Holy Family
Catholic Parish

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8:00am to 4:00pm (Monday - Friday)

Holy Days
Mass times to be announced.

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Please call St. John's Rectory office.

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October 30, 2016 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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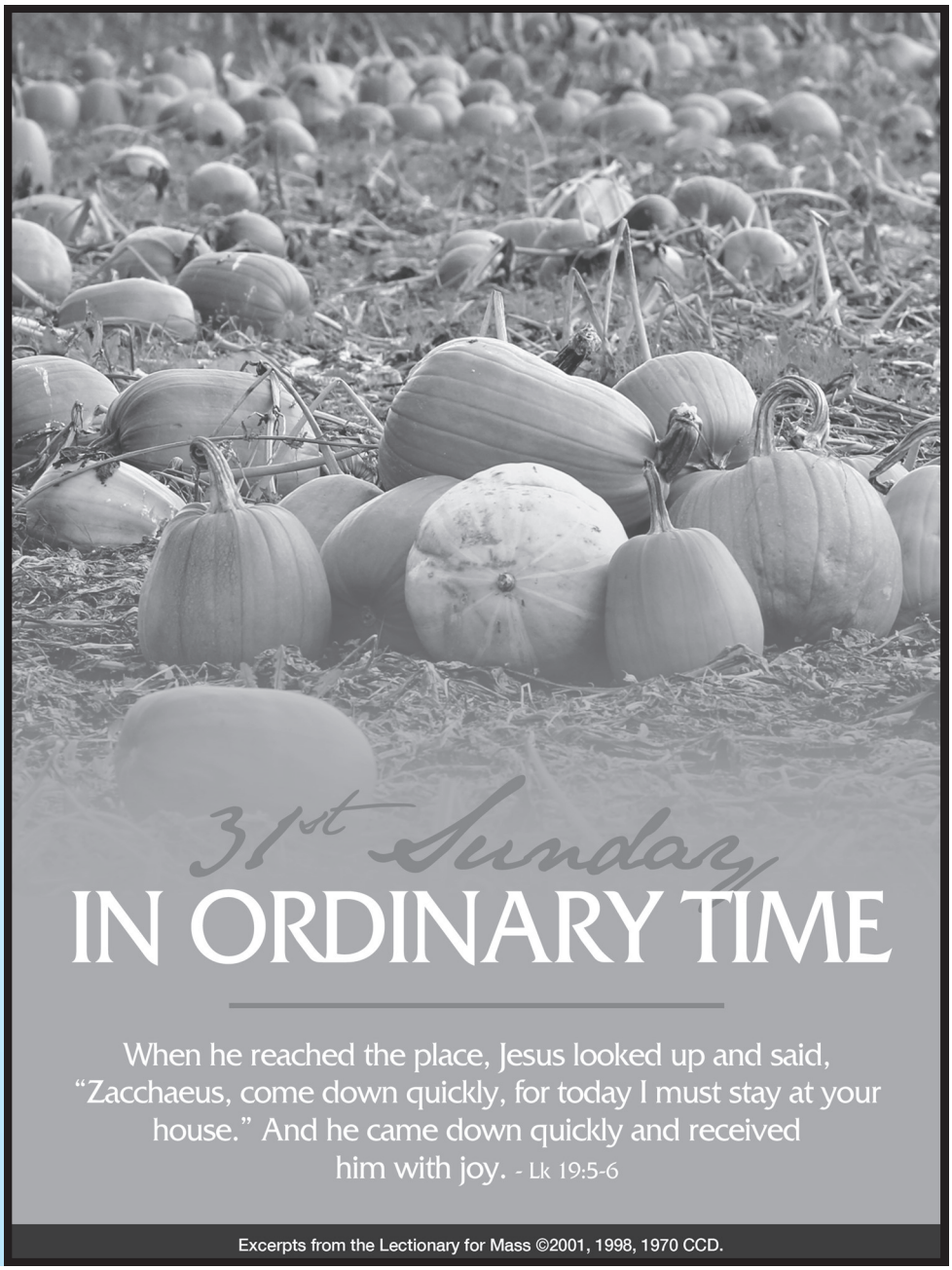

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St. Gabriel Archangel

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 6
LeAnn Craig, Theresa Heal

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOVEMBER 5/6
Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy Schneider, Don Cipra & Mary Kirschbaum
Sunday 10:00 am Megan Pedretti, & Gene Carlson

SERVERS-NOVEMBER 5/6
Saturday 4:00 pm Shawn & JT Egstad
Ava & Ella Hager
Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

LECTORS-NOVEMBER 5/6
Saturday 4:00 pm Cory Steger
Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

USHERS-NOVEMBER 5/6
Saturday 4:00 pm Gene Kirschbaum, Richard Steiner, Bob Ziel, Volunteer
Sunday 10:00 am JWalkers

SCRIP WORKERS-NOVEMBER 5/6
Saturday 4:00 pm Volunteers
Sunday 10:00 am Patrick & Tammy Nolan

St. John Nepomuc

HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR NOV. 6
Kathleen Deluhery, Joan Poots

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS-NOVEMBER 5/6
Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Steger
Sunday 8:00 am Dave Hemmer, Karen Hertrampf, Patty Schauf-Yager

SERVERS-NOVEMBER 5/6
Saturday 7:00 pm Makenna Forde & Rebekah Champion
Emma & Michael Bjurquist
Sunday 8:00 am Dominique & James Reilly
Nicole Rickleff & Allison Lindner

LECTORS-NOVEMBER 5/6
Saturday 7:00 pm Rita Krahn
Sunday 8:00 am Dan Schickert

USHERS-NOVEMBER 5/6
Saturday 7:00 pm Tim Looney, Alex Schaefer, Tyler Rochleau, Mark Forsythe
Sunday 8:00 am Paul Porvaznik, Mike Mara, Dennis Mezera & Volunteer

SCRIP WORKERS-NOVEMBER 5/6
Saturday 7:00 pm Aaron & Sarah Kramer
Sunday 8:00 am Colleen Teynor

WEEKEND MASSES: MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY REQUESTING THE MASS ARE ASKED TO BRING THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE TO THE ALTAR. PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES KNOWN TO THE USHERS AND SIT NEAR THE GIFTS. THANK YOU!

Mass Intentions for the Week

ALL SAINTS DAY

Tuesday, November 1	7:00 am	St. John's Church	Edmund Jelinek
	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Joe Ertel
	6:00 pm	St. John's Church	Bob Boland
Wednesday, November 2	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Deceased members of the James & Carol Coorough Family
Thursday, November 3	8:15 am	St. Gabriel's Church	Deceased members of the William & Mary Crowley Family
Friday, November 4	8:15 am	St. John's Church	Clem Stram
Saturday, November 5	4:00 pm	St. Gabriel's Church	Helen Wilkinson
	7:00 pm	St. John's Church	Jerry Rutter (ann. 11/7)
Sunday, November 6	8:00 am	St. John's Church	Walter Hermsen
	10:00 am	St. Gabriel's Church	For All Those Entrusted to Our Pastor

THE CHURCH HAS A RIGHT TO DEFEND HERSELF AND SPEAK THE TRUTH

We hear often that the Church should "stay out of politics," especially at election time. But evidently some think it's just fine for politicians to infiltrate and undermine the Church. At least that's what is apparent from the recent WikiLeaks email revelations. We learn that Hillary Clinton's campaign manager, John Podesta, wanted to bring about a revolution in the Catholic Church. He boasted that he had created two organizations – Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, and Catholics United – in order to stir up a "Catholic Spring," like the Arab Spring in which people rose up against oppressive regimes in countries like Tunisia and Syria.

You get the point – Podesta established two organizations to foster rebellion against the Catholic bishops and their "oppressive" teachings on abortion and other moral issues. When the Church is attacked in this way, she has the right to defend herself and to speak the truth plainly. Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia did just that in a recent blog, recalling a visit paid to him by two representatives of Catholics United before the 2008 elections. He saw their manipulative tactics first-hand and wrote: "Thanks to their work, and activists like them, American Catholics helped to elect an administration that has been the most stubbornly unfriendly to religious believers, institutions, concerns and liberty in generations."

Take another example. Vice presidential candidate Tim Kaine has repeatedly and proudly proclaimed that he is Catholic. As such, he says he is "personally opposed" to abortion, but cannot "impose his beliefs" on others. Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, where Kaine has roots, felt a responsibility to take issue publicly with this absurd and scandalous separation of moral belief from political life; because it is anything but Catholic and can lead other members of the faithful astray. In a recent column, Archbishop Naumann noted that Kaine seems to have no problem letting his political decisions be affected by other moral beliefs, such as "the Church's opposition to racism or our preferential option for the poor. [Kaine] appears not to be conflicted with our public policies mirroring the Ten Commandments with regard to stealing, perjury, or forms of murder, other than abortion."

The Archbishop goes on to say that if Senator Kaine knows the most basic biological facts about the child in the womb, with its own distinctive DNA, "why would he believe that anyone has the right to authorize the killing of an unborn human being? Our choices end where another individual's more fundamental rights begin." But that's not all. Archbishop Naumann notes that while Kaine rationalizes his "I-can't-impose my-beliefs" voting record on abortion (100% rating from Planned Parenthood), he has no qualms about imposing on pro-life Americans an obligation to pay for abortions in violation of their moral beliefs, through overturning the Hyde Amendment, one of Hillary Clinton's campaign promises.

One last reality that many Catholic (and Evangelical) leaders have focused on is that, while our choice for president essentially boils down to two candidates who each have obvious and significant flaws, this election is fundamentally about two political parties with very different visions of life and morality in America. That tends to be true up and down the ticket. Those radically different visions are spelled out in the Democratic and Republican Party platforms. (cont. on next column)

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Voters should familiarize themselves with those platforms, because a careful 25-year study showed that elected officials have voted in conformity with them 82% of the time. You can find concise excerpts from the platforms, as well as links to the full documents (and other articles and resources,) by visiting the diocesan website at www.diolc.org/faithful-citizenship.

Consider carefully the moral and civic visions of the Democratic and Republican parties, especially on issues the Church teaches are non-negotiable: the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, marriage between one man and one woman, and religious freedom. Realize that whoever is elected president will likely appoint three or four Supreme Court justices, as well as many other federal judges. Study their criteria for the kind of judges they would appoint. Those appointments will likely be the most lasting legacy of the next president, because more and more decisions are being rendered not by our legislatures, but by the courts. Think of the kinds of people they will appoint to the Cabinet, the Justice Department, Health and Human Services, and on and on. As U.S. citizens, and more profoundly as disciples of Jesus Christ and his Bride the Church, we will wake up to some version of America on November 9. Which will it be? Please don't stay home November 8. As a Catholic American, make your vote count.

By Christopher Ruff
Director of the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns

Congratulations Deacon Mark Grunwald

PRAYER CORNER

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for: Eileen Sutton, Mary Ann Heisz, Jerry Matousek, LaVern Sutton, Janet Dickman, Peg Stoeffler, John Felder, Nancy Patzner, Michael Hinrich, William Blake, John & Cheyenne Messling, Earl Nye, Ethel Sebastian, Tara Pellock, Margaret Konichek, Geraldine Barr, Edith Ritchie, Scott LaBonne, Debbie Eden, Ken Fleshner, Carrie Breuer, Graham Shedivy, Mary Gillitzer, Lorna Porvaznik, John Rink, Dale LaBonne, Dallas Valley, Mary T. Shedivy, Lavon David, Diane Fernette, Joe Ludvik, Stacey Johnson, Bernie O'Connell, Frank Tiller, Carl Shedivy, Rosanna Mayer, Marilyn Rybarczyk, Pam Waller, Jackie Cherrier, Jennifer Gilman, Sara Breuer, Rose Miller, Annabelle Stubbe, Karen Carroll, Richard Ginsterblum, Letty Oehler, Howard Gillitzer, Art & Celine Boxrucker, Nora Vickerman, Dave Bohnenkamp, Cecil Olson, Mary Kann, Eugene Gillitzer, Barbara Schwant, Tyler Gillitzer, Lynette Reichmann, Janet Beinborn, Scott Plondke, Richard Gillitzer, Gerald Stram, Joe Barrette, Sally Ann White, Scott Sklenar, Shirley Ambrose, Don McFarland, Vickie Samples, James Thompson, Nancy Aschom, Phyllis Waller, Jack Dahl, Joan Sheckler, Sandi Herreid, Melinda Neumann, Don Ritchie, Sally White, Faye Tesar, Lorraine Rice, Ronnie Schlueter, Dean Heintz, Norb Aschom.

Holy Family's FALL FEST will be held next Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016 at St. Gabriel's. Please consider donating a theme basket and call Mary at 326-0033 or the rectory if you can donate a basket. We will also need cakes for a cake walk, baked goods such as breads, rolls, coffee cakes, cookies, bars, homemade candy, jams, pickles, nut meats, noodles, etc. We can also use garden items, arts & crafts and parcel post items. These items can be dropped off at St. Gabriel's School on Saturday, Nov. 5th between 7-11 am or 1:30 - 3:45 pm or Sunday morning. A reminder that pie tins are available in both church entrances for those who are making pies for our dinner.

Help is needed on Friday, Nov 4 from 4-5 pm for games set up and Saturday morning, Nov. 5 from 7-10 am for food preparation.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember **Mary Ellen Shedivy** in your prayers. Her funeral was held on Saturday, October 29th at St. Gabriel's Church of the Holy Family Parish. May God grant Mary eternal life and comfort to her family.

School News..... With this month being "Fire-Safety" month the fourth grade had the opportunity to experience the *"Smoke House"* from LaCrosse. The *"Smoke House"* is a teaching tool to show children what to do in case of a house fire and how to get out safely and quickly. They also got to see a couple of fire trucks and equipment up close. The highlight was spraying the hose.

We are continuing to review and learn new things in our class. Everyone is looking forward to the Halloween party on Friday and it is the end of the 1st quarter already.

The class has started the ***"Book-it"*** reading program sponsored by Pizza Hut *-Mrs. Post*

CONFESSIONS

St. Gabriel's 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm on Saturday
St. John's 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm on Saturday

No scheduled confessions on days with weddings or funerals.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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Sunday, October 30

Following the 10:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel's a breakfast buffet will be held in our new fellowship hall in celebration of Dr. Mark Grunwald becoming a deacon

Monday, October 31

Tuesday, November 1 - All Saints Day

7:00 am Mass at. St. John's
8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's
3:30 pm Communion Service at Prairie Maison
6:00 pm Mass at St. John's

Wednesday, November 2

NO Choir Rehearsal at St. John's
5:30 pm Education Committee meeting at St. Gabriel's School
6:45 pm CCD Classes at St. John's School

Thursday, November 3

Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel's
Benediction at 1:00 pm

Friday, November 4
Saturday, November 5
Sunday, November 6

10:45 am to 1:00 pm Holy Family Fall Fest Dinner serving our delicious Chicken & Ham Dinner in St. Gabriel's School Hall; supper will begin around 4:30 pm
The drawings for the winners of the Holy Name Raffle and Calendar Raffle will take place at the Fall Fest

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday Nov 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. We have tried having Masses at various times to make it convenient for many to attend Holy Day Masses. With Halloween on Monday, we will not offer a vigil Mass this year, but an evening Mass on the Holy Day itself. There has been a request for an early morning Mass, so we will offer a 7:00 AM Mass on Tuesday. This Mass will be replacing the noon Mass we have offered during the past year. Depending on how well attended this Mass is will determine if we keep it or go back to the noon Mass.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS SCHEDULE
7:00 AM St John's
8:15 AM St Gabriel's
6:00 PM St John's

PARISH SUPPORT

	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes for Oct. 23rd	$6,911.00	$6,120.00
Plate for Oct. 23rd	628.51	795.10
Total	**$7,539.51**	**$6,915.10**

The second collection came to **$1,155.53** and will be sent to the Mission Office at the Diocese of LaCrosse for the victims of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti.
The School Fund envelopes came to **$255.00.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!