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OCTOBER 31, 2021

• THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All Saints Day

All baptized Christians who have died and are now with God in glory are considered saints. **November 1st marks the celebration of All Saints.** All Saints Day is intended to honor the memory of countless unknown and uncanonized saints who have no feast days. However, this year this is not a Holy Day of Obligation in our country. And so, we shall celebrate All Saints Day as a regular Mass on November 1st Monday at 8:15 am. This feast is observed to teach us to honor the saints, both by imitating their lives and by seeking their intercession for us before Christ, the only mediator between God and man (1 Tm 2:5).

The Commemoration of the all the faithful departed

November 2nd marks **All Souls Day.** Mass offered October 30th will remember all the deceased of our parish over the last year. All Souls Day is a day specially set apart to remember and pray for our dear ones who have gone for their eternal reward and who are currently in a state of ongoing purification.

It is an ancient belief, because people of all religions have believed in the immortality of the soul and have prayed for the dead. The Jews, for example, believed that there was a place of temporary bondage from which the souls of the dead would receive their final release. The Jewish catechism *Talmud* states that prayers for the dead will help to bring greater rewards and blessings to them. Prayer for the souls of the departed is retained by Orthodox Jews today, who recite a prayer known as the *Mourner's Kaddish* for eleven months after the death of a loved one so that he/she may be purified.

Jesus and the apostles shared this belief and passed it on to the early Church. **"Remember us who have gone before you, in your prayers"** is a petition often found inscribed on the walls of the Roman catacombs (*Lumen Gentium-50*). The liturgies of the Mass in various rites dating from the early centuries of the Church include "Prayers for the Dead."

The early Fathers of the Church encouraged this practice. Tertullian (A.D. 160-240) wrote about the anniversary Masses for the dead, advising widows to pray for their husbands. St. Augustine remarked that he used to pray for his deceased mother, remembering her request: **"When I die, bury me anywhere you like, but remember to pray for me at the altar."** The synods of

Nicaea, Florence and Trent encouraged the offering of prayers for the dead, citing Scriptural evidence to prove that there is a place or state of purification for those who die with venial sins on their souls. According to Rev. 21:27, *"nothing unclean shall enter heaven."* Holy Scripture (Pro 24:16) also teaches that even *"the just sin seven times a day."* Since it would be contrary to the mercy of God to punish such souls with venial sins in Hell, they are seen as entering a place or state of purification, called *Purgatory*, which combines God's justice with His mercy. This teaching is also contained in the doctrine of the *Communion of Saints*.

How do we help the "holy souls"? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC #1032) recommends prayer for the dead in conjunction with the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. It also encourages *"almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead."* Let us not forget to pray for our dear departed, have Masses offered for them, visit their graves, and make daily sacrifices for them.

Rite of Commissioning Priests in our Monroe Family of Parishes

The Rite of Commissioning is a significant event in our Archdiocese of Detroit's transition to Families of Parishes. It is another milestone on our journey to renew our parishes and become a more missionary archdiocese. On October 31st, Auxiliary Bishop, Most Reverend Gerard Battersby, will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at noon and do the commissioning at St. Mary Parish. Kindly join us in the milestone celebration and continue to pray for our family of parishes.

Donut Sunday

Our parish will begin once again Coffee and Donuts on the first weekend of the month. So next weekend November 6th & 7th, we will serve Coffee & Donuts (or other sweets) immediately following all Masses. It will also be a great opportunity to visit the newly renovated kitchen, gym, new classroom and so on. Kindly make use of this opportunity to tour our campus and appreciate what we have.

Have a blessed week!

God bless you

Fr. Kishore Babu Battu SAC



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Funeral Luncheon Help Needed

With our kitchen renovation completed, we are now able to return to serving our families who have lost loved ones with a funeral luncheon.

We are in need of men and women to assist with set up, serving, and clean up.

If you could help, **even occasionally**, please contact the parish office to let us know: 734-241-8645 or parishoffice@stmichaelmonroe.com.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?



A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called “indulgences”) can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Daily Examen of Stewardship

“Stewardship” can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term “stewardship” from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. “Here’s Father asking for more money,” they groan inwardly, “Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards.”

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn’t say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the “Daily Examen” — a pious devotion wherein, at day’s end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God’s will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?

What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?

To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me? Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Historic Churches Chicago Christmas Pilgrimage

On **December 28-30**, for three days and two nights, you are welcome to join **Prayer Pilgrimages** in Chicago as we plan to tour and visit Our Lady of Sorrows, Queen of All Saints & St. Hyacinth Basilicas, Marytown National Shrine, Monastery of the Holy Cross with Evening Vespers, St. Stanislaus Kostka, St. John Cantius, St. Mary of the Angels, St. Hedwig, Holy Trinity, & St. Peter’s in the Loop Churches all especially decorated for Christmas. Daily Holy Mass and ample downtown free time also included.

Lodging at The Claridge House near Magnificent Mile. Deluxe motorcoach pickups & returns from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Center in Sterling Heights and St. Joseph Shrine in Detroit. Total cost per person, including four star hotel lodging, is \$325 (single); \$250-\$275 (double); \$225 (triple); \$210 (quad).

To reserve and/or for more information, contact: Michael Semaan at 248-250-6005 and/or please visit <https://prayerpilgrimages.com>.



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

FEAST DAY NOVEMBER 4

St. Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584) is most known for living during the time of the Protestant Reformation and helped influence reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.

Although St. Charles Borromeo belonged to nobility, he greatly desired to serve the Church. In 1559, his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV. He made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time, Charles was a simple student, but because of his intellectual qualities, he was assigned several important offices connected with the Vatican. After the death of his brother, he decided to become a priest and was ordained at age 25. Soon after he became bishop of Milan.

Quietly working behind the scenes, St. Charles Borromeo is credited with keeping the Council of Trent in session and encouraging the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after its 10-year suspension. Afterward, he devoted his time to serving in the Archdiocese of Milan.

Among his most important actions during his life, St. Charles Borromeo established seminaries, colleges, and communities for the education of candidates for holy orders. His emphasis on Catholic learning greatly increased the preparation of men for the priesthood and benefited their congregations. He died at the age of 46.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA

What does salt symbolize in the Sacrament of Baptism?

Answer is on the calendar page.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

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ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Any parishioner who has completed their First Holy Communion and are of good faith are welcome and encouraged to become an **Altar Server** at Saint Michael.

After completing an application, candidates undergo a period of training before becoming a commissioned server. During training servers will learn basic information about the Catholic Church and the Mass. Candidates will observe experienced servers and learn how to carry out specific tasks while serving at the Altar.

Training Dates AT ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:

November 1 st	2:45-4 pm	November 9 th	6-7:15 pm
November 2 nd	2:45-4 pm	November 16 th	6-7:15 pm
November 15 th	2:45-4 pm, if necessary	November 30 th	6-7:15 pm, if necessary

More information, including an application, is available on our website: www.stmichaelmonroe.com.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

Eternal Lights- Permitted November 1-30
Gather Them Home Mass- Fri, Nov. 5th at 9 AM
Vigil Luminary Walk- Sat, November 6th from 4 PM-5 PM
Vigil Luminary Drive Through- Sat, Nov. 6th from 5 PM- 7 PM

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The St. Michael Campus renovations are complete!

We are grateful to the Luella Amolsch Trust for supporting the needs of our students at the St. Michael Campus building! These renovations help ensure we offer the best environment for our students to learn and grow!



Left, the gym has been transformed into a gathering space with vinyl wood floor, sound and video-projection system, sound-managing baffles, and new LED lighting (*thank you Staelgraeve Turner Electric for the new lights!*).



Right, the old gym locker rooms and bathrooms were filled in to create a new storage area.



Left, an area of the kitchen was converted to our Early Childhood Education Office



The kitchen was expanded and updated with all components replaced, **right**.



The area that once housed the stage and former Early Childhood Education office has been converted into a state-licensed preschool classroom, large enough to hold 23 four-year-old students. The room has new windows on the front of the school building, LED lighting, a sink, and plenty of space for our students to learn. We are eagerly awaiting the final State approval to utilize the room this year!

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Monica Beeson	Sean Griffin	Parker Reau
Carolyn Bellino	Kate Herr-Maletich	Linda Rice
Lynda Billock	Rose Kavanagh	Mary Ann Soleau
Philip Bloom	Edna Kinsey	Betty Steffes
Addie Bressler	Lois Knegendorf	Wilbur Stotz
AJ Bressler	Alice LaPrad	Carol Thompson
Ruth Brown	Donna Leask	Bob Vajcner
Carol Carle	Madeline Lemerand	Alex Vanisacker
Fr Daniel Complo	Dorothy Louwsma	Alice Villarreal
Tom Cousino	Diane Mennell	Cody Wood
Keith Dean	June Neph	Diane Zarend
	Pat Orr	Mary Zubkoff

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

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Brett Bennett	Staff Sgt. Emily Marino
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Pvt. Adrien Boudreault	Sgt. William McGowan
Major Zachery Briscoe	S. Sgt. Jill (Hoffman) Miles
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SMS. Wayne Fetty	Spc. Travis Weber
Cpl Jacob Luthy	Cpt. Brian Worley, USMC
Sgt. Michael Makela	CPL Justin Zukowski

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Answer: **Wisdom**

WEDDING BANNS

Adam Hurley & Haleigh DeLisle (2)

Readings for the Week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

THIS WEEK ~ NOVEMBER 1 - 7

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

All Saints Day

Mass 8:15 am - church
Devotions 9 am - church
Altar Server Training 2:45 - 4 pm - church
RCIA 6:30 pm - St Mary Parish
Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - gym

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

All Souls' Day; Election Day

Altar Server Training 2:45 - 4 pm - church
Faith Formation 6 - 7:15 pm - St Mary Campus
Cub Scouts 6:30 pm - gym
MCES PTO Meeting 7 pm - Archangel room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

St Martin de Porres, Religious

Worship/Christian Service Mtg 6 pm - Archangel rm
Choir Practice 6:30 pm - loft
Girl Scouts 6:30 pm - gym

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Michael's Men Prayers 7 am - church
Mass 8:15 am - church
Eucharistic Adoration 9 am - 6 pm church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Blessed Virgin Mary

Confession 3:30 pm - church
Mass 5:00 pm - church
Renovation Open House with Sweets 6 pm - school

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week Daylight Savings Time Ends

Mass 8:30 am - church
Renovation Open House with donuts 9:30 am - school
Mass 10:30 am - church
Renovation Open House w/donuts 11:30 am - school

LITURGY SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 1 - 7

DAY & TIME	INTENTIONS
Monday 8:15 am	† Antonina & Antonino Mignano † Antonina & Antonino Perna † Anna Rappa
Friday 8:15 am	† Pietro Vitale † Chester & Janet Worley
Saturday 5:00 pm	† The People of St Michael
Sunday 8:30 am	† Aggie Heller † Margo Heller
10:30 am	† Ralph & David Emerick † Angela Furnari Vitale

**Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
FEATHER BINGO**

The **St Joseph, Erie**, Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Feather BINGO party:



Sunday, November 7th

Doors open at noon. BINGO starts at 1 pm.

Admission is \$26 and includes 3 cards for 60 games and 6 sheets of 4 for ham, eggs, and potatoes specials. A light lunch, door prize, raffle, and 50/50 will also be available.

All paper cards. Please bring your own dauber. Daubers will be for sale for \$1.



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

Thank you for your support!

Pantry Needs: Gravy, broth, bouillon, cream soup, stuffing mix, sweet potatoes/yams, cranberry sauce, biscuit mix, corn muffin mix, crackers, instant potatoes, and cereal.



LIVE THE LITURGY

"Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" This ancient prayer has been found on the lips of many of God's devoted servants throughout history. In its simplicity it reminds us of a timeless truth we often forget. We often worship other gods rather than the One true God and find all of our relationships distorted as a result. This One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is important that we remind ourselves often of God's primary place in our lives, lest we get distracted and sidetracked. But there is one more important piece that Jesus insists belongs with this. We must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. God's presence within each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This is at the heart of God's kingdom.

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