

# *St. Mary's Catholic Church*



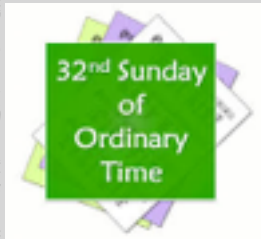
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During the month of November, we call to mind those who have died; friends, family, members of this community. November also brings the end of the church year. For both of these reasons, today's readings focus on death. But more importantly, they also affirm the resurrection. We are a people filled with hope, because we believe that death is not the end. As we celebrate Mass today, let our hope in eternal life comfort us as we recall our beloved dead.

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## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalm 17; 2 Thessalonians 2:16--3:5;

Luke 20:27-38

### **Theme: The hope of the resurrection**

The idea of life after death are attractive source of stories, novels, and movies. Many famous people have wrestled with the idea of life after death. "if there is no immortality, I shall hurl myself into the sea," wrote Tennyson. Bismarck was calmer, "Without the hope of an afterlife," he said, this life is not even worth the effort of getting dressed in the mourning."

Now, as the end of the Church year arrives in two weeks, it is natural for our thoughts to turn to life after death.

In today's Gospel, the Sadducees, who did not believe in life after death, wanted to show Jesus the absurdity of such a belief, by narrating the story of a woman who was married to seven brothers successively, and all had died without raising an offspring, and in the end the woman too died.

### **Jesus Reproved the Sadducees' Ignorance**

Jesus said to the Sadducees, "You are wrong because you know neither the Scriptures nor God's power (Mt 22:29)." Jesus presents two arguments.

- ✚ First, life in the age to come will be different from life as we now know it. Life in the kingdom will be a free gift from God, not something automatic for all in good standing.



Second, the deepest nature of God is life, and that is proof for the reality of resurrected existence. All God's acts of salvation have one ultimate purpose, selfless sharing of that life. Abraham and all faithful descendants must therefore live, or God is not God!

The scripture speaks plainly about the resurrection of the dead. It affirms frequently that there is life after death. Job knew about it. He said, "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God (19:25-26).

Therefore, Jesus proved to them that there is life after death. When God spoke to Moses, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were still alive. God is God of the living and not of the dead. If Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are still alive, then there is life after death.

### **Jesus Rectified their mistaken views**

Jesus rectified their misconception. The Sadducees in their arguments against the belief in resurrection had projected the life of man upon the earth into the life in heaven. They mistakenly thought that, as we get married on earth, we must also get married in heaven. But in heaven, there is no need for marriages because no one dies. There are no births or deaths. In heaven, we shall have a spiritual body and there will be no bodily desires to be satisfied.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta will say, "It is better to think of how best to die than how best to live." Let us all keep our baptismal garment clean till we meet God. Where will you be if you die TODAY? Shalom!

## Stewardship

This is a story about four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

We live in a fast track society where everybody is busy with something. Those with young families have to wrestle with their kids and personal issues for things to fall in place.

There is no doubt that financial demands add responsibility on families and parents. As a result, they have to double up their paycheck to keep the head above water level. While we may have a good reason to explain why we cannot take on additional responsibility, only few people are doing what **everybody** should be doing because **nobody** is interested in what **somebody** or **anybody** should do. We see the same face all the time in various ministries.

I would like to invite you to prayerfully consider which aspect of church life (*ushering, lecturing, Extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, Pastoral & Finance Councils, safety and maintenance committee, Catechist/Religious ed instructor, money counters or cantors*) you can share your **Time, Talent and Treasure**.

**If you compared your troubles, or challenges with those of others, you would surely find that there are those whose troubles make yours look like minor inconveniences (Catherine Pulsifer).**

May our collective efforts help in building the kingdom of God on earth.  
Remain potent instrument of God!

Fr. Raphael

## Motivational story for the week

### **Don't say something you regret out of anger**

"There once was a little boy who had a very bad temper. His father decided to hand him a bag of nails and said that every time the boy lost his temper, he had to hammer a nail into the fence.

On the first day, the boy hammered 37 nails into that fence.

The boy gradually began to control his temper over the next few weeks, and the number of nails he was hammering into the fence slowly decreased. He discovered it was easier to control his temper than to hammer those nails into the fence.

Finally, the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father the news and the father suggested that the boy should now pull out a nail every day he kept his temper under control.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.

*'You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there.'*

## This and that



■ Every year in November, all ministers have a workshop to discuss and learn more about their respective roles. The focus for this year is on the *Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist*. We will be discussing Pope John Paul II Encyclical letter ***“ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA” on the Holy Eucharist. All of us are invited for this teaching and discussion.***

### Who should attend?



**Each member of the Church including**

- ***Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion***
- ***Ushers & Greeters***
- ***Lectors & Cantors***
- ***Religious education Teachers/Catechist***

**“Don’t let what you cannot do  
interfere with what you can do.”**

**MATTHEW KELLY**

The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic

*thank you*

*Two small words that mean so much!*

*St. Mary's can't say Thank You enough to everyone who have demonstrated their faith with all the help that we've received!*

*Whether you helped with organizing, washing dishes,  
purchasing, repairing, moving things, scrubbing floors,  
connecting things, unlocking doors, and the list goes on and on!  
It is you that helped with the things that seem so small, but are  
really so large in the scope of all.*

*To name everyone is nearly impossible, but everyone  
played such a important roll in returning to our hall!*

*Thank you again and again!*



**Pray for  
vocations**

### **VOCATION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,  
Give to the People of the Diocese hearts open  
To the Call of Your Holy Spirit.  
Help us Work Together with Richard, our Bishop  
To Cultivate a Culture of Vocation.  
Inspire our Young People to Give Generously of  
Themselves and the  
Courage to Follow their Vocation in Life.  
In the Spirit of Faith, Love, and Sacrifice,  
Help our Parents Rejoice when their Children  
Are Called in Service of Your Church.  
May the Parishes of Southwest Iowa  
Support those Called to Priesthood,  
Diaconate, Lay Ministry, and Consecrated Life.  
Sustain our Faith which Calls us  
To Walk in the Footsteps of Christ.  
Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth,  
Patroness of our Des Moines Diocese, pray for us.  
Amen.





# Jesus and the Sadducees

And they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. Luke 20:36 (NIV)

Based on Luke 20:27-38



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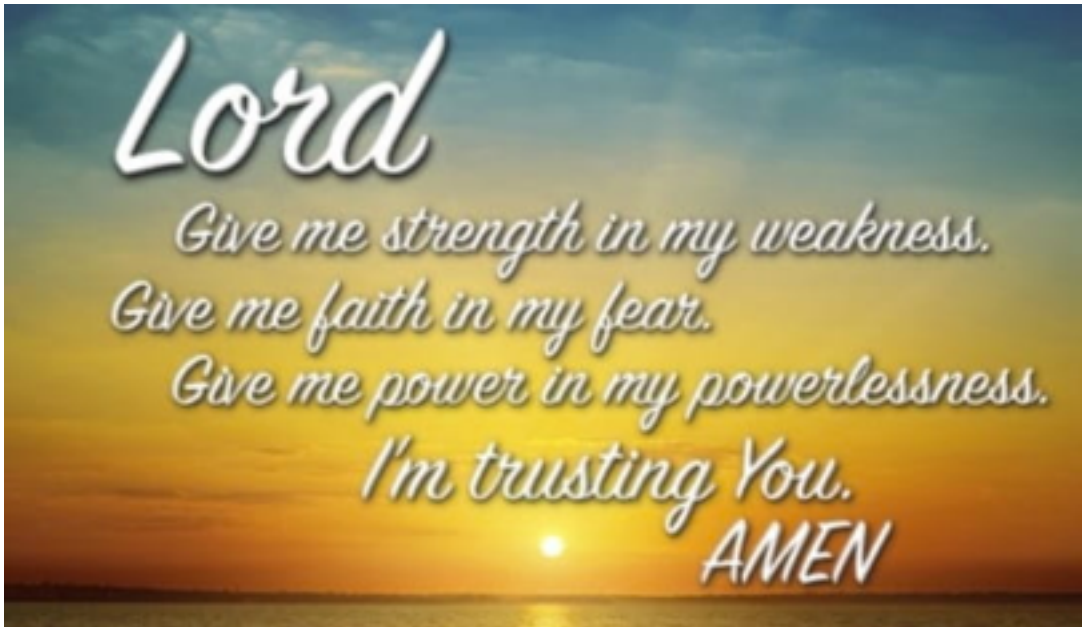
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### Changes!!!

Please check the bulletin weekly for the ministry schedule. Occasionally I have to change weeks with someone. Therefore it moves others to a different week, just saying, be aware of changes that happen:) Thanks to everyone who helps with the different ministries your cooperation is so appreciated!!

### Holy humor

A minister was talking to a man in his congregation one day and encouraged him to be regular in his attendance and to become part of The Lord's Army.

The man replied that he was a member of The Lord's Army.

"Why, then, do I only see you at church on Easter and Christmas?", the minister asked.

"Because I'm in the secret service" the man replied!

*Coming Soon.....*

*Nov. 13— 'Real Presence of christ in the Eucharist' workshop @ 5:30 p.m.*

*Nov. 24—ICC Thanksgiving service @ 5 p.m.—Baptist church*

*Dec. 8— Children's Mass*



### **Holiday Decorations.**

As we all know we lost all the christmas tree decorations in the flood waters, including our tree that was stored in the basement of the rectory. Shenandoah St. Mary's had an extra tree that they have graciously given us. But, we will need ornaments!!! If you would like to donate a few ornaments or picks for the tree in **Red, White, or Silver**, we would be all set for Christmas! Thanks!



NCYC is November 21-24, we are sending 10 youth and 2 chaperones, if anyone would like to donate drinks or snacks for the trip please leave them downstairs or contact Monica @ 713-358-3422



### **Readings for the week of 11-10-19**

**Sunday:** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8

**Next Sunday:** Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

# ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

## PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES

JOSH SIMMONS

JACOB ANDERSON

JUSTIN PHILLIPS

DERRICK HUBARD

STEVEN ANDERSON

COLBY MCGINLEY



11-10 Helen Martin

11-15 Ethan Roberts

11-26 Alex Dewhirst

11-27 Jeff Phillips

11-28 Kelcie Gaines

11-30 Katrina Gude



11-26

Marty & Carolyn Maher



Greg Andersen  
Grady Secht

Reese Kemp

James Dowling

LeRoy Herscheid

Noah Howe

Mary Lou Miller

Dottie Dankof

Isacc Durr

Robert & Nancy Dalton

Todd Quick

Verona Mitchell

Joel Loggins

Kenneth Russell

Bill Long

Henry Johnsen

Lawrence DuBois

Angie Witter-Childers

Pat Sheldon

Joe Kirk

Tim Konecny

Esther McCowan

Jeff Guiane

Shawn Collins

Drake Travis

Martha Gude

Gloria Green

Larry Dalton

Vickie Graham

Glen Whitehead

Ronda Shirley

Zayne Osborn

## *Your Contributions*

*November 3, 2019*

*Tithes-\$1341.00*

*Plate-\$106.00*

*Coffee-\$52.00*

*Thank You!!!*

<b>2019</b>	<b>November 10</b> 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	<b>November 17</b> 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	<b>November 24</b> Our Lord, Jesus Christ King of the Universe 8:30	<b>December 1</b> 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30	<b>December 8</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30 <b>Children's Mass</b>
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Robert & Mary Burkhiser	Dave & Kim Dowling	Dan & Lori Goodman	Richard & Linda Dewhirst	Jim & Ruth Flokes
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Vince Hilton  Annie Wakefield	Dan Goodman  Annie Wakefield	Rich Dewhirst  Denny Travis	Robbie Travis  Vince Hilton	Anne Hendrickson  Dan Goodman
<b>Servers</b>	Evan Lauman  Tate Mount	Avery Dowling  Cora Moody	Kylie Foster  Addison Foster	Brady Hutt  Isaac Hutt	TBA
<b>Lector</b>	Dave Dowling	Joe Travis	Kathleen Lorimor	Mark Gude	High School
<b>Mass Setup</b>	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe
<b>Cantor</b>	Kate/Cora H. Cora M.	Cara & Children's Choir	Beth/Kim & Evan		
<b>Accompanist</b>	Donna	Kate/Emily	Nancy		
<b>Coffee and Donuts</b>	Youth Biscuits & Gravy	Jim & Cheryl Owen	Kathy Moody Angie Sheldon	John & Joyce Travis	Youth Biscuits and Gravy
<b>Wash Linens</b>	Ruthie Paper	Ruthie Paper	Ruthie Paper	Marilyn Gude	Marilyn Gude
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