



**the  
greatest  
among you  
must be  
your  
servant**

## November 5, 2017 • Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do as they say, not as they do. This is what Jesus told the crowds about the scribes and the Pharisees. They sought honor and prestige. They exalted themselves by appearing to be righteous while placing burdens on those who wished to faithfully follow the law of Moses. Rather than striving to lead others to God, they lived to be seen and held in high esteem. Jesus wants his followers to live differently.

Discipleship is not about seeking places of honor or titles of esteem. Rather, Jesus' followers are to focus on humble service. Disciples are to learn from their master and teacher, Jesus Christ, who came to serve rather than to be served. They are to be the living embodiment of Jesus' way of love.

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31ST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 5, 2017

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### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, November 4, 2017

5:00 pm †Jim & Rita Phelan req. by Ed & Judy Phelan

Sunday, November 5, 2017

9:00 am †Frances Quigley req. by Pat Poll and Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, November 6, 2017

9:00 am †Stephanie Riner req. by the Niemiec Family

Tuesday, November 7, 2017—NO MORNING MASS

6:00 pm Adoration until 9:00 pm

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 - NO MASS

Thursday, November 9, 2017

9:00 am †Suzanne Pruchinicki req. By Paul Pruchinicki

Friday, November 10, 2017

9:00 pm Adoration until 11:00 am

Saturday, November 11, 2017

5:00 pm †Deceased members of Phelan & Osburn Families req. by Phelan Family

Sunday, November 12, 2017

9:00 am †Bernie Valy req. by Paul & Cathy Engler and Parish Family of St. Patrick

### **Altar Servers:**

Saturday, November 11, 2017- 5:00 pm  
Nick & Ella Phelps

Sunday, November 12, 9:00 am  
Patrick Robbins, Alexander Lawson

### **Extraordinary Minister:**

Saturday, November 11, 2017 - 5:00 pm  
Roberta Stauffenberg

Sunday, November 12, 2017 - 9:00 am  
Paul Engler

**Music:** Cathy Engler

### **Lector**

Saturday, November 11, 2017 - 5:00 pm  
Sue Nugent

Sunday, November 12, 2017 - 9:00 am  
Grace Niemiec

### **Usher:**

Saturday, November 11, 2017- 5:00 pm  
Bill Phelan, Mark Tillitson

Sunday, November 12, 2017- 9:00 am  
Bruce Boyle, Steve Hoehn

**Collection Counters :** Johnson

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

**October 29, 2017 .....\$2,061.00**  
**Maintenance..... \$5.00**

**Thank you for your support of our Parish**

***Please Participate!***  
***Your Gift Makes a Difference!***

Parish Goal: \$ 9,635.00  
Amount Pledged: \$12,615.00  
Amount Paid: \$11,640.00  
2017 Rebate \$ 1,404.00



Thank you for your generous response.



Our Two Week Candle is burning for the Deceased Members of the Phelan and Osburn Families req. by Bill & Georgia Phelan

Maintenance collection will be This weekend to help with the general Upkeep of the parish.



Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a One Time Gift or a special remembrance, or you can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient! Go to our parish website at [stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://stpatrickwiltoncenter.org). to sign up.

November 5-11, 2017 National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13 in 2013. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.



### ANNUAL LUNCHEON CARD PARTY

Thursday, November 9, 2017

12 Noon to be held at the Wilton Center Community Building  
Returns can be made this weekend, next weekend or at the Card Party.





**Lord guide and protect our country  
Remembering our veterans,  
And all the men and women  
Who serve and protect our country**

*Veterans day, November 11, 2017*



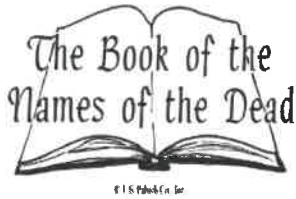
***There is Always Hope:  
Suicide Awareness***

*Suicide can be prevented and people with suicidal thoughts and feelings can be helped. St. Joseph Youth Ministry is sponsoring a Suicide Awareness event with professionals coming in to speak, and offer their services to families, parents, and youth.*

***NOVEMBER 12, 2017 at 3:00pm***

***ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL \* 207 S. MAIN STREET, MANTENO, ILLINOIS  
For more information, call Kevin Byrnes 815-468-3403 ext. 7017***

***I will fight.  
I will survive.  
I will win.***



Toepper Family  
Martell Family  
Sylvester Toepper

## ALL SOULS MEMORIALS

Aurora Toepper  
Judith Toepper  
Harold Toepper  
Vince Toepper



## THE GREATEST AMONG US

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps? The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world.

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### Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor

Immaculate Conception Parish, located in Elmhurst, IL has an opening for a Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor. This position includes serving as an executive level assistant. It is a full-time benefitted position. The preferred candidate will possess prior experience working as an executive level Secretary for an organization with numerous employees, preferably religious based, and have exemplary office and interpersonal skills. Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Publisher are a prerequisite. Interested parties should email cover letter, resume and salary requirement to;

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Annulment Information Day  
Blanchette Catholic Center  
16555 Weber Rd.  
Crest Hill, Illinois  
November 18, 2017 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm

**FAMILY MINISTRY:** Anyone interested in petitioning for annulment, those already in the process, or those wanting information may attend. The annulment process will be explained and questions will be welcomed. This day does not start the process but offers a friendly atmosphere to learn what annulment means, with a "hands-on" review of the Joliet diocesan paperwork. Please register by November 10, Office of Family Ministry, 815-838-5334

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What is the name of the pope's cathedral? If you said the Vatican, or St. Peter's, you were off by a few miles, since the answer is the Basilica of St. John, the Lateran, the "Mother Church" of all the churches of the world and the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. It takes its name from the Lateran family, the Trumps of their day, who somehow ran afoul of the Emperor Nero. He seized all their property, including their vast Roman palace and estate. We don't know how Plautius displeased Nero so badly, but eventually all the Lateran property came to Constantine, the first Christian emperor, through his wife, Fausta. Early in the fourth century, when Christianity was at last legalized, Constantine gave the property to the church. Soon the great meeting halls were expanded and adapted.

Over the centuries, the church building has been sacked by armies, ruined by fire, torn down, and rebuilt. The oldest and most unchanged part of the Lateran is a vast, separate baptistery with steps leading down to a huge green basalt pool. Imagine what a triumphal moment the dedication of this public church building was for a community that had worshiped in secret for so long! This Thursday's feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is really about the tradition of consecrating space for worship, and so by extension, a feast for your parish church building and, given the beautiful second reading, for its baptistery as well.





### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Preston Wilcox; James Drozd; Nancee Long; Brett Burkhalter; Joyce Albers; Jeanne Kuzmitz; Steve Gallagher; Shay Phelan; Michelle Schneider; Barb Flatt; Naomi Theresa; Mary Cole; Torie Jasinski; Loretta Long; Jim Price; Dennis Kwain; Nancy Lawrence; Megan & Lucy Skolasinski; Allison Grskovic; Matthew Phelan; Mike Irle; Mary Gargol; Kurt Dobbertin; Grace Niemiec

**Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list should contact the office.**

### Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK November 5, 2017



Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

### LOVE NEEDED HERE

No one needs love more than someone who doesn't deserve it.

--Anonymous

**HELP NEEDED:** RELIGIOUS EDUCATION needs High School Students or older to volunteer for teachers aides. Please see Roberta Stauffenberg if you can help.



As Jesus' stewards, we are to be focused on growing in faith and humbly serving others. Many people have a habit of expecting more of others than they do of themselves. They notice the splinter in someone else's eye, yet fail to see the plank in their own (Matt 7:3-5). This is not God's way. We see this in the life of Jesus, who did not demand of others what He, Himself, would not do.



## WHOEVER EXALTS SELF WILL BE HUMBLLED

The scribes and Pharisees were not the first or the last to get caught up in the pursuit of recognition and prestige. Nor were they the only ones to ever become puffed up with their own worth, failing to honor God in the process. The Levites of Malachi's time stand as examples of such misguided behavior as well. Of course, this is not only an issue for religious leaders of Biblical times. Many people allow their desire for esteem to lead them to ignore the contributions of others, hoping to appear to be solely responsible for success. Yet the exaltation that was sought may backfire when those who shared in the success are rightfully acknowledged and praised. In Jesus' words, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled."

## THE GREATEST MUST SERVE

Contrast the actions of the scribes and Pharisees with what Saint Paul describes as the leaders' manner with the community in Thessalonica: they were gentle, showed affection for the people, and worked hard in order not to be burdensome. They had taken to heart Jesus' instruction to serve with humility, and as a result the Thessalonians were inspired believe the word of God. True service is inspirational. Think about the people whom we most readily admire, those who inspire us to greatness. Most often, they are people who lead, not by lording their talent or position over others, but rather by humbly modeling the sort of action to which we aspire. They do not seek adulation or praise, but receive attention because their service is so deeply focused on the other. They glimpse the face of God in those whom they serve; we glimpse the face of God in those who serve with humility. "Whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8–10; Ps 131:1–3; 1 Thes 2:7b–9, 13; Mt 23:1–12

11/5/2017