



Dear Parishioners,

It was wonderful to see the numbers that came to pray this last Sunday and Monday during the time that the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was here at St. Joseph. If you were not able to come during this time, there are some prayer cards in the entry area with a picture of the statue. These cards contain prayers for offering up all our sacrifices and sufferings each day for the conversion of sinners, something that Our Lady asked for us to do when she came to Fatima in 1917. Also, if you would like to receive more information on Our Lady of Fatima, there are cards that can be sent to the World Apostolate of Fatima requesting such. Our Lady's intercession is powerful and it is wonderful that Our Lord has blessed us with her various apparitions through which he desires to bring us closer to Him through His Blessed Mother's prayers and care for us, such as is at the heart of Our Lady's messages when she appeared at Fatima.

Please mark your calendars for the annual ecumenical Thanksgiving service here in Springfield on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving. The First United Methodist Church will be hosting this year's prayer service. It will be at 7:00 PM on November 27 followed by refreshments in their social hall. As is encouraged each year of those attending, please bring non-perishable food items for the food pantry operated by First United Methodist.

Have a wonderful and grace-filled week.

God bless you,

Fr. Gutowski

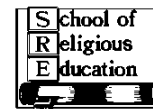
Mass Intentions for the Week

NOV. 18 THRU NOV. 24

Monday	Priest's Intention
Tuesday	Priest's Intention
Wednesday	Priest's Intention
Thursday	Priest's Intention
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Edith Kantor
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

MUSIC MINISTERS

Please plan to attend our Advent planning and practice session on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. Bring your Mass of St. Cecilia, and Mass of Christ our Savior.



RE HAPPENINGS

There is a Reconciliation Retreat for all second graders and their parents on Sunday, November 17 beginning at 10 a.m.

First Reconciliation is Wednesday, November 20 at 6 p.m. in the church.

No RE November 27. Happy Thanksgiving!

PLEASE HELP!

We need two people to come forward and be money counters. You would only count every 3rd month. It is an easy but vital job and is done immediately after Sunday Mass. If you can help, please call Sharon VanTassell or tell Fr. Matt. We need you by the first week of December.