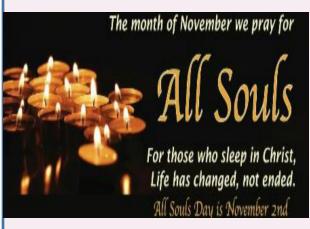
### NEWSLETTER UPDATES Friday, November 3, 2023



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight savings time begins this coming Sunday. Use some portion of the one hour you will gain to pray the rosary for peace in our world. The pope continues to ask us to pray for peace to avoid a possible Third World War. There are increasing threats from all sides to escalate the war between Israel and Hamas. No one would be safe if the threats materialize. We need more prayers, not more weapons of mass destruction.



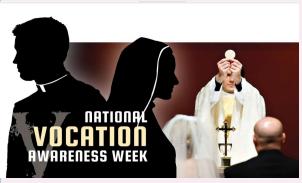
#### MONTH OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We celebrated the feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed the past two days. We continue to draw our attention to the need to pray and offer Masses for the Faithful Departed. Kindly use the Mass offering envelops at the back of the Church to book Mass(es) for loved ones who have departed. List all the names you are praying for on the envelop or use a separate sheet to do so and insert inside the envelop. We will have all the names at the altar all through November and offer Masses for them.



### STAINED-GLASS REPAIR WORK

The project to repair our stained-glass windows is in progress. The technicians are repairing cracks, strengthening the base and siding of each window, and will replace the outside plexiglass protection on the windows, to let in more light. Expect to see parts of the church cordoned off and some entrances closed. We are grateful to the Catholic Foundation for Eastern Oklahoma that provided the major fund, and donors from our parish who stepped in with their invaluable support.



### **VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK**

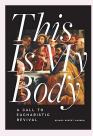
As Catholics, we believe that God has a purposeful plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as consecrated men and women. During this coming week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grand-children, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations: Tel: 918-307-4909 or email: vocations918@gmail.com.

## **GARAGE/BAKE SALES**



The Knights of Columbus and the Lady's Guild of the parish will hold their annual Garage/Bake Sales on Friday/Saturday December 1st and 2nd at the basement of the parish hall beginning at 8:00am. Call Al Ross (405-245-3226) or Philip Stizza (918-429-3453) to drop off your donation items for the garage sale. Items for bake sale can be dropped off on November 30th between 3:00 and 7:00pm. Call Reta Descher (918-424-0492) or Regina Edwards (918-429-4976) to help with baked goods drop off.

# "THIS IS MY BODY" by Bishop Robert Barron



A generous parish family has purchased copies of the book, *This is My Body*, by Bishop Robert Barron to help us with our spiritual journey during this *Eucharistic Revival*. The book provides practical guides for us to enhance our devotion to the Eucharist as well as invite others to the Eucharistic banquet. Please feel free to take a copy at the back of the Church (one for each family). We pray God's blessings on this benefactor.

### WHY DO YOU NOT RECEIVE THE EUCHARISTIC?

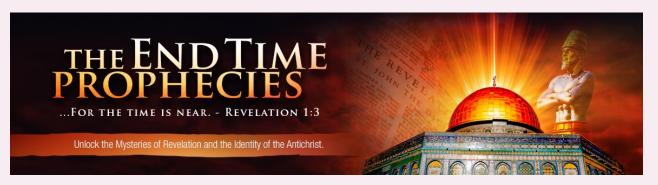


Eucharistic Revival as currently espoused involves welcoming parishioners who for reason(s) of irregular marriage or other conditions are unable to partake of the Eucharistic. We encourage all who currently are not partaking of the Eucharist to visit with Fr. Jo to discuss ways to remedy the situation. No condition is irredeemable. You may be surprised how easily some of the situations can be resolved. If you know of anyone who has stopped coming to Mass due to inability to share in the Eucharist, please invite them to talk to the parish priest about that. No member of Christ's body should be deprived of this saving food.

# NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, 2024



The National Eucharistic Congress taking place in Indianapolis, from July 17–21, 2024 will be a transformative moment for the Church in the USA. It will be the high point of the Eucharistic Revival. You can be part of this historic event, as Catholics from around the country gather for this weeklong grace-filled event. If you're interested in attending, call the office or talk to our parish point person, Kelly Drusen, for details.



#### THURSDAY FAITH ENRICHMENT MEETINGS

Thank you to all who participated in our Parish Mission for the last three Thursdays. And thanks to Karlo Broussard for his inspiring talks on the wondrous gift of the Eucharist. We will continue our Thursday Faith Enrichment this coming Thursday, November 9th with an important topic in the minds of many today, namely, **End-time Prophecies, Predictions and Preparations.** We meet at the parish hall between 6:30 and 8:30pm.

### UPDATE ON HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE, October 2024



Due to the ongoing war in Israel and Palestine, we have put on hold plans for pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year, as we assess the security situation. We will be informed in due course about our next possible option: visit to another pilgrimage site, or entirely cancel the idea.