

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 1-NOVEMBER 2, 2025

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS & THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, And I will give you rest, says the Lord.”

— Matthew 11:28

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

WEEKDAYS

8:00 AM

HOLY DAYS

8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

- Saturdays 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- After 8:00 AM Mass—Weekdays
- Any time by appointment

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Saint John the Baptist Parish Family,
Dear Friends of our Parish,

Welcome to our celebrations on this The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, that special time of the year when we remember all our deceased loved ones. As you will notice in the Mass intentions of this weekend, all our Masses during a Nine Day All Souls Novena (November 2-10, 2025) are celebrated for them. Let us also add to our prayers all the deceased pastors, priests, deacons, religious, and staff members who have in the past ministered in our Parish, as well as all principals, teachers, administrators, students, family members and benefactors of Saint John's Academy who have gone into the Lord's loving eternity before us.

In his Encyclical Letter titled *Spe Salvi* - Saved in Hope - promulgated on November 30, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI reflected on the mystery of eternal life. He presented to all Catholic faithful one of the most fundamental questions of our human and spiritual lives: "Is the Christian faith a hope that transforms and sustains the lives of people still today? Do men and women of our time still long for eternal life? Or has earthly existence perhaps become their only horizon?" Pope Benedict XVI quoted in this memorable Encyclical Letter Saint Augustine who in the early Christian times observed that all of us want a "blessed life", happiness. We rarely know what it is like or how it will be, but we feel attracted to it. This is a universal hope, common to men and women of all times and all places. The expression "eternal life" aims to give a name to this irrepressible longing; it is not an unending succession of days, but an immersion of oneself in the ocean of infinite love, in which time, before and after, no longer exists. A fullness of life and of joy: it is this that we hope and await from our being with Christ (cf. *Spe Salvi*, 1-12).

As we gather for our Sunday Masses and our liturgical celebrations during these early days of November, we renew the hope in eternal life, truly founded on Christ's death and Resurrection. This is also one of the most important reasons why the Church, as well as all great saints of Christianity, often invite us to pray for our beloved deceased, as well as for ourselves on our own journeys of life and faith. May the Almighty God continue to guide us and strengthen us through the intercessions of Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint John the Baptist and all the Saints of heaven.

— Fr. Peter

Prayers for Healing and Peace:

Michael Delehanty, Maricarmen Senande, Dash Richards, Theresa Gorman, Rosalind Campos, Pamela Osbourne, Mark Miller, Joe Wolfe, James Carbone, Ramona Suarez-Rose, Joe Seymour, Kim Costa, Rose Lyons, Thomas Tobin, Anthony K., Peter Spaccarotella, Frank Angiolelli

Remembering Those Who Have Passed:

Cheryl Alonso, David Tintle, Teresita Kasilag, Margaret Datz

The Bread & Wine are Given
in Memory of:
KATHLEEN MARY ROONEY
at the request of
The Henry Family

The Votive Candle Burns
in Memory of:
TERESITA KASILAG
at the request of
Kevin Jackson & Family

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

5:00 PM Stefania Smutelovic
(Living)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 AM The Beloved Departed
enrolled in our Novena
of Masses
10:00 AM The Beloved Departed
enrolled in our Novena
of Masses
12:00 PM The Beloved Departed
enrolled in our Novena
of Masses

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:00 AM The Beloved Departed
enrolled in our Novena
of Masses

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00 AM The Beloved Departed
enrolled in our Novena
of Masses

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00 AM The Beloved Departed
enrolled in our Novena
of Masses

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00 AM The Beloved Departed
enrolled in our Novena
of Masses

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 AM The Beloved Departed
enrolled in our Novena
of Masses

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

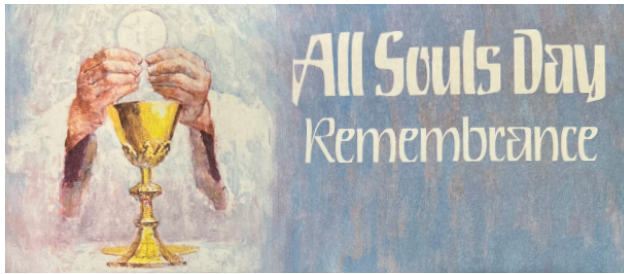
8:00 AM The Beloved Departed
enrolled in our Novena
of Masses
5:00 PM The Beloved Departed
enrolled in our Novena
of Masses

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 AM The Beloved Departed
enrolled in our Novena
of Masses
10:00 AM The Beloved Departed
enrolled in our Novena
of Masses
12:00 PM The Beloved Departed
enrolled in our Novena
of Masses

ALL SOULS NOVENA 2025

*Masses & Prayers Offered
for our Beloved Faithful Departed*



Starting on Sunday, November 2 and continuing through Monday, November 10 a Novena of Nine (9) Days of Masses will be celebrated for the souls of those who have gone before us. **All our Parish Mass intentions** during that time will be offered for our faithful departed and for those loved ones and friends who recently died.

If you would like a deceased family member or friend to be remembered during this Novena, please fill out their names on our traditional All Souls envelopes and drop them off in our collection baskets or leave at any time in our rectory mail slot. Throughout the entire Nine Day Mass Novena these requests will also be placed symbolically on the altar of our church.

ANNUAL ALL SOULS DAY MASS

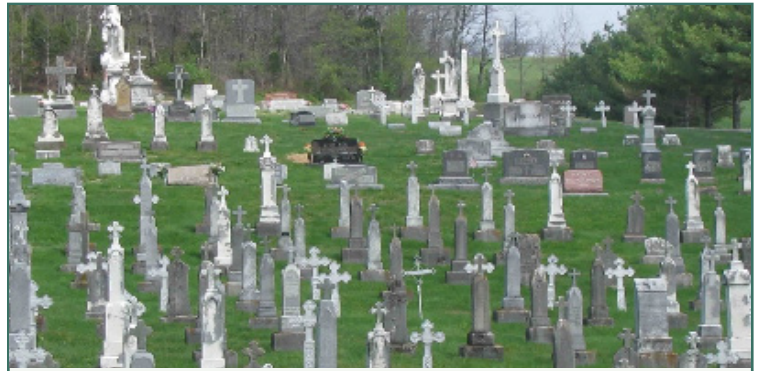


On Friday, November 7th, our Annual All Souls Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at 6:30pm.

All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to join us.

The names of those buried from St. John the Baptist, as well as those names that have appeared in the bulletin, will be remembered that night.

If you have a loved one who has passed from last November to the present and would like their name listed, please contact Cathy Williamson at 201-664-3131.



God sent his Son to become himself “the way”

The month of November draws its special spiritual tone from the two days with which it opens: the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of all the faithful departed. The mystery of the communion of saints illumines this month and the whole of the last part of the liturgical year in particular, directing our meditation to the earthly destiny of man in the light of Christ's Pasch. In it is founded that hope which, as St Paul said, is such that it “will not leave us disappointed” (see Rom 5:5). Today's celebration fits into this very context in which faith sublimates sentiments deeply engraved into the human soul. The great family of the Church finds in these days a time of grace and lives them, in accordance with her vocation, gathered closely around the Lord in prayer and offering his redeeming Sacrifice for the repose of the deceased faithful.

The invitation to trust the Lord is directly linked to the beginning of the passage of John's Gospel: “Do not let your hearts be troubled”, Jesus said to the Apostles at the Last Supper. “Have faith in God and have faith also in me” (Jn 14: 1). The human heart, ever restless until it finds a safe landing place in its wanderings, here at last reaches the solid rock where it can stop and rest. Those who trust in Jesus place their trust in God himself. In fact, Jesus is true Man, but we can have complete and unconditional faith in him because, as he himself said to Philip a little later, he is in the Father and the Father is in him (see Jn 14: 10). In this, God truly came to meet our needs. We human beings need a friend, a brother who takes us by the hand and accompanies us to the “Father's house” (Jn 14: 2); we need someone who knows the way well. And God, with his “super-abundant” love for us (see Eph 2: 4), sent his Son not only to point it out to us but to become himself “the way” (Jn 14: 6).

*Pope Benedict XVI, Homily Saint Peter's Basilica,
November 11, 2005*

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

		2024	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$7,755	\$6,462	\$7,900
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	4,876	5,015	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$12,631	\$11,477	\$12,900

*Your financial support enables our parish home to continue the mission of the Church.
Thank you and God bless you!*

Faith Direct is becoming ParishSOFT Giving

We're excited to share that Faith Direct will be upgrading to ParishSOFT Giving - a new, secure giving platform - in early November.

This upgrade, for all our current Faith Direct parishioners, will happen automatically and securely. No action is required from you - your gift schedules and payment details will carry over seamlessly.

What's new about ParishSOFT Giving?

- **Weekly Giving:** If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.
- **More Flexibility:** Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you - not just the 4th or 15th.
- **More Ways to Give:** Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

We're committed to making this a smooth transition.

Please reach out to the Rectory at 201-664-3131 with any questions or to learn more about ParishSOFT Giving.



**WE ARE HIS
WITNESSES**

Visit WeAreHisWitnesses.org for updates, timelines and resources.



❄️ **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025** ❄️
4:00PM

**Join us for a spectacular afternoon
of music, joy and a Celebration of
the coming Christmas Season!**

More details coming soon.

HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY TURKEY DRIVE

For many years, as a sign of our outreach and generosity, St. John's Parish has supported the efforts of the Helping Hand Food Pantry in providing turkeys to local families in need for their Thanksgiving dinner. **On Saturday, November 22 from 10am - 1pm** please bring your frozen turkey and trimmings as a donation to the food pantry at the Hillsdale United Methodist Church located at 349 Hillsdale Avenue in Hillsdale. Thank you for your donations!



— Words to Live by from The Saints —

“All of us must be saints in this world. Holiness is a duty for you and me. So let's be saints and so give glory to the Father.”

— St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910 - 1997 A.D.)