



Brothers and Sisters,

November is the month in which we pray especially for the faithful departed and all persons who have died. We begin the month with All Saints day asking for the Saint's intercession and then followed by All Souls Day where we turn our prayers to God for all those who have died.

The practice of praying for the dead is rooted first in Christian belief that in the Sacrament of Baptism we have died and risen with Christ for eternal life. Jesus' teachings and resurrection shows us that physical death is not the end for us. We believe that the death of the body is a transition. After death, even though separated from our earthly body, we yet continue a personal existence.

Praying for the dead has further origins in our belief in the communion of the saints. Members of this community who are living often assist each other in faith by prayers and other forms of spiritual support. Christians who have died continue to be members of the communion of saints. We believe that we can assist them by our prayers, and they can assist us by theirs.

Our prayers for the dead begin at the moment of death. Often family members will gather in prayer around the bedside of the person who has died. The Order of Christian Funerals includes a Vigil Service for the deceased, which can be held in the home, in the church, or in a funeral home chapel, the funeral Mass and the Rite of Committal. The prayers express hope that God will free the person who has died from any burden of sin and prepare a place for him or her in heaven. Death remains a mystery for us, a great unknown. Yet Christian language evokes a hope filled vision of eternal life and life at the banquet table of the Kingdom of God, an assurance that our love, linked to Christ's love, can help bridge whatever barriers might keep those whom we love from fully enjoying the presence of a loving and life-giving God. Because of this belief we pray this month for all those who have died.

In a special way we want to pray for deceased parishioners, family members, and friends. During this month of November, we will do so through our Book of the Faithful Departed. Please add to the Book of the Faithful Departed the names of your loved ones who have died. The names in the Book of the Faithful Departed will be remembered in our prayers at each Sunday Mass during the month of November. The Funeral Rites of the Catholic Church state death is not a goodbye, rather a farewell until we are reunited with our loved ones in the peace and joy of heaven.

God bless you,
Fr. Tom

P.S. A blessed, safe and abundant hunt to all the deer hunters out there. Enjoy your time in the woods and the hunt. May St. Hubert, patron saint of hunters, intercede for you and keep you safe

Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Nov. 6th 4:30PM - +Nadine Jenkinson

St. Peter, Sunday, Nov. 7th 8:00AM— +Doris Von Arx

St. Joseph, Sunday, Nov. 7th 10:00AM - For the Parishioners

No Weekday Masses November 8th thru the 12th

Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Nov. 13th 4:30PM - +Laura & Clarence Mueller

St. Peter, Sunday, Nov. 14th 8:00AM - For the Parishioners

St. Joseph, Sunday, Nov. 14th 0:00AM - +Elaine Flaig Pechtel

Immaculate Conception, Hwy. 43, Wilson — St. Joseph, 111 N Mill St., Rushford — St. Peter, 34 Main St., Hokah

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I will be on Vacation from November 2nd through November 12th. While I'm on vacation if St. Joseph or Immaculate Conception, are in need of a Priest for an emergency, please contact Father Thompson at 507-523-2428. For St. Peter's Parish, please contact Father Evans at 507-895-2207. Fr. Tom

Mark your calendar for the kickoff to **Advent Potluck breakfast following mass at St. Peter's on Sunday November 21st.** Please join us for fellowship, good food and numerous drawings. Advent, a special time of year and a time of waiting for the Lord.



 Thanksgiving Pie orders are due by Friday, Nov. 19th. Pies will be baked on Wednesday, Nov. 24th. Please consider ordering early as amounts may be limited. Call 894-4375 to place your order. Thank You!

Church Support

Imm. Conception - Oct. 23rd - \$281,
World Mission Sunday \$70
St. Joseph — Oct. 17th — \$1,492
St. Peter — Oct. 27th - \$2,638

St. Joseph's CCW



Meeting scheduled Sunday, November 14th following 10AM mass. All Women of the parish are invited.

St. Joseph – Liturgical Schedule

November 14th @ 10:00AM

Lector — Anne
Ushers — David & Jacob
Rosary — Chuck

St. Peter – Liturgical Schedule

- **Sunday, November 14th @ 8:00AM**
Lector— Aaron Franta
Ushers— Dave Feuerhelm & Mike Ross
Servers— Devon Schulte, Miranda Jambois & Jayven Ross
Greeter — Mary Kay Sheehan
Rosary— Dave Feuerhelm



St. Peter School News

Important Dates....

11/16 8:25 am, mass
11/18 8:25 am, mass
11/23 8:25 am, mass
11/24 Thanksgiving break, no school
11/25 Thanksgiving break, no school
11/26 Thanksgiving break, no school
11/30 8:25 am, mass

St. Peter's PTO has apparel available that you can order on line at <https://gppsports.chipply.com/stpeters21/>. The store closes on November 13th, we want to make sure you get your items by Christmas.



La Crescent Area Winter Coat Drive for Afghan refugees at Fort McCoy



Why: Winter is fast approaching and 13,000 Afghan refugees do not have the needed items for winter in Wisconsin

What: New and /or gently used winter outerwear for all ages.

For cultural/religious reasons, it has been requested that items do not have brands/logos on them, i.e. Nike, Packers, Vikings, Disney, Avengers, etc.

Where: Drop off site: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 21 North Hill Street, South Entrance

When: Sunday, November 14th 10:30—3:00

Confident Pregnancies and Stable Beginnings

Whether a pregnant woman is excited to bring her new baby home or is choosing the loving option of adoption, Catholic Charities supports confident pregnancies and stable beginnings. Our social workers travel to new and expectant parents all across the Diocese to bring help and hope through financial assistance, pregnancy counseling, parenting education, baby items, and helping women throughout the entire process of placing a child for adoption. We are honored to work with those who are pregnant or have a child under 12 months old. We work with teens and adults, women who are single or married, those who are financially secure or living in poverty. Reach our social workers at 800-222-5859.