

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart

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Sunday, November 19, 2023
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday: 9 AM to 4 PM
Sunday: 9 AM to 2 PM

Community Cupboard and Closet:

Saturdays: 11 AM to 3 PM

Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Friday: 5:30 PM
(Civic holidays at 10 AM)

Saturday: 4:15 PM*

Sunday: 8:30 AM* and 11 AM*

*Interpreted for the Deaf

Confession: Saturdays 3:30 PM – 4 PM or by appointment



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Parish Registration – Welcome new members! Please register by calling the parish office. Parishioners who are moving are asked to contact the office to update their information

Baptism – Baptisms may be scheduled at any time. Please call the parish office to make baptismal arrangements.

Funerals – Please call the parish office to schedule funerals prior to publishing any information.

Matrimony – Call the parish office to meet with a priest. Diocesan regulations require a minimum of 6 months preparation time.

Care of the Sick – Notify the parish office of those who are hospitalized or homebound. Arrangements can be made for pastoral visits, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We can also bring Holy Communion to the homebound.



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, the head of a household repeatedly invites others to share in his joy. Similarly, we are repeatedly invited to share in God's joy. God created the world and us and proclaimed it all good. Let us share in God's joy. God raised the Son to new life, bringing salvation to the many. Let us share in God's joy. God invites us all to eternal life. Let us share in God's joy. Gathered here today to share in this Eucharistic feast, let us share in God's joy.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 18th- 4:15 PM † Bob Bencic
Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ

Sunday, November 19th- 8:30 AM † Chappelle Letman
Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ

Sunday, November 19th- 11 AM † Sr. Mary Schrader
Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S

Monday, November 20th- 5:30 PM † Henry Senyak

Tuesday, November 21st- 5:30 PM † Loretta Dulik
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, November 22nd- 5:30 PM Living and Deceased
St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Benefactors

Thursday, November 23rd No Mass
St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr
St. Columban, Abbot
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 24^h- 5:30 PM † Charles Johnson
St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday, November 25th- 4:15 PM † Alex Kosiewicz
Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S

Sunday, November 26th- 8:30 AM † Jim and Marge Green
Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S

Sunday, November 26th- 11 AM † Dominic Galati, Jr.
Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ

The Pope's Intention for November: For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1- 5;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24;
Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, disability, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation. No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue. You are invited, accepted, and respected here at St. Augustine Parish.

*Loving God,
For all who feel on the margins,
but who are at the center of your heart,
we ask you to open our hearts.
Help us to become a church and a nation where:*

***All lives have dignity,
All people are loved
And all are welcome.***

Amen

Love Without Measure...

In his apostolic letter, *Misericordia Misera* (20 November 2016), Pope Francis designated the Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time "World Day of the Poor." He wrote: "It will be a day that will help communities and each baptized person to reflect on how poverty is at the heart of the Gospel, and on the fact that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes there can be no justice or social peace. This day will represent a genuine form of new evangelization, which can renew the face of the Church as she perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy."

"A great river of poverty is traversing our cities and swelling to the point of overflowing; it, seems to overwhelm us, so great are the needs of our brothers and sisters who plead for our help, support, and solidarity." Pope Francis

Sunday, November 19, 2023 is the World Day of the Poor, a day established by Pope Francis in 2017 for Catholics to "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." The theme for 2023 is "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor"

Whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus. Let us carefully consider his words: "from anyone who is poor." Everyone is our neighbor. Regardless of the color of their skin, their social standing, the place from which they came, if I myself am poor, I can recognize my brother and sisters in need of help. We are called to acknowledge every poor person and every form of poverty, abandoning the indifference and the banal excuses we make to protect our illusory well being."

Pope Francis said that for Christ's disciples, "poverty is above all a call to follow Jesus in his own poverty," and he asked Catholics to take as their example Saint Francis of Assisi, who kept his gaze, fixed on Christ, allowing him to see and serve the poor.

The experience of poverty takes on many forms. It affects many of us. We might encounter it when we feel impoverished because of loneliness due to separation from family, friends or our faith. Or, it may have been an experience of material poverty, when we have struggled to make ends meet and pay our bills.

On this World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis invites us to especially reflect on the latter. He calls us to be attentive to the many in our local communities and our world who lack access to necessities such as nutritious food, adequate housing, or healthcare. As Pope Francis emphasizes in his World Day of the Poor message, "The poor are persons, they have faces, stories, hearts and souls."

On this World Day of the Poor, may we not "turn our face from anyone who is poor" but remember that it is often the poor who help us to encounter Christ in our world today.

Fr. Bill

Parish Breakfast This Sunday

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a new member of our parish family, or just visiting, you are invited to a complimentary parish breakfast this Sunday (November 19th) from 9 AM until 1 PM in Walsh Hall (basement of school building). We hope that you will be able to join us for food and fellowship.



Thursday of this week, November 23rd is Thanksgiving Day, a legal holiday. We will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 22nd at 5:30 PM. *We will not have Mass on Thursday.*

Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th. Normal Parish Office hours will resume on Saturday, November 25th.

Pray for those who are sick...

If you or a family member are sick, please call the Parish Office or email ministry@StAugustineCleveland.org to add the name to this list. Names will be listed in the bulletin for 6 weeks. Please let us know if this time period needs to be extended. We want to know how you are doing and want to offer you the support of our prayers.

Pat Abraham	Dorothy Barr	Patti Cook
JoAnn Fisher	Mike Furey	Susan Grieken
Irene Kingery	Ella McGowan	Fr. Joe McNulty
Nora Orozco	Bridget Patton	Sheila Rock
Mary Solderitsch	Donna Thomas	Millie Vargas
Syl Vargas		

And for all those who are ill, homebound, elderly, in nursing care, living with a chronic illness, or living on the margins, we pray.

The Power of Prayer

The St. Augustine Prayer Chain is an email request line for prayers. Many parishioners are already a part of this chain. If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain, please email Bob at BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org to be added to the Prayer Chain. You will then get emails from others requesting prayers, and you will be able to ask others for prayers for your needs. Your email address will not be shared with those asking for prayers.

Pray the Rosary



We invite you to join us **every Monday through Friday at 6 PM** in Church as we pray the rosary. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not pray the rosary on Thursday. If you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to join us on livestream.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This annual special collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend (November 18th and 19th). This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd. Your generosity will be appreciated.

PSR Families and Catechists



- ◆ PSR Classes are held on Sundays from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM for students in Pre-K thru 8th Grade.
- ◆ Parents are asked to bring their children to their classroom in the school building.
- ◆ Students will be dismissed from the classroom.

If you are new to St. Augustine or the area and would like more information on our program, please contact Jessica at (216) 781-5530 or JNeuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org



Is God calling you to invite someone you know who is searching for a deeper faith in God to explore becoming Catholic? The Church prepares adults for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist through a process called Rite of Christian Initiation

of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA is designed to form the mind and heart in Christian discipleship through study of the basics of the Catholic faith, prayer and fellowship. If any of these are true for you or someone you know, then you are invited to contact the parish office to learn more and to register to join our RCIA group.

What Happened at the Synod?



Fr. James Martin, a Jesuit priest was one of the delegates that met in Rome last month for the Synod.

Fr. James Martin will give a Zoom presentation on **Sunday, December at 2 PM** on his experience at the Synod. The presentation will be streamed in Church and will be interpreted for members of the Deaf Community.

After the presentation Fr. James Martin will answer any questions that you may have.



personal stories about living a life in God's Grace on the second Saturday of every month.

Cursillistas will resume their monthly gatherings for Ultreya on Saturday, December 10th at 10 AM. Cursillistas are invited to gather, pray, and share

The Faithful Departed



During the month of November, the Church takes special care to remember the souls of the Faithful Departed. A Book of Remembrance will be placed in the front of the church by the ramp for you to enter the names of your deceased relatives and friends you wish to be prayed for during this month.

2024 Mass Book



The 2024 Mass Book is now available for parishioners' requests can be made by contacting the parish office or by mail. Please include your name, address and phone number on your request so that we can contact you if any adjustments need to be made requesting Mass intention for the year 2024. Mass.

Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee's next meeting will be on Monday, December 11th at 7 PM in Walsh Hall. This committee will meet once a month, and will be looking at the wants, needs, and consensus of our congregation in matters relating to our liturgical life. For more information on the Committee please contact Bill Shaffer at (216) 781-5530, ext 18 or by email at BShafter@staugustinecleveland.org.

Nine Lepers or one Leper?

Nine Lepers or one Leper? There are basically two types of people in our world: the grateful and the ungrateful. The Gospel for Thanksgiving tells the story of the ten lepers whom Jesus healed (Luke 17: 11-19). Only one of them, a Samaritan - a Jew despised and held unclean for being in schism - returned to give Him thanks. The other nine (who were "real" Jews), apparently considered their healing as something they had a right to, whereas the Samaritan took it as an undeserved gift from God. This Gospel reminds us that even God desires our gratitude. "Where are the other nine?" Jesus asked with pain. (Confer also Is 1:3-5.)

That is why St. Paul admonishes us, "*Always be thankful*" (Col 3:17). It is a Christian's duty as well as a privilege to be grateful for the blessings of God (Deuteronomy 8:10; Psalm 107:19, 21; Colossians 1:12-14; Philippians 1:3). "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever® (1 Chronicles 16:34). (Refer to Psalm 107:1, John 11:41, Eph. 5:20, and Col. 3:17 for Biblical prayers and expressions of thanksgiving.)

Gathered around the altar celebrating the Eucharist, we find that our expression of thanks becomes part of the great Thanksgiving Prayer of Christ which joins the mighty chorus of all God's people. We should give thanks for this parish community in which we gather together. It is in this community that we meet Christ in the Breaking of the Bread and receive the Sacraments that nourish and strengthen us along the way. Hence, "let us give thanks to the Lord our God. For it is right to give God thanks and praise!"

Capital Improvements: School Building

Tuckpointing: Coon Restoration continues the much-needed tuckpointing of our school building. Work on all four sides is needed and a completion date has not been set.

Although scaffolding and a telescopic boom lift are at the front of the building, access to Walsh Hall and the main school building doors will remain. **Please use caution when in the area.**

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we continue to make much needed repairs and renovations to our parish buildings. If you would like to contribute financially to the building maintenance fund, please contact Fr. Bill or Bob Duda at (216) 781-5530.



The Handbell Choir is returning to St. Augustine! Led by Bill Shaffer, come learn a little about music and teamwork. If you like to have some fun and meet some new people, this is for you!

Anyone from ages 8-80 are welcome to join. No experience necessary, and no music reading ability necessary either. The choir is open to both hearing and deaf individuals.

For comments or questions, please email Bill at BSshaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org or call at (216) 781-5530.

World/African Drumming Class

St. Augustine Church has partnered with Broadway School of Music and the Arts to offer a nine-week Inclusive Music Program for Adults with Disabilities. Classes will begin this Monday, November 13, 2023 from 10 AM until 11:30 AM in Walsh Hall.

For more information or to register please contact Emily at (216) 641-0640 or by email, emily@broadwayschool.org or Bob Duda at (216) 781-5530 or BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org.

Sunday Thought

We live in a world where unfortunately promises are often given and taken lightly. This would not be the case though when it comes to the promise that Jesus makes; that He will come again. He means every word of this promise. We may not know when or we may not know how, but one day Jesus will return to establish a new heaven and a new earth. This is simply the culmination of our professed Faith. However, some people appear to be troubled by the length of time it seems that it has taken this promise to be fulfilled so they doubt Jesus' sincerity. How strange that we presume we can judge God's promises on a standard that is different from our own? For instance when we celebrate the promise made by a couple in marriage after fifty years do we consider that promise weak because it has lasted so long? Of course, we do not. Promises become more credible the longer they last in our world, so why accuse God of failing to keep His promise because His has lasted so long and we still have time? Let us be industrious servants then and manage God's affairs wisely so we will be ready whenever Jesus chooses to arrive.

Say It in Sign

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday the sign language classes for beginners will not meet this Thursday. Class will resume on Thursday, November 30th at 2:30 PM. For more information, please contact Robin McMarlin at (216) 781-5530 ext. 29 or at RMcMarlin@StAugustineCleveland.org

St. Augustine Signing Choir

The St. Augustine Signing Choir is preparing for the Christmas season. Anyone interested in joining the choir, with or without signing experience, is invited to join. Practice is held on Thursdays (except Thanksgiving Day) at 6:30 PM in Walsh Hall. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf

Members of Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf will gather for their prayer meeting on Sunday, November 26, 2023 following the 11 AM Mass.

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

Members of St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors recently held elections for Officers. Congratulations and thank you to the following Officers:

Jim Dudaski: President
James Lassiter: Vice- President
Barbara Kuhel: Secretary
Richard Anderson: Treasurer

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather in the Deaf Center on Tuesday, November 28th at 10 AM. New members are always welcome.

Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center

The Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center will have their Christmas Party on December 10, 2023. Lunch will be served from 1 pm to 3 pm. \$15 members and \$20 non-members. Bring an unwrapped "birthday gift" for Jesus to be placed by the Nativity. Items will be donated to the Community Cupboard and Closet. Please RSVP by December 3, 2023 to CCDC Call: 216-370-7722
Email: 1946ccdc@gmail.com

Stewardship of Treasure

We are deeply grateful for your generosity in your weekly contribution to St. Augustine Parish. Your kindness and support enable us to provide for the needs of our parish and community. The collection for the weekend of November 12, 2023 was \$2,147.83.

Please consider our Parish's E-giving option through PayPal. It is easy and secure. Visit our parish website, www.StAugustineCleveland.org and click donate. Thank you for your financial support.

Counter Team A is scheduled for Monday.



Parish Council

Parish Council will meet on Monday, November 20th at 7 PM.

St. Augustine Seniors (50 and over)

This past Thursday members and friends gathered to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. You are invited to our Christmas gathering on Thursday, December 14th at 12 noon in Walsh Hall.

For more information on joining the Seniors please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

Blind Community Gathering

Members of the Blind Community recently gathered for their Thanksgiving meal and meeting. Our next gathering will be held on Thursday, December 14th at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall.

A new information line for the visually impaired has been established. Members of the Blind Community are invited to stay up-to-date with Blind Community and Parish events by calling (216) 635-9215.

For more information, please contact Bob Duda at the parish office, (216) 781-5530.

LINKS Community for Mental Health

LINKS is a social, recreational and educational ministry of St. Augustine's for persons with Mental Health conditions. They currently gather on Wednesdays and Fridays at 3 PM in Walsh Hall.

For more information on LINKS, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

How Can I Become More Involved?

There are many ways for Catholics to get more involved in their faith and in the ministry of the Church. Those include liturgical ministries (choir member, lector, altar server, usher, or Eucharistic Minister), various parish ministries, as well as volunteer roles as collection counters, church decorators, gardeners, etc. Please contact Bob at BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org or (216) 781-5530 ext. 31 to discern your gifts, your time, and your opportunities to serve.



On the Lighter Side



The turkey with a high fever! When I think of "Turkey Day," I am reminded of the story of the little boy who saw his mother putting a thermometer in the turkey. He said, "If it is that sick, I don't want any!" ☺

Thanksgiving is an emotional time. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they see only once a year. And then discover once a year is way too often. ☺



St. Augustine Community Cupboard and Closet is open on

Saturdays from 11 AM - 3 PM

We are currently in need of clothing for men, women, and children.



COMMUNITY CLOSET

Community Closet and Cupboard Highlights by the Numbers

- ♦ *Served 1,281 families in the month of August, 1,212 in the month of September and 826 in the month of October.*
- ♦ *In the month of August we helped 286 new families, in the month of September 231 and in October 162 new customers came to us in need.*
- ♦ *It takes at least 12-14 volunteers just to open the doors.*

As you can see the need is great and volunteers are greatly needed while we are open and during our closed hours to help sort and stock and help shoppers on Saturdays.

For more information or to volunteer please contact the Parish Office at (216) 781-5530 or email, outreach@staugustinecleveland.org

We have also created an Amazon Wish List which can be found on our parish website, www.StAugustineCleveland.org.

THANK YOU



A sincere thank you to the St. Augustine Cupboard and Closet fundraising committee for their hard work planning and executing the successful fundraising event last Saturday.

We would also like to thank the many supporters who donated raffle items, money, attended the event, or prayed for its success. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Family Perspectives

As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has 'entrusted' our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

Parenting Tune-Up



Even with natural talent, it takes work to develop it. Help your child identify one talent this week, and one way they can improve it. Often this includes the "P" word - Practice. (Mt 25: 14-30)

Relationship Tune-Up



"When one finds a worthy wife [husband] their value is far beyond pearls [money]." (Proverbs 31:10)

Although this scripture traditionally refers to wives, it works equally well for husbands. Pause for a moment and ponder the worth of your beloved.

Address for Fr. Joe McNulty Former Pastor of St. Augustine Church

Fr. Joe continues to receive care at St. Augustine Manor. Anyone wishing to send him a Get-Well Card or a note of thoughts and prayers may do so by sending them to him at:

Rev. Joe McNulty
St. Augustine Manor
7801 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

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November 28, 2023

Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

We ask for your support this year as we try to raise much needed funds to replace our vehicles used to transport individuals to and from Mass and other events of our Parish.

For many years we have used large passenger vans which have become very hard for many of our people to get in and out of. In addition, we do not have any vehicles that are accessible for those with physical disabilities.

More information on how to donate can be found on the parish website, www.staugustinecleveland.org. If you cannot access the internet but would like to make a donation, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

A General's New Mission

"Green Berets don't get post-traumatic stress disorder. Especially generals. You don't seek help. You tough it out." That's what Brigadier General Donald Bolduc thought. But shortly after returning from eight combat tours, General Bolduc began suffering from severe headaches. He was moody, he couldn't sleep - even his balance was off. It took 12 years from his first battlefield trauma for him to seek help. But at his wife's urging, he did the unthinkable in the hyper macho culture of the military: he sought medical help. He learned that he not only suffered from PTSD, but he also had a bullet-size spot on his brain, an injury probably suffered in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan in 2005 that the general walked away from.

After three years of treatment, General Bolduc is doing well. He is now commander of American Special Operations Forces, battling terrorist groups in Africa - and he has become an evangelist for letting soldiers in his command know that it's all right to get help for mental health problems and brain injuries. He makes it clear to his soldiers - who are stationed in some of the world's most dangerous places - that seeking help will not hurt their careers. To their CO, PTSD is the same as a broken arm. "The powerful thing is that I can use myself as an example," the 54-year-old general says. "And thank goodness not everybody can do that. But I'm able to do it, so that has some sort of . . . credibility to it."

General Bolduc's initiative is helping bring an end of the stigma attached to seeking help for PTSD. Other high- ranking officers are coming forward, as well, talking openly about their struggles with post-combat stress and brain injuries. The Defense Department estimates that a quarter of all injuries suffered by U.S. military in Afghanistan and Iraq were brain injuries and as many as 20 percent of veterans of those two conflicts experience post-traumatic stress disorder. General Bolduc tells his personal story every time a new soldier comes into his command and urges anyone experiencing the same kind of symptoms to get help.

Recently, General Bolduc was visiting a team under his command who had just returned from battle. He asked how many of them had been close to blasts, bombs and mortar shells. Everyone raised a hand. Then he asked how many had sought treatment. No one's hand went up. General Bolduc told them his own story. All of them men decided to get exams. Doctors found a tumor in one soldier's brain, and he was flown to Walter Reed in Washington for treatment.

An Army general uses his experience and position to confront a serious medical and psychological issue affecting thousands of soldiers. He devotes the "talents" entrusted to him - leadership, experience, courage - to realize a harvest of hope and healing, to bring light to those lost in a darkness of illness and fear. The parable of the talents focuses on the critical question of not what we possess in terms of talent and ability but on our willingness to use those skills to make the Kingdom of God a reality here and now. We may have the skills to lead men and women into combat - or we may be able to bring healing to others by our simple but under-appreciated ability to listen to them in their pain. We may have the opportunity to influence the lives of many people - or we may be a good mom or dad to our own children; we may have the skills to manage big organizations that accomplish much good - or we may take a regular turn at the local soup kitchen. The Spirit of God prompts us to use whatever our "talents" for the common good, for bringing healing to the broken and hope to the struggling, for making the peace of Kingdom of God a reality in our time and place.

Simple Things to be Grateful for

"I am thankful for the mess to clean up after a party because it means I am blessed with friends.

I am thankful for the taxes I pay because it means that I am employed.

I am thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snugly because it means I have had enough to eat.

I am thankful for my shadow that watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.

I am thankful for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.

I am thankful for all the complaining I do about the government because it means we have freedom of speech.

I am thankful for the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.

I am thankful for my big heating bill because it means I am warm.

I am thankful for the piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby.

I am thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.

I am thankful for the alarm that goes off early in the morning because it means I am alive."

This Week's Events of the Parish

Monday: Drum Class: 10 AM (Walsh)
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
Parish Council Meeting: 7 PM
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday: AA Meeting: 9:30 AM (Walsh)
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday: Links: 3 PM (Walsh)
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
AA Meeting: 6 PM (Mylott Hall)
Signing Hands: 6:30 PM (Walsh)

Thursday: Sign Class: No Sign Class
Mass: No Mass
Rosary: No Live Rosary
Signing Choir: No Signing Choir
Boy Scouts: No Boy Scouts
AA Meeting: 7 PM (Mylott Hall)

Friday: Links: 3 PM (Walsh)
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Saturday: Community Cupboard and Closet: 11 AM – 3 PM
Mass: 4:15 PM (Church)

Sunday: Mass: 8:30 AM (Church)
PSR: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM (School Building)
Mass: 11 AM (Church)

November 18th and 19th

	Saturday 4:15 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell (H)
Lectors	Steve Slyzczuk	Robin McMarlin	Karen Halupnik Alana Ortiz
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Michelle Rivera Magdaleno Rivera Bonnie Robertson	Marissa Davilla Maria Rivera Debbie Sollars	Rosanne Barnhart Christina Howard Alana Ortiz

November 25th and 26th

	Saturday 4:15 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
Lectors	Dave Dyllyn	Ed Zubek	Jean Mendis Mary Pelley
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Calvin White Migdalia Santiago-White Teresa Yurchisin	Pat Abraham Robin McMarlin Dave Murray	Aaron Calton Tom Calton Renee Zorger

H: Homilist