

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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> XVII.XI.MMXIX Dominica XXIII post Pentecosten

From the Pastor

This is the month of the Holy Souls. We pray at Mass each day for all of the faithful departed and in particular for those departed loved ones whose names you submitted and which have been placed on our altar. *Dona eis requiem sempiternam!*

Good news! Our October headcount shows we're growing. Thank you and God bless you.

Morning Offering Prayer

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, sorrows and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.

Stewardship

Current needs: Rectory oil tank downpayment \$98.00 Lights and ballasts for hall \$534.00

To designate a gift please place your check or cash in a plain envelope labeled with your offertory number or your name, the amount enclosed, and which expense you are designating. If using a check, please also include your offertory number and the

Tabernacle Vigil Light in Honor of Joan Wanner

A \$25 contribution dedicates the lamp each week to the memory or intentions of a family member or loved one. Contributions will help to defray the cost

Training: Service on the Altar for Men and Boys

Training for all current and prospective members of the Society of Saints Aloysius and Alphonsus (SSAA) altar boy society will be held on the first Saturday of each month after the 9:00 am Mass. All interested boys and men are invited to please

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship Introductory Letter

As Catholics, we bring the richness of our faith to the public square. We draw from both faith and reason as we seek to affirm the dignity of the human person and the common good of all. With renewed hope, we, the Catholic Bishops of the United States, are re-issuing Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics, which provides guidance for all who seek to exercise their rights and duties as citizens. Everyone living in this country is called to participate in public life and contribute to the common good.1 In Rejoice and Be Glad [Gaudete et exsultate], Pope Francis writes: Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace. . . . You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavor.2 The call to holiness, he writes, requires a "firm and passionate" defense of "the innocent unborn." "Equally sacred," he further states, are "the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection."3 ...

The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself,4 because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed. At the same time, we cannot dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty and the death penalty.5 Our efforts to protect the unborn remain as important as ever, for just as the Supreme Court may allow greater latitude for state laws restricting abortion, state legislators have passed statutes not only keeping abortion legal through all nine months of pregnancy but opening the door to infanticide. Additionally, abortion contaminates many other important issues by be-

Prayer for Suffering Souls in Purgatory

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory. May they soon be united with Thee and hear those blessed words which will call them to their heavenly home: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the

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REGULAR MONTHLY BILL AND OFFERTORY COMPARISON

SEPTEMBER 2019

ASSESSMENTS \$1735.78 HEALTH CARE \$1760.00 **PROPERTY INS/CATH STANDARD \$769 TRASH REMOVAL \$0** FUEL OIL \$719.00 WIFI HOTSPOT \$77.12 INTERNET/PHONES \$171.67 **ELECTRIC STREETLIGHT \$20.31** ELECT/AC HALL \$211.69 ELECT/AC CHURCH \$195.16 ELECT/AC RECTORY \$190.02 SECURITY SYSTEM \$0 PAYROLL \$3769.17 PAYROLL TAXES \$1075.03 **RETIREMENT ADW MATCHING \$170.70** PENSION/LIFE INS \$2043.68 PRIEST/STAFF FOOD \$965.45 MISC. PARISH/RECTORY EXP \$1029.78 BANK FEES \$49.80 WATER BILL \$0

EXPENSE TOTAL \$14,953.36 **OFFERTORY TOTAL** \$8,905.64

Thank you for your generous support.

UPCOMING:

December 9: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception observed

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday	17 Nov 9:00 am**		Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11:00 am	†All Souls	Dominica XXIII post Pentecosten
Monday	18 Nov NP*	† Poor Souls in Purgatory	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and
-			Paul
Tuesday	19 Nov NP	†All Souls	S Elizabeth of Hungary
Wednesday	20 Nov 6:00 pm	Adoration & Confessions	
-	7:00 pm	†All Souls	S Felix of Valois
Thursday	21 Nov 9:00 am	†All Souls	The Presentation of the BVM
Friday	22 Nov 9:00 am	†All Souls	S Cecily
Saturday	23 Nov 9:00 am	†All Souls	S Clement
	5:30 pm**	⁶ Deployed military/families	Vigil
Sunday	24 Nov 9:00 am**	· Pro pópulo	Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
-	11:00 am	†All Souls	Dominica XXIV post Pentecosten

If you would like to have a Mass offered, you may email mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com, stop by the parish office during regular business hours, drop a note in the collection basket or see Father after Mass. The customary offering for a Mass, per Archdiocesan guidelines, is \$10.00.

Staff

Director of Liturgy/Secretary: Mr. Stephen Krautle Hall and Grounds: Mrs. Donna and Mr. Mark Long Offertory Records/Bulletin: Mrs. Caitlin Sanders Bookkeeper: Mr. Dennis Haspert

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Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment 6 months in

advance. Bulletin Deadline: Two Thursdays prior to the

date of publication. Send to braun.cait@gmail.com or call

the rectory 301-274-3416. New Parishioners: Welcome!

Please complete a registration form, available in the back of the church, and return it to Father or drop in the collection

MASS AND SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Sunday... 9:00am ** Traditional Latin 11:00am Weekday Masses in Latin: See schedule in bulletin.

Saturday.... 9:00am and Vigil of Sunday 5:30pm** Holy Day Masses: 8:00am and 6:00pm**, 7:00pm

Confessions offered prior to all weekend Masses

Please pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound: Betsy Behne, Mary Douglas, Harold Gardiner, Dorothy Hume, Linda Javorski, Ray Stublarec, Miles & Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn & Rosemary Vendemia.

Please call the rectory at 301-274-3416 or contact Father Cusick at mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com to arrange for him to visit any homebound,

Rite of Christian Initiation

Adults seeking to enter the Church at Easter or be confirmed next Spring are asked to participate in classes offered in partnership with Sacred Heart Friendship Room in LaPlata every Tuesday from 7-8:30 pm. See Father

Children's Faith Formation

Our Church teaches that parents are the first teachers in the ways of Faith for all of our young people. No one has more power or responsibility before God for witnessing to our children of the fact of the Lord's Resurrection and His presence through the Church in our lives. Those parents who wish to augment home school with parish faith formation are welcome to enroll children for classes at the hall on Sundays at 10 am. Email Donna at markboat55@yahoo.com.

Families must be attending Sunday Mass throughout the year before

Holy Sweepers for the Weeks of November 10 and 17

Scarlata Family