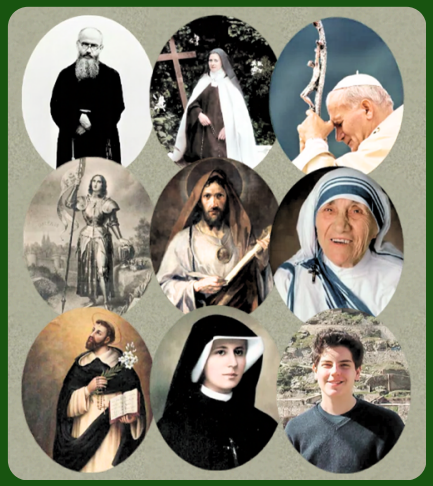
Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press



Sunday, November 1st
All Saints Day (A)

Gospel Reading
Matthew 5:1-12
Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

BACKGROUND on the GOSPEL

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

For more background information on the Gospel for the weekend, visit www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

NOVEMBER 1, 2026
The Solemnity of All Saints (A)

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Fr. Emmanuel - emmanuelkosikumah@gmail.com:
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MASS SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 2ND - 8TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M - 11.2	*---NO MASS - Father's Day Off---*		
T - 11.3	8:30am	Parkview	Pat Torline
"	9:30am	Southwind	Annette Stein
W - 11.4	8:30am	Parkview	Mark Downey
Th - 11.5	8:30am	Parkview	Emma Howerton's Birthday
F - 11.6	8:30am	Parkview	Kali Hagans's Birthday
Sat - 11.7	***5:00 PM***	Church	Kody Kasselman's Birthday
Sun - 11.8	***9:00 AM***	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

Confessions available 45 minutes before the weekend Masses.
Or call to schedule an appointment.

MASS MINISTERS - NOVEMBER 7TH & 8TH

Collection: Larry Ackerman & Ross Ackerman

MASS	*SATURDAY - 5:00 PM*	*SUNDAY - 9:00 AM*
Sacristan	Chanda Schulte	Jenny Schmidt
Servers	Anthony Able Thomas Able	Cammack Dvorak Jarran Dvorak
Lector	Chanda Schulte	Evan Martinez
EMHC	Katie Gleason Steve Hubbell Larry Schmidt	Philip Gleason Connie Heskamp Riley Schmidt
Music	Ross Ackerman	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	Kevin Rabe Kelly Stein	Keith Brack Kevin Mages
Gifts	Justin Schulte Family	Cody Langlois Family

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To join the list or to send a prayer request, email Ginny Werner *(ginny_werner@yahoo.com)* or Lynnette Hessman *(nettemae1984@yahoo.com).*

St. Leonard's Council #1539
K of C Meetings
1st Mondays
7:45 PM Rosary
Meeting Follows

The Daughters of Isabella St. Vincent de Paul #211
D of I Meetings
2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room

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BIRTHDAYS: 11/2 - 11/8

11.2	Dale Stein Rick Heeke
11.3	Katie Gleason Reid Schmidt
11.4	Katie Ackerman
11.6	Makenzie Preisner
11.7	Andrew Bowman Addilyn Connelly

Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.*

TITHING REPORT for OCT. 17th/18th:

Box: $ 2,800.75
Online : $ 730.00

TITHING REPORT for OCT. 24th/25th:

Box: $ 1,660.80
Online : $ 1,705.00

All Souls' Day: *Let us recall in prayer the parishioners and loved ones who have passed since last year: Lyle & Serena Tenbrink, Deacon Dwaine Lampe, Fred Hornung, Tim McDaniel, Judy Konrade, Jane Hubbell, Patty Lampe, Andy Keller, Dorothy Trenkamp, Sue Ann Hampton, Glenn Torline, and Irene Helms. May they rest in peace.*

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Thank you to all the individuals and families who scheduled photo sessions for the new parish directory. Our next step is to catch all the parishioners who were unable to photograph with Universal Church Directories. ***If your family missed out on pictures, we'd love for you to submit a digital photo to be included.***

The photo should meet these qualifications:

- JPEG (.jpg) File Format
- Minimum 300 DPI Resolution
- Portrait (Vertical Orientation)

UNIVERSAL CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Email photos to jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com, with the following information:

- Head of Household First and Last Name
- Spouse Name (last name if different)
- Children's Names from oldest to youngest
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number(s)
- Email Address(es)

We have the opportunity to have a custom Parish App that will contain a digital and editable directory in real time with messaging capabilities. Email addresses will be needed for invite links if we pursue that option.

Digitally submitted photos will be ***$15 per submission***. This will allow for each family to receive their 'free' copy of the completed directory. Please either bring your payment to the Parish Office, or place this in the collection basket in an envelope labeled with your name and "Digital Photo Submission Fee." Thank you for your efforts. We'd love to see everyone included in the directory!

VOCATION REFLECTION:

God has created us for some definite purpose, for mission, a vocation. Ultimately, we are called to be saints. (1 John 3:1-3)

If you're discerning the priesthood, contact our Diocesan Director of Vocations:
Fr. John Stang @ 620-227-1500 or vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org

Parish Council Meeting:

Parish Council will meet on Thursday, November 5th at 8:00 PM.

ROSARY CHALLENGE:

As always, when you receive the statue, pray for increased vocations in our diocese, your own personal intentions, and the pope's intentions listed for the month.

November Intention: *Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be used to serve the common good and in solidarity of those who have less.*



November 1st - 8th:
Keith & Jonita Brack

FAITH FORMATION

This study continues for two more weeks! Join in at the Parish Center November 1st and 8th at 3:30 pm, as we continue to learn and grow in prayer.



FUN FACTS ABOUT FATHER:

Fr. Emmanuel's name comes from the fact that he shares a birthday with Jesus on Dec. 25th!

PRAYERS & SUPPORT

A.J. Herrmann, a St. John's parishioner, server, and NCYC member, has recently been diagnosed with a brain anomaly called a *Chiari Malformation* with a *Syrinx,* or cyst in his spinal cord. A.J. will need to have neurosurgery to treat this soon. Please keep A.J., his family, and his medical team in your prayers!

His class in Bucklin has organized a benefit for him. If you're able, register to run the Turkey Trot at the track and football field in Bucklin on Saturday, November 14th. Adults can register for $25 and kids under 12 for $20. There's a 5K race and 1.5 mile walk, starting at 10:00 AM. Register online by scanning this QR code. Register by Saturday, October 31st at 8 PM.