



November 11 & 12, 2017 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

VETERANS DAY
Honoring All Who Served
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No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.
John 15:13

Mass Schedule

Sunday

8 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

5 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday

5 p.m.

Saturday

9:30 a.m.

5 p.m.

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Dear St. Luke Friends,

As autumn progresses, we sense nature winding down to prepare for winter. Leaves that once were vibrant green are now brown and rustling on the ground to be swept away or burned to ash. It is an appropriate time to think on the end of things; to think on the ultimate purpose of life; to think on death.

The liturgical year takes this cue from nature and calls us to reflect on the meaning of our ultimate end, the meaning of our life and death.

Death is our most bitter enemy. Death, the result of the original sin of our first parents, was never meant to happen. Death means separation. Human death means the separation of our spirits from our bodies. It separates the departed from the ones who love them and whom they love. Spiritual death is the separation of a person's spiritual soul from God. On this side of death, we do not comprehend the experience of death and dying. As Hamlet said, it is "the undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns."

However, we know in faith that one traveler has returned triumphantly from death. Christ Jesus has been raised from the dead, never to taste death again. Through his Resurrection, Christ destroyed sin and death forever. What was once separated has now been reunited through Grace. Furthermore, we believe in Jesus' promise of eternal life, that he will raise us up at the end of time.

You may have noticed the book near the baptismal font as you entered the nave of the church. This is our parish Book of the Dead. November is the month that we pray for the dead who have gone before us. What does this mean?

Death is a womb or door leading to eternal life or death. However, many who have died in Christ are still in need of purification to enter completely into the Heavenly presence of the All-Holy God. Some must come to terms with the consequences of their already forgiven sins that still weigh them down. Others have let the offenses committed against them make their hearts embittered and resentful. We can help them in their process of purification.

Catholicism is a very personal faith. We are called by name to the font of new life in Baptism. We each receive the Body and Blood of Christ personally in the Eucharist. We are called to a personal relationship with the Lord. However, our faith, though deeply personal, is never individualistic. Vatican II reminds us that God "willed to make men holy and save them, not as individuals without any bond or link between them, but rather to make them into a people." As the People of God, we are called to carry each other toward holiness. Our unity with each other in Christ is not only for this earthly life. We are at all times united with the pilgrim Church on earth, the Church triumphant in Heaven, and the Church suffering in Purgatory. By offering our prayers and sacrifices for them, we can aid in their purification.

In this way, death can ultimately be seen as an opportunity to increase our bonds of compassion, unity, and love. At a Catholic funeral, the casket or urn is surrounded by the symbols of baptism; the Scriptures, the Cross, Holy Water, a white cloth, the Pascal Candle. You will see these symbols in proximity to our Book of the Dead. These are the signs of our belief that Jesus Christ turned the death of the body from our great enemy to our close friend, a path to deeper union with God and each other. Please add the names of your beloved departed to our Book. We will pray for them throughout the month of November, especially at the Mass.

This past weekend, Wendy and I took our oldest two children to see the wonderful Catholic Central High School production of "You Can't Take It With You." My son asked me, what does that mean? The character of the grandfather in the play put it this way, "you trying to be so desperate about making more money than you can ever use? You can't take it with you. So what good is it? As near as I can see, the only thing you can take with you is the love of your friends."

The only thing we can take into eternity is love. The love we have received from God. The love for God with which we have responded to divine love. The love of those who care for us on earth. The love we have given our neighbor. "Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins." (1 Peter 4:8) The perfection of love is the meaning of Purgatory. Undying love is why we pray for the dead.

Peace and All Good,
John Graveline

**Upcoming Parish Events
November**

- 12: Blood Drive
- 18: VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Training
- 19: Catholic Charities of Human Development
CCHD - 2nd Collection
Cinnamon Roll & Flower Sale
- 23: Thanksgiving Day
- 26: CSM Fair Trade Sale
- 28: Giving Tuesday #GiveCatholicWM
- 30: Encountering and Proclaiming the Word

Food Pantry Needs

St. Luke's Food Pantry appreciates your help!

Our current food pantry needs:
Canned Fruit & Vegetables
Box Meals

To donate, please drop items off in the shopping cart outside the pantry/McConnon Room at the church.

Next pantry date: Nov. 16

'Simply Give' campaign runs from Nov. 5 - Dec. 30 at the Standale Meijer store. 'Double-Days' earn double for our Food Pantry and are Dec. 8 & 9.

Ministries for Nov. 19

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to Mass.

Lectors

- 8:00 a.m. Lillian Gray (1st), Karon Flagg (2nd)
- 10:30 Pat Mitchell (1st), Bob Messing (2nd)
- 5:00 p.m. Karmyn VonEhr (1st), Alanna Gerber (2nd)

Altar Servers

- 8:00 a.m. Alaina Barksdale, Isaac Perry
- 10:30 Gabbi Gaiser, Levon Gaiser
- 5:00 p.m. Ethan Ruffing, Allison Volk

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 8:00 a.m. Jessica Oostindie, Tim Alt, Jeanne Benedict
- 10:30 Gene Smith, Barb & Bruce Grzegorzczak, Donna Roehr, Jon Noworyta
- 5:00 p.m. Melanie Sandberg, Sara Birney, Cecilia Cerven, Jessica Faylor, Elizabeth Grobbel

Ushers Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass.

- 8:00 a.m. William Norton (lead), Jerry Casha, David Boon, Tim Rowland
- 10:30 Dan Gaiser (lead), Mark Schoenborn, Rich Conflitti, Larry Flagg
- 5:00 p.m. John Fordney, Hector Garcia, Hector G Garcia,
Usher Needed

Happening this Week in Our Parish

Sunday (11/12) 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Blood Drive Multi-purpose Area
- 8:00 Mass For Our People Chapel
- 9:15 Faith Formation (K-2) Conference Rm 2 & Nursery
- 10:30 Mass Families & Survivors in Texas Chapel
- 1:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation Church
- 3:15 Young Disciples (3-5) Conference Rm 2
- 3:30 Choir Rehearsal Chapel
- 5:00 Mass Victims of Violence Chapel
- 6:00 RCIA Inquiry Conference Rm 1

Monday (11/13) St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

- 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation Church

Tuesday (11/14)

- 5:00 p.m. Mass Victims of Abuse Chapel
- 5:30 Reconciliation Chapel/Confessional
- 7:00 Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
- 7:30 K of C Council Meeting Church
- 8:00 RCIA/Catechumenate Church

Wednesday (11/15) St. Albert the Great

- 5:00 p.m. Mass Philosophers & Scientists Chapel
- 5:30 Reconciliation Chapel/Confessional
- 6:30 Women's Fellowship Conference Rm 2
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal Chapel
- 8:00 RCIA Inquiry Conference Rm 1

Thursday (11/16) St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude

- 3:30 p.m. Food Pantry McConnon Rm
- 5:00 Mass Those who work in Hospitals Chapel
- 5:30 Reconciliation Chapel/Confessional

Friday (11/17) St. Elizabeth of Hungary

- 5:00 p.m. Mass Catholic Charities Chapel
- 5:30 Reconciliation Chapel/Confessional

Saturday (11/18) The Dedication of the Basilicas of

- Sts. Peter & Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
- 9:00 a.m. Reconciliation Chapel/Confessional
- 9:30 Mass Unity & Understanding Chapel
- 9:30 VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Training Church
- 12:00 p.m. Reconciliation Service for HS Retreat St. Jude Church
- 5:00 Mass The Poor Chapel

Sunday (11/19) 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. Mass Chapel
- 9:15 Faith Formation (K-2) Conference Rm 2 & Nursery
- 10:30 Mass Chapel
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Multi-purpose Area
- 3:15 Young Disciples (3-5) Conference Rm 2
- 3:30 Choir Rehearsal Chapel
- 5:00 Mass Chapel
- 6:00 GVSU Student Dinner Multi-purpose Area
- 6:00 RCIA Inquiry Conference Rm 1
- 6:30 YM Leadership Meeting Multi-purpose Rm 1A

This Week's Scripture Readings

Available online at usccb.org/bible

Financial Update

Finances for November	Envelope	Online	Combined	Budgeted	Over/Behind
Total for October	\$ 20,312	\$ 8,353	\$ 28,665	\$ 30,000	\$ (1,335)
November Month to Date	\$ 3,310	\$ 1,788	\$ 5,098	\$ 6,000	\$ (902)
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 75,266	\$32,901	\$ 108,167	\$ 114,000	\$ (5,833)

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Thank You

Many thanks to our local Knights of Columbus council for their hard work in putting in the sidewalk from the west exit of the building to the driveway on the north side of the building. Thank you also to Robert Gemmen from Robert Gemmen Contracting for donating the concrete, the forms, and labor for the sidewalk.



Thanks are also due to Dave Zinger and Doug & Pat Warren for planting the arborvitae trees along the west side of the church. They dedicated the better part of a morning to plant them, and it is much appreciated. God bless you all for your service to the parish!

Many thanks to all who donated money and food for October's GVSU student meal and to the Women's Fellowship group members for setting up, making, and serving the meal. It was a great night, and the students were incredibly thankful. It was fun (thanks to your generosity) to also be able to send the students home with brown bag lunches for the next day. We're already looking forward to the next GVSU student meal on Nov. 19. Students, we hope you'll join us for walking tacos that night.

SCRIP

Conquer Black Friday & Cyber Monday Shopping by stocking up with SCRIP before you shop! We have lots of ideas for teacher gifts, business gifts, stocking stuffers, moms, dads, or anyone on your list. Stop by the SCRIP table and pick up flyers with these gift ideas. Thank-Scricing-Day is coming on Nov. 21. More details next week.

Congratulations to the Newly Confirmed

Congratulations to our young people who were confirmed by Bishop David Walkowiak on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Our confirmandi are:

Simon Morgan, Josiah Cabrera, Juan Cabrera, Ninette Juarez, Kristin Maycroft, Alissa Beachum, Mitch Umlor, Zach Havercamp, Jamaria Waller, Kelsey Atkins, and Giselle Rico.

Parish Grill

If anyone has our parish grill or knows where it is, please contact Dave Zinger at the parish office, 895-2247. Thank you.

Women's Fellowship Save the Date

We are holding an "Advent by Candlelight" for the first time, on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m. More details to be given in the next few weeks.

Thanksgiving Flower Sale


I am having a Thanksgiving flower sale after 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Nov. 19. We will have arrangements with candles or in pumpkins, or just plain arrangements. The money will go toward the flower fund.

Thank you,
Elaine Briar

Bus Transportation Available for Fr. Solanus Casey's Beatification Mass

If you have plans to attend Fr. Solanus Casey's beatification Mass in Detroit on Nov. 18, there are two buses leaving from the Diocese of Grand Rapids. The first is a diocesan-sponsored bus which will depart from Cathedral Square Center at 10:45 a.m. and return by 11 or 11:30 p.m. The cost is \$30/person. You can register here: <https://community.dioceseofgrandrapids.org/fr.-casey>.

The second is sponsored by St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Kentwood. The bus will depart from the Church (1253 52nd St. SE, Kentwood) at 10 a.m. and return by 10 p.m. The cost is \$47/person. Please call Jan Olexa to register: 616-554-7006
You must have your own ticket to the beatification Mass.



**BISHOP DAVID J. WALKOWIAK ASKS US TO
PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

Loving God,

Raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians of our Diocese who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us to encourage and support them as they strive to become priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We especially pray for:

Robert C. Mulderink


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We especially pray for:

Daniel R. Orris Jr.

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Office of the Bishop

November 2017

My dear friends in Christ,

In the United States, one out of every six people lives in poverty. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the Church's response to assist and empower the poor and help them move toward independence and economic security. The annual CCHD collection funds programs which reach out to those living on the margins and provides them with a hand up, not a hand out.

New this year Pope Francis has designated November 19 the *World Day of the Poor*, a day which calls us to encounter those on the margins and to work to put our faith into action. The Holy Father reminds us that there is a difference between the *empty words* so frequently on our lips and the *concrete deeds* against which we are called to measure ourselves. (*World Day of the Poor message, no. 1*) It is a reminder we hear in next week's first reading where "A holy person uses the gifts she has been given, 'reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.'" (PRV 31:20)

Next weekend, November 18-19, is the date of the annual CCHD collection in our parishes. This national collection is the primary source of funding for the CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs aimed at fostering a culture of life and hope in communities across the nation. Twenty-five percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to support the projects and programs of local organizations. Last year's collection raised nearly \$34,000 and helped fund eight programs, including the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP!) through Community EnCompass in Muskegon and Salvation Army's Congregational Partnership which assists homeless families in obtaining long-term housing and creating a secure future.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for people living in poverty in our diocese and across the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to the CCHD this year. For more information about the collection and those it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Thank you for joining us to support families and communities living in poverty.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

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