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FOR
THEIR
LAMPS

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 8:30 am

Wednesdays: 6:30 pm

Saturdays: 4:30 pm; Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: 3:30-4:15 pm & by appointment

HOSPITAL VISITS/

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call parish office to request a hospital visit or the
Sacrament of Anointing.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bethalto Council #4688, 4th Degree Assembly #203

Grand Knight: Chris DeClue,

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COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Holy Communion is brought to homebound &
residents of Villa Rose and Bethalto Care Center
on Fridays for those unable to attend Mass.

Call parish office to request.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday...9:00 am-11:00 am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents of infants to be Baptized, call the parish office
to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat., Nov. 11 4:30 pm	St. Martin of Tours John Nagy
Sun, Nov. 12 8:30 am 10:30 am	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parishioners Fred Queen
Mon., Nov. 13 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Communion Service
Tues., Nov. 14 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Communion Service
Wed., Nov. 15 6:30 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time Communion Service
Thurs., Nov. 16 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Communion Service
Fri., Nov. 17 8:30 am	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Communion Service
Sat., Nov. 18 4:30 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time Frances Costanzo
Sun., Nov. 19 8:30 am 10:30 am	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ed Kerkemeyer For the Parishioners



Dear Parishioners,

Synod statute number seven states "These statutes are authentically interpreted solely by the Diocesan Bishop...". This statute tells us about the nature of every diocese in the world. In every diocese the diocesan bishop or as he is also called the Ordinary, has the final say as to what a diocese will follow. In legal terms he is a "corporate sole" which means that he is in charge of everything and has sole possession of everything in a diocese. The theological basis for this is that he has been given this authority by the Pope. He is the chief shepherd of the People of God in his diocese and has the grave responsibility of taking care of the spiritual well-being of the people as well as the responsibility of overseeing all material possessions of the diocese. Thus, a diocesan bishop has the ultimate duty to interpret all statutes that will affect his diocese after he has been advised by the appropriate consulting bodies of the diocese.

WCIDFY,

Father Tom

Calling All Crafters and Bakers!

We are in need of handmade craft items and baked goods for our Annual Smorgasbord & Bazaar to be held **Sunday, December 3**, in our school gym. If you aren't 'crafty', consider picking something up at one of the area Craft Fairs, usually held in the Fall. Thanks, in advance, for your support!!

Food For the Poor—This Weekend

Fr. David Delich will speak at all Masses about their ministry who provide relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Delich will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's Mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Fr. Delich was ordained for the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans in 1963. He has spent many years as a Chaplain in hospitals and prisons, and as a physics and computer science teacher. Please welcome Fr. Delich.

KC Vocation Raffle

Deadline to turn in tickets—November 18/19. You can drop them in the weekend collection basket in a separate envelope or bring them to the parish office. Thank you for your support!

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Shirley Drury**, aunt of **Jennifer Stout**. May God grant her eternal rest.

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Jim Friedrich, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Janet Yates, Bob Schley, Pat Ricci, Jean Greer, Cathy & Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Baby Corbin, Marguerite Hufker, Darlene Huebener, Betty Bast, Randall Oldham, Nelson Gregory, Baby Gonterman, Shirley Maronie, Trish Unverferth, Betty Hodapp, Elizabeth Curtis, Carol Shelton, Dan Connoyer, Mary & Brian Frey, Barb Davis, Frank Macias, Don Laird. **Parish E-Mail Prayer Chain:** Send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com



Green Beans Needed

We are still in need of **large #10 cans of green beans** for the Community Hope Center Thanksgiving Dinner. (approximately 8 small cans if you prefer to donate those.) If you can help, place cans on the table in the church basement. Thanks.

Can You Help?

We are in need of volunteers to assist with ushering at the Christmas (12/24-12/25) and Solemnity of Mary (12/31 & 1/1) Masses. If you can help, please call the parish office, 377-6519.

Attention Musicians

Craig Stark is seeking musicians to play the trumpet, trombone and flute for the 9:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. If interested, call Craig at 259-6144.

KC Chicken Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 19, 11:30—2:30 pm, church basement (handicap accessible). Menu includes fried chicken, chicken strips, mashed potatoes & gravy, mac-cheese, & more. Adults \$10.00, children \$5.00 (5-10 years old). Carryouts available. Proceeds go to Council's Scholarship program and OLQP Parish.

Roma's Fundraiser

Tuesday, November 14, 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. Dine in or Carry Out. You must mention the OLQP Fundraiser for our school to receive 10% of your order. Thanks for your support!

PARISH OFFERINGS

Week 19	November 4-5, 2017	Total to Date
Loose	\$374.00	\$9,130.19
Envelopes	\$11,046.00	\$170,499.10
On Line Giving	\$1,910.00	\$33,650.00
Young People	\$8.00	\$226.46
Total	\$13,338.00	\$213,505.75
Operating Budget	\$14,817.92	\$281,540.48
ACSA Budget	\$662.94	\$12,595.86
Difference	(\$2,142.86)	(\$80,630.59)

Weekly envelopes received: 242 of 821
 Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$170.00
 Other Charitable Donations: \$788.00

ACTS Is Coming!!

Women's Retreat: February 15-18, 2018

Men's Retreat: March 22-25, 2018

Register now for these upcoming retreats! These parish based retreats offer the opportunity to renew your spirituality and prayer life, to strengthen your faith and how it applies to your daily life, and to build lasting friendships among members of our parish. Your fellow parishioners will present these Retreats with approval from Father Tom. Retreats are held at the Pallottine Renewal Center in St. Louis, Missouri, and transportation from the parish will be provided. The cost is \$260.00 per person. (Note: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the Retreat. Financial assistance is available.) Registration forms can be found in the church entrances and in the parish office. Questions/further information, contact the Retreat Director: Sally Cherre, 314-920-3235.

Community Hope Center Toy Drive

Donation barrels can be found in the back of church and in the school lobby. Toy donations needed as follows: for infants through 12 years old; new, unwrapped, valued \$10 or more. Also, need stocking stuffer toys, coats, gloves, scarfs, hats, and any financial donations to cover the cost of last minute items needed.



Barrels to be picked up Dec. 4. Thank you!

Military Mass

Please join us to pray for our nation, active Military, Veterans, living and deceased, and their families at our Military Mass on **Wednesday, Nov. 15th**, 6:00 PM at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton. All are welcomed!

OLQP Auction Challenge

Feb 24, 2018. This event is an *entire parish event* to support ALL our youth ministries as well as the school. We need your help! We are currently in the search for donations. There are only 15 weeks till the auction! **This week's challenge is:** In support of our Veterans—donate something patriotic!

The Old Cathedral Christmas Bazaar

Nov. 18-19th, Sts. Peter & Paul (Alton) School Gym. Come and shop from a variety of vendors. Take a chance on the gift baskets. Wind your way through Granny's Attic which will consist of "Holiday Decor". The Altar Society will be selling their baked goods. "Lunch with Santa" will be a new addition this year. From 11am-2pm for \$5.00 you can take your own picture with Santa, have lunch, play games and receive a treat. Lunch will be available for purchase in the cafeteria from 11-2pm.

RCIA—What Is Happening?

Next Sunday at Mass, those who are ready will move forward in the parish's RCIA process. The initial inquiry (pre-catechumenate) period for our parish's group of inquirers will be moving into the second stage, with our first opportunity for unbaptized inquirers to go through the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, and baptized inquirers to go through the Rite of Welcoming next Sunday. The first phase of the journey of initiation has been a time for seekers to hear the mystery of Christ proclaimed. The inquirers have consciously and freely sought the living God and entered the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. We ask you to please pray for the inquirers as they continue their conversion journey and for our RCIA process as we assist them in moving toward a closer relationship with God. Your prayers are critical to the success of our program. We will continue to keep you informed of the initiation process and progress of those considering joining the Church. We invite you to take an active role in welcoming our soon-to-be catechumens and candidates, and to be models of faith and Christian charity for them.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekend of November 18 & 19

USHERS/GREETERS:

- 4:30 pm Dale Osborne, Dan Rogers
Loren & Raeann Summers
- 8:30 am Ray Meyer, Jim Menke
Jeff & Ann Payne
- 10:30am Chip & Jackie Braatz
John & Mary Wagner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 4:30 pm Pat Beiermann, Mindy DeClue, Rick Rose
Maryjo Flaherty, Rex Petersen, Mary Stewart
Rosemary Dorsey, Bob Sulsberger
- 8:30 am RCIA Team

- 10:30 am Mike Inman, Teresa Dubblede, Sam Waldo
John & Sandy Platter, Sharon Forrester
Dave Berkenbile, Tammy Sasek

SERVERS:

- 4:30 pm Emily DeClue
Lorelei Summers
Rebekah Summers
- 8:30 am Will Talbot
Ben Wertz
Nicholas Wertz
- 10:30 am Clark Sasek
Andrew Wilson
Michael Wilson

MUSIC:

- 4:30 pm Adult Choir
 - 8:30 am Folk Group
 - 10:30 am Praise Team
- LECTORS:**
- 4:30 pm Lynne Rose
 - 8:30 am Ann Payne
 - 10:30 am Mike Inman

SCRIP Sales Weekend of - November 18 & 19

- 4:30 Debbie Zacha, Barb Trost
- 8:30 Dan & Martha Smith
- 10:30 Mike & Jayne Poulsen

'Members of the Wedding'

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together. This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel. In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom (see [Mark 2:19](#)). In this, He fulfills God's ancient promise to join himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride (see [Hosea 2:16-20](#)). The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church. We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism (see [2 Corinthians 11:2](#); [Ephesians 5:25-27](#)) and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time see [Revelation 19:7-9](#); [21:1-4](#)).

As St. Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour. We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God—virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm. We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes. If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry (see [1 Kings 17:16](#)). We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God (see [Proverbs 8:22-31,35](#); [9:1-5](#)), hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet that will satisfy our souls.

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