ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES

Please join us on Wednesday nights in the parish hall 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES ON **NOVEMBER 26**TH CLASSES WILL RESUME ON DECEMBER 3RD

This week's topics:

Questions - please contact Terry Miller at millert832@gmail.com.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thanksgiving day Mass (November 27) will be celebrated at 8:30 am in Excelsior Springs.

RORATE MASS, DECEMBER 6, 6:30 AM EXCELSIOR SPRINGS

The Rorate Mass takes its name from the opening words of the Introit, which comes to us from Isaiah 45:8: "Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem."

"Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour."

The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.

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Commandment of the Month for November The 3rd Commandment

"Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day"

In May of 2023, the US Surgeon General declared loneliness as an epidemic and crisis. One of the biggest reasons for loneliness is that society has lost sight of one of the primary purposes of Sundays: A day to gather with family and friends. Fifty years ago, Sundays gave everyone the invitation to drop in on friends for a visit. But now, everyone seems so busy that dropping in for a visit is viewed as an imposition. Even on Sundays. How unfortunate.

Would you like to take back Sundays as they were enjoyed by generations past? Start with freeing up your Sundays by committing to doing all your chores on Saturday or letting them wait until Monday. Next, make a list of friends you would like to reconnect with and, each week, invite them over for an afternoon slice of pie or a game of cards. Reach out to them by a phone call or a video call. Let them know that on Sundays, the welcome mat is always out, and they are welcome to drop by. Think of all the friends you will enjoy over the course of a year, and how grateful they will be for making them feel appreciated.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS TIMES

Sunday, 12/7 @ 5:00 pm (Excelsior Springs) Monday, 12/8 @ 8:30 am (Excelsior Springs) Monday, 12/8 @ 7:00 pm (Plattsburg)

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast next Sunday after the 10:45 am Mass

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suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and

2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, ombudsmankcsj.org 816-213-6024

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816-714-2357 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH





SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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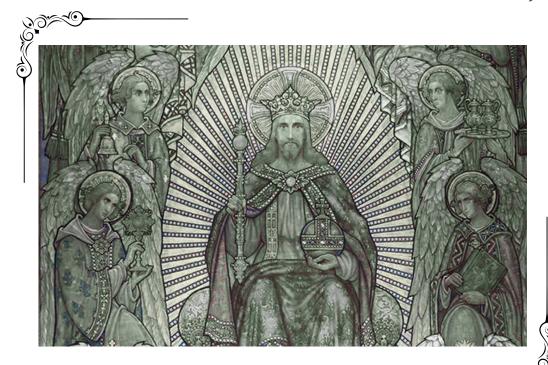
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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

This is my body given for you. Luke 22:19

WEEKEND MASSES Sunday - 10:45 AM Saturday - 4 PM

DAILY MASS Wednesday - 6 PM Tues/Thu - 12 PM

CONFESSION

Repent, therefore and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away. Acts 3:19°

WEDNESDAY 5:30 PM

SATURDAY 3:00 PM

Contact Fr. Drew for Appts

ADORATION

The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host. - Sheen

DECEMBER 3-4, 2025

Please sign up in the narthex.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Pastor

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office 816-539-2634 follow instructions.

MATRIMONY

Please contact the Pastor 6-9 months before the proposed date.

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ALTAR SERVERS

SUN. NOV 23-10:45 AM MC - Mark Durando

- T Angelo Moraille
- A Justin Friedl
- A Pierre Moraille
- S David Woody
- R David Woody

SUN, NOV 30 - 10:45 AM

MC - Grant Schuster

- T Brogan Noll
- A Jonathan Friedl
- A Pierre Moraille
- S David Woody
- R Terry Miller

MASS INTENTION REQUEST

Mass intention envelopes are in the narthex. Place your Mass intention envelope with your \$10 stipend in the basket.

SAT, NOV 22-4 PM Deceased Legion of Mary members

By: Legion of Mary

SUN, NOV 23 - 10:45 AM Dr. David A Easterla By: Terry & Carleen Miller

TUES. NOV25 - 12:00 PM Jacob, Rachel, Sebastian Johnson

By: Emily Friedl

WED. NOV 26 - 6:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

By: Krysak Family

THURS. NOV 27 - ES 8:30 am Thanksgiving Day

SAT, NOV 29 - 4 PM Joe Kish

By: Terry & Carleen Miller

SUN, NOV 30 - 10:45 AM

Ella Holden By: Anne Friedl

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY We pray for our elderly, infirm, and homebound:

O God, your Son accepted sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they are chosen to be saints, and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Vicki Anseume, Allen Bence, Kenneth Carey, Etta Mae Carlson, Pat Clingan, Edward Cook, Nancy Conley, Paul Daily, Lori Echols, Janice Fristoe, Cindy Gaines-Walter, Martha Gerling, Cara Green, Jean Harris, Tom Kutz, Sylvia McCollester, Tom Morgan,

Don Price, Lee & Barbara Schwery, Amy Spriesterbach, Bob Swope, Steve VanHorn, Marie VanHorn, Tonia Vigilante, William Wolford Jr, Meryle Young, Claudia Ziegler, Lindsay Plathe

In Loving Memory

Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Shirley Schwery

To add or change a name please email - stannplattsburg@gmail.com.

COLLECTION

NOV 15, 2025 - NOV 16, 2025

Offertory: \$ 2,560.00 60.00 Online: \$

Total: \$ 2,620.00

\$3718.56 needed weekly to meet our budget. The monthly operating budget is distinct from the capital campaign. Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR FR. KEVIN DREW



GETTING PREPARED FOR THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

Here is brilliant commentary from New York priest, Fr George Rutler on reality. Those who ignore reality do so at their own peril. At the same time, they mock those who preach the truth about reality. But as Fr Rutler points out, the mockers are growing very gray ...

Twin daggers in the heart of the West

The season of Advent is lyrically beautiful if one is willing to engage the realities it teaches: Death, judgment, Heaven and Hell. The alternative is to create a parallel universe, partying in a faux Christmas confection of jingle bells, dancing elves, self-conscious bonhomie, and ignoring the Incarnation of God. T.S. Eliot belabored the obvious in saying "Humankind cannot bear very much reality".

Reality, nonetheless, has the last say. Advent focuses on the reality of life as a sacred gift from God and not a morally indifferent biological accident to be manipulated by human will. Pope Paul VI was scorned for saying this in his prophetic encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, whose predictions have been realized with frightening rapidity. The first illusion it condemned was artificial contraception as morally good. Those cultures that ignored reality are entering what the European Union now admits is a demographic "catastrophe."

The dwindling population rate is leading to the collapse of social welfare benefits and the bankruptcy of Europe's cradle-to-grave welfare state. The cradles are emptying as fast as the graves are filling. A report presented to the European Parliament by the Institute for Family Policies says, "Europe is plunged in an unprecedented demographic winter and has become an elderly continent, with a large birth deficit, fewer marriages and more of them broken, homes emptying."

The report projects there will be 27 million fewer Europeans by 2050, with every third inhabitant over 65. Unspoken is the effect of Islamic immigration to fill the vacancies and replace European civilization. What is chillingly unreal about the report is its acceptance of those eugenic policies that brought on the catastrophe. Our own nation is on the edge of entering the same illusory world of a bright future that ignores the facts of life.

From a secular perspective, Johns Hopkins University sociologist Andrew Cherlin has written about the harm done to children by the "marriage-goround" in the United States. Marriage has become a status symbol rather than an essential core of society. Marriages in our country are even more ephemeral than in Europe. After just five years of marriage, 23% of Americans had separated or divorced, compared with 12% in West Germany, 8% in Great Britain and 3% in Italy. Cherlin's approach is utilitarian and ultimately defeatist: "I think our best hope is to find better ways of coping with the culture we have."

Christ does not call us to cope with the culture but to transform it. Transformation happened in a decaying Roman Empire, and it can happen in our quaking modern imperium but only by facing reality. In their Nov. 2009 annual conference, the U.S. bishops issued a pastoral letter on marriage that realistically spoke of good and evil. It is already being criticized by the sorts who mocked *Humanae Vitae*. But they are growing very gray..

CATHOLIC MONTH OF NOVEMBER

HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven.



VIRTUE: CHARITY

THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT: THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH THY WHOLE HEART, BUT THE SECOND IS LIKE UNTO IT: THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF.----MATT. 22:38

MY GOD AND MY LORD! WHAT NEED WAS THERE OF COMMANDING US TO LOVE THEE? ART THOU NOT MOST LOVELY IN THY INFINITE PERFECTIONS? AND FOR THE INFINITE LOVE THOU BEAREST TO US, DOST THOU NOT DESERVE OUR LOVE? HOW, THEN, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT ANYONE SHOULD NOT LOVE THEE? IF THERE IS SUCH A PERSON, IT MUST BE BECAUSE HE HAS NOT DESERVED TO KNOW THEE. FOR, A SOUL THAT KNOWS GOD, CANNOT HELP LOVING HIM, AND LOVING HIM IN PROPORTION TO HIS KNOWLEDGE OF HIM; SO THAT IF HE LOVES HIM BUT LITTLE, IT IS A SIGN THAT HE KNOWS HIM BUT LITTLE; AND THE MORE HIS KNOWLEDGE INCREASES, THE MORE HIS LOVE WILL GO ON GROWING. ----ST. TERESA

Bishop Johnston's Prayer intentions for the month of **NOVEMBER**

For married couples who desire children and suffer with challenges of infertility.

The Holy Father's Prayer intentions for the month of **NOVEMBER**

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community. and be open to the beauty of life.

ADVENT ROSARY

We will be gathering to pray the rosary on Monday evenings during Advent starting at 7:00 pm. Please join us!

Questions? Contact Heather Boddicker 319-541-3750



Upcoming Events: November 30 - 5th Sunday Breakfast

Business meetings:

2nd Saturday of each month - 9AM For more info please contact:

Eric Niemann, Recruiter, at eniemann@1791.com

VISITATION SODALITY

The Visitation Sodality is an organization made up of all age ladies, dedicated to serving the parish and our Priest. We strive to support the liturgy and the altar, social functions and funerals. Please consider joining us in our mission to serve our parish family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 14 - SOUP SUNDAY MONTHLY MEETING - NO DECEMBER MEETING

Come check out our store located in the Parish Hall. We have sacramentals, gifts, books, veils, and more! All proceeds go to serving our Church and our Parish Family.



ALTAR FLOWERS AT ST. ANN

Solbach/Durando Family

In thanksgiving for our good priests

You can sponsor flowers for \$40 a week in honor or memorial of a loved one. Their name and yours will be listed in the bulletin. Please make your checks payable to the Visitation Sodality and in the memo write flowers. Your gift will be assigned the next available week, unless you have a specific week in mind. Envelopes for flowers are in the back of the church and can be placed in the collection basket.



Members of our parish are currently visiting residents at Oakridge and Nick's Healthcare Center here in Plattsburg.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Terry and Carleen Miller at (816) 930-2976

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a world wide lay apostolic association of Catholics dedicated to praying and working for Mary for the salvation of souls.

The parish needs people willing to give a little of their time to Marv. There's not a better person to pray and

work for but Mary, and not a better reason to pray and work than for the salvation of souls.

Meetings are Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM in the Rectory.

Questions: call Sherry Kutz (217) 260-7338