

November 16, 2025
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
in ORDINARY TIME

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Please contact the pastor

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Please register. Forms in office.

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

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Adults	\$2565.00
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For ALL sacramental related inquiries, please contact Fr. Vincent directly at 573-238-2450. You do not have to go through the parish office since Father keeps his own calendar and makes his own appointments.

Welcome! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this weekend. If you are not currently registered with either St. John Church or St. Anthony Church and would like to do so, registration forms in the vestibule of either parish or on the parish website. We would love to have you as a part of our parish family!

Liturgical Roles

November 22-23, 2025 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

Sat, November 22, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Lucianna & Clara Horrell

Lector: Jennifer Rosanna

Extraordinary Min. *Jennifer
Rosanna

Ushers: Derek & Chandler Jansen

Offertory: Family of Joe & Nora
Bueter

Sacristan: Rita Holshouser

Rosary: Rita Holshouser

PCCW Sunday

Sunday, November 23, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Tommy & Jacob Beussink

Lector: Annette Wiseman

Extraordinary Min.: *Courtney
Beussink Patty Bohnsack, Aimee
Hampton

Choir Min.: Kelly Schreiner

Ushers: Don Gowan, Lance Seiler

Offertory: PCCW Cindy (Lindy)
Jansen, Diane Holzum

Sacristan: Pam & Ron Wesbecher

Rosary: PCCW-Diane Holzum

Sun, November 23, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Emily James, Sophia
Mason

Lector: Jeff Eftink

Extraordinary Min.: *Mike Smith,
Danny James, Matt Michaelree

Choir Min.: Chuck Forrester

Ushers: Paul Landewee, Donnie
Landewee

Offertory: Stan & Pam Woodfin

Sacristan: Danny & Joann James

Rosary: volunteer

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Extraordinary Minister for

November 23: Jeanne Forrester

Attention Lectors:
Lector workbooks for 2026
may be picked up in the
vestibules of either St. John
or St. Anthony parishes.

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, November 17

No Mass or Confessions

8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Tuesday, November 18

No morning Mass or Confessions due to DCCW

5:00 PM - DCCW Regional Meeting Adoration & Rosary (SJ)

6:00 PM MASS - Virgil & Thelma Beel † (SJ)

6:30 PM - Regional DCCW Meal & Meeting (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, November 19

3:15 PM - After School Rosary Club (church basement)

5:30 - 5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)

6:00 PM MASS - Wilma Arnzen † (SA)

HS Youth leave for NCYC

Thursday, November 20

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:30 AM MASS - Joe Sharenborg † (SJ)

6:30 PM - Catholic Man Night (Glennon Hall)

Friday, November 21

6:55-7:15AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

7:20 AM MASS - L/D Members Gerald & Marilyn Elfrink Family (SJ)

Saturday, November 22

No Men's Group

8:00 AM - Women's Cursillo (Church Basement)

4:15-4:45 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)

5:00 PM MASS - L/D Members Joe & Nora Bueter Family (SA)

Sunday, November 23

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:00 AM MASS - Walter & Virginia Elfrink † (SJ)

10:00 AM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SJ)

5:00 PM - MS Youth Bible Study (Parish office)

6:30 PM - OCIA (Parish Office)

In preparation for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress to be held on August 15, 2026, Bishop Rice launched a prayer campaign. He formed parish partners for this. Accordingly, St. John Parish, Leopold; St. Anthony Mission Parish, Glennon and St. Joseph Parish, Billings are parish partners. Bishop requests the communities in these parishes to support one another in prayer. Feel free to reach out to the parish office of St. Joseph, Billings and assure them of our prayers.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Roger Burr on entering into full communion with the Catholic Church this past Thursday! May Roger be filled with grace and love each time he receives the Holy Eucharist; and may God guide him as he continues to grow in his faith! Welcome to our Catholic Family, Roger!

Congratulations to Jaxon Lee Nenninger and Bristol Ann Brack, children of Lawrence & Amanda Nenninger, on their recent Baptism. This is a beautiful beginning to their lifelong journey of faith!

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

How prepared will we be to meet Jesus when the end comes? According to Pope Benedict XVI end-time preparation is less about predicting dates and more about focusing on faith, love, and service to others. Ultimately, he believed that preparation for the end is achieved by cultivating a relationship with Jesus Christ and living a life of love, which includes love for God and love for one's neighbor.

In the Gospel Jesus reminds His followers that earthly things, no matter how beautiful or strong, will one day pass away. The disciples admire the splendor of the Temple, but Jesus tells them that even it will be destroyed. He warns of trials, wars, and persecutions, yet calls them not to be afraid. This passage teaches us that faith must stand firm even in difficult times. Jesus assures us that endurance in faith will lead to salvation "by your perseverance you will secure your lives." In a world filled with uncertainty, this Gospel invites us to trust in God's lasting presence rather than in temporary things, and to bear witness to Him courageously, knowing that "He will never abandon those who remain steadfast in His love" (Psalm 94/14).

There is a moving incident in the life of St. Anthony, who, for the love of God, went and stayed in the desert. Far from the maddening crowds of men, he lived a life in communion with God. Yet he was not free from trials. One day he had to undergo intense suffering. When he emerged from his trials, he said to God, "Ah, Beloved God, where wert Thou when I was in great distress?" He heard the voice of God say, "My child, I was with you all the time, even as I am with you now! I wanted to see how brave you were!"

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to be watchful and ready for Your coming. Cleanse my heart from sin, strengthen my faith, and fill me with love, so that when You appear in glory, I may welcome You with joy and peace. Amen.

St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony, pray for us and protect us.

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

Now that we've been thinking of and praying for the Poor Souls in Purgatory, all our family, relatives, friends and neighbors gone before us—May they rest in peace—let's turn our attention to "Memento Mori" (remember your death).

Our mortality is before us every day and every night. Ascension App is reading the Imitation of Christ by Thomas à Kempis. The title of Chapter 23 in Book 1 is: Meditation on Death. Some excerpts concerning keeping our death before us.

1. There is a common saying that human beings are here today and gone tomorrow. And once they are out of sight, they are soon forgotten. How dull we are and hard of heart, for we only think of the present and make little provision for the life hereafter. If your conscience were clear, you would not fear death. If your conscience are unprepared for death today, how will you be tomorrow?

2. If it is frightening to die, it may be more dangerous to live long. You are truly blessed if you keep the hour of your death before you and prepare yourself for it. Always be ready, so you live that you may not have an unprovided death. Happy and wise are those who try now to become what they want to be at the hour of their death.

5. There is a time that will come when you will wish that you had one more day—even one hour—to put your life in order, but there is no assurance you will get it. Learn to live now that at the hour of death you may rejoice rather than tremble. In a life with Christ, you must learn how to die to the world and despise all earthly things.

7. How many have died thinking of having a long life but are not sure of even one more day having died without warning? Life is short and can be taken from you in an instant. How have we heard of murders, drownings, accidents, dropping dead out of nowhere? One thing IS certain: death is the end of all! A person's life passes suddenly like a shadow.

8. How many people will remember you and pray for you once you are dead? So do all you can now, for you do not know when you will die or what you will face after death. Gain merit for eternity now while there is time and concern yourself only with eternal salvation. Keep your feathers before you.

9. Live on earth as a pilgrim and a stranger, unconcerned with the world's business. Persevere in prayer, send your aspirations daily up to God, so that at the hour of death your soul may depart from this world and go to its Lord. Saints, family, and friends will be waiting to receive you into everlasting dwellings (Lk 16:9) **Memento Mori** remember your death.

ADVENT SERIES: "Waiting Well" with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Join me on Wednesdays at 9:00 am in Parish Office starting November 26 to discuss and experience Advent with Father Mike. We all experience waiting in our lives. Let Fr. Mike guide you to "Wait'—ing' Well" as we approach another season of holy anticipation for Jesus's birth.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Info about the Knights of Columbus Order: Last year, Knights donated more than \$197 million to those in need and volunteered more than 48 million hours in service. Membership grew to 2.1 million across 17,000 councils. This includes 67 Military Councils. College councils have grown to 146. SEMO has a college KC Council AND SEMO recently chartered the first College Ladies Auxiliary in the State.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

World Day of Cloistered Life - November 21st. *"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."* (Luke 21:19) Consider the hidden yet powerful witness of those in cloistered religious life. Is God calling you to a life of prayer and contemplation? Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2. **Vocation Crucifix for November: Cody & Emily Harris** *For our parish, that we may encourage a culture of prayer and support for those called to a life of solitude and service. Let us pray to the Lord.*

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Amen Gallon Food Drive- Drive lasts thru next Sunday, November 23. Thanks for helping our neighbors who are less fortunate.

Country Christmas Home Tour- tickets now on sale. Plan on taking the tour on Sunday, December 14th and bring a friend(a nice gift). Appreciate you buying tickets in advance. On sale at Leopold Store, Bank of Missouri, Beussink Family Dentist, or PCCW officers.

We will host DCCW deanery 6 meeting on this Tuesday, November 18. Holy hour from 5-6pm with rosary at 530 followed by Mass at 6pm and then meeting with meal following in school cafeteria .

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

SJSA_YOUTH are collecting gift bags of ALL sizes and unused tissue paper for Birthright. Drop off in SJ or SA vestibules by Nov 29.

Ministry Notes & Updates

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

St. John Parish will once again be offering baskets of Thanksgiving Day Dinner staples for families in need. If your family or a family you know could benefit from the blessing of a Thanksgiving basket please contact Amanda McDonough at 573-238-5199 by November 17 with the family name, number of people and contact info. The baskets will be delivered the weekend before Thanksgiving.

During Christmas there is a special spirit of giving. It is our hope that families with personal needs will give us the opportunity to share joy with them. St. John and St. Anthony will be doing a giving tree again this year. Could your family benefit from gifts for your children? If so, please contact Amanda McDonough at 573-238-5199 by November 24th with the information. If you know a family in need, please have them contact Amanda also.

Deanery 6 Council of Catholic Women will have their quarterly meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at St. John's Leopold.

Adoration from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Rosary starts at 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Then, the meeting will follow in the school cafeteria. We will have our breakout sessions with our Leadership, Spirituality and Service chairs. Every lady from the parish is welcome to come. Please contact Janice at 573-450-8015 if you have any questions.

Bishop's Collection for Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri

Next Sunday, November 23, is the annual Bishop's Collection for Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri (CCSOMO). Thousands of individual 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 Bishop's Collection for CCSOMO. This offering is an opportunity for Catholics throughout our Diocese to unite in **Reaching Out, Providing Hope, and Changing Lives!** Donations may be made online at www.ccsomo.org, over the phone at (417) 720-4213, or mailed to Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, 424 E. Monastery St., Springfield, MO 65807.

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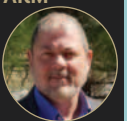
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