

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## All Saints Day

November 1, 2015

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. Nov. 1st	<b>All Saints, I Class</b>
8:00 a.m.	40th Wed. Anniv. of Jack & Trish McGovern - <i>Their Children</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Nov. 2nd	Commemoration of All Souls, <i>I Class</i>
7:00 a.m.	Faithful departed
7:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Holy Father
8:00 a.m.	Pheasant Family
Tues. Nov. 3rd	St. Charles Borromeo, <i>Bp., Conf., Patron, I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	All Souls Mass Remembrance
Wed. Nov. 4th	Daily Mass for the Dead, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	All Souls Mass Remembrance
Thu. Nov. 5th	Daily Mass for the Dead, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	All Souls Mass Remembrance
Fri. Nov. 6th	Sacred Heart of Jesus, <i>III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	All Souls Mass Remembrance
Sat. Nov. 7th	Immaculate of Heart of Mary, <i>III Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	All Souls Mass Remembrance
Sun. Nov. 8th	Resumed Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Andrew & Margaret Toth - <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. DeAngelis</i>
10:15 a.m.	All Souls Mass Remembrance

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

#### Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

### **CONFESSIONS**

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50

& 9:15-10:05

### **DEVOTIONS**

#### **Exposition-Benediction**

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

### **DAILY ROSARY**

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

**THURSDAY - CLOSED**

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

# All Saints Day

## INTROIT

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a feast in honor of all the saints, in whose solemnity the angels rejoice and join in praising the Son of God. *Ps. 32, 1.* Rejoice in the Lord, ye just: praise becometh the upright. *V.* Glory.

## COLLECT

O almighty, eternal God, Who has granted us to venerate the merits of all Thy saints in one solemnity, vouchsafe to us, we beseech Thee, through the multitude of our intercessors, that abundance of Thy mercy for which we ever have hoped. Through our Lord.

## EPISTLE

*Apoc. 7, 2-12*

In those days, behold, I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the sign of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees, till we sign the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them that were signed: an hundred and forty-four thousand were signed, of every tribe of the children of the Israel. Of the tribe of Juda were twelve thousand signed: of the tribe of Ruben twelve thousand signed: of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand signed: of the tribe of Asar twelve thousand signed: of the tribe of Nephthali twelve thousand signed: of the tribe of Manasses twelve thousand signed: of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand signed: of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand signed: of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand signed: of the tribe of Zabulon twelve thousands signed: of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand signed: of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand signed. After this, I saw a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and tribes, and peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and they cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God Who sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and the ancients, and the four living creatures; and they fell down before the throne upon their faces, and adored God, saying, Amen. Benediction, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

## GRADUAL

*Ps. 33, 10, 11*

Fear the Lord, all ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him. *V.* But they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good.

## ALLELUIA

*Matt. 11, 28*

Come to Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will

refresh you. *Alleluia.*

## GOSPEL

*Matt 5, 1-12*

At the time, Jesus seeing the multitudes, went up into a mountain; and when he was sat down, His disciples came unto Him. And opening His mouth, He taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek; for they shall possess the land. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice, for they shall have their fill. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart; for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for My sake: be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in heaven.

## OFFERTORY

*Wis. 3, 1-3*

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of malice shall not touch them: in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace. *Alleluia.*

## SECRET

We offer Thee, O Lord, the gifts of our devotion; my they be made pleasing to Thee for the honor of all the just and, by Thy mercy, be profitable to our selves. Through our Lord.

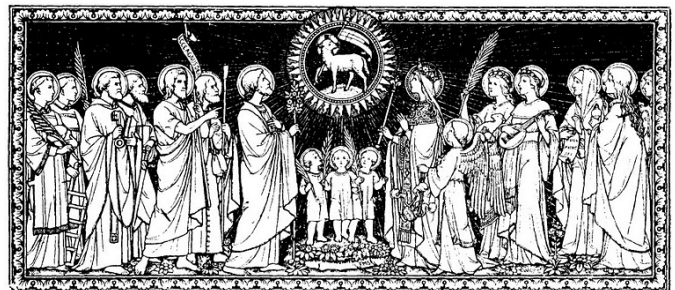
## COMMUNION

*Matt. 5, 8-10*

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God: blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God: blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## POSTCOMMUNION

Grant to Thy faithful people, we beseech Thee, O Lord, ever to rejoice in the veneration of all Thy saints, and to be defended by their unceasing prayers. Through our Lord.



## **Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy***

Holy Mother Church, always solicitous and anxious for our salvation, exults today with exceeding joy as she contemplates the glory of her children who, having reached their heavenly fatherland, are safe for all eternity, forever delivered from the snares of the evil one, and now numbered everlastingly among the elect, the people of God. Like a mother, proud of the triumph of her children, she presents them to the whole Christian world, inviting all the faithful to share her maternal joy: "Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a feast in honor of all the saints, at whose solemnity the angels rejoice and give praise to the Son of God".

The Epistle offers us the apocalyptic vision of the glory of the saints: "I saw a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and in the sight of the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and with palms in their hands." Ranks of martyrs, apostles, confessors, and virgins, luminous hosts who delight unceasingly in the vision of God, adore Him continually and praise Him as they repeat: "Benediction and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Who are these glorious saints? Men who have lived upon earth as we have, who have known our miseries, our difficulties, our struggles. Some of them we recognize easily, for the Church has raised them to the honors of the Altar, but the great majority are unknown to us. They are humble people who lived obscurely in the accomplishment of duty, without display, without renown, whom no one here below remembers, but whom the heavenly Father looked upon, knew in secret, and, having proved their fidelity, called to His glory. The honorable positions occupied by some in this vast gathering, or the mighty deeds accomplished by others, no longer possess any value of themselves: eternal beatitude is not determined by the great things achieved here below. One thing only endures, for the humble and the great, the poor and the wealthy: the degree of love they had attained, to which corresponds the degree of glory which now renders them eternally happy.

While the Epistle gives us a glimpse of the life of the saints in heavenly glory, the Gospel citing a passage

from the beatitudes, unveils the life which was theirs upon earth: "Blessed are the poor in spirit... Blessed are the meek... Blessed are they that mourn... Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice... Blessed are the merciful... Blessed are the clean of heart... Blessed are the peacemakers... Blessed are they that suffer persecution." Poverty, humility, detachment from earthly goods; meekness of heart, resignation and patience in sorrow, uprightness, hunger for justice; kindness and understanding toward one's neighbor; purity of mind and heart; peacefulness of spirit and bearer of peace; fortitude and generosity, which, for love of God, embrace every suffering and endure every injustice: such are the characteristics of the life led by the saints on earth, and such must be our program, too, if we wish to attain sanctity as they did.

We want to become saints, but in the easiest way possible, without effort, without fatigue or violence to ourselves; we should like to practice virtue, but only to a certain point, only when it does not ask for great sacrifice, or go too much against the grain. And so it happens that when faced with acts of virtue which exact greater self-renunciation, or the acceptance of difficult and repugnant things, such as quelling the resentments of self-love, renouncing an attempt to make our opinion prevail, submitting ourselves and meekly condescending to one who is opposed to us, very often—if not always—we refuse, thinking it unnecessary to go to such lengths.

Yet our progress in holiness depends precisely upon these acts which we hesitate to make; without them we shall always lead a mediocre life, we shall always remain on the same level, if indeed we do not lose ground. Let us beg the saints whom we honor today to help us overcome our laziness, our lassitude, our cowardice; let us ask those who have gone before us in the arduous way of sanctity to obtain for us the strength to follow them. "If such as these [have attained to sanctity], why not I?" (St. Augustine). God offers us the grace which He gave to the saints; but alas! what is lacking is our correspondence with it.

**FIRST FRIDAY** is November 6th. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Our Lord is asking us to be with Him during this short period of time.

**FIRST SATURDAY** is November 7th. Our Lady requests that we pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Her Immaculate Heart.

**ALL SAINTS PARTY:** Many thanks to Caroline Gillenkirk and all those who made it fun for the children at the All Saints Party. May God reward you.

**The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls.** On all the days from November 1 through November 8 inclusive, a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the faithful departed. Please be sure to have your intentions submitted for the **All Souls Novena** by Sunday, November 1st.

**ALL SOULS DAY:** Tomorrow is All Souls Day. There will be three consecutive Masses, beginning at 7:00 a.m., 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Communion will only be distributed at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. There will be no evening mass this year.

**SILENCE PLEASE:** Please be careful of the noise in the vestibule when socializing after the Masses.

**ALTAR BOY PRACTICE:** Altar boy practice is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th. Everyone needs to attend.

**The Knights of Columbus** will be holding our Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 21, 2016. Unlike past years, tickets will be sold in advance, and the dinner is all-you-can-eat. Tickets will be available before and after the 10:15 am Mass from Sunday 11/1 through 11/15. Cost will be \$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children 5-10. Children 4 and under eat free. All proceeds support the Knights of Columbus activities in the parish.

**2016 FSSP LITURGICAL CALENDARS:** Are available in the church vestibule. A donation of \$12.00 is appreciated. You may submit your donation by mail or by placing it in an envelope marked "**FSSP Calendar**" and placing it in the offering basket on Sunday.

**2016 FSSP CHRISTMAS CARDS** are also available in the vestibule. More cards can be ordered with the form enclosed in the envelope. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary operating expenses in Denton, Nebraska.

**COLLECTION:** October 25th - \$2,603.00

## *Altar Boy Schedule*

### ALL SAINTS

Nov. 1st

8:00 a.m. Mass

**ACI** Patrick Schneider  
**AC2** Collin Chidester

#### **TEAM C**

**MC** Dominic Gardner  
**TH** Robert Seeley  
**AC1** Timothy Emig  
**AC2** Patrick Seeley  
**C** Jack Gardner  
**S1** Michael Gardner  
**S2** Sean Michelin

### WEEK THREE

**Monday** Patrick Schneider  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Tuesday** Robert Seeley  
**7:45 a.m.** Patrick Seeley

**Wednesday** Dominic Gardner  
**7:45 a.m.** Jack Gardner

**Thursday** Sean Michelin  
**7:45 a.m.**

### Fifth Resumed Sunday after Pentecost

Nov. 8th  
8:00 a.m. Mass

**ACI** Stephen LaFata  
**AC2** Francis LaFata

#### **TEAM D**

**MC** Matthew Gillenkirk  
**TH** Andrew Pheasant  
**AC1** Patrick Schneider  
**AC2** Timothy Sica  
**C** John Skuba  
**S1** Joseph Skuba  
**S2** Peter Sica