



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Nov 18- Nov 19, 2017

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## ***33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - USE OR LOSE***

"His master said to him, 'Well done! You are an industrious and reliable servant. Since you were dependable in a small matter I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come,

The Lord expects us to be good stewards not only of the money He has given us, but also of our time, talents, spiritual gifts, and graces. Our greatest responsibility as stewards is to be "servants of Christ and administrators of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor 4:1). We Christians have been given new life, a new nature, sonship and daughterhood in God's family, the forgiveness of our sins, the indwelling of the Trinity, Jesus' Body and Blood in Holy Communion, the meaning of life, etc. The Lord in His mercy has given us the best and the most. Therefore, we have the greatest responsibilities of any stewards. "When much has been given a man, much will be required of him. More will be asked of a man to whom more has been entrusted" (Lk 12:48).

If we aren't good stewards and don't administer the mysteries the Lord has entrusted to us, if we don't evangelize, telling the Good News of what God has done for us, Jesus promised to take away His graces from us and give them to others (see Mt 25:29). We see this happening as Christians in Europe and the USA lose their faith while new Christians in the third-world are showered with faith, joy, enthusiasm, power, boldness, healings, miracles, and religious vocations. When most first-world Christians failed in good stewardship by not evangelizing, they lost their faith and God poured out His graces on others. However, if we repent and evangelize, we will see God's graces return.

## Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.  
 Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.  
 Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.  
 Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.  
 Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment  
 First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
 MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.  
 COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## Masses Intentions

November Masses are for the Souls in Purgatory. The following prayer can be incorporated into our daily prayers during this month. “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, and Juanita Stacy

## Family Chalice Program

November 18/19 Tony and Mary Treadwell  
 November 25/26 Nick Weinheimer Family  
 December 2/3 Brad and Tabitha Eggemeyer  
 December 9/10 Joanie Kling Family  
 December 16/17 Alice Kuehler  
 December 23/24 Krista Johnson Family  
 December 30/31 Krista Johnson Family

## Birthdays

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Pat Britten  
 Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Karla Howard & Kecia Howard  
 Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> Hermen Leven & John Weinheimer  
 Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Kyler Barkley & Jackson Homer

## Anniversaries

## Stewardship Reports

### 11/12/17 Stewardship Report

Individual	\$1,530.00
Loose	\$ 398.00
Children	\$ 6.00
Total	\$1,934.00

### 11/12/17 Catholic Campaign For Human Development

Individual & Total	\$ 40.00
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### 11/12/17 Local Charity

Individual	\$160.00
Loose	\$300.00
Total	\$460.00

## Church Cleaning for November

Marla Britten, Debbie Ollinger, Sandra Britten, Mary Treadwell, Pam Ashford, Tami Keese, Cara Ashford, Sharon Britten, Sherri Wieberg, Waymth Britten, Lori Connelly, Nicole Kuehler, Loretta Britten, Tabitha Eggemeyer, Shelley Britten and Britney Britten

## *Liturgical Ministers*

### **Saturday, Nov 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Alex and Damon  
Lectors: Ron Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nick Weinheimer

### **Sunday, Nov 19, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Grace and Kate  
Lectors: Nick Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler Carie  
Weinheimer, Joannie Kling

### **Saturday, Nov 25, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Jackson and Owen  
Lectors:  
Extraor. Com. Minister:

### **Sunday, Nov 26, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Madison and K'Leigh  
Lectors: Jason Eugea  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Tabitha Eggemeyer,  
Marla Britten, Kathleen Barkley

### **Saturday, Dec 2, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Phineas and Saffron  
Lectors: Jason Eugea  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

### **Sunday, Dec 3, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Jackson and Grace  
Lectors: Nick Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler,  
Barbara Homer, Melanie K. Britten

### **Saturday, Dec 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Stephen and Damon  
Lectors: Gary Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sharon Britten

### **Sunday, Dec 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Lauren and Alex  
Lectors: Ron Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten, Sandie  
Hickey, Cari Weinjeimer

## *Announcements:*

**Christian Mothers** is organizing Snak-Pak 4 Kids here in Groom. There is a need to feed children during the weekend here in Groom. Snak-Pak 4 Kids will send home non-perishable food for the children. This program will cost \$3.75/week/child or \$150.00/year/child. 100% of proceeds earned go towards kids in need. Donations can be given to Pam Ashford or Debbie Ollinger or go to [www.SP4K.org](http://www.SP4K.org)

Mark your calendars for the holiday edition of the Parish Council Pot Luck December 9<sup>th</sup> immediately following mass. Thanksgiving and Christmas are a special time to spend with family. Please come celebrate this season with your church family.

**We need servers for Christmas Eve and Christmas day Masses.**

**Contact:** Cara Ashford at 806-584-6250 or [ashfordcar@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordcar@gmail.com) (preferred), if you have information for the bulletin.

\* Thanksgiving Day Masses: Wed, Nov 22nd at 6pm and Thursday, Nov 23rd at 9:00am

\* Immaculate Conception Feast Day Mass: Friday, December 8th at 7:30am and 6:30pm

\* Christmas Masses: Sunday, Dec 24th at 5:30pm and Monday, Dec 25th at 9am

\* New Year Masses: Sunday, Dec 31st at 5:30pm and Monday, January 01st at 9am

\* "How many of one's temporal penalties can be remitted?"

Potentially, all of them. The Church recognizes that Christ and the saints are interested in helping penitents deal with the aftermath of their sins, as indicated by the fact they always pray for us (Heb. 7:25, Rev. 5:8). Fulfilling its role in the administration of temporal penalties, the Church draws upon the rich supply of rewards God chose to bestow on the saints, who pleased him, and on his Son, who pleased him most of all.

The rewards on which the Church draws are infinite because Christ is God, so the rewards he accrued are infinite and never can be exhausted. His rewards alone, apart from the saints', could remove all temporal penalties from everyone, everywhere. The rewards of the saints are added to Christ's—not because anything is lacking in his, but because it is fitting that they be united with his rewards as the saints are united with him. Although immense, their rewards are finite, but his are infinite.

"If the Church has the resources to wipe out everyone's temporal penalties, why doesn't it do so?" Because God does not wish this to be done. God himself instituted the pattern of temporal penalties being left behind. They fulfill valid functions, one of them disciplinary. If a child were never disciplined, he would never learn obedience. God disciplines us as his children — "the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives" (Heb. 12:6) — so some temporal penalties must remain.

The Church cannot wipe out, with a stroke of the pen, so to speak, everyone's temporal punishments because their remission depends on the dispositions of the persons who suffer those temporal punishments. Just as repentance and faith are needed for the remission of eternal penalties, so they are needed for the remission of temporal penalties. Pope Paul VI stated, "Indulgences cannot be gained without a sincere conversion of outlook and unity with God" (Indulgentiarum Doctrina 11). We might say that the degree of remission depends on how well the penitent has learned his lesson.

"How does one determine by what amount penalties have been lessened?"

Before Vatican II each indulgence was said to remove a certain number of "days" from one's discipline—for instance, an act might gain "300 days' indulgence"—but the use of the term "days" confused people, giving them the mistaken impression that in purgatory time as we know it still exists and that we can calculate our "good time" in a mechanical way. The number of days associated with indulgences actually never meant that that much "time" would be taken off one's stay in purgatory. Instead, it meant that an indefinite but partial (not complete) amount of remission would be granted, proportionate to what ancient Christians would have received for performing that many days' penance. So, someone gaining 300 days' indulgence gained roughly what an early Christian would have gained by, say, reciting a particular prayer on arising for 300 days.