

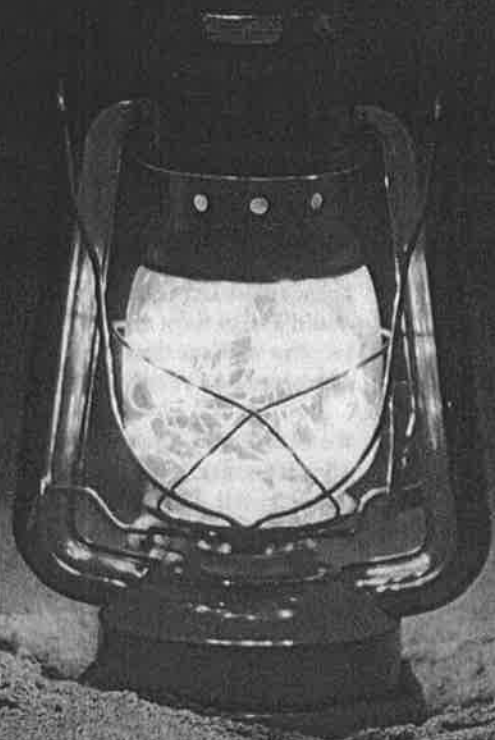


The Light of Wisdom

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

[Jesus said,] "Stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."

MATTHEW 25:13



The dark of night can unsettle and frighten children, but darkness can disturb adults, too. It's not so much the feeling when the lights go off that unsettles us grownups as it is the dark of uncertainty. We graduate from school and wonder what to do with our lives. Should we stay in a relationship? How do we find meaning again in the midst of grief and the loss of someone we love? And sometimes most of all, where is God when we need God? We may even wonder whether to believe. At such times, we bump and bruise our way through the obstacles that life's darknesses cause.

Leonard Cohen's song "Anthem" echoes a note of hope when we feel lost in the dark as he sings about how light always seems to find a way to seep in between the cracks of our everyday living. Like stars that are visible only at night, new opportunities are often most readily recognized when we find ourselves stumbling through the dark.

Long before Leonard Cohen, Jesus told the parable of ten virgins, some wise and some foolish. In the midst of that story, he tells of a bridegroom who comes to the waiting virgin attendants at midnight. In other words, it is the Lord God who comes into our lives in the darkest times, if only we are wise enough to recognize such a coming.

How then to negotiate the darkness? Stay the course. In time, wisdom reveals a path. Trust that light will come, all in God's time and not ours. Finally, wisdom always comes in the darkest of times, seldom when our lives are bright as day. ●

Reflect

***When and how has God entered into
your darkness?***



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Directory	Mass Schedule	Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius
Pastor Father Dennis M. Doyle 636-433-2678 sv-icpastor@centurytel.net Deacon Deacon Paul Hecktor (636) 932-4805 sphecktor@gmail.com Parish Office Manager Cindy Deters (636) 932-4445 cindy.deters@saintig.com Parish Council Members Fr. Dennis Doyle Nick Kluesner Tim Diermann Jeremy Hecktor Syd Fees Jenna Huddleston Donna Blahut School Principal Arlesa Leopold (636).932.4444 lleopold@saintig.com School Secretary Sandy Walls (636) 932.4444 sandy.walls@saintig.com	<u>St Ignatius ~ St Vincent</u> <u>Immaculate Conception</u> Saturday 5:00pm SI Sunday 8:00am IC 10:30am SV Monday 8:00am IC Tuesday 8:00am SI Wednesday 8:00am SV Thursday 8:00am SI Friday 8:00am SV First Saturday 8:00am IC Holy Days —Please check the bulletin and/or website for Holy Day schedule. Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00-4:45pm SI Sunday 10:00am SV, before Sunday Mass First Saturday of the Month 8:30am IC (following 8am Mass) Any other time by appointment Eucharistic Adoration Thursdays 8:30am-7pm Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays after Morning Mass at SI	11/13 Church Cleaning Team 8-Ava Diermann 11/14 Parish Council Meeting 7 pm 11/14 Rosary & Litany after Mass 11/16 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm 11/16 Home Economics 8am-3pm 11/20 Thanksgiving Day Assembly 11/21 Rosary & Litany after Mass 11/22-11/24 NO School; Thanksgiving Break 11/23 Thanksgiving Day Dinner 11am-5pm Mass at 7 am 11/26 Baptism 9 am Hellmann 11/28 Rosary & Litany after Mass 11/30 First Reconciliation 6pm-- SV
<u>Parish Giving</u> General Fund \$6360.00 Loose \$62.00 <u>TOTAL \$6,422.00</u> 53 General Offering envelopes collected, including children. <u>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</u> All Saints \$155.00 Retired Religious \$325.00 Catholic Camp. for Human Development \$25.00 <u>Blood Drive Results</u> • 24 people tried • 22 able to donate • 2 first time donors for Red Cross Thank You! <u>St Ig Club Winner November 2023</u> Jody Bocklage	All are welcome for fellowship, donuts, coffee, and juice after 10:30 am Mass at St Vincent de Paul Parish on Nov. 12 in the Dining Hall. Social Group will be going to eat at Haggies Restaurant (518 N. Washington, Union) on Tuesday 11/28/23 at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun afternoon. Please RSVP by calling Sandy 636- 433-5400 or Leanne 636-433- 2377.	<u>Thanksgiving Day Dinner 11/23/23</u> We need monetary donations toward the cost of turkeys for the dinner. Please put in a separate envelope and mark "Turkey Donation." We are again looking for donations for the Number Game and the Fishing Game. Tubs will be in the back of the church. We would like to have everything collected by 11/14 so we have time to get everything numbered and ready to go. We need Turkey Bakers-Please contact Alice Kluesner 636-433-2320 home or 636- 221-2626 cell. If no answer, leave a message.
		<u>Employment Opportunities</u> <u>Part Time Cook</u> St Ignatius is looking for a Part Time Cook. Hours 7:30am-1:30 pm 5 days a week. The position would involve assisting the Full Time Cook with preparing and serving food and daily cleanup of the kitchen & cafeteria. All applicants must complete the Prevent & Protect Program offered through the Archdiocese. Please send resume to Arlesa Leopold at: lleopold@saintig.com . Questions call 636-932-4444.



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 11, 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor
Syd/Ellen Fees, Stacy Kloeppel, Deb Hawkins,
Mary Pisarek,

Lector: Ellen Fees

Ushers: Scott I Colin Meyer

Servers: Hunter Barnhart I Jared Meyer,
Drew Hecktor

Saturday, November 18, 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor
Norbie I Christopher Engemann, Dianne
Meyer, Jayne Glosemeyer

Lector: Alice Kluesner

Ushers: Joan I Norbie Engemann

Servers: Lane/Lilly Kluesner, Emma Poindexter

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 11 Parishioner
5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14 Fred Borges
8:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 16 Fred Borges
8:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 18 Ray Shipley
5:00 p.m.

GIVING TREE

We will again have a "Giving Tree" to benefit Pregnancy Assistance Center in Washington. Please take an ornament, purchase the item, and return the **unwrapped** gift under the tree. Items will be picked up on Sunday 12/10/23 before noon.

Upcoming Events

November 17—Knights of Columbus Chicken & Fish Fry. Serving 4-7 pm. St Vincent Dining Hall (Dutzow). Adults: \$15, Children (ages 6-11): \$6, Children under 6: FREE. Carry Outs: \$15.

November 26—Immaculate Conception – Augusta—Breakfast-All you can eat! 8:00am-12 noon. Adults \$12.00, Children (ages 6-12) \$4.00.

December 10— "Old Fashioned Community Christmas" St Paul's UCC- Cost-Free event-2:00pm-5:00 pm. Crafts, Hayride & Christmas Caroling, Visit with Santa 5pm, Refreshments/Hotdogs.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception-Augusta

December 24-9:00 p.m.

December 25-8:00 a.m.

St Ignatius of Loyola in Concord Hill

December 24—4:00 p.m.

December 25—10:30 a.m.

St Vincent de Paul in Dutzow

December 24—5:00 p.m.

December 24—10:00 p.m.

Please Pray for the Sick Ailing Recovering

Connie Buenemann
Jerome Heggemann
Joey Heggemann
Andrew Hellebusch
Betty Hellebusch
Carl Jacquin
Carol Jacquin
Judith Liermann
Jeffrey Lierman

Joan Meyer
Theodore Meyer
Tom Meyer
Richard Preis
Jim Smith
Matt Struckhoff
Natalie Ulett
Audrey Wagener
Marc Wagener

Leanne Davis
Jacqueline Heggemann
Jean Jaeger
Marilyn Heady
Terry Sullentrup
Fr. Finbarr Dowling
Rick Thiel
Amy Brakemeyer
Freyja Greer

Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

11.8.01 Lawrence Nieder

11.25.76 Edward Peters

11.28.14 Bernice Eckelkamp

11.25.03 Regina Hellebusch

11.19.04 Elroy Meyer

11.24.77 Ferdinand Hellebusch

11.17.80 Alice Hellebusch

11.9.95 Steven Hellebusch

11.9.92 Christine Meyer

11.11.94 Norman Glosemeyer

11.10.20 Margaret

Schwoeppe

Dear Padre,

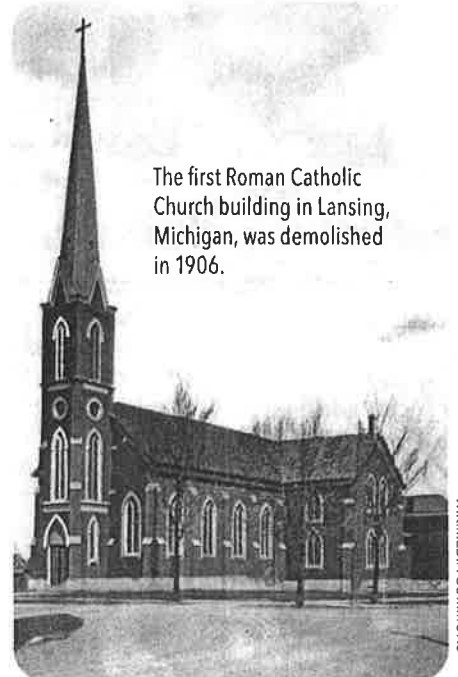
I was taught that Catholic churches are built on consecrated ground. How can a church be torn down and replaced by a shopping mall if it's sacred ground?

Church buildings are blessed and considered by the Church to be sacred places. But when they're damaged and can no longer be repaired or their repair is impractical or they no longer effectively serve their purpose for the faithful of God, the bishop can remove that blessing. By doing this, the bishop opens them for nonsacred use. Subsequently, they can be torn down or sold, as long as the new purpose is not scandalous to the people of God.

In the end, what is truly sacred is not the brick and mortar or even the soil, but the purpose for which they were built. Churches are blessed and declared sacred because we perform sacred rituals within them. When those rituals are no longer being performed in that location, there is no longer a need for them to be declared sacred.

When a church is closed, it is often a sad event. Many people carry deep emotional ties to their parish churches. But a diocese cannot always maintain all of its churches. Catholic populations shift; local needs change. Money is limited, and good stewardship demands that bishops sometimes make the difficult decision to close or merge parishes. Remember what is truly important and of ultimate and sacred value—our worship and service of God. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR / DearPadre.org



The first Roman Catholic Church building in Lansing, Michigan, was demolished in 1906.

WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 13	November 14	November 15	November 16	November 17	November 18	November 19
St. Frances	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Elizabeth	Weekday	Thirty-third
Xavier Cabrini,	Wis 2:23–3:9	Wis 6:1–11	Wis 7:22b–8:1	of Hungary,	Wis 18:14–16;	Sunday in
Virgin	Lk 17:7–10	Lk 17:11–19	Lk 17:20–25	Religious	19:6–9	Ordinary Time
Wis 1:1–7				Wis 13:1–9	Lk 18:1–8	Prv 31:10–13,
Lk 17:1–6				Lk 17:26–37		19–20, 30–31
						1 Thes 5:1–6
						Mt 25:14–30
						or 25:14–15,
						19–21

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works.

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