

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**NOVEMBER 19, 2023 THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## MASS SCHEDULE

2nd & 4th Saturday .....	4:00 pm
Sunday .....	9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday .....	7:00 am
1st Friday-Pine Haven.....	10:00 am
2nd Friday-Prairie Crossing .....	10:00 am

## PARISH OFFICE

**Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM**

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**Please contact the Parish Office to:**

1. Join the Parish
2. Schedule a Baptism
3. Schedule a Mass Intention
4. Any other questions or concerns

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## PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Wednesday & Friday at 6:40 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

1st Fridays-6:00 - 6:45 am St. John Evangelist

Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays-3 :00 pm-Blessed Trinity

2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

## Readings for the Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30



*Well Done,  
thou good and  
faithful servant...  
enter thou into  
the joy of thy lord.*

*Matthew 25:21, KJV*

**Bulletin Submission Deadline:** All requests for bulletin articles must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that weekend's bulletin. Any articles received after that will be included as space permits. For holiday weeks, the deadline may change. Thank you for your understanding.

## From Father Schmeckel:

November 21 is the Memorial of the **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It commemorates when Saints Anna and Joachim, the parents of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who brought Mary as a child to be offered to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. One author writes this about the Presentation of Mary:

"Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond." (go to [FranciscanMedia.org](http://FranciscanMedia.org) for more information)



On November 22, the Memorial of **Saint Cecilia** is celebrated. She is a virgin martyr of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. Many of the details of her life are unknown, and some have become a bit romanticized over the many centuries. What is clear, however, is that her story seems to have made an enormous impact on the Christians living in Rome. By the 5th century, there were Mass settings written in her honor and stories told of her martyrdom. Her name has also been secured in the first Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass (often called the 'Roman Canon') – which further indicates the high esteem that she had in the first centuries of the Church. She is the Patron Saint of musicians and can often be seen in stained-glass windows in choir lofts. On this feast day, let us pray especially for all of our musicians, who help us to elevate our voices and praise God more perfectly during our liturgical celebrations.

I want to say 'thank you' again to all those who were able to contribute to the **Catholic Stewardship Appeal**. At Saint John Evangelist Parish, we are at 97.64 % of our goal of \$35,190.00. At Blessed Trinity Parish, we are at 114.90% of our goal of \$43,000.00. These numbers are a testament to your generosity and care for the local Church – even beyond our own parishes and communities. Your generosity helps to support Catholic education, Catholic Charities, Saint Francis de Sales Seminary, and many other important apostolates that could not go on without your support. Thank you!

I hope that you and your loved ones have a very joyful and restful Thanksgiving!

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** Altar Server training will be offered for new servers and current servers in need of a refresher. Anyone who has received his/her First Holy Communion may be an Altar Server. Training times are:

**Saturday, November 18 –**

3:15 PM (before Mass) Blessed Trinity

**Sunday, November 19 –**

8:15 AM (before Mass) Saint John

after 10:30 AM Mass Blessed Trinity

Servers may attend training at either parish. If none of these times work for you, please call Gretchen or Sandy in the Parish Office to schedule training with Fr Schmeckel and/or Seminarian Jacob Bruns.

## FINANCIAL: NOVEMBER

**11/12:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$9,184.31.



## THANKSGIVING DAY VIGIL MASS:

Will be held at St. John Evangelist Parish on **Wednesday, November 22** at **5:30 pm**.

# MASS INTENTIONS

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 18</b>	<b>Blessed Trinity</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†Victor & Helen Kampman by Family, †Brian Woveras by Family, †Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust
Sunday	November 19	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	November 19	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family, †Warren & Rosemary Eigenberger by Paul & Jessica
Tuesday	November 21	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Tom Holtz by Family
Wednesday	November 22	St. John's	7:00 am	†Carren Free by Mel & Lorrie Free
Wednesday	November 22	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Pope Benedict
Thursday	November 23	Blessed Trinity		NO MASS
Friday	November 24	St. John's	7:00 am	†Ray Peterson by Nancy & David Schleicher
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 25</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†Dick Schaetz by Benishek Family
Sunday	November 26	St. John's	9:00 am	†Char Bocchini by Bill McGinnis
Sunday	November 26	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

## LAY MINISTERS FOR THANKSGIVING & NOVEMBER 25/26

MASSES	Thanksgiving Vigil November 22, 5:30 pm	Saturday, November 25, 4:00 pm	Sunday November 26, 9:00 am
Lector	Diane Hart	Bill Moffatt Angela B.	Charlotte B. Erin M.
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Anthony B. Annaleise B.	Leighton M. Sophia H.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rich Tauferner	Judy Loth	Clyde or Sharon Kometer
Ushers	Volunteer Volunteer	Ken Udovich Randy Miller	John Multer Jeffrey Goodchild
Sacristan		Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters		Judy Grey	Tracy Kissel

### ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED:

All Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in Observance of Thanksgiving. All emails and voicemails will be returned on Monday, November 28.



Welcome

### WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

Please welcome Zachary & Emily Kaiser and their children Harrison, Nicella, Evelyn, and Aurora to the parish.



# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:30 - 11:00 am Women's Group  
12:00 pm AA Meeting  
Church Hall

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00 am Mass  
5:30 pm Thanksgiving Mass

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:00 am Mass

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

12:00 pm AA Meeting  
Church Hall  
3:00 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass



Church Family  
Thanksgiving  
Dinner

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER:

On Thursday, November 24 at Immaculate Conception Staskunas Activity Center (2422 Henry Street Sheboygan) from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. This is free and curbside pickup only.

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at St. John Parish on Saturday, November 25 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, November 26 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.

## Thanksgiving Time: Teaching Gratitude:

Our children learn to be grateful from parents, teachers, and other trusted adults through early and frequent exposure to expressions of gratitude from them. As with many other things that children learn, having good role models who exhibit gratitude is the best way to learn gratitude, but Thanksgiving, Advent, and the Christmas season themselves also present many opportunities. These holidays are all about spending quality time together. Today we invite and encourage you to take advantage of this togetherness, to count your blessings, and to help the children in your lives do the same. Here are a few suggestions:

- Use a plain paper tablecloth for Thanksgiving dinner and, together with your guests, write all the things you are thankful for on it, so you can reflect on them during your meal.
- Start a thankfulness jar and write one thing to be grateful for every day. Then plan to open it together at a future date so you can look back on those memories as a family or a group that celebrates together.
- Service projects increase gratitude and there is no better place to begin than at home. Write letters to military personnel, firefighters, or other local and national helpers/heroes. Sort through your unneeded belongings and donate items to those in need. Let your children come with you to distribute the items, so they understand the impact of their gifts and what a blessing it is to be able to give to others.

We all know that children are easily influenced. Working together we can make the most of these impressionable years by giving the children in our lives our support, setting a good example and by planning activities and discussions that will help them to become caring individuals with positive attitudes and grateful hearts. Happy Thanksgiving and many blessings!

Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6

# Rocky Knoll Health Care Center

## 2023 Small Gift Christmas List



### Miscellaneous Items

Deodorant  
Aftershave/Pre-shave  
Body Lotion  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Kleenex  
Body Mist (Male & Female)  
Jewelry (variety)  
Tooth paste  
Individual tooth brushes  
Body Sprays-Men & Women  
Throw Blankets (fleece)  
Adult coloring books  
Colored Pencils /sharpener  
Hair Accessories  
Packer/Brewer/Badgers Merchandise (Larger Sizes)  
Pens & Pencils w/small tablets  
Small c.d. players  
Nail Polish Remover  
Larger Christmas Gift Bags  
Electric Razors

### Food Items

Mini/ regular Candy Bars  
Pringle Chips or chips  
Regular Hard & Soft Candy  
Puff Cheese Balls  
Diet Soda (Variety)  
Puff Pop Corn  
Regular Soda (Variety)  
Variety Hard Candy  
Soft Chocolates  
Hostess Snack Items  
Cookies: Regular & Sugar Free  
Sugar Free Candy  
Root Beer Barrels  
Nutty Buddy Bars  
Crunch n Munch

**Please no Jello, Pudding or Fruit Cups**

\*Please return your gift items to the marked bin in the Gathering Space by **Thursday, November 30**. All gifts will then be delivered to Rocky Knoll by Friday, December 1 – Please do not wrap items–deliver in gift bags. Thank you for your Kindness!



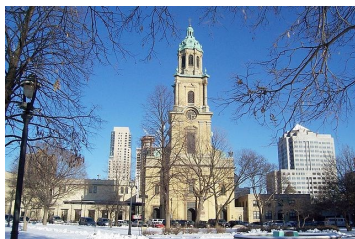
**SALVATION ARMY'S "TOYS FOR TOTS":** The Salvation Army has dropped off a box for this year's "Toys for Tots" Drive. Please bring an unwrapped toy for any age child and place it in the box. All toys must be donated by Sunday, December 12 for pick up by the Salvation Army on Monday, December 13.

A "Family Sponsor" must provide two toys/gifts and a needed item OR a gift card for each child up to age 18 in a family. The cost for each child should not exceed a \$75 value. To learn more or complete an online form indicating your interest and preferred family size, please visit [www.SAsheboygan.org](http://www.SAsheboygan.org) and select "Adopt a Family" before December 2. The Salvation Army will provide a detailed list to help you in your shopping choices.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 7-12 UPDATE:

Today is the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time and we are nearing the end of our Liturgical year in the Church. Just as the days are getting shorter with more darkness, our readings are getting more strident with calling us out of darkness into light. And what, or who, is this light? Jesus, the light of the world!! One of the things we do in our Religious Education year, is to help prepare 11th grade students to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Fall of their Senior year. Among the things they learn are the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit. At St. John Evangelist Parish, we have a gorgeous mosaic in the floor right as you enter through the main doors of the Church. Please take time to notice this! These gifts, found in Isaiah 11:1-3 are: **wisdom, understanding, knowledge, right judgment, courage, piety and fear of the Lord.** I think today's Gospel about the parable of the talents can be summarized as those servants who possess "fear of the Lord" and the one who simply "fears the Lord." The difference between the two comes down to their relationship with God. For if we deep down know that God is the giver of all good things and we honor and love Him sincerely, this will give us trust and full reliance on Him and will guard us from the temptations of sin because we will hate the idea of disrespecting Him. It is like a child who knows how much his/her parents love and sacrifice for them and their well-being, so they strive to make them proud and attempt to do what is right and not what is easy. Conversely, fearing the Lord is being afraid of God and thinking that He is punitive and vengeful. God is demanding for sure, but that is because He loves us SO much. Maybe with the start of our New Year in the Church, we can make some "resolutions" to fear the Lord more, for that is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10), another gift of the Holy Spirit!! Some possible suggestions that we tell our Religious Education students is to pray EVERY day-this is talking and listening to God; to attend Mass EVERY Sunday-it's not just a Commandment, but an opportunity to be fed and to give thanks; to go to Confession regularly-this is healing and strengthens us to resist future sin; to read the Bible EVERY day-God's love letter to us and finally, to carry a rosary in our pocket to remind us to trust and hope in God. The key to replacing a habit of vice with a habit of virtue is also contained in today's Gospel....to be faithful in small matters. Then our desire to please Him will bring those glorious words one day, "come, share your master's joy." From all of us at 7-12gr. SJE RE, have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving! See you at Mass.

~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7-12



**CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER BUS TRIP:** On **Thursday, December 28**, join Father Schmeckel for a bus trip to tour the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and the Basilica of St. Josaphat in Milwaukee. The bus leaves at 10:00 am from the Blessed Trinity Parish parking lot and returns around 4:00 pm. Lunch will be on your own at the Milwaukee Public Market or you may bring your own bag lunch. The cost is \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. Please return the registration form, found in the Gathering Space, and payment by **Thursday, December 14**. All checks should be made out to Blessed Trinity Parish and may be dropped off, with the registration form, in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Spots are filling up fast so turn in your registration forms as soon as possible.



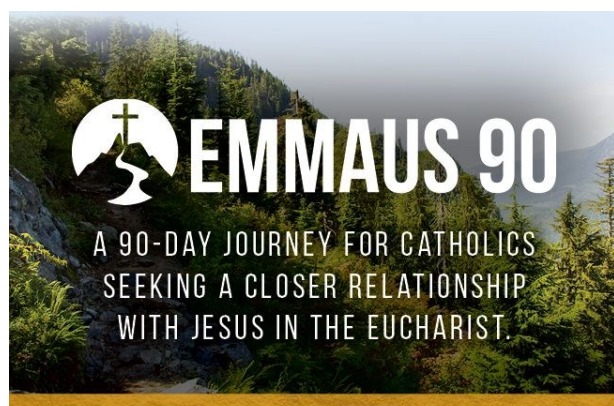
## “GIVING TREE” Christmas Project for Mary’s Room



St. Anne Society is hosting a Giving Tree again this year with Mary’s Room in Sheboygan as beneficiary. Mary’s Room provides support to families with small children who need assistance with clothing and other items. Please take a tag from the Giving Tree (or use the shopping list of critical needs) located in the Gathering Space, and return unwrapped gifts to the Giving Tree by morning of December 5. Thank you in advance for your compassion and generosity towards those in need during the beautiful Christmas season. (For more information or questions, please contact Lori Udovich at [udovichlori@gmail.com](mailto:udovichlori@gmail.com) or (920) 946-5612)



“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full.” Proverbs 19:17



> DAILY PRAYER PROMPTS

> WEEKLY FORMATION LIVESTREAM OR VIDEO

> DAILY CHALLENGES

> A COMMUNITY WALKING WITH YOU

### COST

**\$20/Per Pilgrim** (includes one hardcopy Guidebook)

**\$40/Per Family** (includes electronic Family Guide and two hardcopy Guidebooks; additional Guidebooks for older children can be purchased for \$20 each)

**Begins Jan. 1, 2024** | Guidebook supplies are limited

**Register by December 10** to ensure you get a printed copy

**MORE INFO AND REGISTER AT**  
**[WWW.ARCHMIL.ORG/EMMAUS-90](http://WWW.ARCHMIL.ORG/EMMAUS-90)**



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Customize your journey to fit your schedule!  
To connect with a small group, sign up in the back of church at either parish or contact Mary at the CLC at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314

**FREE OUTDOOR EVENT FOR KIDS!**

## A Visit with St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas returns to Sheboygan! HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital warmly invites you to attend A Visit with St. Nicholas. This outdoor event embraces the traditional spirit of Christmas and celebrates the hospital's patron saint, who was a friend to all children.

**From 5 to 6:30 p.m., children (and kids-at-heart!) can meet St. Nicholas and his reindeer!** Don't forget to bring your camera or phone to take photos. The first 200 children will receive a goodie bag.

**From 5:45 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. listen to the songs of the season** performed by Catholic North Youth Choir and St. Dominic's Adult Choir. Enjoy velvety hot cocoa and delicious Christmas cookies.

**Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023  
5 to 7 p.m.**

**HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital**  
3100 Superior Ave., Sheboygan  
Outside, near the Chapel entrance

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35*  
In the spirit of the season, while not required, **please bring new winter hats and mittens** for those in need in our community.

## 12 HOURS OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be held at St. Peter Claver Parish on **Tuesday, December 19 from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm.** There will be multiple priests on hand to hear Confessions.

# The Catholic Life Center

**Mission:** "To engage and unite our intergenerational faith community in learning and fellowship."

Sponsoring parishes: St. John Evangelist, Kohler and Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls

Contacts: John O'Dell, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 315 and

Mary Waitkus, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 314



[www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC](http://www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC)

December 2023

## Advent Program

Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-Parish Meeting Room

- November 30 -Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, A video pilgrimage to the Holy Land in preparation for Christmas
- December 7 -Christmas as Christ's Mass: The Manger and the Eucharist
- December 14 -Christmas in Rome: a Celebration of the Nativity, A video trip to Rome to celebrate the birth that altered the course of human history



**\*\*Register with Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314. A [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) program.**

## Health and Wellness Tuesdays

- December 6 -Making Christmas Mug Bouquets, Registration required, Cost: free will offering, 1:00-2:30 pm, CLC-Room TBD
- December 12 -Decorate the CLC, 10:00-11:30 am, CLC MR/AR Music and treats.



**\*Register with Mary by the Friday before each event at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**

## \*\*\*Watch the Bulletin!\*\*\*

Sheboygan County Women's Retreat January 5/6, 2024 at BT/Lakeland University  
Emmaus 90 starting January 1, 2024 with small groups forming



## Ten Ways to Appreciate the Eucharist

Presented by Father Bob Lotz

Tuesdays, December 5 & 12

6:30-7:30 pm at St. John Evangelist-Lower Level Conference Room

Join us for this two-part presentation based on Kevin Irwin's book *Models of the Eucharist* that talks about 10 different ways of thinking about the Eucharist. Father Bob Lotz will show us how we can use this information to inspire us as we prepare for Christmas.

Please register with Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 to ensure that we will have enough seating at the event.

## Tiny Saints Story Time, 3rd Thursday of the month

December 21, 10:00-10:45 am in St. John Evangelist classrooms

Ideal for children ages 1-4 and their caregivers.







## First Friday and Second Thursday Coffee

Friday, December 1 after the 7:00 am Mass at SJE in the Gathering Space  
Thursday, December 14 CANCELLED due to Advent Program

**Walk the Walk...** Our adult walking program has restarted and is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:30 am in the old school gym on the 3rd floor at Blessed Trinity. An elevator is not available. Led by Diane Hart/SJE member. Any questions, call Mary at the Catholic Life Center at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.



## Afternoon at the Movies

Featuring the film, *White Christmas*



This 1954 musical features the famous song that everyone knows. Join us for this all-time holiday classic.

Starring  
Bing Crosby  
& Danny  
Kaye



Wednesday, December 13 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the CLC-Parish Meeting Room



## Saturday Morning Women's Group

9:30-11:00 am, December 2, 9 and 16

in St. John Evangelist's Narthex & Gathering Space

Fall Program: **Wild Goose** a 14-part video series helping us explore a deeper connection with the Holy Spirit. All women are encouraged to attend any or all of the series. Please contact Julia Rodemeier at [julia.rodemeier@gmail.com](mailto:julia.rodemeier@gmail.com) for information or to register. Registration is not required.

## BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+

Come socialize at our next brunch on **Thursday, November 30**, at 10:30 am at River Park Family Restaurant. Please RSVP to Patty Daun by November 27, at [pattydaun60@gmail.com](mailto:pattydaun60@gmail.com) or text/call 920-207-9023.



The next after Mass social will be on **Sunday, December 10**, at Blessed Trinity, Room TBD. Bring a dish to pass. RSVP by December 7, **by email if you are a current member or if you are new to the group email Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**

## Enrich Your Saturday and Sunday

After 4:00 pm or 9:00 am Mass at St. John Evangelist-Classroom 8

November 19  
December 9

-After 9:00 am Mass, **Eucharist: Real Presence** by Bishop Barron  
-After 4 pm Mass, **Christmas as Christ's Mass: The Manger and the Eucharist**

On November 19, Bishop Barron offers inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives as it is given to us in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. On December 9, consider the relationship between the manger and the Eucharist. Join us for these videos and short discussion at a convenient time after Mass.

# Dear Padre,

***My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?***

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (*Christus Dominus* and *Sacram Communionem*).

In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (*Paenitemini*). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (*Immensae Caritatis*).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed. ●

**Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Today the Church tells us: “Use what God has given you and look at the poor.” At times, we think that to be Christian means not to do harm. And not doing harm is good. But not doing good is not good. We must do good, come out of ourselves and look...at those who are more in need.***

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 15, 2020



### MONDAY

November 20

*Weekday*

1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43, 54–57, 62–63

Lk 18:35–43

### TUESDAY

November 21

*Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Mc 6:18–31

Lk 19:1–10

### WEDNESDAY

November 22

*St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

2 Mc 7:1, 20–31

Lk 19:11–28

### THURSDAY

November 23

*Weekday*

1 Mc 2:15–29

Lk 19:41–44

*Thanksgiving Day*

Sir 50:22–24

1 Cor 1:3–9

Lk 17:11–19

### FRIDAY

November 24

*St. Andrew*

*Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59

Lk 19:45–48

### SATURDAY

November 25

*Weekday*

1 Mc 6:1–13

Lk 20:27–40

### SUNDAY

November 26

*Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

Ez 34:11–12, 15–17

1 Cor 15:20–26, 28

Mt 25:31–46