

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 7TH & 8TH

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-12pm

Tuesdays and Thursday: 9am-12pm and 2pm-4pm

Please call the office if you need to make an appointment outside of Office Hours.

Saturday Vigil Mass- 4:00pm

Sunday Masses— 8:30am & 11:00am

Daily Mass: 8:30am

Monday-Friday and First Saturdays

CONFESSIONS

Every Day after each Mass and by appointment (703-4066).
Please speak with Father if you would like to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Mitch Byeck (703-4066)

DeaconRoy Dibb

Parish Business ManagerSarah Jo Schmitt

Faith Formation Coord.Tracy Tremblay

Music DirectorJason Baer

Cantor/Leader of SongMolly Baer

Facility Coord. (Volunteer)Mary Ann Gabel

Maintenance (Volunteer)Roger Powenski

PARISH LAY TRUSTEES..Daniel Gabel • Bonnie Hohman

PASTORAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

ChairpersonRoger Powenski

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Vicariate Council RepresentativeMarty Ptak

Vicariate Council RepresentativeMary Richmond

PARISH MINISTRIES

Baptismal Prep FormationTina Kron

Finance CommitteeRobin Hohman

Liturgy Committee.....Annette Noto

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Compassion Ministry.....Anne Schmitz

BereavementContact Parish Office, 337-2686

PARISH HALL RENTAL: To reserve the hall for a function, please contact Mary Gattie at 337-3150.

For Information on Baptisms, Weddings, Faith Formation, Parish Registration, and other Church Activities, please call the Parish Office.

Let us remain vigilant as we await Jesus' return. Do we live each day as if we were to meet God at any moment? As Christians, we know that this life is not the end. But we must stay awake and be prepared to meet the Lord, because we do not know the day or the hour of his return.



**Mass Intentions
For the Week of November 8th
(C) Church**

Sat., Nov. 7th: *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:00pm (C) +Robert Kirst
By The Family

Sunday, Nov. 8th: *Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30am (C) +Jill Kron
By The Family
11:00am (C) +Theresa Butzer
By Lynn & Bub Gabel and Family

Monday, Nov. 9th: *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*
8:30am (C) +Dorothy & Robert Tremblay
By Phil & Tracy Tremblay

Tuesday, Nov. 10th: *St. Leo the Great*
8:30am (C) +Ida Daugherty
By Sylvia Michalski

Wednesday, Nov. 11th: *St. Martin of Tours*
8:30am (C) +Chuck Richmond
By Mary Richmond

Thursday, Nov. 12th: *St. Josaphat*
8:30am (C) +Mary Regina and Walter Koessler
By Phil & Tracy Tremblay

Thursday, Nov. 12th: *Mass of Remembrance*
6:30pm (C) +For All Our Deceased from this past year
By The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish

Friday, Nov. 13th: *St. Francis Xavier Cabrini*
8:30am (C) All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

Saturday, Nov. 14th: *Vigil 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:00pm (C) Esther Dittenhofer and +Chuck Richmond
By Mary and Family

Sunday, Nov. 15th: *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30am (C) +Edwin Gabel
By Mary Richmond and Family
11:00am (C) +Tom Powenski
By Rose Marie Kohn

The Sanctuary Candles are lit this week for Esther Dittenhofer's birthday and Chuck Richmond birthday remembrance as requested by Mary and Family.

Readings for the Week of November 8th

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Ez 4:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30

Weekly Collection (11/01): \$3,718.00
Total Budget for this Fiscal Year
(Sept. 1st - Aug. 31st) \$145,000.00
Current Collection Total for this Fiscal Year:
\$24,775.62



Thank you for all of your continued support of
Epiphany of Our Lord Parish!

Compassion Ministry

To place someone on the prayer list, please complete and return a card available at the entrances of the church, or call the rectory. Individuals will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise. *If you have a loved one on our list and they pass away, please let the parish office know.*

Vicky (Achtly) Alessi, Lena Anzalone, Cindy Gabel Amacher, Ann Andzel, Elaine Bauer, Romie Lee Bettinger, Ernest Bracikowski, Christine Brown, Mary Jane Butzer, Joey Crocker, Paula Czora, Esther Dittenhofer, Norie Donhauser, John Duggan, Otto Duggan, Anne Edwards, Art Gernatt, Norm Grapes, Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Mark Grugel, Ashley Haettich, Bob Holbrook, Robert Hogan, Jeanne Hutchings, Daniel Kozub, Rose Kohn, Irma Martin, Sara Mackey Dunn, Andrew Marconi, Diane May, Bob McNeerney, Millie Muehlbauer, Marty Niefergold, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Andrew Remero, Pat Ricotta, Kathy Smith, Danielle Stark, Lorraine Stark, Donelle Thomas, Trisha Weiss, Ed Urban, Gary Wentland.



Mass of Remembrance

The Parish will celebrate our annual *Mass of Remembrance* on Thursday, November 12th at 6:30pm in the Church. *Due to guidelines, this year's mass will be limited to those who have lost their loved one in the past year.*

Lector Schedule

Lectors, If you have not contacted the Parish Office about scheduling, please do as soon as possible.

November 14th, 4pm– Sylvia Michalski
November 15th, 8:30am– Paul & Robin Hohman
November 15th, 11am– Annette Noto

Our Annual Parish Food Drive will be held the following weekends:
November 14th and 15th
November 21st and 22nd



Please put your donations of non-perishable foods in the totes at the entrances of Church. They will be delivered to the North Collins/Eden Food Pantry in North Collins. They will then be distributed to our neighbors in need. If you would like to donate a turkey, please call Maureen and Roy Schmitt at 992-9046 by Saturday November 21st to arrange delivery and freezer space until they are delivered to the North Collins/Eden Food Pantry.

November is the time to pray for the Souls in Purgatory

The Church offers an indulgence for a Cemetery Visit that is available as a partial indulgence all year round, but from November 1st through November 8th (November 30th this year only, due to Covid 19), this indulgence is plenary. Like the All Souls Day indulgence, it is applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. To obtain the plenary indulgence, one has to visit the cemetery, praying for deceased and receive Holy Communion. Those who cannot leave their homes or residence for "serious reasons," which includes government restrictions during a pandemic, also can receive a plenary indulgence after reciting specific prayers for the deceased or reflecting on a Gospel reading designated for Masses of the dead before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, or by performing a work of mercy. In all cases, one must fulfill the normal requirements set by the church for all plenary indulgences, which demonstrate a resolve to turn away from sin and convert to God. Those conditions include: having a spirit detached from sin; going to confession as soon as possible; receiving the Eucharist as soon as possible; praying for the pope's intentions; and being united spiritually with all the faithful.

The Church teaches that prayer, particularly the Mass, and sacrifices may be offered on behalf of the souls in purgatory. The feast of All Souls differs from the Nov. 1st feast of All Saints precisely because it offers prayers for the eternal peace and heavenly rest of all those who died in a state of grace, but not totally purified.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but are still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."



Auction News
"Peace"

Friday November 6th 5:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday November 7th 3:00pm-8:00pm
Sunday November 8th 9:00am-2:00pm

Considering current circumstances, this year's "Auction" will be a modified version of previous years.

We will be having a Basket Raffle, Sealed Bid Auction, Walmart/Amazon gift card raffle, and Christmas Cash Raffle. These events will run over 3 days to allow ample time and space for all.

The basket raffle will run as it has in the past. The sealed bid auction will be similar to the silent auction, other than you will be placing your highest bid for an item on a card and placing it in a sealed envelope to be opened after bidding has closed. I would urge you to bid down to the cents to eliminate tie bids. The sealed bid auction will be a limited number of items to include larger items, produce and gift certificates for baked goods/food items. We would appreciate a call if you feel you have an item or items that would be a good fit for the sealed bid auction. Contact numbers are listed below for any questions.

Deb Gabel: (716)532-5185
Donna Kohn: (716)601-5500

Christmas Cash Pot: \$2550!



Dear Parishioners,

As much as we would love to be able to do the Angel Tree as we have in years past, the organizations involved feel that this year, because of distancing and time constraints, it would be best if it could be done purely as gift cards. The families can use gas cards, groceries, discount stores, and restaurants. Please try and keep the cards as local as possible (North Collins/Eden) as many lack transportation. Amazon cards would work as well, as things can be delivered. I will put a large, wrapped "Gift" box underneath the tree in the back of Church. Please put the gift cards/certificates into the box, by no later than December 6th. We will see that they get distributed to those in need.

As always, thank you for your continued support.
Nancy Koester, Angel Tree Chair

Jason and Molly Baer write.....



We have decided that after 22 years playing for Masses, directing choirs, and working as Music Ministers at parishes in the area, we are going to be taking a break from church music. We care very much about Epiphany and it's continued success and will be available to fill in from time to time as needed. We also intend to be active parishioners and will volunteer happily for our various fundraising and event schedules. As we look back on all the wonderful memories we have made here, we feel very blessed to have been surrounded by the many shining stars among us, in which we inspire to be.
Sincerely, Jason & Molly Baer

The Parish will be starting the process to find new music ministry participants for the 4:00pm and 8:30am Masses. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please contact the office.

Homily for 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today provide some guidance for living in these uncertain times, but the message is not about being prepared for safeguarding our physical well-being. It is an encouraging message about preparing ourselves for the wondrous times when the Lord shall return and we will live forever with him in heaven.

In the Book of Wisdom, we hear three things that are comforting, especially as they relate to the Gospel. First, *She [Wisdom] is readily perceived by those who love her. And found by those who seek her.* Simply put, wisdom is not difficult to obtain. In sincerely seeking wisdom, we will recognize it and gain it.

Next, *Taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence.* Just thinking about wisdom will change us. It will not only enlighten us, but perfect us in our ability to make good choices and take right action.

Finally, *Whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care.* The Book of Wisdom tells us that if we consistently seek God's wisdom, we will find hope in what we learn. This hope allows us to be *free from care* because we learn to trust that our loving God is with us no matter what the future holds, and he waits to welcome us into his Kingdom at the end of our lives.

What we learn from Wisdom as pertinent application to Jesus' words in today's Gospel. The parable of the wise and foolish maidens provides a lesson about the importance of making wise choices each and every day. The oil represents these choices— if we live our lives consistently seeking wisdom because we believe in Christ and seek to grow in love for him, it transforms us. We become more like Christ. As we imitate his care and compassion for others, especially the most vulnerable, our lamps will overflow with the oil of our loving deeds and choices. Our oil will not run out. We will be prepared. We will have enough to keep our lamps lit and be ready to greet the Lord when he arrives.

In this uncertain and ever-changing world in which we live, and in the midst of so much that we cannot control, one thing is certain and out to fill us with relief, peace, and consolation: Christ will come again! With God's help and the grace of the Holy Spirit, we pray: for wisdom; to make wise choices; and to keep our lamps full for the time when the cry will arise, *Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!*

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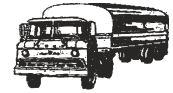
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