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Masses
Saturday 5:15 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM
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- Sunday November 15** **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:30 Mass for Repose of the Soul of Louise Adams;
Marian and Howard Shirkey, requested by their
family; Our Leaders; World Peace
Ministers: Alan Zaciek, Darlene Oubre
- Monday November 16** **St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude**
- Tuesday November 17** **St. Elizabeth of Hungary**
- Wednesday November 18** **Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and**
Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
- Thursday November 19**
- Friday November 20**
- Saturday November 21** **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
5:15 Mass for names and intentions on the
Rosary Prayer List
- Sunday November 22** **Christ the King**
9:30 Mass for Marian and Howard Shirkey,
requested by their family; World Peace; Our leaders
Ministers: Denise Hytower, Trina Martell

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 7: 12 - 14
Revelations 1: 5 - 8
John 18: 33b – 37

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of the Rosary is an open Christian Family, a mixture of unique beings in an inner-city setting. Gifted and guided by the Holy Spirit, called in Faith to prayer, love and concern, this apostolic community searches to creatively use its resources to become inviting, loving, healing and one with the distressed/alienated people of today.

Please Remember These Friends in Prayer

Catherine Speirs	Patrick Sievc	Nicole Arvanitis	Kerry Barnes
Margaret Hogan	Lily Norman	Marva Bryant	Jan Christensen
Barnes Family	Ken Jenkins	The Kolmetz Family	Julie, Ron & Marty Morin
Alma Bojanic	Kay and Jim Morhard	Susan Amman	Lauren Reagan
Daniella McClendon	Roger Carlson Family	Miriam Levant	Allison Holley
D.A.K. Jones	Muriel Abrams	Tom W. & Family	Ricardo Patino
Didilus Family	Brenda Lumpkin	Taylor Wright	Fred Kammerer
Marie Therese Lucien	Burma Gilchrist	Cynthia Davis	Barbara Bedolla
Morand Family	Maureen S.	Linda Cummings	Natalie
Heather Lucido	Wimbush Family	Javan Kienzle	SaraWillis
Andrew Philka	Paul H. Mullin	Gene Hill	Pat Bartkowski
Susanto Suprpto	Rita Bowers	Jane V.	Mary Rayes
Louise Adams	Lyle and Janet Dolin	Cindy LaGosh	Mr. Simmons
Jessie Dunn	Ila Gillespie	Nicole Church	Mary Ellen Murphy
Regina Burns	John T. Knox	Mark Tavin	Aileen Rosado
Calvin McFarland	Joseph Daoud	Brian Stump	Jasmine Wright
Reising Family	Cynthia Herron	Jason Morhard	Rosa Lee Vaughn
Bradley Morin	Rebecca Voigt	Leah James	Susan Wahl
Rev. James Meyer	Henrietta Jackson	Alice Brown	Joanie Stanesic
Marjorie Perdue	Harold Meek	Barbara Johnson	Patricia Ennis
Mrs. Zaciek	Grandma K.	Chris & Michael Shea	Carol VerBrugge
Elisa Martinez	Mary Ruskin	Dan Hall	Ernestine Stephens
Barthwell Family	Rhonda Maxine Irwin	Sherley Epps	Margie Pauline
Greg Varano	Vocations	Eliisa Bojanic	Winona Ware
Trotty Family	Ellie Finn Murphy	Orzechowski Family	Pat Roberts
Donna Asmar	Michaela Norman & Nate	Phyliss Gossett	Rachel Lynn
James Teal	Clemencia Carmona	Caitlan Maloney	Gloria Graydon
Sarah W.	Danny Page	Craig Burtch	Jean Baustian
Wade Gilchrist, Jr.	Alice Coleman	Tim Calloway	Mary & Willie Toney
John Carlos Swanson	Myrtha Johnson	Laura Anderson	Lois and Tim Turrin
Carlos Vasquez	Nick Van Heck	Suzanne Welter	Ann Morey Franklin
Lucille Sobocinski	Ray McConnell	Monique Glaspie	The Jackson Family
Owen Patrick Strunk	Clarence Mayes	Honey, Tom & Zachary	Bobbie, Ann, Donna
JoAnn Koch	Tory Murray	The Mullin Family	Debbie Schaefer
Barbara Foley	Bob Delbeke	Mary Martin	Angelina Roberts
Shannon Barnes	Dr P	Bob Delbeke	Allan Krupp
Rosa Maria Santos	Luchrisha Drake	Micaela Norman	Eleanor Fuchs
Gloria Virgo	Eileen Marie Finn	Ann Sadge	Ida Bailey

PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Sgt. Muddy Peha Calvin Trotty Tommy Fitzpatrick David Guiroga Matthew Dixon
Sgt. Brandon & Tiffany Childs George Hurley Family of George Rayes Lance R. Stevens
Tonya Gray Gary Didilus

Tottings from Fr. J.J.

DID YOU KNOW?: Did you know that last week, the Cathedral parish received an “Outstanding Community Partner award” for exceptional support and commitment to the Christian vision. Did you know that the kids in Religious Education at Our Lady of the Rosary make sandwiches before the Sunday Mass and (under supervision) hand them out to those in need following the liturgy? Did you know that St. Moses is sending four young men in their teens to the National Catholic Youth Conference this month? Along with three adult members of the parish, these gentlemen will learn more about their faith and how to share it.

As you know, I am still considered the new guy, the new pastor, the new rector, the new “fill in the blank?!”. While I have been ordained for two decades and have ministered in a myriad of situations, I am certainly always learning new things. In fact, “Facts for Life” research foundation states that “*children learn more quickly during their early years than at any other time in life. They need love and nurturing to develop a sense of trust and security that turns into confidence as they grow.*” While my learning curve is huge as I jump feet first into my new assignment, with the amount of support, love and nurturing I have received since I arrived, I believe that I will grow into a more confident shepherd for you. One of the things which I have never experienced firsthand though, until now, is pastoring in a cluster.

What exactly is a cluster? Let’s get our answer from the Archdiocesan Parish Handbook”: “*Clustered Parishes share one priest pastor. The priest may live within the boundary of only one parish and serve one or more parish communities as pastor of each. Each community has its own Finance Council and may or may not have geographic boundaries. In addition, according to Particular Law, each parish has its own Parish Pastoral Council... The Goal-The clustering of parishes allows the identity of each parish to be respected and maintained; finances also remain separate. Through good stewardship of resources by coordinating ministerial activities, the sharing of staff, program expenses and capital resources, parishes can sustain vibrant and life-giving communities.*”

The Cathedral, Our Lady of the Rosary, and St. Moses have been clustered for a while. You do not have to read the literature to understand that clustering can be traumatic for the community. There is loss and all of the things that go along with grief. Communities have to share clergy. This is a frustration for you, and there is extra stress on Fr. Greg and me. For instance, the workload is more (3 parish councils, 3 sets of Stewardship, Worship, Education, Christian Service, and Evangelization commissions and 3 Finance councils). Not to mention 3 budgets, and three aging buildings. Finally, there is what I see as the biggest challenge: 3 sets of expectations. Getting to know the new community takes time (for me and all of you).

There is a different dynamic now with all of this new stuff, so what do we do? We need a process. What should that be? First and foremost, we need to pray to the Holy Spirit. Second, we need to do as it says above: “*Through good stewardship of resources by coordinating ministerial activities, the sharing of staff, program expenses and capital resources, parishes can sustain vibrant and life-giving communities.*” To accomplish this, we need to set some goals. The 3 parish councils are in the process of addressing the best way to achieve this.

In the meantime though, let's get to know each other i.e. build community. That is why I began this article with the three "did you know?" questions. Let's get to know each other. I challenge you to not only find out things that your fellow cluster parishes are doing, but to get to know some of the folks serving in those parishes. If we grow together, share our gifts, and coordinate together, I truly believe that we will continue to be the "vibrant and life-giving" community that the archdiocesan work book describes and the "vibrant and life-giving" community, Christ empowers us to be.

God Bless,

Fr. J.J.

FINANCES

Last weekend we received 52 envelopes. The Offertory Collection totaled \$2,812.31.

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

The first Black Catholic Pope also became a Saint of the Church. Pope Saint Victor I served as Pope for ten years. During his reign he worked to unify the celebration of Easter between the dates of the Roman Church and the Churches of Asia Minor. Victor upheld that the Lord's day was on Sunday, and so Easter itself had to fall on a Sunday. We still follow this decision today.

WELCOME!

On November 6, we welcomed Maci Lauren Cunningham! Samantha and Darius, as well as her two sisters, were so excited for her "debut." Samantha wishes to thank all her Rosary Family for the prayers and best wishes.

PRAYERS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

We are all aware of the hard times Christians are experiencing amid the fighting in Middle Eastern countries. A special Holy Hour "entrusting the Christians of the Middle East to the prayer and protection of the Holy Mother of God, Help of Christians and Queen of Peace" will be held this Friday, November 20, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 7 PM. We are asked to pray for our brothers and sisters of the Eastern Rite Churches of the Middle East—Chaldean Catholic, Syriac Catholic, Melkite Catholic, Maronite Catholic, Armenian Catholic—as well as for our own Archdiocese.

REST IN PEACE

We were saddened Friday when we learned about the death of Mrs. Louise Adams. Mrs. Adams, and her husband Ernest, were strong supporters of St. Theresa Parish, then of Rosary. Arrangements are incomplete. Let's keep the Adams family in our thoughts and prayers.

HEAT???

We are making progress on restoring heat in the church—but it will be at least two more weekends before a new boiler is functioning. At a meeting last week, two proposals were scrutinized and the consensus was to accept the proposal from Durant Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. They assure us work will begin Monday and we will have heat as quickly as possible. For now, dress warmly. Churches in many parts of the world do not have heat. (Think of the old cathedrals of Europe.) We are discussing the practicality of having some form of supplemental heat in the chapel, and moving the Sunday Mass into the chapel. If nothing else, “togetherness” will generate heat!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Last year, the traditional collection for the Campaign for Human Development was replaced by a collection for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM). This collection is specifically designed to assist the Church in Southeast Michigan assist thousands in this area to “overcome life challenges” through several programs:

- Adoption and Foster Care
- All Saints Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry
- Behavioral Health
- Christian Service and Health Care Ministries
- Family Support Services
- Hispanic Outreach Services
- Immigration and Refugee Services
- Senior Services

These programs, and many more, touch our brothers and sisters living in this area. This is assistance for our very neighbors. The collection for CCSEM will be taken up next weekend. Envelopes are available now. It is so appropriate that as we approach Thanksgiving we realize how blessed we are, and respond by generously assisting our own Catholic Charities for Southeast Michigan.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!

Believe it or not, Advent starts two weeks from today! Christmas is coming fast. Traditionally, Rosary puts together food baskets for families in our area. In a couple of weeks we will distribute a list of food items that can be donated for these baskets, along with cash donations. This year we have an exciting twist to Christmas programs. George and Sharon Cole, Rosary parishioners, used to organize the Christmas gift/food program at St. Patrick Parish (now closed). Things are moving too fast to successfully blend the two Christmas outreach projects, so George and Sharon will be handling distribution of food and gifts to those on the list from St. Patrick. Sister Joan will be coordinating the Rosary project. (In fact, she has already been hard at work on this!) This all means that the week of December 13 will be a hectic one at Rosary. Since Christmas comes on a Saturday, we will finish our distribution, etc. by Sunday, December 20. Watch for a schedule.

MORE CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY!

Something new for Christmas: Several Rosary members have proposed a Christmas cookie exchange. There will be sign-up sheets in church for the next few weekends so we can get an idea of how extensive this project will be. The target date for the exchange is Sunday, December 13, just before the week of hectic activity. Plan now. Do your shopping and start baking!

GREETINGS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Burma Gilchriest sent us a wonderful message. She misses all her Rosary friends. She writes, "I am doing well. However, my walking is not yet up to par. I hope to reunite with you in person as soon as I can. I am with you in Spirit. ..I am praying for all of you." Let's keep Burma in our thoughts and prayers.

CAN YOU HELP?

As the weather turns cold, Sr. Joan is collecting any gently used or new blankets to share with our neighbors. If possible, bring them in a plastic bag. Also, Sr. Joan is collecting books for a Little Free Library. Hard cover books, new or gently used, will be used with ages preschool to grade 8. There will be a box in church for books.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joseph Stroud
Dale Trotty
Ross House
JoAnne Fligger
Jennifer Lee

Sunday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Saturday
Saturday

TRANSPERANCY AT ROSARY!

There are no “under the table” dealings at Rosary. Everything is open and honest. For example, at our recent meeting dealing with boiler repair, any attempt at “under the table” deals would have been blocked by Agent Annie!



IT'S AT OUR FRONT DOOR!

The M-1 Rail line has crossed over the Edsel Ford Freeway, and work is now taking place right in front of Rosary. In case you haven't noticed:

This is the view looking out of the church's front doors



From across the street, it looks like Rosary is being attacked by a giant mechanical monster!

