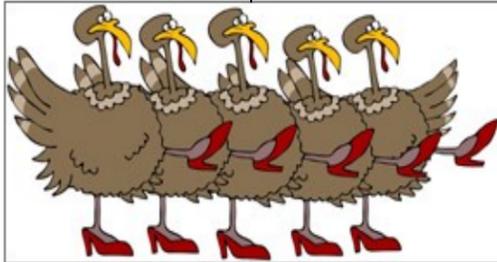


NOVEMBER 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | 1 ALL SAINTS Parish Office Closed 8:00 am Mass NOON Mass 5:00 pm Cantor Rehearsal 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 2 ALL SOULS 6:00 pm Mass of Remembrance  | 3 St. Martin de Porres 8 am Mass Noon Eucharistic Exposition 1:30 N. Penn Communion Service 5 pm Vespers  | 4 St. Charles Borromeo First Friday 8a m Mass 6 pm Confessions 6:30 pm Sacred Heart devotions 7:00 pm Mass | 5 3 pm Confessions 4 pm Mass 5:30 pm Mass Clergy Collection Dues Collection  |
| 6 32 SUNDAY OT 8:00 am Mass 9:30 a.m. Religious Ed 11:00 am Mass Clergy Collection Dues Collection 1pm TOY BINGO | 7 SWEATERS FOR VETERANS™ SWEATERS for VETERANS Drop off your new or slightly used sweaters at Morris Family Funeral Homes. They will be distributed to veterans in VA homes and hospitals | 8 Election Day 8:00 am Mass 5:00 pm Cantor Rehearsal 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal Get Out and VOTE!  | 9 Dedication of Lateran Basilica 8:00 am Mass 1—3 pm NPM Executive Council Meeting 1:00 pm Young at Heart | 10 St. Leo the Great 8a m Mass 10 am Administrative Staff Noon Eucharistic Exposition 5 pm Vespers 6 pm Social Justice Council | 11 St. Martin of Tours Veteran's Day Parish Office Closed 8:00 am Mass  Remember Our Veterans | 12 St. Josaphat 3 pm Confessions 4 pm Mass 5:30 pm Mass Cemetery Collection  |
| 13 33 SUNDAY OT 8:00 am Mass 9:30 am Religious Ed 11:00 am Mass Cemetery Collection 2pm Small Faith Sharing Community Gathering | 14 SUPERMOON TONIGHT!  | 15 St. Albert the Great 8:00 am Mass 2:00 pm Slovak Heritage Society Board Meeting FZH 5:00 pm Cantor Rehearsal 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Liturgy Council | 16 St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude 8:00 am Mass  | 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary 8a m Mass Noon Eucharistic Adoration 5 pm Vespers 6 pm Prepare Giving Tree Tags 6:30 pm FINANCE COUNCIL | 18 St. Rose Phillipine Duchesne Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul 8:00 am Mass Set up Giving Tree  | 19 3 pm Confessions 4 pm Mass 5:30 pm Mass Inaugurate Faith Sharing Debt Relief Collection Giving Tree  |
| 20 CHRIST THE KING Inaugurate Faith Sharing Groups 8:00 am Mass 9:30 am Religious Ed 11:00 am Mass Debt Relief Collection Giving Tree 4 pm MINISTRY APPRECIATION DINNER | 21 Presentation of the BVM  1 pm Distribute Thanksgiving Vouchers 7 pm St. Cecelia Mass at Cathedral | 22 St. Cecelia 8:00 am Mass 5:00 pm Cantor Rehearsal 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 23 Pope St. Clement St. Columba St. Agustin Pro 8:00 am Mass 6:30 pm Development Committee | 24 THANKSGIVING St. Andrew Dung Lac & Companions 9 a.m. Mass of THANKSGIVING Parish Office Closed  | 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish Office Closed 8:00 am Mass BLACK FRIDAY  | 26 3 pm Confessions 4 pm Mass 5:30 pm Mass Christmas Flower Collection Giving Tree |
| 27 ADVENT 1 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:30 am NO Religious Ed 11:00 a.m. Mass Christmas Flower Collection Giving Tree | 28  | 29 8:00 am Mass 5:00 pm Cantor Rehearsal 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 30 St. Andrew 8:00 am Mass  | | | |

Helpful Hints for Faith Sharing

What is faith sharing?

We live our lives in the Holy Spirit; our experiences reveal God's face, voice, and presence. A faith-sharing group works to understand God's relationship to us and our world as we find it described in scriptures and experience it in the book of our own lives. When we tell our own stories along with Jesus' story, we learn to recognize God working in our daily lives and begin to open ourselves to hear and consider the points of view and experiences of others.

Who can lead a group?

No one needs to be an expert. Rather, we envision members sharing or rotating leadership of their groups. A different group member can take responsibility for facilitating the group each month. Or, two or three group members can share leadership: one leading prayer, another leading gospel reflection, a third leading reflection on the first reading. Prayers frequently call all to participate.

What about attendance?

Decide what your group expects concerning regular attendance in the group. Review time, place, meeting length, number of weeks to meet. Participants who must miss a meeting should let the group or host know when they can't come.

What if the same people always talk?

Eric Law, an Episcopal priest, suggests a process of mutual invitation when a group wants to hear from everyone or offset a person who monopolizes conversation. The process assumes people are sitting in a circle and can see each other. A leader shares his or her response to a question and invites a second person to speak. This person can be anyone sitting anywhere in the group. Each new person can either pass or share; in either case, the person has the privilege of inviting a new person into the process. (See Eric H. Law, *The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb*, 113).

What if some people never talk?

Use a timed active listening technique around one of the questions provided. A leader chooses a question. Group members form pairs. The leader times a one-minute or two-minute segment for one person in each pair to talk. The leader calls time after one or two minutes and has people reverse roles. In the role of active listener, a partner must listen only. He or she can nod and react but cannot talk. If the talking partner falls silent, the listening partner can ask question.

What if someone digresses?

The leader or anyone in the group can repeat the question the group wants to explore and bring the group back to focus. Don't hesitate. People are often unaware they have digressed.

How can we tell how our group is doing?

Take a few minutes after each gathering to identify what participants like or want to change about their time together. Plan the next session, who will lead what, how to prepare.

What are the important things to remember?

Always remember the Holy Spirit is with you. Your group will be a holy experience if you:

- Value everyone. Each member contributes to the fuller truth the whole group or small Christian community sees together. Be open and be surprised.
- Listen others into words. Most people don't speak because usually no one is listening.
- Put your own experience into words. Take the responsibility for contributing to the group.
- Keep conversations confidential. What is said in the group, stays in the group. When people share at a personal level, they expect trust of one another.



Faith Sharing Communities

Partners on your faith journey

Join a group of people sharing life and faith, valuing one another, connecting with the church's story, and reaching out in service.

More than a prayer, service, or bible study group, a faith sharing group is like the church — it is all of the above.

Together with your group, you'll explore how we live as Catholics on our spiritual journeys. Bring an open heart and a questioning mind.

- Small groups of 10–12 adults meet weekly for approximately 6–8 weeks in a member's home. There will also be a Saturday Morning Session offered at the parish for those unable to participate during the week.
- Trained volunteer facilitators coordinate each group and ensure that the experience benefits everyone involved.
- Information will be provided to lead your group through the sessions, which include prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and service.
- Participants will be put into groups based upon their meeting day/time and location preferences.
- Faith Sharing Groups are offered periodically. Watch the bulletin and webpage for upcoming events.

Why do we need faith sharing groups?

Catholics, lost in the size of today's modern parishes, still look for more significant ways to share their spiritual life and hopes. Faith groups nourish this sense of belonging.

Our fast paced lives leave us little time to reflect on the meaning of life. Faith groups give you a chance to slow down, recall the day or week in quiet time and listen to yourself and others.

"The group of believers was one in mind and heart. No one said that any of their belongings was their own, but they all shared with one another everything they had. Day after day they met as a group in the temple, and they had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts, praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people."

Acts 4.32, 2.46

What happens at faith sharing groups?

- Prayer: We recognize that God is the center of our lives and the initiator of grace to provide change.
- Sharing: We reflect upon and share God's action in our lives. This deepens our own belief and understanding of God's love for each one of us.
- Mutual Support: We're not alone in our struggles. We need one another to live courageous, faith-filled lives.
- Continued Learning: We read and reflect on the Sunday Gospel because being a formed and informed Catholic Christian is important.
- Outreach: We are called by God to live in communion with God and one another. Our concern, care and love of others is a measure of our love for God. Through outreach that we share in the mission of Jesus.

There will be a Gathering for all those interested in forming FAITH SHARING COMMUNITIES on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th at 2 pm in Fr. Zolcinski Hall. We invite all those interested in participating in this project at any level to be in attendance. At this gathering we will form the small faith communities and equip them to begin the task of evangelization through sharing their Faith Journey