



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 17, 2024

33rd Ordinary Sunday

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Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm: 16:5,8-11

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!

Epistle: Hebrews 10:11-14,18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Intention: 10am and Noon for all faithful departed commended to us.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. The brightness of the sun is one kind, the brightness of the moon another, and the brightness of the stars another. For star differs from star in brightness.

R. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Today's Music

- Entrance: R392, Come Ye Thankful People.
- Gloria: E1, Glory Be.
- Sacrament of the Word: B135, Come Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R387, We Gather Together.
- Communion: The Harvest Of Justice (instrumental)
- Communion Reflection: R394, Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart.
- Recessional: R389, Let All Things Now Living.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we approach the Fall. Please see Fr. Jim in relation to these events.
 - **Winter Clothing Drive, now until January 6th. Count sheets are available.**
 - **Food Collection for those in need in our community. Please place your offerings by the Mary Altar.**
 - **Fall Comfort Food Sale, TBD. A sign-up sheet is available for those who wish to help Fr. Jim cook.**
- **School of Christian Living.** Please have your children attend each Sunday. Tell friends and neighbors too.
- **Please continue to pray** for our six seminarians: Deacons Sean and Justin, David, Todd, Joel, and Jon. Pray for a continued increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate. In the past two weeks I have taken four calls of inquiry.
- **Christmas Vigil Raffle:** Please see Joe Kaczynski to get your tickets. They are \$50 each.
- **Thank you** to all who attended our Seniorate Thanksgiving celebration. It was a wonderful to be together.
- **Thanksgiving Invite.** You are invited to Fr. Jim and Renee's home for Thanksgiving. Please let Fr. Jim or Renee know if you are coming so enough provision may be made.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* ---

"They will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then He will send out the angels and gather His elect from the four winds."

For seven Sundays this summer we journeyed with Jesus and His apostles coming to understand that we receive Him.

Jesus' journey continued as He moved from Galilee into Judea and on to Jerusalem. He is now very near the end of His journey. His arrest and crucifixion are now hours away. Along the way of this journey Jesus has discussed the many ways we are to apply His presence within us.

In certain ways we can understand the darkness of Jesus' discussion with his disciples. His life was quickly coming to an end, and He knew it. Just prior to today's gospel passage, the disciples were pointing out all the magnificent stuff around them in the Temple area.

We would be wrong to just say,

well Jesus is in a dark time and write it off with that. Instead, we are called understand what Jesus is talking about and is asking of His disciples and us. He wants us to take our focus off stuff and place it on what is most important.

Those important things are the traits He says the elect will have: Knowing that *He is near*; We will all *awaken from death*; The *wise will shine brightly*; and *Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever*. It is also important to know and acknowledge the alternative.

So, what about us? We can certainly know He is near. That is no problem, but am I wise, and do I lead many to justice?

I think back to those days when I helped my children with their school projects. I thought I could lead and that I was wise. What I quickly learned was that I was not

wise or a great leader when the grades they received with my help were – well let's say – not great.

Most of us can connect to those thoughts. If I am not wise and leading people to justice, if I'm not all that great, how will I ever make it?

What needs to happen, is like the disciples, we need to change our focus. We place emphasis on greatness, accomplishment, stuff, and success. Jesus never asked us to be great – rather servants. He did not ask us to be accomplished or successful, but rather to be disciples and witnesses. He did not ask us to acquire stuff, but to sacrifice all we have for the Kingdom.

We are the elect because we do as Jesus asks. We are those wise leaders when we give example, live in Christian witness, and stay focused on our real home.

Memory Verse

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

John 14:3

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Hebrews 9:28
 MONDAY: Matthew 24:14
 TUESDAY: Acts 1:11
 WEDNESDAY: Titus 2:13
 THURSDAY: Daniel 9:24-27
 FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:10
 SATURDAY: 2 Peter 3:10

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, we await Your return in glory. Grant that we may witness to You in this day and in every way. May we live lives endued with Your Divine wisdom and justice. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Helen Spencer, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Nedra Liebert, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wieczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Barbara VanShufflin, Dorothy Morrison, and all needing God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of St. Joseph's Mission, Libau, Manitoba.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjagosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **November 17: 33rd Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. SOCL.**
- **November 18: Food Pantry, 3 to 6pm. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.**
- **November 19 - 20: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 21: Solemnity – Presentation of the BVM. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 22: Commemoration – St. Cecelia, V. and M. Patroness of Musicians. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 24: Solemnity – Christ the King. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. SOCL.**
- **November 25: Food Pantry, 3 to 6pm.**
- **November 26: No Holy Mass.**