

Dear Padre,

Do we pray for the dead on All Souls' Day for what we can do for them, or for what they can do for us?

On All Souls' Day, the Church celebrates the one body in Christ that unites its members on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven. For more than a thousand years, we've commemorated this transcendent bond on the second day of November, whether at Mass, in a cemetery, or on a home altar to the faithful departed. This bond of companionship between the living and deceased is so vital to our spiritual well-being that All Souls' Day is celebrated even when November 2 falls on a Sunday.

Because Catholics are in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers, Masses, sacrifices, and works of charity can be offered up on behalf of the deceased. (See 2 Maccabees 12:38-46.) Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers on behalf of the living. Thus, our assistance to the deceased, and their intercession for us, is mutually beneficial! "A perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory, and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things" (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 5; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1475, 954-955, 962). May perpetual light shine upon the souls of the faithful departed. ●



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Monday

November 3
Weekday
Rom 11:29-36
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

November 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Rom 12:5-16b
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

November 5
Weekday
Rom 13:8-10
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

November 6
Weekday
Rom 14:7-12
Lk 15:1-10

Friday

November 7
Weekday
Rom 15:14-21
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

November 8
Weekday
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

November 9
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

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MASS TIMES:
SAT. 4:00 PM
SUN. 9:45 AM
Spanish Mass/
Communion Service:
SUN. 11:15 AM

Our Mission:
We, the family of Annunciation Parish, desire to build a community of love and service to our community and those in need as we bear witness to the teaching of Jesus Christ.

PARISH EMAIL:
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RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM, and by appointment.

BAPTISMS:
By appointment. Contact Father Viviano

WEDDINGS:
Please contact at least 6 months in advance.

ANointing OF THE SICK:
Please call any time, or by appointment.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Wisdom 3:1-9 / Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9 / John 6:37-40
(These readings or any from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead)



The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.... [T]hey are in peace.
WISDOM 3:1, 3

The Great Halloween Mistress

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One Halloween, the lady who lived in the big white house down the block gave out bottles of Coke for trick-or-treat. Not 6-ouncers, not 10-ouncers, but 12-ouncers! I remember going up to her door like we did at every other house, stomping up the steps, ringing the bell and waiting, then yelling, "Trick or treat!" for a piece of penny candy as the door opened. Instead, our eyes widened with disbelief as we gasped, "Wow! A bottle of Coke! Gee, thanks a lot." I remember her smile and the look of delight in her eyes at making some scraggly neighborhood kids so excited. Before long, word got out among that night's goblins and saints. Kids I had never seen before, kids from neighboring communities, all came streaming in, and she gave each of them a bottle of Coke. To me, it was unbelievable—such generosity. That year, nobody

dared "trick" her house. We made sure. Among us kids, such generosity did not go unrewarded.

On All Souls' Day, we remember those who have died, and we remember them with an awareness of the need we all have for God's mercy. Sometimes, I think that God is like that woman who lived in the big white house down the block. God is the Great Halloween Mistress. We come to her, armed with our tricks to get what we want, and she disarms us with her unbelievable generosity—the greatest "treater" of all time. God gives us everything undeserved—the most generous treats ever, all year round. ●

Reflect

What experiences of God's generous blessings have I known? Have I taken any for granted?

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LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, November 1, 4:00 PM

Mass Coord: Sandy & Dale Deraps
 Lector: Kristy Gump
 Server: Dale Deraps
 Song Leader: Rosemary Bardwell
 Greeters: Don & Jean Vanderfeltz
 Rosary: Rosemary Bardwell
 Gift Bearers: Connor & Bailey McGill Family

Sunday, November 2, 9:45 AM

Mass Coord: Margaret Bieri
 Lector: Jill Moreland
 Server: Scott Jobe
 Song Leader: Bev Kleffner
 Greeters: Travis & Deanna Benne
 Rosary: Mary Lou Scheidt
 Gift Bearers: Tyler & Alayna Benne Family

Saturday, November 8, 4:00 PM

Mass Coord: Mike & Regina Stock
 Lector: Becky Bloch
 Server: Jerry Hoback
 Song Leader: David Garnett
 Greeters: Clif & Patty Sampson
 Rosary: Russ Anderson
 Gift Bearers: Tyler & Tabatha Silvey

Sunday, November 9, 9:45 AM

Mass Coord: Eric Schroeter
 Lector: Jacob Hoellering
 Server: Seth Bax & Henry Collier
 Song Leader: Marian Fleischmann
 Greeters: Darrell & Tammy Hoellering
 Rosary: Margariet Bieri
 Gift Bearers: Tom & Joyce Hagedorn

CLERGY & VOCATIONS

Please pray for all priests, sisters, deacons & seminarians.
 This week please keep in your prayers seminarian David Cahill

The Catholic Missourian is conducting a reader survey. There will be pew cards available in each pew featuring a QR code that will direct you to this survey. You may also receive a link in your email inbox that will take you to the survey. We invite everyone to complete their online survey and share your feedback.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for these and all who are in need of prayer.
 To remove or add someone to the prayer list, please contact the parish office.

Tom Jones, Emma Heise, Bill Embry, Wyatt Schmidt, Alex McGill; Ashley Kaplan (daughter of Tricia Brauch); John Bestgen; Marian Dorn; Wallace Maynard; Derrick Cleveland (Vickie Schroeder's nephew); David Wilde; Kaitlyn Schlup; Sharon Belt; Cory Bickel (Jim Hoback's nephew); Bill McConkey; Jacobo Garcia; Pam Block; Helen Heinen; Shawn Bax; Suzy Allee; Robert Garner; Glenda Williams; Lisa Anderson; Paula Volkmer; Tracy Davis; John Michael McCoy; J. Gattermeir; Sally Schepers; Janice Howard; Sharon (Imhoff) Dresel; Linda Reichel; Steve Gerlt; Mark Bardwell; Dylann Henley; Lanny Wingate; Jim Imhoff; Barb Glenn; Peggy Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Amanda Imhoff; Gary Fleischmann; Barbara Reichl (mother of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Rachel Frank; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

*Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 1	4:00 PM	*Lenard Elliott
Sunday, November 2	9:45 AM	*Loretta Brauner
Spanish Mass	11:15 AM	*Jose Guadalupe Lemus
Tuesday, November 4	8:00 AM	*Raymond Bieri
Thursday, November 6	8:00 AM	*Charlotte Baker
Saturday, November 8	4:00 PM	*Annunciation & St. Andrew's Parishioners
Sunday, November 9	9:45 AM	*Jo Wolken
Spanish Prayer Svc.	11:15 AM	*Holy Souls in Purgatory

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flower arrangement this week is from Rita Henley in loving memory of the deceased members of the Sack, Voigt, Simpson & Henley families.

Breaking Free from Pornography

Matt Fradd is a national Catholic podcaster and speaker. He has developed a powerful online program to help one break free from pornography. The program is Strive21. You can access this program at Strive21.com

The Book of the Names of the Dead will be in the back of church during the month of November. Please feel free to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the book.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 First Saturday Devotion at St. Andrew's in Tipton - Adoration & Confession at 8 AM followed by Mass at 9 AM All Saints Day Party & Potluck after 4 PM Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 8:15 - 9:30 AM PSR Classes

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 5:45 PM Rosary
8:00 PM AA-ALNON

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 Bible Study 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 Quilting following 8 AM Mass
Patriotic Rosary following Mass
7:00 PM SP Holy Hour

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 First Friday Adoration 6 AM - 8 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 Church Grounds Clean-Up from 8 AM - Noon
Pitch Tournament & Soup/Chili Contest following the 4 PM Mass

Welcome & Congratulations to Our New Bishop, the Most Reverend Ralph O'Donnell, on His Recent Installation.

Prayer for Our Newly Ordained Bishop:

Loving God, Bless our newly ordained Bishop with wisdom, courage, and a shepherd's heart. Guide him in truth and charity as he leads Your people in faith. May the Holy Spirit strengthen him in service and fill his ministry with peace & grace. Through Christ Our Lord Amen.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – October 2025

1st Week: \$6,331.33 **3rd Week:** \$3,208.20
2nd Week: \$8,968.80 **4th Week:** \$4,765.40
Candles: \$66.25 **Stipends:** \$20.00

October Mass Counts

	4:00 PM	9:45 AM	11:15 AM
Week 1	119	222	57
Week 2	130	178	65
Week 3	132	205	78
Week 4	102	154	80

We thank all those who did the counting at each of our October Masses.

FOOD DRIVE

During the month on November we will once again be collecting food & monetary donations for the Moniteau County Food Pantry. There will be a bin in the vestibule for anyone wishing to donate.

Parish Building & Grounds Clean Up

We invite all parishioners to help in our Clean-Up on November 8th from 8 - Noon. Please bring any lawn hand tools you may have. Requested items to bring would be pruning tools, blowers, rakes, bags, window washing materials, saws, trailers, soft scrub cleaners & both flat & blade shovels.

Soup/Chili Contest

Anyone interested in participating in the Pitch Tournament & Soup/Chili Contest on November 8th, please sign your name on the form located on the bulletin board in the back of Church.

St. Andrew's Thanksgiving Festival Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets for St. Andrew's Thanksgiving Festival will be available in the back of Church for anyone wishing to purchase them.

Please Remember to Turn Your Clocks Back 1 Hour on November 2nd