dinner. The menu items will be the same: pork loin on a bun, beans, and coleslaw. We are having cookies this year instead of pie, so don't forget to drop your cookies off at the church Thursday. We will provide a sealed plastic container with Kevin's surprise BBQ sauce, as well as packaged plastic eating ware. Don't forget to invite your neighbors to "join us" for dinner. Thank you again for all your generosity in helping us make this year "an event to remember"!

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

November 4-Pastoral Council Meeting  
November 3-Knights of Columbus Meeting  
November 5-Knights of Columbus Pork Loin Dinner

**Thank you to our Advertisers!**

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Saturday-November 7

Lector: Joe Nealon  
Altar Servers: Meredith Roberts  
Min. of Communion: Carrie Stamets  
Greeter/Usher: Nancy & Joe Nealon / Pete & Jolene Crawford  
Musician/Singers: Charla Schmid / Jim Kearney & Ann Ross  
Sacristan: Nancy Nealon

### Sunday-November 8

Lector: Richard Sampers  
Altar Servers: Sam Fields / Rylan Grebin  
Min. of Communion: Jeff Grebin  
Homebound: Richard & Connie Sampers  
Greeter/Usher: Bob Johnson & Joan Smith  
Musician/Singers: Charla Schmid / Kerry & Elaine Carlson  
Sacristan: Richard Sampers  
Money Counters: Kim Robinson / Connie Sampers

**A ceremony honoring the Holy Eucharist is available on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on Channel 6, WOW TV, Omaha.**

### AA MEETINGS IN CHURCH HALL

AA meetings are held in the Church Hall on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Dan Bruning                      Josh Watson  
Homebound Parishioners    Patricia Menendez  
Noe' Sanchez Flores        Len & Fran Ross  
Margarita Vasquez        Ken Steffen  
Teresa Williams



If you or someone you know would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office so that we may add their name in the bulletin

### IOWA LEGAL AID'S FARMWORKER POLICY

There is Free Legal Services for Eligible Individuals/Servicios Legales Gratuitos Para Personas Elegibles. Call 1-800-532-1275 if interested.

### RESOURCES FOR HISPANIC COMMUNITY

If you have families that have lost their employment and their source of income and they need some assistance, they can call the 211 hotline, text your zip code to 898211, or visit [www.211iowa.org](http://www.211iowa.org).

### FALL CLEAN UP DAY

Fall Clean Up is postponed until next Spring!

**BAPTISM:** Please call the office to schedule the Baptism. A class is required for first-time parents.

**RCIA:** Each Fall the parish forms a group of adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, or in leaning about the faith. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus.

**CARE OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if you would like a visit while in the hospital or Communion brought to your home.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning a wedding at St. Mary's should contact Fr. Lazarus at least 6 months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Saturday, October 31-Happy Halloween**

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Grounds
- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Red Oak-Sean Nealon+

### **Sunday, November 1-All Saints Day**

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Fr. Tom Kunnel
- 1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish-All Members of the Parish
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### **Monday, November 2-Office Closed**

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, November 3-Election Day**

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- Knights of Columbus Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA meeting

### **Wednesday, November 4**

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Ray Buman+
- Pastoral Council Meeting

### **Thursday, November 5-PORK LOIN DINNER/DRIVE THRU**

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Begins
- 5:15 p.m. Rosary
- 6:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Spanish Rosary

### **Friday, November 6**

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Ends
- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak
- 5:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### **Saturday, November 7**

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Grounds
- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Red Oak-Vera Kusleika+

### **Sunday, November 8**

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Lois Schmid+
- 1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting



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