

***St.
Mary's***

***Catholic
Church***



Hamburg, Iowa

November 7, 2021

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Musings: *Happy Fall*

“Every beginning has an end and every end has a beginning”. This dictum that speaks of the beauty change reminds us of the peak of fall season that brings to an end the harvesting season and marks the final four weeks of Church’s year before the start of Advent on November 28th. Can you believe that we are already passing quickly to the new year focusing on the End Times and the Second Coming of Christ which remains our own mortality and final destination of heaven.

Thank you for your prayers for my safe travel and return back from home. It was a very delightful visit with my Mom and family after the long gap of three years although the travel was an adventure. Shopping with my sisters certainly taught me lot of patience and persistence. Special love and greetings from my Mom and family to each one of you. I did pray daily family rosary with my Mom family for both of my parish families here as I promised.

The month of November itself is dedicated in a special way to remembering all saints and praying for all souls who have gone before us. All these experiences of passing season reminds us of our true goal in life to love God and love people focusing on the final destination of heaven. In some way, our cultural observance of Halloween has its roots in Church's end-of-the-year focus on the Last things: Death, judgement, Heaven and Hell. Contemporary culture, however, draws its focus down ward, reveling the morbid and the scary for interesting entertainment.

The Church, rather, has always had its sights set on things above, and things deeper, as we wait with expectant hope for the glorious coming of Christ into our lives. For all of us who live in Him and experience his mercy can never live-in fear rather in the full hope of immortality. Our hope is not without the urgency to reform our lives and constantly reconciled to God and one another.

One of my personal devotions is to spend my first hour daily before the Lord to center my life and remind me of the final destination. It helps me to offer each one of you to the Loving and living God ever present in our nature and in our sanctuary seeking his grace, strength and glory as his beloved. At the daily Mass I commend all of our families unto the Lord who comes to us as solace and strength to live as his beloved followers and disciples.

Only by following Him will I know where to go. Thus, every one of us should use these weeks ahead to examine our consciences: How am I walking through life? Am I focused on Christ first? What or whom do I follow?

Theresa of Lisieux comforts us in our journey to God: “Yes, I’m like a tired and harassed traveler, who reaches the end of his journey and falls over. Yes, but I’ll be falling into God’s arms!”

Peace and Blessings

Fr. Tom

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44 (shorter form, Mark 12:41-44)

Jesus notices a poor widow’s offering and commends her great sacrifice.

Family Connection

Today’s Gospel leads us to think about our family’s financial contributions to our parish community, the diocese, other Church-sponsored organizations, and other charitable organizations. Good stewardship invites us to share our treasure as well as our time and talent. Sometimes, however, decisions about a family’s charitable giving are made without our children’s knowledge. Yet we teach more when we invite all family members to be aware of how we contribute to our Church and to other charitable organizations.

As you gather as a family, talk about your family’s financial contributions to your parish and to other Church activities. If your family supports other charitable organizations, you might talk about these as well. Talk together about why it is important for us to share our resources with these organizations. Read today’s Gospel, Mark 12:41-44. Talk about what Jesus observes about the generosity of the poor widow. Talk also about ways in which your family might also make a sacrificial gift to support your parish or other charitable organization. (Perhaps your family might choose not to go out to dinner but to contribute the money to your parish). Invite all family members to participate in the decision about what action you will take and which organization you will support with your contribution. Conclude in prayer together asking God to help your family be generous like the poor widow in today’s Gospel. Pray together the Peace Prayer of St. Francis.

Inspiration for November 7

If a ship is sailing on a polluted canal and wishes to transfer itself to clear waters on a higher level, it must pass through a device which locks out the polluted waters and raises the ship to the higher position. Mary's Immaculate Conception was like that lock... [T]hrough her, humanity passed from the lower level of the sons of Adam to the higher level of the sons of God.

National Vocations Awareness Week: Nov 7-13, 2021

Saint Junipero Serra, the Franciscan priest who founded nine of California's missions, was a model of perseverance and strong faith. Despite a chronic foot infection, Serra walked more miles in his career than the expeditions of Lewis and Clark and Marco Polo combined, all to spread the Good News.

It was perhaps providential that the founders of Serra International, the organization of lay Catholics who promote vocations, chose Fr. Junipero Serra as their patron in 1935. Now, even more than then, the work of promoting vocations requires perseverance and strong faith.

Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, sisterhood, and brotherhood, and for all vocations to the consecrated life.

Prayer is a moving force in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations.

“Lord, your Church is in need.

Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you.

Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons, priests and lay leaders.

Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment.

May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world.

Amen.”

Email us at dm@serrainternational.org

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*During National Vocation's Awareness Week
You are invited to be a guest of honor
At the Annual Appreciation Celebration
By the affiliated organizations
Of the Council Bluffs, Portsmouth and Red Oak Regions
Of the National/Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.*

*Celebration of Mass with Bishop William Joensen
and assisting priests will be at 6:30 on Thursday
November 11, 2021*

All parishioners are encouraged to show their appreciation to their bishop, priests, sisters and deacon couples by attending the annual Mass with Bishop Joensen and assisting your parish CCW at an annual celebration

Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 PM on Thursday November 11 at Corpus Christi,
Queen of Apostles Church. Cocktails and dinner will follow, provided by every parish CCW.

Coming Soon.....

Nov. 7—Religious Ed Classes—Pre K-8

Nov. 9—Pastoral Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m. @ St Mary's

Nov. 10—Bible Study @ 10a.m. and 7 p.m. St. Mary's

Nov 14—Religious Ed classes—Pre K-8



Spirit Catholic Radio is bringing to Corpus Christi Church in Council Bluffs, IA an up-close experience of the most studied artifact of all time – The Shroud of Turin, what many believe to be the authentic burial cloth of Christ. On Nov. 9th at 6 p.m. in the Church, Shroud expert, **Jim Bertrand**, M.Ed. of the American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud, will give a special presentation and a rare viewing of a Shroud replica, as well as replicas of the Crown of Thorns, whips, nails and Holy Sponge used in the Passion of Our Lord.

Spirit Catholic Radio's newest traveling exhibit, **The Man of the Shroud**, will include 42 beautifully-designed panels on display in the Great Hall from Nov. 8 – 15. This exhibit will raise the questions, "*Could the Shroud be the most important archaeological artifact ever found? Does it provide clues to what happened during the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus?*" There will also be a **Spanish translation** of the exhibit and Jim's presentation. For more information and viewing times, visit spiritcatholicradio.com/shroud.

Readings for the week of 11—7—21

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

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

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

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, 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: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32



ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES
JOSH SIMMONS
JACOB ANDERSON
DERRICK HUBARD
STEVEN ANDERSON



Your Contributions

Oct. 31, 2021

Tithes--\$1350.00

Plate--\$117.00

Coffee--\$27.75

*Childrens Oct. coll.
\$27.75*

Thank You!!

11-1 Macy Mitchell

11-3 Seth Carlock

11-6 Cheryl Owen

11-6 Tate Mount

11-7 Ryan Dewhirst

11-8 Emily Hutt

11-9 JJ Hirner

Greg Andersen
Grady Secht
Reese Kemp
LeRoy Herscheid
Mary Lou Miller
Dottie Dankof
Isacc Durr
Todd Quick
Verona Mitchell
Joel Loggins
Kenneth Russell
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Tim Konecny
Esther McCowan
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Zayne Osborn
Anna Weber
Alan Briggs
Dee Ann Crews
Robert Haughton
Maurie Maher
Janet Rummel
Jennifer McAllister
Lowell Dankof

ADA Update

Goal--\$18,910.00

35 Families have
contributed--\$15,125
Leaving us --\$3,485
short

It's not to late to
contribute, Your gifts are
important! Thank you
for all of them!!

Happy Anniversary!



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*Marty & Carolyn
Maher*

2021	November 7 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	November 14 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	November 21 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 8:30	November 28 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30	December 5 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30
Lector	Teresa Jamison	Joe Travis	Dave Dowling	Kathleen Lorimor	Linda Dewhirst
Mass Setup	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe
Cantor	Cora/Cora Amelia	Kim/Sons	Beth		
Accompanist	Kate	Donna	Nancy		
Server	Emily Hutt	Tate Mount	Seth Ettelman	Mia Foster	Keeley Mount
Usher and Greeter	Vince & Susan Hilton	Terry & Kim Travis	Denny & Joella Travis	Joe & Robbie Travis	Rick & Teresa Jamison
Coffee & donuts	Jim & Cheryl Owen	Shane & Connie Smith	Suzie Moores Angie Sheldon	Dave & Kate Roberts	Terry & Kim Travis
RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES	Pre k - 8	Pre k - 8			Pre k - 8
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Mass Intention for Nov. 7
Today's Mass is for Jerry Miller
(Brother of Carolyn Maher) by Rich Maher



