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What is Halloween?



All Hallow's Eve is where the name of Halloween comes from. A **hallowed person** is another name for a saint. We call October 31st **All Hallow's Eve** because it is the eve of **All Saints Day** on November 1st.

The Mass that the Catholic Church celebrated on November 1st was called **Allhallomas**. This meant **Mass of All the Hallowed** or **Mass of All Saints**. This day was commonly called **All Hallows' Day**.



The night before November 1st became known as **Allhallowe'en**, short for the evening before **All Hallows' Day**. Eventually, it was shortened to **Halloween**.



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



November 1st is called the **Solemnity of All Saints**. On this day, the Church celebrates with all those who have died and are now in heaven with God.

Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a **Saint**. We do not know the names of all of the Saints. Some of these people were so much like Jesus that, after they died, the Church definitively proclaimed them to be in heaven.

November 2nd is called the **Commemoration of All Souls**.

On this day, we remember our departed loved ones and pray for all those who have died and are in need of our prayers. Throughout the month of November, we continue to pray in a special way for all those who have died.



How can we celebrate Halloween?



✠ Dress Like a Saint

✠ Pray for the Holy Souls

✠ Pray at a Cemetery

✠ Go to Mass

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 30

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Andrea Grover +

Sunday, October 31

- **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time-**

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Tom Cincotta +

Monday, November 1 - All Saints Day

7:00 a.m. Diann Huss +

Noon Parish Family

5:30 p.m. Emmanuel Thach +

Tuesday, November 2 - All Souls' Day

8:00 a.m. Jerri Mowry +

Noon The Intention of the Holy Father

7:00 p.m. All the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, November 3

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Kelly Burns +

Thursday, November 4

8:00 a.m. Gloria Gordon +

Friday, November 5

8:30 a.m. Jim Cole +

Saturday, November 6

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Julie Johnson +

Sunday, November 7

- **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time-**

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Leo Volk +

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., November 1 - All Saints Day - Rv 7:2-4,9-14/ 1 Jn 3:1-3

Tues., November 2 - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Wed., November 3 - St. Martin de Porres, Religious - Rom 13:8-10/ Lk 14:25-33

Thur., November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop - Rom 14:7-12/ Lk 15:1-10

Fri., November 5 - Rom 15:14-21/ Lk 16:1-8

Sat., November 6 - Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27/ Lk 16:9-15

Sun., November 7 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Daylight Savings Time ends

- **National Vocations Awareness Week** - 1 Kgs 17:10-16/ Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-OCTOBER 31, 2021

As a reminder, Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 7th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour for next Sunday.

This weekend (October 30th/31st), the Church celebrates the **Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**. As we near the end of the liturgical year, our readings continue to focus on the cost of discipleship and living out our Faith. This focus will culminate in three weekends in the celebration of the **Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe**.

Our liturgical year begins anew each year in anticipation of the coming Jesus Christ as **Advent** prepares us for **Christmas**. And, it ends each year with a recognition of Jesus Christ as the King of the Universe. All things begin and end in Jesus Christ. Our path of discipleship isn't simply a path we walk to grow in virtue (*though we should!*), but a path that is meant to help us grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, the source of all virtue.

Our bulletin cover highlights the Catholic roots of Halloween, which leads us into **All Saints' Day** and **All Souls' Day**. Though its roots are found in our tradition, not everything about how Halloween is currently celebrated is good for the soul. We should avoid the use (*even jokingly*) of Ouija boards, tarot cards, and such things which attempt to communicate with "spirits" or participate in occult practices.

Though these practices may seem harmless to some, they are spiritually harmful and can even be sinful. Through them, we are seeking out a power other than that of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Instead of turning to these occult practices, we are always to turn to our Lord and to His Saints. If anyone has any such occult items that they wish to remove from their homes, please reach out to me. I will help you to properly dispose of them.

What can we do instead of such things? We turn to the Lord and His Saints in prayer. This can include reciting the prayer of St. Michael the Archangel and asking the intercession of St. Joseph, the Terror of Demons and our patron. I would encourage you to turn to such prayers not only when at Church, but also to be praying them together at home as a family.

ALL SAINTS' DAY, ALL SOULS' DAY, AND CEMETERY BLESSING

This **Monday, November 1st**, is the **Solemnity of All Saints**. As this day falls on a Monday, though a holy day, it is **not** a holy day of obligation this year. This means that we are not obliged to assist at Mass on this day.

Though it is not a "holy day of obligation," may we see it as a "holy day of opportunity." We will have three separate opportunities to assist at Mass on Monday (**7 AM, Noon, 5:30 PM**) and will have our annual **All Saints' Day Celebration** after the evening Mass. Come dressed as your favorite Saint!

This **Tuesday, November 2nd**, is the **Commemoration of All Souls**. On this day, we gather to pray for all of our loved ones who have died and help them on their path to heaven. We will again have three opportunities to assist at Mass on Tuesday (**8 AM, Noon, 7 PM**) as we pray for our dearly departed loved ones.

Before the 7 PM Mass on All Souls' Day, you are invited to join us on **Tuesday, November 2nd, at 6 PM for the blessing St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery (3500 IN-124, Bluffton)**, east of Elm Grove Cemetery. Bishop Rhoades has sent a letter, included as a handout in this bulletin, to help us commemorate this historic event for our parish.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Doreen Ayres, Leanne Lee, Matt McFarren, Ryan Feedback and Dr. Doug Phillips.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, November 5

9:00 a.m. (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass)

Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Mass at 6:00 p.m.

(Sign up sheet is in the narthex.)

"Spend an Hour with me." - Jesus

FIRST SATURDAY CONFESSION

Saturday, November 6

Following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.



Wedding Banns II

Veronica Runyon and Nathan Yagodinski

*We pray for those preparing for
Holy Matrimony*



CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. There will be **no** Choir Practice on All Souls Day, Tuesday, November 2nd.

G.I.R.L.'s night out

(Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving)

*Tuesday, November 9th 7:00 p.m. in the
Parish Conference Room*

PARISH CALENDAR

- Mon., November 1 - All Saints Day Masses - 7:00 a.m., Noon & 5:30 p.m., All Saints Party & Pot Luck following Mass.
- Tues., November 2 All Souls Day Masses 8:00 a.m., Noon & 7:00 p.m. at Church/ 6:00 p.m. Blessing of the St. Joseph Cemetery.
- Wed., November 3 - Holy Hour Praise & Worship - 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., November 3 - Parish Council following 7:00 PM Mass.
- Thurs., November 4 - RCIA class - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., November 5 - First Friday Adoration (following 8:30 a.m. Mass) - 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Mass 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., November 6 - First Saturday Confessions following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.
- Sat., November 6 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., November 7 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., November 7 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., November 8 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., November 9 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.
- Tues., November 9 - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. in Church / meeting in Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., November 9 - G.I.R.L.'s night out - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- Wed., November 10 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., November 11 - RCIA class - 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., November 13 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., November 14 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., November 14 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 6/7



5:00 Teresa Smith
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Jay Crisp



5:00 Barb Ault
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Bruce Holland



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Knights of Columbus



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling OR Volunteers
7:30 Beth Geisel, Phillip Mayer, Spencer McCorkle
10:00 Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report October 23/24 Weekend Report will be in next weekend's bulletin

Adult Envelopes- \$
Child Envelopes- \$
Loose- \$
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$
Religious Ed. Fund- \$
Votive Candles- \$
Total- \$

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
We are \$5,486.96 ahead of our budget for the month of October.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*

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Join us for a
**PRaise AND
WORSHIP
HOLY HOUR**



**Wednesday,
November 3
6:00-7:00 p.m.**



**KNIGHTS
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Sunday, November 7th following the 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Parish Social Hall. Proceeds from the breakfast will go towards purchasing coats through Coats for Kids and will benefit children in our community.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - Tuesday, November 9 -
Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. in Church
meeting in Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.



*Daylight-Saving
Time Ends*

**Sunday, November 7th
at 2:00 a.m.**

Don't Forget to FALL BACK!



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October 18, 2021

Dear Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish,

I was happy to hear from Father David that a section of Elm Grove Cemetery will become Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery and that you have a ground blessing ceremony on All Souls Day. This is good news since the Church recommends that an area in public cemeteries be blessed and reserved for the deceased faithful when it is not possible for a parish to have its own cemetery.

As you know, the final part of the Church's funeral rites is the Rite of Committal at the cemetery. The community gathers for the final prayers beside the open grave or place of interment. The body of the deceased is committed to its resting place awaiting the glory of the resurrection. We believe in the resurrection of the body, that God will grant incorruptible life to our bodies by reuniting them with our souls "at the last day," "at the end of the world." With this faith, we treat with respect the bodies of the dead and ensure their proper burial. As Saint Paul taught: "The body is meant for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?... You are not your own; ...So glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 19-20).

Your parish community will especially be in my prayers on November 2nd. May the Lord bless you as you gather for the blessing of Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery! May all who are buried there in the coming years rest in peace and rise on the last day through the power of the Risen Jesus!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

KCR/dl



NOVEMBER

*Dedicated to the
Holy Souls in Purgatory*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 All deceased parishioners of St. Joseph	2 Holy Souls in Purgatory	3	4	5 All deceased residents of Wells County	6
7	8	9 Deceased Bishops of our Diocese	10	11 All those who have died of COVID-19	12	13
14	15 All those who have died without Last Rites	16	17	18	19 All those who have no one to pray for them	20
21 Deceased Pastors of St. Joseph	22	23	24	25	26	27 Everyone who will die this day
28	29	30 All those who have died this past year	On this calendar, write a different prayer intention each day and offer a prayer for that person and/or intention. Several intentions are already suggested.			

Réquiem ætérnam dona eí Dómine;
et lux perpétua lúceat eí.
Requiescat in pace. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon him/her.
May he/she rest in peace. Amen.

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

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