

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,

As we have begun November with the celebration of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, this is a special month in which we are encouraged by the Church to remember those who have been called from this life to eternal life with Our Lord. The saints are all those who are in heaven enjoying communion with the Holy Trinity and their fellow saints. All the saints, those who are canonized and the countless ones known only to the Lord, stand forth for us as models of holiness, hearkening to join them one day in the joys of heaven. We are all called by the Lord to be saints, to be holy, to be with Him one day in heaven, which is our destiny by the help of His grace and by our responding to his love by turning away from sin and loving Him and our neighbors. To one day see God face to face in heaven, we have to grow to a one hundred percent love for Him, which for most of us is a life-long struggle, and which we might not reach by the time He calls us from this world at the time of our deaths. Provided we do not die in the state of mortal sin, unrepentant and alienated from Him, if we still have venial sins not repented of and/or have not been totally healed in soul through having done all the penance necessary for the reparation of our sins, the Lord in His great mercy and love has provided the state of purgatory for us. In purgatory the Lord brings us to completion, to a perfect love for him by purifying our souls to come to a hundred-percent love for Him; the power of His merciful love burns away all that is still selfish in our souls, something that is an experience of suffering because dying to selfishness is always something painful for us. The awesome truth is that Our Lord invites us to help our love ones who are in purgatory more readily and quickly to be purified, and thereby to enter into the eternal happiness and rest of heaven, by the offering of prayers and penances for their souls, the most important and powerful prayer being having Masses offered for the repose of their souls, especially never forgetting to have Masses offered for our parents and

closest relatives. This is a mystery which we cannot fully comprehend, but because the Church has always encouraged us to do so in every century, we know by the Sacred Tradition of the Church that this is true and good. So, during this month of November, especially, and throughout the entire year let their never be a day that we do not pray for our deceased loved ones as well as for all the souls in purgatory, remembering to pray for those who have been forgotten and have no one praying for them. We pray, then, each and every day: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."

God bless,  
Fr. Gutowski

**MASS  
INTENTIONS****NOVEMBER 8 THRU NOVEMBER 13**

Monday	Willard Bowers
Tuesday	Priest's Intention
Wednesday	Mr. & Mrs. Ray Heimes
Thursday	Claudie Schulte
Friday	Conrad Kwapnioski
Saturday	Theresa Brazda
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

**SOMETHING TO PONDER**

During this month of November the days are shorter and the nights are longer. But today we turned back our clocks and were given an extra hour. What will we do with this hour? What will we do with our remaining days? Let us pray today for wisdom and gratitude for every moment of life we're given to prepare for the life to come.