



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Gloria Kerr, Martha (Bass) Cabbage

MASS INTENTIONS—October 29th—November 6th

Saturday—5pm +Garrett Parker
(Zach & Stephanie Reitemeier)
Sunday—8am People of St. Patrick's Parish
10am Tony Munoz
Monday—7am People of the Parish
5:30pm +Nathan Buller
(Dr. Bob & Adria Morrison)
Tuesday—7am Joe Dwyer
12:05pm People of the Parish

Wednesday—7am (Latin) Pope Francis
8am +Harold & Mary Jo Sevart
6pm +Deceased Members of St. Patrick's
Thursday—8am +Tony Templeton (Rosemary Duffy)
First Friday—8am Charlie Fortin (John & Sonja Schibi)
Next Weekends Intentions:
First Saturday—8am Father's Intention
Saturday—5pm +Bill & Joann Chandler
Sunday—8am +Joe Jones

PARISH NEWS

"IN THE BEGINNING..." (A journey through the development of a child—a parallel of Christ being formed in the womb from March 25th-December 25th).
Week 32—I weigh three pounds now and will gain about a half pound each week until birth. It's really cramped now, so Chris has assumed the fetal position. I can see but I don't have 20/20 vision and I won't have 20/20 vision until I'm 7 to 9 years old—hopefully. Mom is pretty uncomfortable. Sleeping on her left side may help as it will remove some pressure on the nerves and blood vessels in her back. "For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made..." *Wisdom 11:22*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TURKEY SHOOT—Come out to Marvel park today or next Sunday, November 6th between 9am-1pm for a chance to win a 14-pound turkey. Tickets are \$2.50 per shot at a target. Don't want to shoot? Purchase a book of 10 tickets for \$25 and automatically get the 14# turkey! Also, each ticket bought gets you entered in a drawing for a Remington 870 Express 12-gauge shotgun and a Haftfield 20-gauge single shot shotgun.

PARISH MISSION—Plan to attend our Parish Mission November 6th-10th with Fr. Geraci from the Fathers of Mercy. It will start each evening at 6pm with a Holy Hour and Confessions. A 60-minute talk will proceed the holy hour at 7pm. Please see the bulletin insert for details.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY—This week and through Election Day, November 8th, the St. Patrick's Pro-Life Committee will lead the Rosary in the church 30 minutes before Daily Mass. Our intention will coincide with the USCCB's Novena for Our Country. Please join us in this urgent plea for God's mercy!

NOVENA FOR OUR COUNTRY AND NATION—Ninth Friday—Friday, November 4th, 2016—*As we approach the polls, may we understand and embrace the principles of our Faith that should guide our political engagement.* In addition to fasting on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and a *Glory Be*.

FORMED.ORG NOVEMBER FEATURE: ADVENT—The tradition of the Advent Wreath is meant to prepare our hearts for Christmas. It represents the long period of time when people lived in spiritual darkness, waiting for the coming of the Messiah, the Light of the world. As a new candle is lit each week, the light grows, overcoming the darkness. Of course, the symbolism doesn't end there as Jesus calls us to be the "light of the world" [Matthew 5:14]. FORMED offers many resources this month, including a 4-week study on Advent to prepare your heart for Christmas and be the light of the world. Log on to formed.org and enter parish access code N4XHFG to access these excellent resources!

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL—Over the next few weeks, our parish family will again be invited to reflect on how we can live our lives as Christian stewards and to renew the annual written pledge of our gifts to God through our parish. Please prayerfully consider how you might recommit yourself to being a good steward of all the gifts God has entrusted to you and your family.

Stewarding our Gifts...

"GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE."

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we make an effort to live our baptismal calling we begin to understand what it means to become a disciple of Christ Jesus. The reading from the Book of Wisdom today exclaims that the entire universe belongs to God because he created it and through love he sustains and is present in it. Christian discipleship obligates us to thank God the Father for the abundance of the earth and care for it in order to nourish our love of God and neighbor. In the Gospel, Jesus met Zacchaeus and their encounter caused such a conversion of heart in Zacchaeus that he decided to part with half of his property and right any wrongs he had committed. May we, too, see that if our focus on possessions pulls us away from the Lord, we should abandon them to follow our Savior.

Stewardship of Treasure

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:

October 23rd-October 24th

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$8804.96

Today is Priesthood Sunday! Thank him for his service to God and our parish!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PATRICK'S THIS WEEK:

Sun Oct 30	*Pick-Up Your Enchiladas!!!	9 & 11am
	*RCIA Class— <i>The Last Four Things</i>	9:15am-12pm
	*Men's Basketball	8:30pm
	*Knight of Columbus National Novena	Starts today—November 7 th (see insert)
Mon Oct 31	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Women's Bible Study— <i>Parish Hall</i>	7pm
Tue Nov 1	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:30pm
	*FertilityCare Services Intro Class	7pm
	— <i>Parish Hall; Sonja Schibi, FertilityCare Practitioner Intern</i>	
Wed Nov 2	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:15pm
	*K-5 PSR	5:30pm
	*Holy Souls Dinner— <i>Parish Hall</i>	7pm
	*CYM	7pm
Thur Nov 3	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Catholic College Group— <i>LCC H211</i>	6pm
	*Theology on Tap— <i>Kitchen Pass</i>	6:30pm
Fri Nov 4	*Kapaun's Men— <i>Parish Hall</i>	5:30am
	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Day of Penance: abstinence from meat, prayer and works of mercy, reading of Sacred Scripture for an outpouring of God's mercy and the Holy Spirit's gifts of holiness and strength upon the Church	
Sat Nov 5	*Rosary	6:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	7am
	*First Saturday Confessions	7:15am
	*First Saturday Mass	8am
	*Confessions	3:30pm
Sun Oct 6	*RCIA Class— <i>The Church</i>	9:15am-12pm
	*Parish Mission Starts—Fr. Ken Geraci	
	—Holy Hour/Confessions	6pm
	—The Subject for this evening:	7pm
	"God's Mercy—Church or Spirituality"?	

FYI—Listen to Sunday homilies on the parish website. Both are now accessible from the Home page—www.stpatricksparsons.org

CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENT GROUP—Students, join us Catholic College Students as we delve into our faith and how we need to form it to face daily challenges. All this while having fun forming friendship. We meet Thursdays in H211 at 6pm on the LCC campus.

SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!

Adorers are needed for the following hours:
Wed 3-4am, Tues 10-11am, Thur 1-2pm, Sat 2-3am, Sat 5-7pm (every other weekend), Sat 10-11pm.
Call the Rectory to reserve an hour.

Altar Servers:

Nov 5—5pm K Nance/B Brungardt/M Bogner
Nov 6—8am J O'Hara/I Reitemeier/R Barger
10am J Schibi/Dawson G/L Forbes/I Mann

Extraordinary Ministers:

Nov 5—5pm Teresa Bogner
Nov 6—8am Carl Treiber
10am Tracy Holzem

Lector:

Nov 5—5pm Nick Pfeifer
Nov 6—8am Jeff Perez
10am Daniel Schibi

Offertory Gifts:

Nov 5—5pm Tom and Beth Westhoff
Nov 6—8am David and Cathy Forbes
10am Kristen Bradbury Family

Ushers:

Nov 5—5pm M & J Carson/P Yanez/I Ritz
Nov 6—8am Aaron and Terry Say Family
10am Richard and Mary Jo Fitzwater Family

Money Counters:

Nov 5 & 6—David and Robie Martin
Doug and Tracy Holzem

The Catholic Side

Praised Be Jesus Christ!
Last week I wrote of the different churches we visited in Ireland, so this week I will write about the churches we visited in Rome.

We arrived in Rome on a Sunday and after getting our things loaded on the bus, we headed right for the Cathedral Basilica Church of Our Savior and of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, also known as St. John Lateran. It is the mother church to the city of Rome and the whole world. I love visiting this church because it has beautiful sculptures of the apostles. It is a church that dates to the 4th century and for hundreds of years, the popes had their residence at the Lateran Palace. On a bit of a side note, the city of Rome, for the better part of the last 1300 years belonged to the Church, as it was the capital of the Papal States. The popes were temporal rulers as well as being the head of the Universal Church. Italy, as a country, has only existed in its present borders since the time of World War I. The north of Italy used to be part of the Holy Roman Empire, the middle of Italy belonged to the Papal States, and the south belonged to the Spanish, the French, and a few others at different times. So when you visit Rome, you see evidence of the role of the Church in all of the city.

After visiting St. John Lateran, many of the pilgrims in the group headed across the street to La Santa Scala, the Holy Steps. When St. Helena went to Jerusalem and discovered the True Cross, she brought back to Rome the steps leading up to Pilate that the Lord would have walked when they brought Him to Pilate to condemn Him. When you enter the building, there is a sign that tells everyone that you can only go up the Holy Steps on your knees. Every three to four steps there is a relic of the True Cross. When you get to the top, there is a beautiful scene of the Crucifixion, and a little chapel behind it. Then, to the right of the steps is the Chapel of the Holy Steps. It is a powerful place to visit (and a little rough on the knees, too).

Still on Sunday, we headed for the pilgrims church, the Basilica of St. Mary Major—one of the first churches dedicated to Our Lady in Rome. It dates to the 5th century. They call it the pilgrims church because it has many Holy Masses offered throughout the day as well as the opportunity for Confession in about any language you imagine. It also hosts relics of the Crib of Christ under the high altar (they allow people to walk down there to venerate the relics). We had the Holy Mass in the "Sistine Chapel." Not the Sistine Chapel near St. Peter's, which is named after Pope Sixtus IV, the one in St. Mary Major is named after Pope Sixtus V, whose tomb is in the chapel. The chapel also has the tomb of Pope St. Pius V. One of my favorite facts about the church is the ceiling; when the King of Spain discovered gold in the New World, he sent the first part of it to the Holy Father, who used it in St. Mary Major to gild the ceiling. What a powerful act of stewardship on the part of the Spanish King!

The next day, we began to visit a few churches that are not always on the "popular" pilgrim path when one visits Rome. We started the day at the Church of St. Augustine. This beautiful church has the remains of St. Monica, St. Augustine's mother. It also has a beautiful Caravaggio painting of the *Madonna di Loretto*. We were able to return to this church on our last day and offer the Holy Mass in the chapel of St. Monica, where she is buried. From here we went around the corner to the Church of St. Louis of France. This is a central church for all the French pilgrims visiting Rome. There are three powerful painting by Caravaggio: the Conversion of St. Matthew, St. Matthew Writing the Gospel, and the Martyrdom of St. Matthew. It was a poignant time to visit this church, as Bishop Kemme had just preached about the Conversion of St. Matthew to our kids who received Confirmation a few weeks prior. The last Church we visited that day was the Church of St. Peter in Chains. This is one of my favorite places. It has the chains that were used to lock St. Peter up in Jerusalem, when Herod thought he would kill St. Peter. The Book of the Acts of the Apostles tells us that his angel came and unlocked the chains and the gates and lead him out of the city to safety. Also in this Church is a sculpture by Michelangelo of Moses. We were able to have the Holy Mass here in the Chapel of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The sacristan was great, not only did she set everything up, she also shushed the crowd so that they would realize the Holy Mass was taking place and they should not be talking. That is no small job when you realize how many people have no Faith who visit these churches, looking at them as mere architectural and artistic masterpieces, unconnected to the Faith that inspired their construction.

I will finish up the churches next week in the bulletin. **Don't forget that Tuesday, November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Masses will be at the following times: Monday, October 31st at 5:30pm and Tuesday, November 1st at 7am and 12:05pm.**

Finally, mark your calendars for the parish mission that begins November 6th and runs through the 10th. Every evening we will have a holy hour in the church with the talk to follow. I am asking that no parish activities happen during this time.

May our holy patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. Our Lady, Queen of All Saints, pray for us. Peace in Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Borkenhagen

P.S. —Sister Bertina sends her greetings! I stopped and visited her last week after the clergy conference.