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### ORGANIZATIONS

Holy Name Society    Parish Council of Catholic Women  
Knights of Columbus    St. Ann's Altar Society

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARY'S

\*Vicky Hartung's Birthday: 11/2

Bill Pittman's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday: 11/13

Joyce Berger's Birthday: 11/15

Steve Carlson's Birthday: 11/18

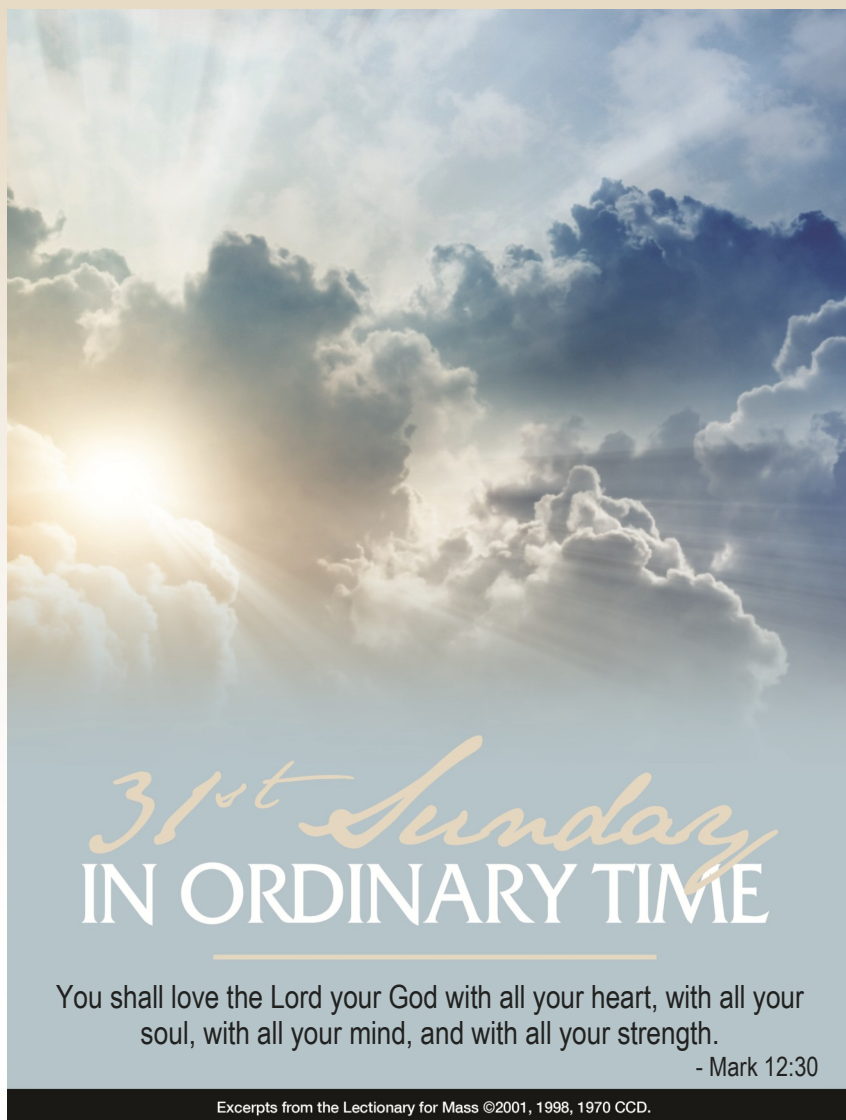
John & Monica Krings' 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary: 11/25

Bella Smith's Birthday: 11/28

Yvonne Blodgett's Birthday: 11/29

**St. John the Baptist Parish, Plum City, WI  
St. Joseph Parish, Arkansaw, WI**

**November 4, 2018**



*31<sup>st</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

- Mark 12:30

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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## IN PROSPERITY FORGET NOT THE CREATOR

A man and his wife were happily married. They were successful businessmen who excelled in all they laid their hands on. Their neighbors envied their love and success. While some found shelter in their home, some others left their kids with them as they went about their daily ventures. They were simply a sweet couple to have around and many vied to be in their company. They had a two year old son called Adeodatus, who was equally a darling to all. One day as the wife worked around the compound, she complained of some severe chest pains and asked to be sent to the hospital. At the hospital, doctors tried the best they could to save her life but to no avail. Destroyed, the man mourned his wife extensively and vowed never to marry anew. He channeled his energies and resources into catering for his son and provided all his needs. Adeodatus grew into a handsomely beautiful young man. His father simply gave him the best of everything and he lacked nothing. When he came of age, he left his father's house to begin his own life. His father gave him half his fortune and willed the rest of his properties to him. In no time he was rich and affluent. Life was good for him, his wife and his three kids. Time flew by and Adeodatus' father grew old, lonely, sick and weak. As he couldn't do much for himself any longer, he moved in to live with his son and his family in a house he himself had built and bequeathed to his son. Life there in the beginning was fun as the kids were excited to have grandpa's love with them. However, the joy was short lived as taking care of an elderly sick man gradually became a burden for Adeodatus and his wife most especially. Treatment meted out to the old man was not the best. Adeodatus's wife seemed to have no sense of appreciation for her father-in-law's special presence in her husband's life. Neither did Adeodatus himself show any sign of recollection of his father's toils and sacrifices which made him who he had come to be. The couple objectified the old man and treated him as a good for nothing non-entity. When out of his lack of firm grips on things he broke a couple of plates and drinking glasses, they resorted to serving his meals in wooden plates and cups. The old man was miserable and unhappy in his only son's home. However, since he had no where to go, he quietly endured his plight. One day the youngest son of Adeodatus was found busily working in the backyard. He was working on a school project. Curiously Adeodatus asked to know what he was up to. The little boy told him was trying to make some wooden cups, plates and spoons for his mom and dad to use when they grew as old as grandpa. It then dawned on Adeodatus how forgetful and ungrateful he had been to his father. Tears in his eyes, he vowed to give his all for the comfort of his loving father who was all he had had in the land of the living.

Friends in Christ, it is commonplace for human beings to forget their past and the people who pushed them as they climbed the ladder of life. It is especially so in times of prosperity. In prosperity, man easily forgets where he has come from. Such was the fear of Moses when the people of Israel were about to enter the Land of Promise. He knew too well that he would not enter the Promised Land with them. He also knew that human as they were, they could enter the Land flowing with milk and honey and easily forget the God who led them dry shod through the Red Sea and carried them through the desert, provided for them and led them successfully home. Thus, just as they were about to cross the Jordan, Moses said to them, "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life". He seemed to be warning them against the temptation of grabbing the goodies of the land of promise while forgetting the God of the Promise. He therefore urged them not only to fear God and observe his ordinances but also to love him with all their heart, with all their soul and with all their strength (Deut. 6:2-6).

Friends, the 21st century man is no different from man in Moses' time. Neither are we different from the proverbial Adeodatus in the story above. We all either tend to willfully forget God and His ordinances when life is good; or we tend to be so engrossed in created things as to forget the God of creation. Many are they who have placed so much premium on and trust in themselves and their achievements that they give little thought to God and his command. Many have placed God on the index and reach out to him only when they are in dire need of some supernatural assistance. Contemporary man has even taken calculated steps to subtract God and religious values from the equation of life. Moses' injunction to the people of old is thus our own injunction as well. Our world would be a better place to live in if we all would begin to fear the Lord and in the midst of plenty, comfort, or even in want, love him and acknowledge him with the totality of our being. God is our creator, we are his and we belong to him. Fearing him is the beginning of wisdom, obeying his will and loving him with all our heart, soul and strength even in prosperity is the essence of our lives.

Have a good week

Fr. Joseph Okine-Quartey

## POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

November: That The language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.


## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The next meeting for the Plum City/Arkansaw Knights of Columbus Council is this Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John the Baptist School Basement. There will a light meal after the meeting. Prior to the meeting, we will gather in the Church at 6:30 to pray the rosary, everyone from both Parishes are welcome to join us to pray the rosary.



## PCCW NEWS

### Baby Bottle Campaign

 Thank you for participating in St. John the Baptist PCCW's annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles can be returned to the baskets in the Church entrances. Proceeds will benefit Options for Women in Menomonie.

### Vice President Needed

The PCCW needs a new Vice President. If you are interested in learning more about this leadership role, please contact Suzie Brunner at (715) 495-2699.



**MASS SCHEDULE & DAILY READINGS**

**Monday: November 5**

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Jn 8:31b-32/Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday: November 6**

- Communion Service: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist
- Followed by Communion for the sick and homebound
- Readings: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32/Mt 11:28/Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday: November 7**

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Pt 4:14/Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday: November 8**

- Mass or Communion Service: 10:30 a.m., Plum City Care Center
- Readings: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 11:28/Lk 15:1-10

**Friday: November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/2 Chr 7:16/Jn 2:13-22

**Saturday: November 10 - St. Leo the Great**

- Mass: 4:00 p.m., St. Joseph - † Russell Haigh
- Readings: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/2 Cor 8:9/Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday: November 11 - 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Mass: 8:00 a.m., St. John the Baptist - St. John & St. Joseph Parishioners
- Mass: 10:15 a.m., St. John the Baptist - † Cecelia Milliren
- Readings: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/Heb 9:24-28/Mt 5:3/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

**The Rosary is prayed before all Masses**

**St. Hubert's Mass - November 17<sup>th</sup>**

In honor of St. Hubert, we will celebrate Mass on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish in Plum City. Parishioners are invited to bring a piece of hunting gear to be blessed for the hunting season (no guns, please).



**SACRAMENTS**

**Confessions** (*anytime by appointment*)

- Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.: St. Joseph, Arkansasaw
- Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass until 10:00 a.m.: St. John the Baptist, Plum City
- Sunday at 7:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.: St. John the Baptist, Plum City

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the Parish Office when needed.

**Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb**

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like this special blessing.

**Baptism**

Please call the Parish Office for an appointment at least one month in advance.

**Marriage**

Please call the Parish Office for arrangements at least six months prior to the intended date.

**Hospitalized / Homebound**

Holy Communion to the sick and homebound is on Tuesdays & Saturday evenings and Sundays after Masses. Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements to be made.

**Funerals**

Please contact the Parish Office before making arrangements.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISHIONERS**

**Works of Charity Account**

Every now and then Father gets request from people in need. Perhaps they need food for the family and the Food Pantry is not open or they need gas for their car or heat for their house. Because helping people is part of our faith, the Pastoral Council and Finance Council have decided it would be in St. John the Baptist's best interest to have a "Works of Charity" account.

There will be a second collection on **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** to help fund this account.

**Education Committee Meeting**

The next Education Committee meeting will be Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the rectory.

**Rectory Furniture**

The Rectory needs additional furniture. We are looking for financial donations to furnish the bedrooms for Father's guest. If you would like to make a donation, please include it in a separate envelope and place it in the collection basket.

**THAT MAN IS YOU**

"That Man Is You" meets again this Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. in the St. John the Baptist School Building in Plum City. The topic for week nine is Step 4: Purity and Pastoral Formation. Please contact Dan Wieser at (715) 279-2152 or Tom Pullen at (607) 244-3010 with any questions. All men are welcome to attend. Thanks!



**OUR WEEK: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**Money Counting**

Monday, November 5, 9:30 a.m.  
Pat Pittman, Wilma Brunner,  
& Steve King

**Announcements**

Sunday, November 11, 8:00 a.m.  
Pat or Kevin Coulson  
Sunday, November 11, 10:15 a.m.  
Peggy Gilles

**Extraordinary Minister**

Sunday, November 11, 8:00 a.m.  
Joyce Berger  
Sunday, November 11, 10:15 a.m.  
Ramona Schneider

**Gift Bearers**

Sunday, November 11, 8:00 a.m.  
Todd & Gwen Glaus  
Sunday, November 11, 10:15 a.m.  
Dan & Mary Wieser

**Lector**

Sunday, November 11, 8:00 a.m.  
Pat or Kevin Coulson  
Sunday, November 11, 10:15 a.m.  
Ryan Trannel



**Music**

Sunday, November 11, 8:00 a.m.  
Musicians: Paul & Char Fetzer  
Sunday, November 11, 10:15 a.m.  
Organist: Arleen Ebensperger  
Cantor: Steve Carlson

**Rosary Leader**

Sunday, November 11, 8:00 a.m.  
Monica Krings  
Sunday, November 11, 10:15 a.m.  
Teresa Fedie

**Sacristan**

Sunday, November 11, 8:00 a.m.  
Peggy Gilles  
Sunday, November 11, 10:15 a.m.  
Denise Pelzel

**Servers**

Sunday, November 11, 8:00 a.m.  
Allyson Fleishauer & Parker Bechel  
Sunday, November 11, 10:15 a.m.  
The Pullen Family

**Usher**

Sunday, November 11, 8:00 a.m.  
Chad Steele & Mel Pittman  
Sunday, November 11, 10:15 a.m.  
Dan & Mackenzie Wieser

**FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Adult Envelopes (47).....	\$	2445.00
Offertory.....	\$	239.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$	2095.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4779.00</b>

## ST. JOSEPH PARISHIONERS

### Safety Inspection

On August 30, 2018 our Insurance Company, Catholic Mutual Group, completed a safety inspection of the Church, the Rectory, and all storage buildings. The St. Joseph's Pastoral & Finance Council is addressing each of these items. Not addressing or completing these items makes St. Joseph's non-compliant and puts the liability portion of our insurance at risk.

The following observations were made and have been addressed:

- The emergency light in Church basement needed a new battery.
- A fire extinguisher needed to be installed in the choir loft.
- The carpet by the podium in the Church was loose & bubbling.
- The handrail near the Altar was loose.
- The fire extinguisher in the Rectory needed to be serviced.
- A smoke detector in the Rectory needed new batteries.

The following instances were also observed during the inspection:

- The furnace in the Church is leaking oil. We are in the process of obtaining several bids to replace the furnace.
- The roof on the rectory is deteriorated and needs to be addressed in the very near future.

-St. Joseph's Pastoral & Finance Council

### OUR WEEK: ST. JOSEPH

#### Money Counting

Monday, November 5, 8:30 a.m.  
Denny Hutter, Madalyn Fleishauer,  
& Jerry Liefkring

#### Lector

Saturday, November 10, 4:00 p.m.  
Don Peterson

#### Extraordinary Minister

Saturday, November 10, 4:00 p.m.  
Don Peterson

#### Music

Saturday, November 10, 4:00 p.m.  
Organist: Beth Pattison  
Cantor: Sara Hansen

#### Gift Bearers

Saturday, November 10, 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth & Elaine Hartung

#### Rosary

Saturday, November 10, 4:00 p.m.  
Joyce Haigh & Betty Lauer

### FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOSEPH

Adult Envelopes (21).....	\$	555.00
Offertory.....	\$	183.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$	367.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1105.00</b>

### Ladies Night Out

The Ladies from the Sacred Heart of Jesus PCCW in Mondovi, Wisconsin is hosting their annual Ladies Night Out on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.. Proceeds earned from live & silent auctions, craft & bake sales, and free-will meal donations will be donated to the Mondovi Community Youth Center and the Food Pantry.



### DIACONATE DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church? Can you see yourself preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, and assisting at the altar? Are you perhaps called to be a deacon?

Talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat to be held at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center on February 1-2, 2019, and call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at (608) 791-0161. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2019 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite. For more on the diaconate and the discernment retreat, visit [www.dioc.org/diaconate](http://www.dioc.org/diaconate).

Students at the Ave Maria Academy were rewarded with well deserved field trips for all of their hard work and community service.



The younger grades tasted apples and cider at the Madien Rock Apple Orchard and visited the Fire Hall.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade class took a step back in time during their visit to Historic Fort Snelling.



## Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, November 16, 2018  
4:00 - 7:00pm

All you can eat spaghetti, salad, bread,  
& home-made desserts

Free Will  
Donation

Plum City  
American Legion

TAKE-OUT  
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