

MASS INTENTIONS: Nov. 4th - Nov. 12th

Sat	5:00pm	Wendy Nutt (Dr. Steven Miller)
Sun	7:30am	†Colt Smith (Penny & Jolene Smith)
	9:00am	For the People of St. Patrick Parish
Tue	5:30pm	†Dr. Charles & Mary Alice Miller (Dr. Steve Miller)
Wed	8:00am	†Maria Anna Kujawa (Dianne Yarbrough)
Thur	8:00am	†Chester S. Suchyta (Dianne Yarbrough)
Fri	8:00am	†Jim Simon (Mildred Simon)

NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS



Sat	5:00pm	Living & Deceased Vietnam War Veterans (John & Ann Santos)
Sun	7:30am	Richard Jr. & Margaret George (Dick & Margaret George)
	9:00am	For the People of St. Patrick Parish

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S:**

Tue	Nov. 7th	Mass	5:30pm
Wed	Nov. 8th	Mass	8:00am
		PSR	5:30pm
		EDGE	6:00pm
Thur	Nov. 9th	Mass	8:00am
Fri	Nov. 10th	Day of Penance: abstinence from meat. Prayer and works of mercy. Reading of Sacred Scripture for an Outpouring of God's mercy and The Holy Spirit's gifts of holiness and Strength upon the church.	
		Mass	8:00am
Sat	Nov. 11th	Confessions	3:30am
		Vigil Mass	5:00pm
Sun	Nov. 12th	Mass	7:30am
		Mass	9:00am

**Adopt-A-Family Tree**  
 The St. Patrick's Pro-Life Group will once again be sponsoring the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Tree. We are currently searching for families who could use a little help this year. If interested or know of a family in need, please contact the Parish Office at 421-6762. Deadline to request assistance is Friday, November 10th. Thank you! Sonja

Mark your Calendar:  
 Altar Society  
 Homemade Biscuits & Gravy  
 Scrambled eggs, juice, coffee  
 and Bake Sale  
 On November 19th.

**Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
 Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8am to 3:30pm  
 Closed Holy Days and Holidays.

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH**

	<b>10-29-2023</b>	<b>7-1-23 TO 10-29-23</b>
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$9,385.00</b>	<b>\$236,686.00</b>
<b>LOOSE CURRENCY /COINS:</b>	<b>\$246.75</b>	<b>\$5,684.26</b>
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$11,100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:</b>	<b>\$10,031.75</b>	<b>\$253,470.26</b>
<b>BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>	<b>\$315,000.00</b>
<b>OVERAGE/SHORTAGE:</b>	<b>(\$7,468.25)</b>	<b>(\$61,529.74)</b>

**NEXT WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Sat: Nov. 11th	5:00pm Mass
Servers:	Tanner Nolting
Lector:	Jane Blackburn
Greeters /Gifts	John & Maggie Keene Family
Sun: Nov. 12th	7:30am Mass
Servers:	Needed
Lector:	Anne Brewer
Greeters/Gifts	Aaron & Terri Saye & Carl Johnson Family
Sun: Nov. 12th	9:00am Mass`
Servers:	Cole Manners / Micky Manners
Lector:	Denise Fleming
Greeters / Gifts	Mark & Fatima Mall Family

**Adorers are needed for**  
**Monday: 11pm to 12pm (Midnight)**  
 Please call the Parish office @ 620-421-6762.

**November 2023 Prayer List:**

Mandy Venegas, Raef Stanford, Bristel & Reagan Bernd, April & Natalie Stanton, Janie Schibi, Caleb Fent, Lorie Nutter, Dave Turk, Matthew Carrillo, Rafael Munoz, Joaquin Castellanos, Tim & Chris Hurley, Lashall Snider, Terry Payne, Donna George, JoAnn George LaForge, Dr. Gary Yarbrough & Diane Yarbrough, Loise Lubbers, Linda Crabtree, Angel Reyes, Frank Reyes, Valerie Carnahan, Brian Merchant, MaryJo Howard, Rita Schauf, Jason Langston, Charlie Smith, Carter Stephens, Montell White, Steven Minor, Kris Vitt, Nicon Nordquist, Jim Vitt, Jerry & Sylvia McKinney, Glenn Linnebur, Jackie Hudson, Millie Drabenstot, Audrey Mihich, Lois Johnsen, Craig Forbes, Lee Ziegler, Mary Brooks, Tommie Forbes, Betty Duling, John & Nell Ball, Richard Martinez, Ron & Jeannie McDaniel, Ridger Robbins & family, Sherlina Brown, David Pyles, Lois Carlson, Harry & Diana Conway, Cole Kyle, Dan Bogner, Jean Keller Lowe & Gary Keller, Carl Yockey, Charles Brian (Chucky) Cervantes,

**Ushers & Lectors,**  
 We are in need of **Lectors and Ushers**, If you would like to help, please call the Parish Office. The rotation would be every 5th week or so. Thank you.

Daylight Saving Times ends, turn your clock back on November 5th.

Advance Stewardship Reflection  
 November 5, 2023  
 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is no question that Jesus had a way with words. The Word of the Lord is filled with what we are very familiar with in our society — soundbites if you will, which convey so much meaning. The last verses of today's Gospel from St. Matthew contain one of those short statements which carry so much more meaning. Jesus says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

In those two sentences are found the key to a stewardship way of life, which revolve around service and humility. There is no question that these are powerful words. They reveal to us all that we need to understand to be a true disciple of Christ. In his letter to the Philippians St. Paul wrote, "Though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2:5-8).


True humility will be ultimately exalted by God. Our society teaches us to strive to reach the top, but Jesus is reminding us that we need to regard others as more important than we are. We have two choices in life perhaps, to be self-exalters, or to be God-exalted. Is there any doubt as to what we as Christians should pursue?

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas.

**Cursillo News:**  
**There will be an Ultreya meeting in the parish hall at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7. Our speaker will be Janie Aita. If you can, appetizers or desserts are appreciated. Any questions, contact Cindy Berndt.**

Prayer for Vocations  
 God our Father,  
 We thank you for calling men  
 and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom  
 as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.  
 Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond  
 generously and courageously to your call.  
 May our community of faith support vocations  
 of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
 Amen

**Prayer for Our Troops**  
 Let us pray for our brothers and sisters as they serve our country with courage and determination — as they face the forces of violence, weapons of destruction and hearts filled with hate.

Please Pray for: Peace throughout the World 

**Why do Catholics call their priests "father," when Jesus commands us in Matthew 23:9 to "call no man father?"**

In Matthew 23:1-12, when Jesus tells us to call no man "father" or "teacher," He is using figurative language to emphasize that all legitimate authority and truth ultimately come from God. We are not to take these passages literally.

Throughout the Bible men are called fathers and teachers. Both Catholics and Protestants call earthly men fathers and teachers. St. Stephen and St. Paul call the Jewish religious leaders "fathers" (Acts 7:2 and 22:1). St. Paul calls the Corinthians "my beloved children...for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (1 Cor. 4:14-15; also see 1 Thes. 2:11, 1 Tim 1:2, and Tit 1:4). St. Paul became their spiritual father because he cooperated with God in giving them spiritual life, just as biological fathers cooperate with God in giving physical life.

Catholics call their priests "father" because, like St. Paul, priests cooperate with God in giving spiritual life to their flock by preaching the Gospel and administering the sacraments.

**Prayer for Veterans**  
 Heavenly Father, we ask you to look down upon our brothers and sisters in arms, and bless them as they stand ready to defend us from the agents of evil. For those who are preparing and training to serve, we ask you to make them strong and resolute in their calling, so that in the hour of need they will serve ably and honorably. For those who serve, we ask you to send blessings of comfort and encouragement. May they know they are not forgotten, either by you or their loved ones at home. For those who experience the horrors of war, we most fervently beseech you, O Lord, to place your hand upon their hearts and steady them in battle. Be their shield and bulwark in battle. For those who have returned from service, we ask your special intercession. In returning home, many of your sons and daughters face new battles with enemies, lethal as bullets. Embrace these children of discord, and hold them tightly to your bosom, Lord, so they may know your comfort in their darkest moments. Restore sight to their eyes, and shine radiant upon their faces, that they may walk not in the shadows which ensnare, but in the light of your glory. For our wounded veterans, who bear scars in their hearts, minds, and bodies, we ask your blessing. Lord, cherish this wounded legion, invited to share in the suffering of Christ. May they see Christ through their pain, and find hope in His promises. We await the day you make their bodies and their hearts whole once again. For those who have left their uniform hanging in the past, who move with difficulty, who reflect with a distant gaze upon times better unknown, we ask you to send these veterans comfort and peace. May they live long as examples of courage and faith, and may they inspire their children and grandchildren to stand ready to defend our Constitution, our God-given rights, and our faith. May you raise up all our dear veterans in the palm of your hand, and bless them. Amen.

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Sunday: 7:30am & 9:00am

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Tuesday: 5:30pm  
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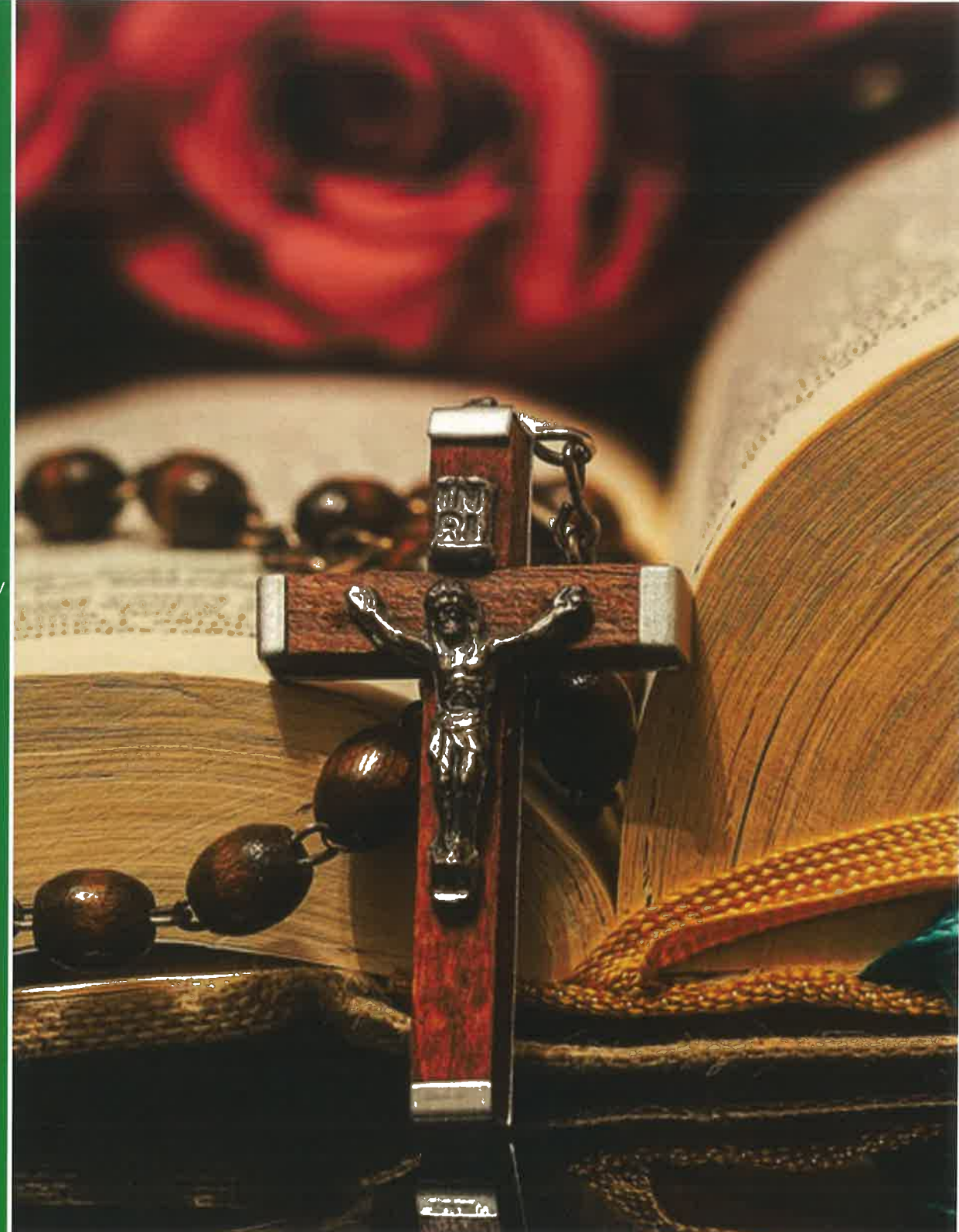
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