

# Knights Reflections for November 2025

By Deputy Grand Knight - SK Michael Ernst

## **November – A Month of Remembrance**

Brothers, November is a special month for remembering. We honor the saints who inspire us, pray for those who have passed on, and give thanks to those who serve and lead us. It's a time to reflect on faith, family, and the bonds that connect us – past, present, and future.



**All Saints' Day – November 1:** All Saints' Day is celebrated to honor all saints, known and unknown, now in heaven. It began to remember early martyrs and became a universal feast by the 9th century. This day reminds us we're part of a much larger family of faith, and that we, too, are called to be saints.

**All Souls' Day – November 2:** All Souls' Day began in the 10th century, when monks set aside a day to pray for the dead. We pray especially for those in purgatory, trusting that our prayers help them reach heaven. It's a day of mercy, hope, and love – connecting us with those we've lost.

**Veterans Day – November 11:** Veterans Day began in 1919 as "Armistice Day," marking the end of World War I. In 1954, it became a day to honor all U.S. veterans, living and deceased. As Knights, we thank them for their sacrifice and service, and we're called to support them with prayer, gratitude, and action.

**St. Cecilia – November 22:** St. Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians and singers. She reminds us that music is a powerful way to worship God and lift up the soul. As someone who sings in the praise band, I'm inspired by her example to use my voice in praise and service. On her feast day, let's thank God for the gift of music and those who lead us in worship.

**Christ the King Sunday – November 24:** Christ the King Sunday was started in 1925 by Pope Pius XI to remind us that true peace and power come from Christ, not from the world. It ends the Church year and points to Jesus as our leader and judge. As Knights, we're called to put Christ first and serve His kingdom.

**Thanksgiving – November 27:** Thanksgiving started with early settlers thanking God after a tough harvest. Today, it's a day to be grateful – not just for things, but for family, faith, and freedom. As Catholic men, we show thanks through prayer, hospitality, and generosity. May our gratitude inspire us to serve.

As we move through November, let's keep these days close to our hearts. By remembering saints, praying for the departed, honoring veterans, and giving thanks, we strengthen our faith and our brotherhood. Let's live these reflections in action with prayer, service, and gratitude.

## **By Lecturer - SK Gary Konopka**

### **God's Immense Love and Sacrifice**

"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"  
(Romans 8:32)

Romans 8:32 lies in its establishment of the cross as the ultimate, non-negotiable proof of God's comprehensive commitment to humanity. The heavenly Father undertook the unspeakable and singular sacrifice of "not sparing His own Son" to secure our spiritual salvation. The crucifixion of Jesus, is God's way of sacrifice for the greatest need (redemption) and trust that daily provisions, endurance in suffering, wisdom, or grace—will be graciously supplied through the same love that surrendered Jesus to the cross.

