

As the election nears, the Knights of Columbus is urging its members and other Catholic Americans to pray

The prayer will be in the form of a novena — nine consecutive days of prayer — and will run from Oct. 30 to the eve of the election on Nov. 7.

The prayer is addressed to the Holy Trinity through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, under her title of the Immaculate Conception.

Individuals, families, councils and parishes are all invited to participate.

“The Church teaches that Catholics are called to form their consciences based on Church teaching and vote in accordance with that well-formed conscience,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. He added: “Pope Francis has said in reference to the U.S. election that we should ‘study the proposals well, pray and choose with your conscience,’ and this novena is designed to help Catholic Americans do that.”

The text of the novena reads:

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.

Please join us for an update on the **Saunders Catholic Schools Strategic Plan at the Open Forum** on November 7th at 7:00pm at Neumann High School in the cafeteria. We will be giving an update on the Strategic Plan and the progress of the implementation projects that we have been working on over the past year. If you have any topics you would like to discuss, please let us know. You can send agenda items to eva-fujan@cdolinc.net. Refreshments will be served.

Bishop Neumann & Saunders Catholic Schools have a part-time job opening for a Marketing Coordinator to work with a wide variety of marketing programs, including website management, e-newsletters, advertising, marketing campaigns, development brochures, school events and benefactor communications. This is a paid part-time position that would include working at Bishop Neumann High School 20-25 hours per week. Experience with Wordpress, Photoshop, Illustrator and/or Publisher software highly desired. If you are interested or if you know of someone who might be interested please send your resume' to Father Mike Morin at fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net.

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The bulletin is posted online each weekend at:

www.sjamescatholicchurch.com

Bulletin Submissions: call the rectory or email to: fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net by noon on Friday.

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 9:00 am.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:30-5:15 / Sundays 8:15-8:45 / By appointment

Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday 7:00 am

St. James Catholic Church

October 30, 2016

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mon. October 31	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tue. November 1	All Saints Day
Wed. November 2	All Souls Day
Thu. November 3	St. Martin de Porres
Fri. November 4	St. Charles Borromeo
Sat. November 5	Weekday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday	October 29	5:30 pm	†Maria Dostal
Sunday	October 30	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	October 31	7:00 pm	†Craig Casey
Tuesday	November 1	7:00 am	†Msgr. Jim O'Connor
Wednesday	November 2	4:00 pm	†Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	November 3	7:00 am	†Bob Lee
Friday	November 4	7:00 am	†Dale & Dorothy Konecky
Saturday	November 5	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	November 6	8:00 am	†Poor Souls in Purgatory
		10:00 am	Special Intention

Vocation Prayer of the Week

Please pray for:

Sr. Abigail Marie, Sacred Heart, Lincoln
and Sr. Amy Marie, Sacred Heart, Crete.

Novices with the Marian Sisters

This Week's Mass Schedule

You will notice quite a few highlighted items in this week's Mass schedule, which indicate a change from the normal routine.

- * This Tuesday we celebrate All Saints Day. All Catholics have a grave obligation to offer praise and adoration to our Lord by attending Mass. Masses here at St. James are Monday evening (replacing the morning Mass) and Tuesday.
- * Wednesday we celebrate All Souls Day, a day specially set aside to pray for all of the deceased who may still be suffering purification in Purgatory and need our intercession. Mass that day will be at the St. James Cemetery, weather providing. If the weather does not provide, Mass will be at the church at the same time. To find out, drive by the cemetery or call Fr. Morin's cell phone.
- * Because of our Annual Parish Pancake Feed next Sunday's Masses are at 8:00 and 10:00 am.

Minister Assignments

October 22-23 Tithe	
Adults	\$ 2,105.00
Loose	154.00
World Mission Appeal	575.00
Second Collection	67.80
Total:	<u>\$ 2,901.80</u>

Monthly Obligations

St. Wenceslaus School	\$3,116.66
Bishop Neumann	8,247.00
Total Parish Expenses:	<u>\$11,363.66</u>

	Monday, Oct. 31	Tuesday, Nov. 1
Acolytes	Ron Morrisey	Bob Sabata
Readers	Marie Gruenes	Ed Cherovsky
Servers	Colin Morrisey Jacob Feldhaus	Miles Hannan Blake Hannan
	Saturday, Nov. 5	Sunday, Nov. 6
Acolytes	Mike Determan	Ray Casey
Readers	Connie Eckley	Craig Quick
Servers	Sean Determan Matt Determan	Cameron Quick Cade Janecek

Pancake Feed Committee News:

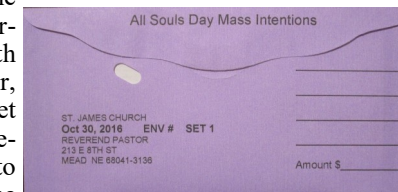
- Our parish Pancake Feed is next Sunday, November 6th, 7:00 am – 1:00 pm. Make plans to attend & to work a few hours.
- We still need workers for the following unfilled slots:
 - ◊ Fry Eggs – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (Need 3)
 - ◊ Kitchen Help (Dishwashers) – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (Need 2)
 - ◊ Clean & Clear Tables – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (Need 6)
 - ◊ Usher & Carry Trays – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (Need 2)
 - ◊ Craft & Bake Sales – 7:00 am – 10:00 am (Need 2)
 - ◊ Cake Walk (Teenager) – 7:00 am – 10:00 am (Need 2)
- Plan to attend a Mass so it doesn't conflict with your work time.
- Please check in for your shift in meeting room & get name tag.
- Silent Auction items are still needed. Place on tables in back of Church. Remember baked and/or craft items.

Catholic Daughter Meeting Monday, October 24, starting at 6:30 in St. Wenceslaus church basement. It is our annual fund-raising auction. Please remember to bring items for the silent and live auctions.

The next "Call to Joy" Saunders Catholic Women's Retreat will be held on November 19th, 2016 from 8:30a.m. until 12:00p.m. at Bishop Neumann High School cafeteria in Wahoo. The retreat theme: "I Have Decided" - Choosing to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ. There will be Mass at 8:00a.m. at St. Wenceslaus Church and then breakfast at 8:30a.m. at the cafeteria followed by the retreat. Cost: Free will donation. We hope you can join us as we explore what it means to be Christ's disciple. Babysitting is available by request- please contact: Patti Sloup 402-480-0096. For more information, please contact: Eva Fujan 402-663-4458, Jennifer Benes 402-499-4542, Lisa Vrana 402-443-6101 or Marnie Toline 402-277-5346.

November—Prayer for the Deceased

In your current set of tithing envelopes you will see an envelope like the one below for All Souls Day. We continue the custom begun last year in which parishioners are invited to write as many names of deceased relatives and friends on the envelope, which will then be placed in a prominent place in the sanctuary during the month of November, the time we set aside in a special way to pray for the dead. They will serve as a sacramental—a holy reminder—to pray for those who have died.



Contribute as much or as little as you like in the envelope, and the total amount collected will be divided by the usual offering for a Mass intention and that number of Masses will be offered for those loved ones and all the dead. We will offer as many Masses as we can during the month of November, and then throughout the rest of the year.

This annual custom of ours is different than the specific intention for Masses that are offered each day and are listed in the upper left hand of this page of the bulletin each week. To have a Mass offered for a particular intention you may use the "Mass Intention" envelopes that are on the counter in the vestibule.

The custom of offering Masses for the repose of the deceased or any good purpose is ancient in the Church. It is the most efficacious prayer to be offered because we join our offering to the offering of Christ on the Cross to our Heavenly Father.

Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$575. While some go to serve in other countries to develop the Church and serve its people, all of us are called to pray and support the Missions from right where we live.

