

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Betty Krueger)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Weekday (33)

Tuesday, November 20

Weekday:

- 7:00 PM: Social Action Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service followed by coffee

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Weekday; Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Weekday; *Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Darlene Kellogg)



"Learn a lesson from the fig tree." Mark 13:28

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Rv 1-4; 2:1-5
Ps 1:1-4,6
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22
Ps 15:2-5
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

Rv 4:1-11
Ps 150:1-6
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

Rv 5:1-10
Ps 149:1-6, 9
Lk 19:41-44



Friday

Rv 10:8-11
Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

Rv 11:4-12
Ps 144:1-2, 9-10
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

Dn 7:13-14
Ps 93:1-2, 5
Rv 1:5-8
Jn 18:33b-37

Some Dates to Note

- Nov. 20—Social Action Committee Meeting
- Nov. 27—Liturgy Committee Meeting
- Nov. 27—Parish Council Meeting
- Dec. 12—Communal Reconciliation Service
- Dec. 16—Parish Chili Supper and Christmas Pageant



"Then you are a king?" John 18:37

"Pastoral ministry in a missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: 'We have always done it this way'. I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities."

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel)



Adopt-A-Family for Christmas

We have again been assigned two families for Adopt-A-Family. Please take an ornament from the tree and purchase the item listed on it. **Gifts must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 2, so there is not a lot of time.** Do not wrap the gifts. Include paper and a gift box if needed but the parents will actually wrap them.



Advent Recourses

Advent begins in two weeks on Sunday, December 2. This is a sacred and holy season for us to prepare for the great mystery of Christ's incarnation and birth. There are three daily meditation books in the gathering space to help you with your Advent journey—*The Little Blue Books* from Saginaw, *Five Minutes with the Word*, and *The Word Among Us*. Please help yourself.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

We are almost there. We need only \$4,728.00 to meet our goal. We have pledges for \$12,918.00 of our \$17,646.00 goal or 73.21%. You will find fliers and envelopes in the gathering space To all of those who have contributed—thank you for your generosity. If you have not yet had a chance to make your pledge, please do so soon.



 Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

- Envelopes\$1,332.25 (\$87.00) in auto tithing)
- Utilities\$25.00

Pageant Helpers Needed

There will be a Christmas Pageant late in the afternoon on Sunday Dec. 16 with a meal to follow About 20 children, kindergarten through 6th are participating. We need some adults to assist with a couple of practices and on the day of the pageant. Practices are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30, Nov. 29 and Dec 6, and maybe on Dec. 13, 6:30 to 7:00 if needed. Parents of children participating please consider helping with this. Also, anyone's help would be appreciated even if you don't have a child in the pageant. Community Service hours available for high school. Please let Peggy Dvorak know if you can help. 515-674-4406 home, 515-490-6886 cell, or email peggy.dvorakia@gmail.com





FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

(The word “vocation” in this context might sound strange to some, especially given the observations of the recent Vatican Document anticipating the upcoming Synod on Young People, which found that many people only associate the term with the priesthood and religious life. The truth is, however, not only that awareness of a vocational call is accessible to all people, but that there is also “a fullness to each vocation.” In other words, it is not a one-and-done decision to enter the priesthood or married life, for instance, but a multilayered reality that is continually revealed by God throughout one’s life. In this sense, Pope Francis sees this day as an opportunity for everyone to come to a deeper understanding of our call from God to care for creation. “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork,” Pope Francis states in *Laudato Si’*, “is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience” (no. 217).

From my perspective, this is not the way that most people think about creation care. It is often reduced to a few discrete actions: recycling, turning off lights, using a reusable water bottle, etc. It is not uncommon to see lists of “5 Easy Ways to Go Green,” as if living in harmony with the natural world is something we can do in our spare time after dinner and then be forgotten. Pope Francis is calling for something much more radical. The nature of the ecological crisis necessitates a complete transformation in perspective and a “profound interior conversion” (LS no. 217). Seeing caring for creation as a vocation, causes one to view every action, thought, and prayer through the lens of one’s relationship with creation and the Creator.

Given that “everything is connected,” an increased awareness of this reality can quickly become overwhelming (LS no. 117). One begins to see how each individual is entangled in a vast web of consumption beyond one’s control. This makes it extremely difficult to reduce one’s impact on the environment and others, or even to know one’s true impact. The simple decision to buy a cup of coffee, for instance, leads to a myriad of questions about how the beans were grown, processed, and transported, how the workers were treated, how the paper cup was produced, and so on. Realizing the systemic nature of social and environmental problems can be paralyzing and disheartening. Yet seeing our response to these issues as a dimension of our vocation can make things simpler, since our most fundamental vocation is the call to holiness: “A Christian cannot think of his or her mission on earth without seeing it as a path of holiness” (*Gaudete et Exsultate* no. 19).

As Pope Francis advises us: “Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received” (*GEE* no. 23). The systemic problems we face cannot be solved by individual spiritual growth alone, but the above guidance serves as a useful roadmap for the profound spiritual conversion we must undergo. Then, let us pray that we become more aware of the place we inhabit within the web of life and hear how God calls us to live in greater harmony with all creation. Copyright © 2018, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

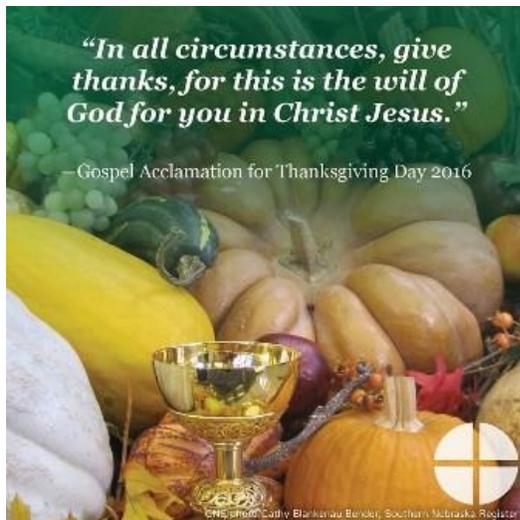
God’s abundant blessings

Dc. Joe



Come Carol with Us

Immaculate Conception will once again be caroling at Colfax Country Christmas on Saturday, December 1. Time and place in next week bulletin but mark your calendars.



Collection for the Campaign for Human Development

Too many people in our country find themselves living in poverty, and the barriers to breaking this cycle can sometimes feel impossibly large. But when people join together to work for more just communities, change can happen. Our faith calls us to walk with our brothers and sisters who find them-

selves on the margins of society and empower them to create change in their communities. With your support to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), this kind of lasting change becomes possible. When you support the CCHD Collection, 75 percent goes to national projects that address the root causes of poverty and 25 percent stays here in our diocese to empower our local brothers and sisters living on the margins. Visit <http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/collection/index.cfm> for more information.

SAINT OF THE WEEK Cecilia: Third Century

Feast Day—November 22

Cecilia has been honored as a martyr since about 545. According to a written legend, The Passion of St. Cecilia, she was a Roman Christian of the patrician class betrothed to the pagan Valerian. The Cecilia Passion has her singing to God in her heart on her wedding day. Cecilia tells Valerian she has made a vow of virginity and persuades him to convert to Christianity and enter into a celibate marriage. His brother, Tiburtius, also becomes a Christian. The brothers are later martyred. When Cecilia refuses to perform an idolatrous act, she too is martyred. Cecilia is the patron of musicians. . Copyright ©2018 Catholic News Service—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



November 18, 2018—11:00 AM

Lectors: Sharon Jones & Mary Dell Flattery
Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Bussan, Mackenzie Bussan, Elizabeth Birkenholtz, & Rita Krueger
Altar Servers: Abiel Erickson & Meta Hill
Greeters: Claire Williams & Bud Wilson

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Lectors: Rita Krueger & Joann Carrothers
Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Heggen, Sharon Jones, Kathy Williams, Claire Williams
Altar Servers: Irma Bell & Matthew Holmes
Greeters: Bill & Meta Hill



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Diane Wood
Julia Jorensen, niece of Mary May
Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum)
Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood
James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan

For all who have died.

For vocations, our parish, and our faith formation program.



Faith Formation News

There will be no classes this week, November 21 because of Thanksgiving break.

Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,

- To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



Share the Journey
#sharejourney

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing." Psalm 2:4
Psalm 2:4

After Thanksgiving dinner was finished, Mort saw his little brother Sid in the backyard, poking holes in the dirt and filling them in with birdseed. "Why are you planting birdseed?" Mort asked.

"I'm growing next year's turkey," Sid replied.

Jimmy: Mmmmm! That turkey smells good and it's not even done yet. How long will it be?

Mom: About the same length as it was before I put it into the oven, I suppose.

Q: What sound does a turkey's make when he sees a hungry pilgrim?

A: Quack, quack, quack.

Prayer for Vocations

Compassionate God, You speak your word to us through prophets of long ago and you continue to reveal your message of love today. With great expectation we look to your Spirit empowering us to serve you as Jesus did.

May we listen for your word and respond generously to your call. Renew in us the grace of our baptism. Strengthen married couples, single men and women, deacons, priests, sisters, and brothers as they seek to serve you by sharing their love and compassion.

Grant wisdom to those who are discerning their call. With gratitude we proclaim the Good News of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©2006NCCV www.nccv-vocations.org

A Stewardship Moment

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How would you spend your day if you knew it was the last day you would spend on earth? Undoubtedly, it would not be a normal day. The point of today's Gospel reading is that the end-time is always imminent. The good steward remains prayerfully alert, ready to give an accounting; and living each day in the awareness of the coming judgment and salvation. How do we exercise stewardship over our daily lives? Are we prepared to give an accounting? How will we allow Christ to work in and through us to prepare for the reconciliation of the heavens and the earth?

Wounded by Abortion?

Project Rachel Can Help:

Project Rachel understands the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE. Calls are answered personally and confidentially Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Voice messaging is available all other times. Calls will be returned promptly and directly.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.