

The Pastor's Corner

OF THAT DAY OR HOUR NO ONE KNOWS

Every once in a while, my mom and dad would leave me at home in charge of all of my younger siblings, as they went out on a date night or for some sort of event. Usually, they were aware of the old adage "idle hands are the devil's workshop" so usually they would give us a task to complete- such as cleaning the house. We knew all too well that we wouldn't be able to know exactly when mom and dad would return, so we would work on that assigned task right away. We didn't want to fool around and find that we had dallied too long as we saw them pulling into the drive.

Jesus's message in the Gospel for this weekend, as we near the end of the liturgical year, could not be more clear: "of that day or hour no one knows!" What hour is this? In general it is the end of time and then our own particular end. It is a very sobering thought: none of us knows exactly when our number will be called, and our time will be up. We do not know exactly when we will appear before the judgement seat of God. There are two responses to this as a result: complacency or action. We could just think that it is an undetermined time so we do fool around, at least until we think our time is starting to wind down, perhaps when we get closer to seventy or eighty years old. The more prudent response, though, is to prepare now. How can we better serve God? Is it time to get serious about the sacraments and about faith changing our lives? Is it the moment to work more on our charity and support of those less fortunate? Is it time for us to mend old hurts and to heal old wounds with others?

We know not the day nor the hour. Thus, let us be prepared now so that when it does come, the Lord (or our parents) will find us ready, and all of our tasks for them complete.

-Fr. Belken

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Readings for Next Sunday

OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, KING OF THE
UNIVERSE

November 24, 2024

Dn 7:13-14

Rv 1:5-8

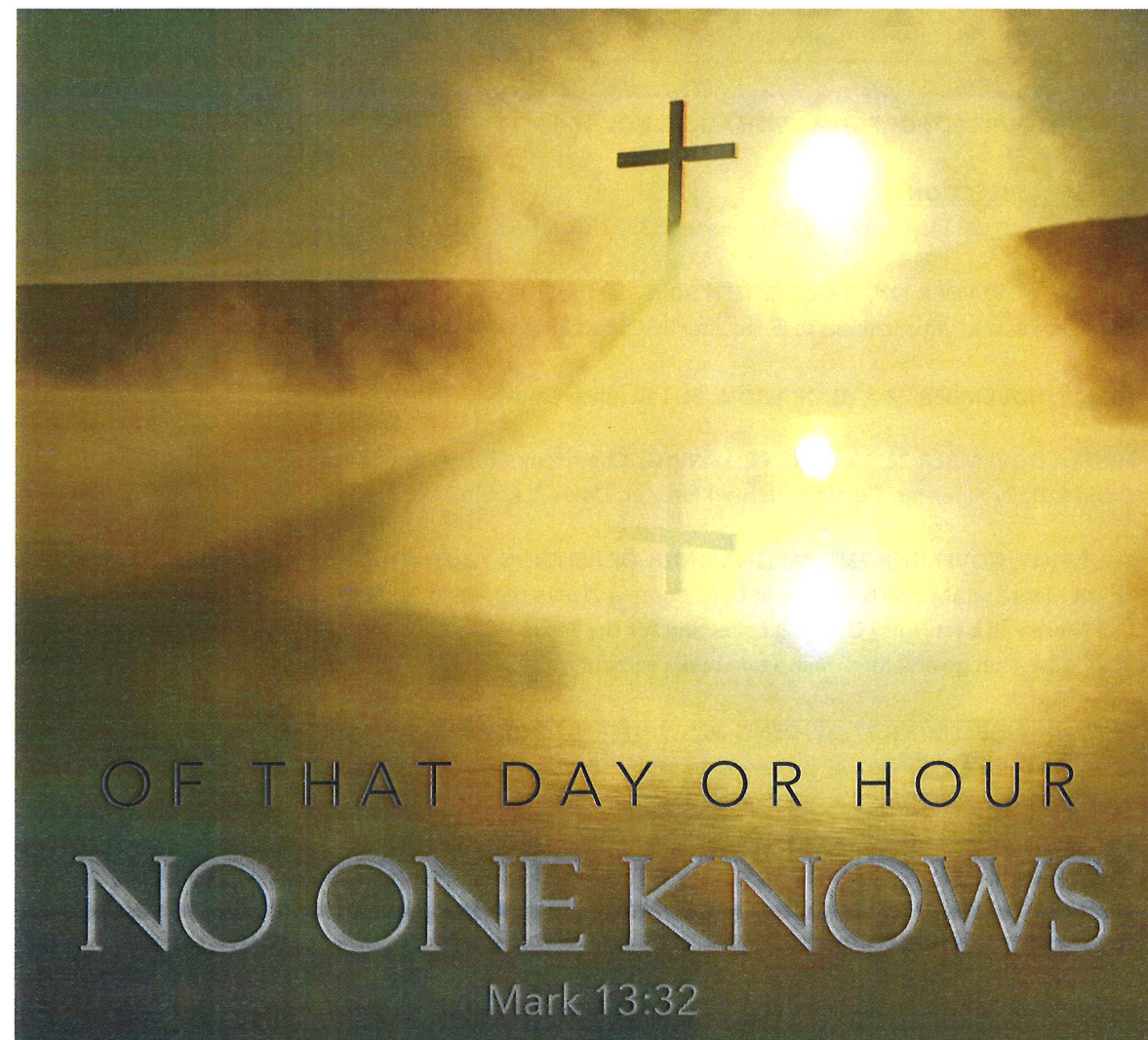
Jn 18:33b-37

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · NOVEMBER 17, 2024



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17-23, 2024
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Mass Schedule						
Sat.	Nov 16	4PM	Lillian Westrich	Thu.	Nov 21	7AM Cletus & Norma Gosche
Sun.	Nov 17	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	Nov 22	7AM Melvin Glastetter
Mon.	Nov 18	No Mass		Sat.	Nov 23	4PM Felix Enderle
Tue.	Nov 19	6PM	Patrick Shelton	Sun.	Nov 24	8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	Nov 20	7AM	Lefty & Ida Seyer			

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SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. NOV 17-Terri Stuckey, NOV 24-Norma Seyer.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

November 10, 2024: Loose \$493, Envelopes \$3327, Total: \$3820.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, SENIOR CITIZEN'S BINGO. The St. Lawrence High School Religion Class invites their grandparents and senior citizens to bingo after 8:30 Mass in Shibley Hall. We hope all can join us. Thanks.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Chris & Beth Kern
David & Dolly Kluesner, Dustin & Nancy Kluesner, David & Robin Kern.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION YOUTH THANKSGIVING MASS. We will have Youth Mass at 8AM on Thanksgiving Day. Come and give thanks to God for the many blessings He has given us. **There will be a Noisy Offering collection for the Jesus in Disguise Food Pantry.** So, remember to bring your loose change and let's once again make a joyful noise and make a change for those in need in our area.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th, ST. DENIS 25th WINTER WONDERLAND OF TREASURES. 8AM-2PM. Admission is a non-perishable food item. All proceeds go to the school. Join us for chili, chicken noodle soup, dessert and LOTS OF SHOPPING!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th, CHRISTMAS CHURCH TOUR OF SCOTT COUNTY. 4:30-7:30PM. This is a free self-guided tour. St. Denis and St. Lawrence Church will participate in this tour. More information can be found on the church website.

ANGEL TREE. The Angel Tree has started. Please keep your eyes and hearts open to the beginning of this Christmas season for giving. More details will follow next weekend.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat. Nov 23 4PM	Jill Pinkston
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Nov 23 4PM	Linda Essner/Mary B. Glastetter
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Nov 23 4PM	Mr./Mrs. John Kluesner
Servers:	Sat. Nov 23 4PM	Leeland Duenne/Kynli Duenne/Williow Bickings
Ushers:	Sat. Nov 23 4PM	Herbert Dirnberger/Joe Dirnberger/Kenny Dirnberger/Michael Dirnberger

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Nov 24 8:30AM	Shannon Schumer
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Nov 24 8:30AM	Linda Essner/Jamie Essner
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Nov 24 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Norman Kluesner
Servers:	Sun. Nov 24 8:30AM	Drew Essner/Ty Essner/Kinsey Essner/Berkley Dirnberger
Ushers:	Sun. Nov 24 8:30AM	Brandon Dirnberger/Darryl Dirnberger/Derek Dirnberger/Henry Dirnberger

JESUS IN DISGUISE FOOD PANTRY. We need your help. Your gift of \$25 helps us provide a turkey and all the trimmings to one of our families for Thanksgiving. Please place your check/cash in an envelope marked for Food Pantry in the collection basket or bring to the church office by Nov 10th. Thanks to all helping us keep our Food Pantry running.

SECOND COLLECTION NOVEMBER 23/24. Annual Second Collection to support the work of Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri (CCSOMO). Thousands of individuals and families turn to CCSOMO every year for help. CCSOMO responds to all with Christ-like compassion in the name of our entire Catholic community. Please be a partner this year by making a generous donation to the Second Collection supporting CCSOMO.

SEMO CAMINITO. A small southeast Missouri version of the Camino de Santiago (The way of St. James). 3 days, 10 churches, 40 miles. A walking journey in holiness for an increase in vocations, the sanctity of our priests and the laity in our diocese, and for those who have fallen away from the Church. March 10-12, 20-25. Flyers are in the back of the church.

*****REMINDER***** Confirmation class with Fr. Belken is this Wednesday, November 20th at 7PM in the St. Denis Parish Center.

THANK YOU. Katie Wilder, William Kluesner and granddaughter, Sophie Moser, Bernice Kern, Ralph and Fimble Enderle, Dorothy Dirnberger, and Margaret Heuring for posting flags at the tombstones of 132 Veterans buried in St. Lawrence cemetery. A flag for each branch of the military was also displayed on the cemetery grounds. It is deeply appreciated in remembrance.