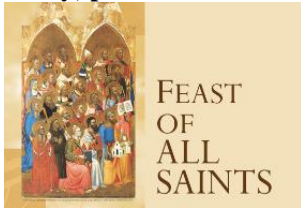
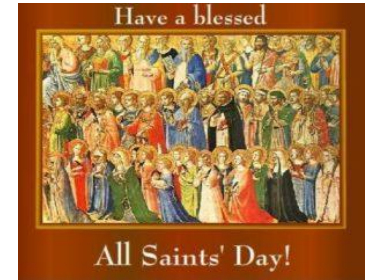


# St. Mary of Mercy, St. Martin of Tours & St. Stephen Parishes

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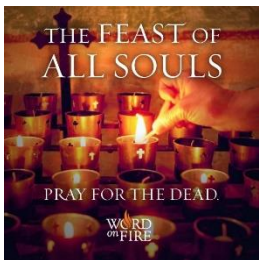


## November 2-8, 2020 November 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Day



### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Nov. 02	Mon.	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	All Faithful Departed
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>St Martin's – Emery</b>	<b>All Soul's Day</b>
Nov. 03	Tues.	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Novena of Masses: All Deceased Carmilites, Friends & Benefactors
Nov. 04	Wed.	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Novena of Masses: All Deceased Carmilites, Friends & Benefactors
		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>St Stephen's – Bridgewater</b>	<b>+Kathy Conklin (Fr John Rader)</b>
		<b>5:45 – 6:20 pm</b>	<b>St Mary's – Alexandria</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
		<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>St Mary's – Alexandria</b>	<b>Our Holy Rosary</b>
Nov. 05	Thurs.	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Novena of Masses: All Deceased Carmilites, Friends & Benefactors
Nov. 06	Fri.	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Novena of Masses: All Deceased Carmilites, Friends & Benefactors
Nov. 07	Sat.	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Novena of Masses: All Deceased Carmilites, Friends & Benefactors
		<b>4:00 – 4:45 pm</b>	<b>St Martin's – Emery</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
		5:00 pm	St Martin's - Emery	People of the Parishes
Nov. 08	Sunday	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Novena of Masses: All Deceased Carmilites, Friends & Benefactors
		<b>9:00 – 9:45 am</b>	<b>St Mary's - Alexandria</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
		10:00 am	St Mary's - Alexandria	+Ron Aulner
		3:15 pm	Carmelite Monastery	Rosary and Benediction



**+J.M.J.+ Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ**, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Today is All Saints Day. Jesus gives the Beatitudes to us not only for our meditation but also, and especially, for our application. He calls us to holiness, and this *is* possible, provided we cooperate with Him. All Saints of God, pray for us.

\*Let us pray for +Patrick Mahowald, +Elizabeth Dickes, +Deacon Robert and +Nancy Cross, +James Joseph Leyden, Judy Waldera, Donna Squires, Leonard Shoulders, Teresa Louise, Deacon Tim Dickes, Kathy Engerbrecht, Heather Marie, Monsignor Richard Mahowald, Sue Bullard, Father Dana Christensen, Father Charles Duman, Father James Morgan and Father Joe Forcelle.

\*Thank you to the C.R.E. teachers and students in Alexandria for the excellent presentation on the Saints last Wednesday.

\*Please vote, and please pray that God's Holy Will be done in this Election. Let us never forget our brothers and sisters in the womb and those who are in any distress.

\*Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Souls Day. We pray and sacrifice for the Faithful Departed. And we remember that the First Friday and First Saturday are this week, with the requests of Our Lord and Our Lady.

\*Thank you to all those who cleared and cleaned the Rectory in Alexandria last Saturday. I deeply appreciate your kindness.

\*The Knights of Columbus, with the courtesy of the Sisters, have arranged for a Day of Eucharistic Adoration in the Monastery's Chapel on Election Day, this Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The hours of Adoration will be announced during this Sunday's Mass. All are welcome.

### “What is Your Question?”

By Father Ben Miriam



Q. What is the special Plenary Indulgence that may be obtained during November?

A. According to Hannah Brockhaus of the Catholic News Agency, the Vatican this year “has extended the availability of certain plenary indulgences for the souls in Purgatory, amid concerns about avoiding large gatherings of people in churches or cemeteries and including those confined to home due to the pandemic.” Miss Brockhaus continues: “In the month of November, the Church has two traditional means of obtaining a plenary indulgence for the souls in Purgatory. The first is to visit a cemetery and pray for the dead during the Octave of All Saints' Day, which is Nov. 1-8. This year, the Vatican decreed that this plenary indulgence can be obtained on any day in November. The second plenary indulgence is connected to the



Feast of All Souls' Day on Nov. 2, and can be received by those who piously visit a church or oratory on that day and recite the Our Father and the Creed. The Vatican said that this plenary indulgence has also been extended and is available to Catholics throughout the month of November to reduce crowds." The usual conditions for each Plenary Indulgence are: to go to Confession, to receive Holy Communion; to pray for the Intentions of the Holy Father; to have the intention to receive the Plenary Indulgence; to be detached from all sin, including Venial Sin. The Confession and the reception of Holy Communion may occur a little before or after the day on which the indulgenced act is performed.

Jan will be in the office on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 8-4:30. Thank you. If you need to reach me contact me by email [maryofmercy@sfcathilic.org](mailto:maryofmercy@sfcathilic.org) or my cell at 605-212-4479.

	<b>St. Martin's – Emery</b>	<b>St Mary's – Alexandria</b>
	<b>Saturday, November 7th 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, November 8th, 10:00 am</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Bill Schleich	Kenny Kayser
<b>Sacristans</b>	Jack & Theresa Catron	Mike & Mollie Grove
<b>Servers</b>		Will Jarding & Daniel Kayser
<b>Musician</b>	Rosalie Weber	Sandy Kayser
<b>Rosary</b>		Dave Kayser
<b>Money Counters</b>	Christi Schnabel & Clar Weber	Emily Ruden & Amanda Mentele

**FYI:** For those wondering, the mass schedule goes on the date of the Sunday mass. Such as Nov 1 is on a Sunday, so it is considered the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month. Hope this helps with any confusion. Thank you.

**Knights of Columbus:** Next meeting will be 7pm, November 19<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Parish Center.

**Knights of Columbus** Gun raffle tickets. This is for the drawing for the 50 cal Black Powder rifle to be drawn at the next Knights of Columbus event. Proceeds to go to the Steubenville Youth Retreat. So far there are 4 kids signed up!!!

**St Martin's/St Stephen's HS CRE:** Thank you to all who have donated items for the CRE program and thank you to the mothers whom have prepared the snacks and meals. Also, thank you to anyone that has helped in any way as well as to Jake and Carolyn Geis and Msgr Mangan for their time for leading the students.

**St Mary's:** The Remind App will be used for updates and weather related cancellations for the St Mary CRE programs. To join the grade school CRE group, text **@gscrc2021** to the number **81010**. To join the high school CRE group, text **@hscrc2021** to the number **81010**.

**St Martin/St Stephen's CRE:** Anyone willing to provide a lunch or snack for Wednesday night High School Students please contact Bernice Schallenkamp at 605-366-6681 or Heidi Berg at 605-770-8288. Tables have also been set up at both locations for you to drop off items such as pop, Gatorade, juice, snacks, chips. Thank you.

**St Stephen's Church** will continue with saying the Rosary on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am.

**Share your Harvest with a Gift of Grain:** Did you know that farmers and ranchers have access to a unique and powerful option to donate grain or other farm commodities? The Catholic Community Foundation has the expertise to assist farmers and ranchers who

wish to share the harvest. When the load is delivered to the elevator or terminal, the donor simply has the proceeds from the sale directed to our Foundation. The same idea can be used with cattle or any other commodity. By gifting directly to the Catholic Community

Foundation through your local elevator, you bypass taxable income and the donor then lets us know what parish, school, cemetery or ministry to direct the donation. If you would like more information, please contact Nicole Fuhrer in the Mitchell foundation office at 605-999-9127.



## “INTO THE BREACH” Program

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

**A BIT OF HISTORY:** In his Apostolic Exhortation *Into the Breach*, Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted outlines the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today. *Into the Breach* is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to wholeheartedly embrace masculine virtues in a world at crisis. By reading and discussing Bishop Olmsted’s inspirational words and the accompanying study guide with like-minded men of faith, councils will prayerfully examine the enormous breach in the battle line that lies before them. In doing so, they will begin to devise a personal plan of spiritual battle.

**WHO:** Any Catholic man or young man.

**WHAT:** The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a program for the men of all parishes entitled “*Into the Breach*”. This inspiring program is comprised of a series of videos describing what life as an active Catholic man entails. Commentary of these videos and direct application to our life in rural South Dakota will be provided by speakers, including Monsignor Mangan, Father DeWayne Kayser and Jay Cazillo, the state program director of the Knights of Columbus.

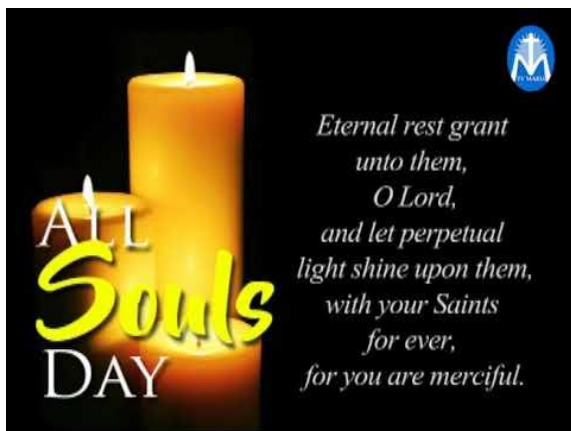
**WHEN:** Wednesday evenings: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**WHERE:** Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Alexandria at St Mary’s Parish Hall.  
Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm will be in Bridgewater at St Stephen’s Parish Hall.



**OPEN TO ALL CATHOLIC WOMEN AND YOUNG WOMEN.**

A one-night complementary program for women and young women will be led by Dr. Carolyn Geis. The first on November 4<sup>th</sup> at St Stephen’s, Bridgewater and the second on November 18<sup>th</sup> at St Mary’s, Alexandria. The program is entitled “*The Annunciation: How Mary’s Fiat Can Inspire Us and What Does Being Godly Woman Look Like*”.



## Remembering The Faithful Departed

Let it never be said that the expression, “Out of sight, out of mind” describes our attitude towards the Faithful Departed.

November is the special backdrop against which the Church exhorts us to pray and sacrifice for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Yet, we realize that our serious duty to assist them as they make their way to Heaven obliges us daily. The doctrine of Purgatory is very consoling. Imagine: ours is a loving God Who permits His friends who are not prepared for Paradise to be cleansed after death in order to enter eventually into the unending Kingdom of the Lord! The

Almighty was not compelled to make this golden opportunity available. But He did because, as each of us attests in the Act of Contrition, God is “all good and deserving of all my love.”

The Holy Souls in Purgatory, as many of us learned as children, benefit tremendously from our prayers, acts of charity, almsgiving and penance, and particularly from the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that we arrange on their behalf. These Souls are our brothers and sisters. They have the right to request our compassion. And we have the sacred responsibility to extend it to them.

A valuable practice is to memorize a prayer or two that we can pray often for the Faithful Departed. There is the familiar one that Pope Saint John Paul added after he prayed the *Angelus*; many also recite it at the conclusion of Grace After Meals.

**V.** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
**R.** And let Perpetual Light shine upon them.

**V.** May they rest in peace.  
**R.** Amen.

**V.** May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.  
**R.** Amen.

Another excellent way to aid the Poor Souls—and, in fact, those on earth who are steeped in sin—is by reciting the Prayer attributed to Saint Gertrude the Great, Virgin (1256-*circa* 1302):

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

The Faithful Departed who now are the recipients of our kindness will return the favor when we find ourselves needy. May they who suffer in Purgatory soon enter into Heaven through the overwhelming mercy of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the trustworthy intercession of Mary Most Amiable and Saint Joseph, that “just man.”