November 8, 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



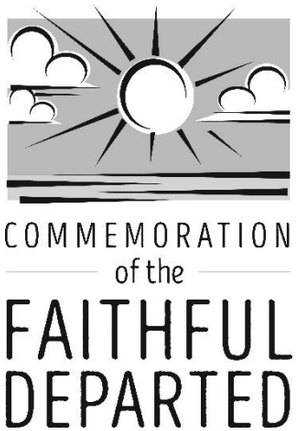
Mass Intentions

Saturday Nov. 7 - 5:00pm
◊ Mass for the People
Sunday Nov. 8 - 9:00am
† Helen & Stephen Sefcik
Monday Nov. 9 - 8:30am
† Lisa Long
Tuesday Nov. 10 - 8:30am
† Helen Brannon
Friday Nov. 13 - 8:30am
† Judith Casey
Saturday Nov. 14 - 5:00pm
† Helen Dudlek
Sunday Nov. 15 - 9:00am
◊ Mass for the People

Sanctuary Candle
Theresa & Patrick Skinner

From the Pastor

Don't forget to visit our **Parish Christmas Bazaar** this Sunday after Mass from 10am until 2pm.



During the month of November in our Catholic Tradition, we remember the faithful departed from our parish and families. **The Book of Remembrance** is now placed on a stand near the Saint Joseph altar. All are welcome to write the names of the deceased family members and friends in the book.

I will be on vacation this weekend and next weekend. It has been over a year since I've taken a vacation because of my treatments for cancer. I've gotten good reports from my doctors and I'm grateful for all your support this past year.

Fr. Dave

Remember to return your pledge cards for our new parish hall Capital Campaign as soon as possible. You can place your pledge card envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory office.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Second Collection next weekend will be for the annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The bishops of the United States founded the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) to fight poverty by empowering members of local communities, rather than by offering top-down solutions. Using this approach, CCHD-funded organizations identify the most pressing issues and develop creative solutions that lead to lasting positive changes in the community. They address poverty at its roots.

Dear Padre

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What happens to the sacred treasures in a deconsecrated Catholic church?

When a diocesan bishop deconsecrates a church, he issues a decree that removes a church's dedication and relegates it to "profane but not sordid use" when it "cannot be used in any way for divine worship and there is no possibility of repairing it" (*Code of Canon Law*, 1222). The impossibility of repairing a badly damaged church doesn't mean only an architectural impossibility. Inadequate finances to maintain the church properly, an insufficient number of parishioners to foster ecclesiastical vitality, and a shortage of priests are also grave causes for a church's closure. Decorative appointments and sacred treasures in these relegated churches often find new homes in other churches and religious institutions.

This traditional custom of dissemination is a sign of solidarity with the broader Church and in continuity with its rich heritage. It honors the faith and sacrifices of the charter members when the church was built and the generations that followed. Remaining religious items in a relegated church, such as an unmovable altar, "lose their dedication or blessing if they have been destroyed in large part, or have been turned over permanently to profane use by decree of the competent ordinary or in fact" (*CCL* 1238). Stained glass windows, mosaics, and other sacred art that remain in a repurposed church don't lose their aesthetic beauty and evocative power, however. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever," wrote the poet John Keats. ●

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