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HALLOWEEN- THE CATHOLIC WAY

What is HALLOWEEN?



"ALL HALLOWS' EVE" is where the name of halloween comes from. A hallowed person is another name for a saint. We call October 31 - All Hallow's Eve because it is the eve of All Saints' Day which is on November 1.

The mass that the Catholic Church celebrated on Nov. 1 was called "Allhallomas". This meant mass of all the hallowed (saintly people). It was commonly called "All Hallows' Day".

The night before Nov.1 became known as Allhallowe'en, which was short for "evening before All Hallows' Day." It was then shortened to what we now know as Halloween.

November

1

Why do we celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day?

November 1 is a special day called the feast of All Saints. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a saint. We do not know the names of all the saints. Some of these people were so much like Jesus that after they died, the Church said they were definitely in heaven.



November 2 is a special day called the feast of All Souls. It is celebrated in honor and remembrance of the souls of our dearly departed loved ones, and to pray for other souls that still need our prayers. The Church honors this day as a solemn day for all souls in purgatory who are being cleansed before entering Heaven.



How can we celebrate Halloween?

1. Dress up like "Little Saints"



Let's do our best to remind everyone that this day is the eve of the feast of All Saints. We honor the saints by dressing up like them instead of dressing up as anything that glorifies sin, horror or rebellion from God. By our good example, people will be curious to learn more about "All Hallows' Eve" and may even study the lives of the saints.

2. Visit the graves of our dearly departed



On Nov.1 and Nov.2, let's go to the cemeteries to pray at the graves of our dear departed. We can also adorn it with flowers and lighted candles.

3. Go to Mass



On Nov.1 and Nov.2, the most important thing we can do is to attend the Holy Mass and offer it for all the Holy Saints, and our dearly departed loved ones. By doing this, we give honor to them.

4. We say a prayer



While we celebrate Halloween, we pray to and honor our saints and pray for our dearly departed. We can say the rosary or other prayers at home or upon visiting the grave of our departed loved ones.

CATECHISM CORNER

What do we mean by praying to the Saints?

By praying to the Saints we mean the asking of their help and prayers.

How do we know that the Saints hear us?

We know that the Saints hear us, because they are with God, who makes our prayers known to them.

Why would the Saints intercede for us?

We believe that the Saints will intercede for us because both they and we are members of the same Church, and they love us as their brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. The Church in heaven and on earth are one and the same Church.

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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.

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Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
e-mail address: _____

[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 24

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Carlos Morales +

Sunday, October 25

- Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Phyllis Schnerre +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family
12:10 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, October 26

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Ben Gilrairie
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, October 28

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. Emmanuel Thach +

Thursday, October 29

8:00 a.m. Vesta Marshall & Mabel O'Keefe +

Friday, October 30

8:30 a.m. Mildred Huss

Saturday, October 31

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Children of Tom & Becky Jackson

Sunday, November 1

- All Souls Day -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. All Priests Living & Deceased
12:10 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, November 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Masses - 8:00 a.m. / Noon (Latin) / 7:00 p.m.

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Oct. 26 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary

Time - Eph 4:32—5:8/ Lk 13:10-17

Tues., Oct. 27 - Eph 5:21-33/ Lk 13:18-21

Wed., Oct. 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostle -
Eph 2:19-22/ Lk 6:12-16

Thurs., Oct. 29 - Eph 6:10-20/ Lk 13:31-35

Fri., Oct. 30 - Phil 1:1-11/ Lk 14:1-6

Sat., Oct. 31 - Phil 1:18b-26/ Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sun., Nov. 1 - All Saints - Rv 7:2-4,9-14/ 1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a - **National Vocations Awareness Week - Daylight Savings Time ends**

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — October 25, 2020

Next weekend, we will celebrate the **Solemnity of All Saints** at weekend Masses. As this solemnity falls on Sunday, it will give us a brief respite from our current journey through the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**. This will be reflected in our prayers, our readings, and our liturgical colors (as the **green** of **Ordinary Time** is exchanged for the **white/gold** reserved for particular joyous celebrations, such as **Christmas, Easter, Solemnities, and particular Feast days**).

With this celebration, we also have many events quickly approaching. Next **Saturday, Oct. 31st**, we will have an evening talk on the **Spiritual Life at 8 PM in the Parish Social Hall**. At the **10 AM Mass next Sunday (Nov. 1st)**, we will have our **All Saints Day Dress Up**. (*Note: Incense will also be used at that Mass.*) That **Monday, Nov. 2nd**, we will offer three Mass times for **All Souls Day** (8 AM; Noon [Latin]; and 7 PM).

This past Wednesday, we welcomed Bishop Rhoades for a visit to our parish. Each month, I join with various pastors and ministers throughout Wells County as we gather for lunch and to pray together. This past week, we hosted the monthly gathering here at St. Joseph. Bishop was able to join us for the luncheon and served as a special guest speaker to the group. (*A special "Thank You!" to parishioners Rick and Sue Singer for preparing the lunch.*)

Bishop shared several insights with the group from *Fratelli tutti* ("All Brothers: On Fraternity and Social Friendship"), Pope Francis' latest papal encyclical. In the second chapter of this letter, Pope Francis offers a meditation on the parable of the Good Samaritan (*Luke 10:29-37*). Using this meditation, Bishop expounded upon our need as Christians to see all peoples as our neighbor and to be willing to give of our time and show forth the love of Christ to each person that we meet.

Speaking of Bishop Rhoades, this past Thursday, he, in union with the four other bishops of the state of Indiana, has extended the dispensation from the Sunday Obligation (set to expire Nov. 1st) for the foreseeable future. Bishop Rhoades and the other bishops will continue to monitor developments throughout the state and will once again reevaluate this general dispensation in the coming months.

What does this mean for us at St. Joseph? We will continue with our public liturgies while following the general safety precautions asked of us by the Bishop as we have been doing for the past several months. The reason that the Bishop is extending this general dispensation is for the Faithful who might be ill, who might be susceptible to illness, who might be caring for those susceptible to illness, and those who do not yet feel comfortable returning to large gatherings. For those who fall into these categories, it may not yet be prudent for them to return to Mass in person, either due to their own health or the health of those for whom they care.

This is, of course, an individual decision. All are welcome to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in-person. In fact, we look forward to the day when every one of us will be ready and able to join together again at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in-person. We miss seeing those who cannot yet join us in person! For those who cannot yet join us in person, we will continue to live-stream our daily Masses and our 10 AM Sunday Mass, now greatly improved by our new live-streaming capabilities.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, and Terry Burns.



Tuesday
November 17
6:30 p.m. in the
Social Hall

Wreath Kits are \$20
per household.

Includes Candles, Wreath, Materials
and Devotional Resources.

Make here or take a kit home!



ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP

Your Help is needed Tuesday, October 27 at
7:00 p.m. in the social to put together goodie
bags. Remember, many hands make light work!

MEMORIAL CANDLES

Please remember to bring in your Memorial Candles
and put on the desk in the narthex or drop them by the
parish office before October 30th. They will be
displayed the month of November in memory of the
Poor Souls in Purgatory.



LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Lector workbooks are on a table in the narthex. Please look for the
one with your name on it! The November Lector calendar was
emailed to lectors on October 20th. Lectors are needed for all 4
Masses; 5:00 p.m. Saturday, and Sunday 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and
12:30 p.m. Thank you!

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Oct. 24 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Oct. 24 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 25 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 25 - No Religious Education Class - Fall Break
- Mon., Oct. 26 - No Morning Mass
- Mon., Oct. 26 - The office will be closed today, however, for
Sacramental Emergencies please call 260-296-0511.
- Tues., Oct. 27 - Adoration 7:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., Oct. 28 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-
6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 29 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Fri., Oct. 30 - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Oct. 31 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Oct. 31 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 1 - All Saints Day - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
(Come dressed as your favorite Saint!) / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 1 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Nov. 2 - All Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day) - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Mass Noon / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Nov. 3 - Election Day - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- Fri., Nov. 6 - First Friday Mass and Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament, - Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. /
Low Mass at 6:00 p.m.

ALL SAINTS DAY

NOVEMBER 1

10:00 a.m. Mass

Come dressed as your
favorite Saint. After Mass
you will introduce yourself
as the Saint you are dressed
up as.



KARING FOR KIDS - BLESSING TREE (formerly Angel Tree)

Our Blessing Tree will be set up in the narthex the first week of
November. Our number of angels on the tree will be lower than
usual as they have had to lower the number of children to 400
(750 in the past). They have had to make some changes this year
due to limited funds after not having their
annual golf outing fundraiser because of
the pandemic. They will not have their
"wrapping parties" to wrap the gifts, so
parents will come "shop" for their children's
gift items at a designated time slot; so
please **do not wrap your gifts!**



Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Blessing Tree!



O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY,
O SACRAMENT DIVINE,
ALL PRAISE AND ALL THANKSGIVING,
BE EVERY MOMENT THINE.

Sign up sheets are in the
narthex for Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament on
Tuesday evening, November
3 6:00-10:00 p.m. and First
Friday Mass and Adoration
November 6, Mass at 8:30
a.m. / Adoration 9:00 a.m.
to 6:00 p.m. Low Mass at
6:00 p.m.

Thank You!

Thanks to all for supporting this year's Knights of Columbus Fish
Fry. We were blessed with a beautiful fall evening, resulting in a
record turnout. Proceeds will go to Coats for Kids in Wells County.

ADORATION AND CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday mornings - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m.
Confession 8:30 a.m. (after Mass)
Wednesday evenings - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m.
Confession 6-6:45 p.m.
Saturday evenings - Confession 4-4:45 p.m.

By appointment 824-1380, the Sacramental Emergency
number at 260-296-0511 or you may email
Fr. David directly at frdavidvioli@gmail.com

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report Collections October 17/18 weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$1,820.00
Child Envelopes- \$0
Loose- \$70.15
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$0
Religious Ed. Fund- \$122.00
Religious Ed. Fees- \$100.00
Votive Candles- \$184.86
Memorial Candles- \$60.00
Total- \$2,357.01

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,759.39 behind our
weekly budget for October.

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n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?

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