



November
Month of
The Souls in
Purgatory

November 20, 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

HH - Hitch Hall MH - Maher Hall
SB - School Basement
R - Rectory CH - Church
WH - Waldeisen Hall

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Nov 21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5:30 pm Ron Donley by Velma Donley	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4	
Tues Nov 22	Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr		Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11	Free Store Closed KMA Community Dinner See below
Wed Nov 23			Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19	
Thur Nov 24	Thanksgiving	9:30 am Deceased Members of the Blondin & Langton Families by Joe & Beth Langton	Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19	Blessing of Food 9:30 am CH
Fri Nov 25		5:30 pm Patricia & Jerry Hardesty by Family	Rv 20:1-4, 11 – 21:2; Lk 21:29-33	
Sat Nov 26		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36	Confessions 9 am CH Free Store Closed
Sun Nov 27	First Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society 11 am Vicky Franz by Kathy & Pat Franz	Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44	

Sanctuary Lamp - Ron Donley

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Nov 6	Nov 13
Sunday Offering -	\$3,432.00	\$3,510.00
Daily Offering -	\$1,000.00	
Holy Day -	\$653.00	
Total	\$5,085.00	\$3,510.00
Weekly operating costs	<u>\$3,200.00</u>	<u>\$3,200.00</u>
(Shortfall) Overage	<u>\$1,885.00</u>	<u>\$310.00</u>
YTD Over (short) -	\$5,769.50	\$6,079.50
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$250.00	\$10.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$325.00	\$174.00
Debt Reduction -	\$50.00	\$500.00
Other Gifts -	\$5,350.00	\$600.00
KMA Thanksgiving Dinner	\$50.00	
Envs used of 240 sent	56	69

Weather permitting, the **parking lot will be closed for repairs on Mon., Nov. 28th & Tues., Nov. 29th.

Please use street parking and plan accordingly.

KMA Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held THIS Tues., Nov. 22nd from 5-7 pm on the property of Goss Memorial Church. For take out: come up 11th St. S.W. next to the Community Center. For sit-down: enter off of 10th St. S.W. There's face painting & crafts for the kids. Meals are once again being catered by Guy's Party Center. Menu: turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and dessert. If you'd like to help Tuesday, please call the rectory.

Masses – To schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. Available dates: Weekdays, 5:30 pm: Dec. 5, 7 (Holy Day Vigil), 19, 23. Weekends – January.

100th Anniversary Events – Mark your Calendars!

- **Thanksgiving Day:** Mass at 9:30 am. Bring items that will be served at your meal to be blessed, thereby blessing the meal and all gathered at the table.
- **#weGIVECATHOLIC: We need your help!!** Nov. 29th is Giving Tuesday around the nation. We Give Catholic in our diocese. We're taking part in this one day, national fund-raising event & hope to receive some outside help in raising funds to replace the retaining walls, add some nice, simple landscaping and steps in the area between the school & hall. Check out the flier in this week's bulletin & go to www.wegivecatholic.org to learn more about the day; then search for our parish to see our page. Share the information with family & friends at Thanksgiving as well as employers and those who may be looking for an end of the year charitable donation opportunity. Remember this is nation-wide so people can donate from all over. Thank you for your help in spreading the word. I.C. Spirit – catch it!
- **100 Days of Prayer:** We'll have the opportunity to join in prayer as one family of faith beginning 100 days before our 100th anniversary, March 23rd. Prayers will be available the second weekend in December. More info to follow.
- **Christmas Cards for First Responders:** will be at the back of the church beginning Nov. 26-27.
- Share your **favorite I.C. Memory** – forms will be available Nov 26-27 so do some thinking.
- **Bowling:** January – stay tuned.
- Mark your calendars & tell your friends – **Night at the Races:** Saturday, Feb. 18th to benefit Debt Reduction.

History of Popes

#257 – St. Pius X - Pope from Aug. 4, 1903 – death, Aug. 20, 1914. Giuseppe Sarto was born on June 2, 1835 to Giambattista and Margherita Sarto; one of eight children. He came from a small village and a poor family, but was a bright student with a pious heart. He attended seminary in Padua, focusing on Scripture, the Church Fathers, and scholastic philosophy, and was ordained in 1858. He became a pastor in 1868, canon of the cathedral & diocesan administrator in 1875, bishop in 1884 and he was made Cardinal Archbishop of Venice in 1893. He was elected pope the summer of 1903 with great humility. Though initially unwilling, Pius accepted the decision and took his name to honor both Bl. Pius IX and St. Pius V, two popes who had suffered and served the Body of Christ well. Pius X often said, “I was born poor, I have lived poor, & I wish to die poor.” He was a uniquely pastoral pontiff having been a parish priest for so much of his career. He encouraged clergy to not preach with lofty language, but in simple, clear terms, and to care for the salvation of souls above all else. He fought vigorously against modernism, the belief that Catholic teaching ought to be upgraded and meshed with recent philosophies. He beatified John Bosco in 1908, Joan of Arc in 1909 & John Eudes in 1909. It’s perhaps thanks to St. Pius X that daily Communion is a normal occurrence these days. In a time when most Catholics received the Eucharist just three or four times a year, one of Pius’ best-known reforms was encouraging the laity, and especially children, to receive frequently, daily if possible. The decree *Quam singulari* in 1910 allowed for children as young as 7 to receive First Communion, and he pulled from the Council of Trent in noting that the Eucharist is “the antidote whereby we may be freed from daily faults and be preserved from mortal sins.” This Pope of the Blessed Sacrament, as he was often called, is also known to have said, “Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven.” Several miracles occurred in Pius’ presence during his earthly life, including a paralyzed child who began to move around while the pope was holding him. His cause for canonization was opened soon after his death in 1914. Pius was declared “Venerable” in 1943, was beatified in 1951, and finally canonized in 1954, all by Pope Pius XII. What else was going on in the world at the time? Just before Pius X’s death in 1914, World War I broke out in Europe.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This marks the closing of a Year of Grace and prepares us to begin a new Year of Grace on the First Sunday of Advent. It was Pope Pius XI who instituted this feast in his 1925 encyclical *Quas Primas* (In the First). There was growing secularism & atheism in the world at that time (sound familiar?) and Pope Pius wanted to remind them & us now, that while governments may come & go, our Lord Jesus, the Christ, the Anointed One, reigns and will reign as King forever. Paragraph 7 of the encyclical states that Jesus Christ “is very truth & it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind.” Where do you receive your truth – social media, news media? The Truth comes from God alone & is contained in Sacred Scripture. When was the last time you opened your Bible to read and reflect on God’s truth? It is Jesus through whom & for whom all things were created. He is the head of the Church, the firstborn from the dead and the one who ignites the flame of hope in God’s mercy within us. In these difficult times, who do you know who needs that flame fanned? Who do you know who needs hope when they stumble, when they fall? It might even be you. We are God’s instruments so let’s be about our mission and help others know that it’s never too late to reach out to the Lord and ask for the mercy to begin again.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A parish family is very much like a personal family. There are jobs and chores that need doing & if they don’t get done, things are out of sorts and don’t run smoothly. Here is a list of “chores/jobs” that need to be addressed here at the parish – everybody can do something!

Free Store Help – Have a heart for those in need & like to work with friendly, faith-filled people? Stop by Tuesdays, 4-7 pm or Saturdays, 9 am-12, check it out & join the team!

Bingo – We are in real need of Bingo help. Do you have even one Wednesday to give to call Bingo, sell Instant Bingo, learn the office from our amazing Bingo Manager, Lorie. We need more people to serve our clientele & to rotate workers. Bingo income is **critical** to our parish finances so come help, be part of a team, meet new people & help your parish.

Liturgical Ministry – We’re in dire need of *Lectors, Altar Servers and Contemporary Choir members*. Training provided. Please help. Please call the rectory.

The **Free Store** distributes over 125 sack lunches each week as the number of homeless & hungry is growing.

Needed: peanut butter, jelly, apples, individually wrapped cookies & crackers (Lance, Nekot, Keebler), small individual bags of chips, pretzels. Please place them in the basket by the offertory table in back of the church. Thank you.

Fr. Sam is seeking a **volunteer** for 2-3 hours every other week to do laundry & light housekeeping. Please call the rectory for information or to share your stewardship.

ADVENT: This is the last Sunday in the 2022 Year of Grace. The new Year of Grace begins next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent. Be sure to pick up a copy of Journey through Advent, found at all doors of the church, & mark the important dates on your calendars.

Holiday hours: The rectory office will be closed on Thanksgiving & the next day Friday, Nov. 25th. Mass will still be celebrated at 5:30 pm on the 25th. The Free Store will be closed on Tuesday, November 22nd and Saturday, November 26th.

Other Events

•Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler (St. Francis de Sales) & Deacon Robin Adair (St. Augustine) are leading **a pilgrimage to the Holy Land** October 15-25, 2023. \$5,399 per person (from CLE) based on double occupancy. Hosted by 206 Tours. Check it out at www.pilgrimages.com/deaconadair.