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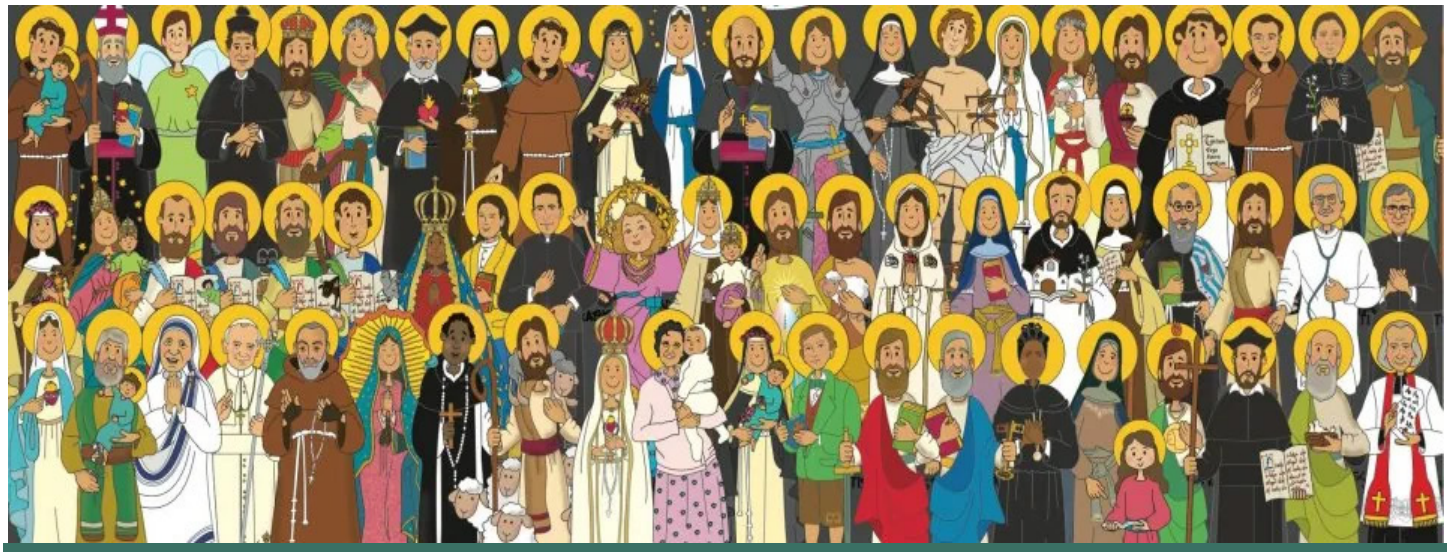

NOVEMBER 1-NOVEMBER 2, 2026

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

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

– Matthew 5:11-12

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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 & SATURDAY
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,

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and, tomorrow, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day. All Souls' Day is a particularly meaningful time in the life of the Church, when we remember and pray for our beloved deceased. As you will notice in this weekend's Mass intentions, all Masses celebrated during a, from November 2–10, 2026, will be offered for their intentions. Let us also remember in our prayers all the deceased pastors, priests, deacons, religious, and staff members who have served our parish over the years, as well as the principals, teachers, administrators, students, family members, and benefactors of Saint John's Academy who have gone before us into the Lord's loving embrace.

In his encyclical Spe Salvi *(Saved in Hope)*, promulgated on November 30, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI reflected on the mystery of eternal life. He posed some of the most fundamental questions of our human and spiritual existence: "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 also drew upon the wisdom of Saint Augustine, who observed in the early centuries of Christianity that we all desire a "blessed life"—a life of true happiness. Although we may not fully understand what this happiness looks like or how it will be realized, our hearts are naturally drawn toward it. This longing is universal, shared by people of every time and place. The expression "eternal life" gives a name to this deep and enduring desire. It does not simply mean an endless succession of days, but rather an immersion in the ocean of infinite love, where time, with its before and after, no longer exists. It is the fullness of life and joy that we hope for and await in our communion with Christ (cf. *Spe Salvi*, 1–12).

As we gather for our Sunday Masses and liturgical celebrations during these first days of November, may we renew our hope in eternal life, a hope firmly rooted in the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This hope is also at the heart of the Church's longstanding invitation to pray for our beloved deceased and to entrust them to God's infinite mercy. In doing so, we are reminded of our own journey of faith and our call to live each day in the light of Christ's promise of eternal life. May Almighty God continue to guide, protect, and strengthen us through the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint John the Baptist, and all the Saints in heaven. May our departed loved ones rest in the peace of Christ and may we one day be reunited with them in the fullness of God's eternal love.

Prayers for Healing and Peace:

Thomas Tobin, Terry Medino, Ann Walsh, Baby Rocco, Caroline Bisi, Baby Nellie, Eileen Stasiunis, Bruce Hawkinson, Walter Minx, Mary Lou Wilson, John Manning, Alex Rodriguez, Ruth Dell Valle, Linda Palumbo, Anthony Delasey, Joseph Camilleri, Grace Calabro, Steve Kudla, Lorraine Tighe

Remembering Those Who Have Passed.

The Bread & Wine are Given in Memory of:

KATHLEEN ROONEY

at the request of
The Huvane Family

The Votive Candle Burns in Memory of:

CHAUBARD PIERRE

at the request of
Lee Jackson

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
5:00 PM Gloria Truppi

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
8:00 AM Annmarie O'Sullivan
10:00 AM Edward Powers (10th Anniversary)
12:00 PM Martin Filon

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
8:00 AM The Beloved Departed enrolled in our Novena of Masses

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
8:00 AM The Beloved Departed enrolled in our Novena of Masses

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
8:00 AM The Beloved Departed enrolled in our Novena of Masses

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
8:00 AM The Beloved Departed enrolled in our Novena of Masses

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
8:00 AM The Beloved Departed enrolled in our Novena of Masses

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
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 8
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

ANNUAL ALL SOULS DAY MASS

On Wednesday, November 4th, 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.

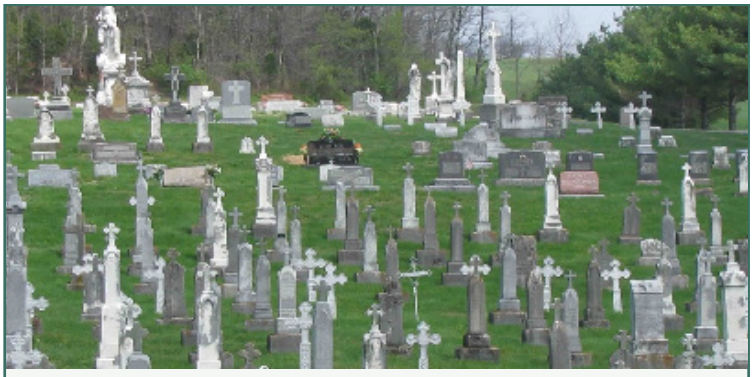
If you have a loved one who has passed from last November to the present and would like their name listed, please contact Cathy Williamson at 201-664-3131.

ALL SOULS NOVENA 2026

Masses & Prayers Offered for our Beloved Faithful Departed

Starting on Monday, November 2 and continuing through Tuesday, 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. The offerings received for All Souls Day will be distributed to the priests of the parish, who will offer prayers for the intentions of the loved ones for whom the offerings have been made. Throughout the entire Nine Day Mass Novena these request envelopes will also be placed symbolically on the altar of our church.



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 25, 2026		2025	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	$5,706	$ 7,755	$ 6,500
Online Giving via ParishSOFT:	6,814	$ 4,755	$ 7,130
TOTAL	**$12,520**	**$ 12,510**	**$13,630**

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

HEALING MASS THANKS!

The Human Concerns Committee extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered or participated in our St. John's Healing Mass and Luncheon. Your time, generosity, and support helped make this special gathering a memorable experience for all.

A special thank-you to the Hillsdale Ambulance Corps for sharing their time and talent, and to Matt's Deli for the delicious lunch. We are truly grateful to everyone who helped make this event such a success!

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM SJA

A sincere thank-you to Father Peter, the St. John the Baptist staff, and our wonderful parishioners for supporting the St. John's Academy Class of 2027 Car Wash! Whether you purchased a ticket after Mass, prayed for warm weather, or brought your car by on Saturday, October 24, your generosity made a tremendous difference. Thanks to your support, our students washed a ton of cars and raised much-needed funds for their graduating class.

The St. John's Academy Class of 2027 is truly grateful for the kindness, encouragement, and support of our amazing parish family. Thank you for helping make this event successful!

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays 3 - 6 pm

Benediction & Community Prayer just before 6pm

A MOMENT WITH MARY

Take a quiet moment in the presence of our Blessed Mother. Light a candle, offer a prayer, and find comfort in her loving intercession.

"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."

— Saint Teresa of Calcutta (1910 - 1997)