



I enjoyed traveling this past week with my parents and sister down to San Antonio, Texas. This vacation was an opportunity to visit my uncle, aunt and cousins who live there. My previous trips, I drove straight through with others, but this time we paced ourselves and broke up the lengthy drive. I believe this was my eighth trip down and there is always something new to see. We stopped to pray at a beautiful Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto built by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate of the Southern U.S. Province. They dedicated this Grotto interestingly enough on December 7, 1941 to honor their patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Recently, the top and back of the Grotto have been fashioned to more directly pay tribute to the apparitions of Our Lady to St. Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill. Also, on the campus of the Oblate School of Theology is a wall honoring "The Cavalry of Christ", which I am standing in front of in the picture below. These Oblate Fathers traveled on horseback preaching the Gospel throughout South Texas beginning in 1849. When we were not out catching the sights many blessed memories were made sharing stories from years past.

The time away was fun and despite the work that lies ahead I am excited to be back. Sometimes we can forget how very blessed we are. I look forward to seeing the fruit our efforts together will bear.

Fr. Jason



#### Parish Survey—Please participate

As a part of the Next Generation Parishes program that St. Thomas was chosen to be a part of, all parishioners are asked to participate in a 10-15 minute survey about our parish.

[The survey can be accessed at cli-dmi.org/go/44050](http://cli-dmi.org/go/44050) starting today through November 25th.

It will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. For those without computer access, paper surveys are available in the Gathering Space in the Baptistry area.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, November 10th, Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00a.m. The Parish  
10:30a.m. Don Peterman by Family  
6:00p.m. Larry Kruse by Mary Ann Osuch

## Monday, November 11th, Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours

7:00a.m. Lt. Col. Jack Letherman by Family

## Tuesday, November 12th, Memorial of Saint Josaphat

5:30pm Kaden Schuetz by Carol Opyt, to strengthen his faith in his journey toward Confirmation.

## Wednesday, November 13th, Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:15a.m. Julie Bennett by Jeff & Cindy Robertson

## Thursday, November 14th, Weekday

7:00a.m. In reparation for those who are unprepared to die

## Friday, November 15th, Saint Albert the Great

8:15a.m. Jon Housand by Tom & Carol Pawlak

## Saturday, November 16th, Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude

8:00a.m. Robert Summers by Mary Lucchese

## Saturday, November 16th, Vigil, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30p.m. Helen & Stanley Stachon by Pete & Kathy Dotlich

## Sunday, November 17th, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00a.m. Gene DeGolier by Lori Nine  
10:30a.m. Sanita O'Dell by Family  
6:00p.m. The Parish

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## Readings for the Week of November 10th, 2019

Sunday 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15;  
2 Thes 2:16—3:5; Lk 20:27-38 or Lk 20:27, 34-38  
Monday Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6  
Tuesday Wis 2:23—3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19;  
Lk 17:7-10  
Wednesday Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19  
Thursday Wis 7:22b—8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,  
175; Lk 17:20-25  
Friday Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37  
Saturday Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43;  
Lk 18:1-8  
Sunday Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12;  
Lk 21:5-19



## Parish Survey Open

Fill out online at [cli-dmi.org/go/44050](http://cli-dmi.org/go/44050)

or use paper copies in gathering space

## Sunday, November 10th

10:30a.m. Blessing of Confirmation Candidates with a sponsor and candidate meeting afterward  
3:00p.m. Candlelight Bereavement Service  
7:00p.m. Youth Group—Youth House

## Monday, November 11th

6:00p.m. Cub Scouts—Elliott Hall  
6:30p.m. Boy Scouts—Youth House  
6:30p.m. YAC

## Tuesday, November 12th

6:30p.m. RCIA—Elliott Hall

## Wednesday, November 13th

5:00p.m. Spaghetti Dinner supporting SVDK—K of C Hall

## Friday, November 15th

8:15a.m. All School Mass  
5:00p.m. K of C Fish Fry

## Saturday, November 16th

9:00a.m. Confessions—Church

## Sunday, November 17th

2:00p.m. Sons of St. Joseph—Elliott Hall

## Contributions from November 3rd, 2019

	RECEIVED	BUDGETED
ADULT (193)	12,431.75	16,264.20
ONLINE GIVING (56)	4,155.00	
CHILDREN	25.00	20.00
OTHER	646.01	849.06
	17,257.76	17,133.26

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	366.00
SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE	255.00
SCHOOL COLLECTION ENV.	253.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	485.00



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**Please include your envelope number with your online giving registration to ensure proper assignment of your donations.**

## Catholic Solitaires

The purpose of Catholic Solitaires is to bring singles together in a Christian social environment and to grow in friendship.

## Next Meeting

November 20th, 2019 12:30pm

Colombo's

RSVP Julia O'K 327-6117



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK  
Rafilla's

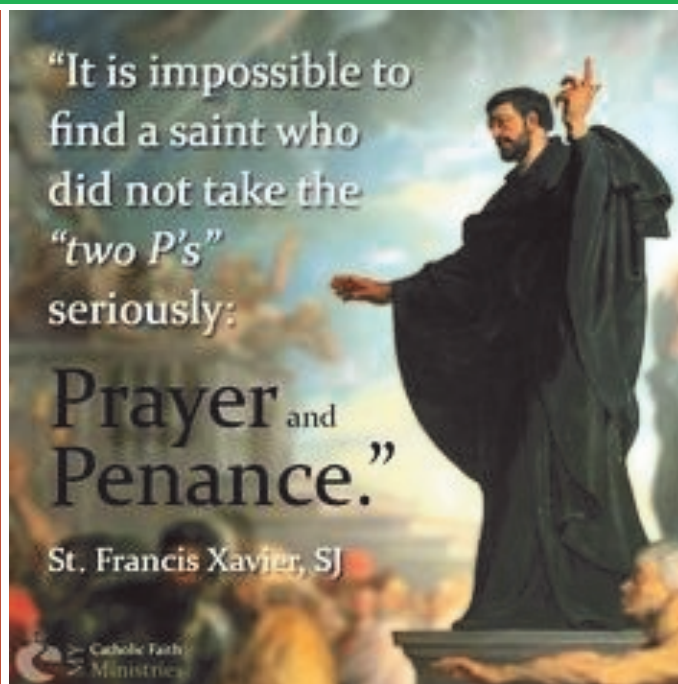


Thank you to the St. Thomas and St. Mary's parishioners who volunteered to help build a house for Habitat for Humanity as part of their Faith Build Program. In addition, thank you to all those who supplied lunch for the volunteers that day.



### FLEECE NEEDED! PLEASE! BUILDING BEDS FOR KIDS!

In support of our JOY initiative, the school has adopted the local chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) which builds beds for local children 18 months and up. All students are getting involved in some aspect. Some Middle Schoolers recently spent a Saturday actually preparing (sanding, drilling, etc.) enough wood for 40 beds. Some classrooms are fundraising to purchase bedding sets; others are collecting new bedtime storybooks. The school will sponsor a new stuffed animal drive for an almsgiving opportunity in Lent. Older students will have the opportunity to actually go to a home and build a bed. But right now we are asking your help so we can also leave a fleece blanket for the bed recipients. We are in need of 1.5 yard lengths of fleece either in child themed material or a solid color for use as a backing. Donations may be brought to the Rectory or School Offices during their business hours. Thank you so much in advance for your support with this beautiful ministry!



**Annual Fund Raiser—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019**  
**AT Columbus Hall, 112 E. Lexington Ave., Elkhart, Time: 5:00 – 7:00PM**  
**Adults \$9, children 6 to 12 \$4, (5 & under eat free)**



St. Vincent De Paul  
Spaghetti Dinner

All you-can-eat spaghetti and meatballs, garden salad, applesauce, Italian bread, and a beverage. Desserts available, \$1 donation.

Our conference operates a food pantry located in the St. Vincent Pastoral Center, which is stocked by regular food contributions from both parishes and occasional special food drives or collections and by the purchase of special staples to augment the client food needs. We also provide financial assistance for utilities when financial resources are available. Food Pantry and Financial Assistance every Tuesday, 1-2:30p.m.

## Our School and Religious Education 4th Graders—Presenting their Saint Projects



Rosary Makers will be meeting Wednesday Nov.20 in Elliott Hall 10:00 am to 11:00 am. This will be our last meeting of the year. We will be having refreshments, bring some if you like.



Honoring  
ALL WHO  
served  
THANK YOU  
VETERANS



Elkhart Knights of Columbus Fish Fry  
Friday, November 15  
All you can eat \$10 adults \$5 kids 5-12 under 5 free Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Cole Slaw, and Bread  
Time 5-7 pm  
Location Knights of Columbus Hall, 112 E Lexington. Elkhart



### ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Please join us for Advent Wreath making and lunch on Sunday Dec. 1st following the 10:30am Mass in Elliott Hall. All are invited. Families are especially encouraged to attend. Sign-up sheets will be available next weekend in the bulletin and in the gathering space. Cost is \$20 and includes all materials, lunch, drinks & dessert. A variety of Advent preparation materials for parishioners of all ages will be offered. As Catholics, we are called to make our homes the first Church for our families. What better way to celebrate Advent and usher in the Christmas season than with this rich faith-building tradition and family time!



Congratulations to those who joined our community through baptism in October

Charlotte Miller baptized October 6, 2019



Please remember in your prayers the souls of James Wiskotoni and Barbara Toth.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



### Bereavement Group Candlelight Memorial

On Sunday, November 10th at 3:00pm there will be a Candlelight Memorial Service to celebrate the lives of our dear loved ones who have passed during the last year especially (November 2018—October, 31st, 2019). As we gather in the church to pray and remember their lives, be aware that they pray for us as well from a place of every lasting happiness in the Presence of the Lord.

Bereavement Support Group welcomes you.

## Sons of St. Joseph

A Chapter of the *Rekindle the Fire*  
Men's Apostolate

**Sunday, November 17**  
4:00pm-5:30pm in Elliott Hall

The Sons of St. Joseph will continue The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. We will discuss Chapter 7: Jesus, the only Son of the Father. We welcome all men who wish to continue their adult education in their faith.





## Weekend Assignments

**Saturday,  
November 16th  
&  
Sunday,  
November 17th**

Mass Times	4:30p.m.	8:00a.m.	10:30a.m.	6:00 p.m.
<b>Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion</b>	Terry Wedel* Ann Britzke Jan Cawley Janette Day Kathleen Dotlich Choir Member Volunteer	Pete McCasland* Sarah Belisle Claire Hartman Jim McLane Bill Milroy Larry Scalise Steve Wenzel	Jim Smith* Leslie Smith Matt Snyder Rebecca Snyder Frank Vargo Barb Vargo Choir Member	Volunteers
<b>Lectors</b>	Deb Duchac Volunteer	Bob Giel Kay Gonsoski	Leslie Postle Dan Morrison	Jim Byron
<b>Sacristan</b>	Jan Cawley	Larry Scalise	Rebecca Snyder	Carolyn Farrow
<b>Servers</b>	John Gropp Chris Gropp Nick Guernsey Branden Larsen Ian Nellist	Madeline Dougherty William Miller Sophie Ferman Elcy Miller Owen Miller	Ali Syer Kyle Kiefer Evan Amrein Wade Howard Austin Kiefer	Janell Villalobos Enrique Betancourt Fatima Betancourt Volunteers
<b>SCRIP Sales</b>	No Scrip Sales	No Scrip Sales	No Scrip Sales	No Scrip Sales



**November 10th:** Drake Howard, Jack Longacre

**November 11th:** Aidan Bujalski, Dorothy Filley, Adrian Gonzales, Dirk Kunst, Alex Pletcher, Simon Smith

**November 12th:** Elizabeth Baker, Sarah Belisle, Jazer Ramos, Christine Slabaugh, Emily Stiglitz

**November 13th:** Jean Barany, Robert Borrelli, Laura Brewers, Suzanne Cooney, Emily Fehrenbacher, Cecelia Fry, Sandeeb Kurian, Anne Winger

**November 14th:** Richard Kavanagh, Richard Landgraf, Joseph Messenger, Barbara Rose

**November 15th:** Linda Alcozar, Eva Diaz, Clarann Gropp, Christina Jones, Beth Mahaffa, Deanna O'Neil, Steven Reed, Mike Rohn

**November 16th:** Natalie Kiefer, Paula Lochmandy, Brad Martin

Remember in your prayers those parishioners or their family or friends who are sick, in the hospital, nursing home, homebound or

Norma Royer  
Sandy Richardson  
Linda Hunt  
Shelley Eppers  
Cathy Lytell  
Philip Wiskotoni  
Lois Dusthiner  
Jim Weitz  
Charlie Sonneborn  
Gezo Shapo  
Kim Knopf  
Monica Worthington  
Rosa Santos  
Katherine Pluas  
Elizabeth Rose  
Jerry Lockwood  
Peg Covert  
Lucille Izak  
Rick Newman  
Mary Pulley  
Rocky Freehart  
Matt Snyder  
Ann Brigant  
Max Rockrohr  
Teresa Schultz  
Pauline Williams  
Nancy Peterman

Stephen & Steve  
Spretnjak  
Amanda Jasin-Foens  
Muff Klose  
Noreen Jankowski  
Murray & Martha  
McKay  
Bev Johnson  
Phyllis Flamion  
Andy Pringle  
Karen Feltz  
John Schultz  
Mark Campbell  
Jay Arthur  
Jackie Schafer  
Sharon Long  
Matthew Marks  
Sharon Edsall  
Dorothy Feichtner  
John Sadoway, Sr.  
Camdon Pomson  
Mary Ellen Shamory  
Dana VanPaemel  
Elizabeth Lopez  
John DiPiro  
Carla Mikel  
Sharon Van Paemel

Please call the  
rectory to update:  
262-1505

If you are home-  
bound temporarily or  
long term, you may  
call the rectory to  
arrange for Holy  
Communion to be  
brought to you.



November 10 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Food Pantry Collection 2nd and 4th Sunday of each  
month

Be a Bearer of Hope

In today's Gospel we find that God is a God of the living, and this is indeed the core of our hope. Jesus has risen and is with us; therefore, at no time should we be without hope for the future.

For the people in need who come to the SVP Society food pantry, the temporary or emergency assistance they receive no doubt gives them hope for tomorrow. They go home knowing that there will be food on the table for their children, that they will continue to have water, electricity or heating, especially during the coming winter season.

Do you wish to be a bearer of hope for the hopeless and helpless? You are most welcome to attend one of our business meetings (first Thursday of each month, 7pm at the St. Thomas School Library) or email us at [svdpelkhart@outlook.com](mailto:svdpelkhart@outlook.com) to know more about our work and mission.