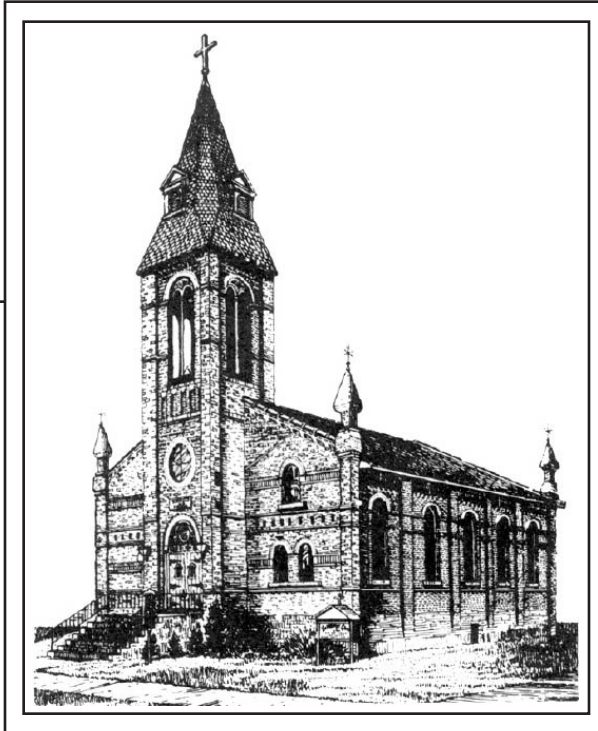


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Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
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Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
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Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

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Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
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MARRIAGES: Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment with the priest.

If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

BULLETIN NOTICES must be received at the parish office by Tuesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOD IN HIGHEST CONTEXT WITHOUT CONTEXT

"Who is like unto God?" Exodus 15:11

God is so far beyond anything we can really say about God. He is limitless, without bounds, omniscient, omnipresent, all-knowing, beyond all definition and yet, all-loving. God, who cannot be put in a box and is unfathomable, chose to come to us in His creation of time. The great God of all created things; the Creator who chose to come into His creation and specifically to His creatures. God is known by analogy – God is like....

In reflecting on God, unlike a reflection of something viewed with ocular vision, we contemplate 'otherness' yet a close intimacy greater than any human form of deep relationship. We can even move toward God who moves toward us and say we 'see' Him, though we don't. We can sense (by grace) His presence and yet He cannot be contained. How is it that a simple person can perceive Him while a highly intelligent person may not? As a young boy I remember so well the sense I had (grace) of God's presence in my life. Even apart from the mystery of the Eucharist which I hardly understood as a young child, God was a real experience for me, a witness within me that I was loved and He was present to me. I didn't know how other people related to God or if they perceived what I did, but all I knew was this awareness of the loving, smiling presence of the Good God who somehow loved and cared for me. God is not, as Bp. Robert Barron says, "another thing in the room among other things". No, He is beyond anything. Yet Catholics can walk into a Catholic church and literally point at God in the Tabernacle and made present on the altar during Mass in His Body and Blood and say, "There He is!" We can come forward and receive Him in Holy Communion and walk away as a living, breathing, heart-beating, tabernacle now containing God – who cannot be contained save for His permission and allowance. Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of Our Lord carried Jesus for nine months in her womb and yet we, for a short time in the necessary renewal of Holy Communion with the Lord Jesus, carry Him as well. It's sad that Catholics so often don't get this "awe" of God's presence and gift and don't know of God's desire to be with us; to be experienced.

St. Augustine in his Confessions 1,4 wrote:

For who is Lord but the Lord? or who is God save our God? (Ps. 17:32) Most high, most excellent, most powerful, most omnipotent ; most piteous and most just; most hidden and most near; most beautiful and most strong, stable, yet contained by none; unchangeable, yet changing all things; never new, never old; making all things new, yet bringing old age upon the proud without their knowing it (Job 9:5); always working, yet ever at rest; gathering, yet needing nothing; sustaining, pervading, and protecting ; creating, nourishing, and developing; seeking, and yet possessing all things. You love, yet do not burn; are jealous, yet free from care; You repent, yet do not suffer; are angry, yet serene; You change Your ways, leaving Your plans unchanged; You recover what You find, without ever having lost it; You are never in want, while You rejoice in gain; never covetous, though requiring interest.' That You may owe, more than enough is given

to You; yet who has anything that is not Yours? You pay debts while owing nothing; and when You forgive debts, You lose nothing. Yet, O my God, my life, my holy joy, what is this that I have said ? And what does anyone say when He speaks of You? Yet woe to them that keep silence, seeing that even they who say most are like the dumb."

Exodus 15:11-18 reads:

Who among the gods
is like you, LORD?
Who is like you—
majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory,
working wonders?
"You stretch out your right hand,
and the earth swallows your enemies.
In your unfailing love you will lead
the people you have redeemed.
In your strength you will guide them
to your holy dwelling.
The nations will hear and tremble;
anguish will grip the people of Philistia.
The chiefs of Edom will be terrified,
the leaders of Moab will be seized with trembling,
the people of Canaan will melt away;
terror and dread will fall on them.
By the power of your arm
they will be as still as a stone—
until your people pass by, LORD,
until the people you bought pass by.
You will bring them in and plant them
on the mountain of your inheritance—
the place, LORD, you made for your dwelling,
the sanctuary, Lord, your hands established.
"The LORD reigns
for ever and ever."

(Fr. Charles)

R.C.I.A.

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Again, this fall, we will begin the process by which inquiring adults who are considering becoming a Catholic discern and learn about what the Catholic Faith is all about. This process, which is designed specifically for the unbaptized or those baptized in other faiths, looks at the major questions of faith and considers: Who is God?, Who is Jesus?, What is the Church, and What are the Sacraments? Our Catholic Faith is 2000 years old and began and is sustained by Jesus Christ Himself who instituted her. We consider what it means to belong to the Church which has fostered some of the greatest and holiest people this world has ever seen. We stand with saints and sinners alike on the road to the Kingdom promised by God the Father through His Son, Jesus.

Our parish is truly blessed to have Mr. Patrick Sullivan who has served as the leader in our parish's RCIA process each year and anyone who has experienced a talk given by Patrick has experienced the challenge and the peace of heart and head growing in the love and knowledge of God manifested in the sacramental life of the Church.

JUNE 16, 2024

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

June 16, 2024
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Wed June 19 8:30am	+Souls in Purgatory Requested by Clare & Gene Bisogno Unannounced Mass
Thurs June 20 8:30am	+Joseph Wylie Requested by Doety Lewis
Friday June 21 7:30am	Holy Hour
8:30am	In Thanksgiving Eva & Family +Barry Lawrence Requested by Marilyn Lawrence
Sat June 22 3:30 to 4:00pm	Confessions
4:30pm	+Therese Szydziak Requested by the O'Hearn Family
Sunday June 23 9:00am	For the People
11:00am	Intentions of Nicole Guerrero & Guerrero Family

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- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away
- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork. For information on how to enroll, please contact your parish office.

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Mary Little, Kaz Watroba, Albert Sant, Rose Flanagan, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Patrick McKee, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Joseph Crupi, Vera Petrovic, Ashley Zavitz.

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