

**THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Oct. 25: TBA

Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.
Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

<i>THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS</i>		
Sat. Oct.31	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Nov. 1	9:00 AM	For Frank Roth Sr.
Mon. Nov. 2	6:30 PM	All Deceased Souls of Our Parish
Tue. Nov. 3	8:30 AM	Spec. Int. of Kaadin Johnson
Wed Nov. 4	6:30 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Thur. Nov. 5	8:30 AM	For Matilda Richardson
Fri Nov. 6		No Public Mass
<i>THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Nov. 7	5:00 PM	For Carroll Kloeker
Sun. Nov. 8	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

PRAYER LIST

Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Yandell Schneider, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, David Roland, Steve Elmlinger, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Ken Steffen, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Fr. Mario Tizziani, Jeffery Huffman, Ed Grant, Don Bornhorst, Tom Geiman, John Hofstetter, Bill Schneider, and everyone who has been touched by the Corona virus.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays, October 28-Penny Kluesener & Julie Feinauer, October 29-Shelli Schroder, November 1-Andrew Huffman, November 3-Adam Bach, November 10-Dina Ryan



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week's schedule

Holy Day: All Souls Day: Nov. 2, 6:30 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPAA –If you missed giving, there are envelopes in the back of church for your convenience. We are getting close! Please be generous in helping us reach our goal.

Parish Goal: \$10,700 Total Commitments (as of Sept. 30): \$10,395

GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS- The grand prize winner of \$250 was Ken Steffen, \$100 went to Linda Menefee, and Tim & Joanne Schlachter, Jen Kappasser, and Bernie Rawe each won \$50. Congratulations and thanks to all who sold or bought tickets!

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP – U.S. Catholic Bishops remind us it is our duty to participate in political life as well as a moral obligation. Please check out Faithfulcitizenship.org to find help in forming your consciences through being open to the truth, studying scripture, and Church teaching. Use this info when casting your vote!

IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTE – Parents, Rosanne needs a copy of the Safety Form to keep on file at church. There is a Sunday School folder on the desk in the hallway at church. Please put the forms and one or two pages of the chapter work sheets in the folder so we can show attendance. You may also take a picture and email them to Rosanne at rrawe@nku.edu. Call her at 859-635-1572 with questions.

NEXT WEEKEND-SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND – Please be as generous as possible when giving to this important collection. The cost of educating our seminarians is very high. We can help. New priests are needed badly.

FOOD COLLECTION – In the past we have collected food on Thanksgiving Day. This year the Knights of Columbus have mobilized to collect food for St. Vincent de Paul with a collection earlier than normal which will enable St. Vincent workers to put together food for people to have for their Thanksgiving dinner. There will be one more week for this collection. We will see that it gets to St. Vincnet de Paul as soon as possible for people to enjoy Thanksgiving more fully.

CEMETERY VISITATION – Fr. Straub will have a cemetery visitation service on Sunday, November 1, at noon (weather permitting). We will gather at St. Mary Cemetery to bless the graves and pray for our beloved dead. Please join us to remember the dead of our parish.

MASS FOR THE DEAD – We will have a Mass for All Souls Day in remembrance of all the dead of our parish. This Mass will be at 6:30 PM on Monday. All are welcome!

FROM THE PASTOR – PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

The month of November is traditionally dedicated to two topics: meditation on the last things, and prayer for the dead. We'll look into the various last things through my sermons for this month. For now, I want to focus on the practice of prayer for the dead and what we can do for our beloved deceased.

While some Christians will argue that this is a non-biblical practice, we do find it as outlined in Scriptures. The most obvious passage is 2 Maccabees 12:40-46, in which Judas Maccabeus requests prayers for his deceased soldiers who had carried false idols with them, “begging that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out.” There are hints of this practice in Saint Paul’s letters (especially 2 Tim. 1:16-18). Our Lord Himself hints at forgiveness beyond this life when He says: “whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.” (Matt 12:32)

This is not to mention the overwhelming evidence presented through the traditions of the Church. There are numerous etchings in the Christian catacombs in Rome and Italy dating from as early as the AD 70s with prayer requests for dead people. We have examples of liturgical prayers from numerous areas during the first five centuries in Greek, Latin, Syrian, Armenian, and Coptic languages. We also have various texts from noted authors like Tertullian, Cyprian of Carthage, and Augustine attesting to this practice.

What do we do when we pray for the dead? We are beseeching God to purify the souls of the departed so that they may enter into eternal life. The doctrine of Purgatory does not establish another eternal place for souls to dwell, but is the antechamber or entryway to Heaven. Nothing unclean or sinful may enter before the divine presence, so all souls must be purified of their sins and sinful inclinations. We aid the souls in Purgatory through our prayers and supplications on their behalf, helping to shorten their term so that they may reach the final goal of seeing God face to face.

How can we help? The first way is through the offering of Masses. This is why we provide the opportunity for special intentions for Masses. We can apply the fruits of the passion and death of Christ to a specific soul in need of those fruits. Our normal stipend for a Mass is \$10, although no donation has to be offered. Can we not offer up one or two fast food meals to request a Mass on behalf of our beloved dead? And what guarantee do we have that our deceased don't need this benefit?

We can also make prayers and earn indulgences on behalf of the dead. Indulgences remove the temporal punishment due for our sins. For the month of November, we can earn an indulgence by visiting a cemetery and praying vocally or mentally for the dead. A simple prayer works: “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.” Let us remember our dead this month and pray for them.

Fr. Jacob Straub