

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

10/30 (Today) Holy Mass at 10am. Decade of the Rosary at the end of the Mass. Coffee hour in the church hall as usual.

11/01 (Tuesday) Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at 5pm. *Mass Intention: For TIMOTHY WROBEL—new member of St. John's Parish*

11/02 (Wednesday) Commemoration of All Souls. Holy Mass at 5pm. *Mass Intention: For all deceased offered in this year's Remembrance Cards*

11/04 (Friday) Only4Men meeting at 5pm. This time we will focus on the king David. For those who wish to prepare better for the meeting, please read 1 and 2 Book of Samuel (Old Testament).

11/05 (Saturday) Polish Food Sale - 9am - 12pm.

11/06 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Special collection for Mission Fund at the door. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Mass. Coffee hour in the church hall as usual. *Mass Intention: For + FLORITA ZEMBROWSKI*

### CHURCH NEWS

- Thanks to generosity of Holmes&Watkins Funeral Home and its owner Mr. Glenn Blumenstein, we have received 1,500 new church brochures ready to be distributed in our local community.
- We've just started cooperation with Midwest Food Bank—Manchester branch. They will be supporting us with food items for our "Free Lunch Saturdays".
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: BP PAUL SOBIECHOWSKI (10/31), DIANE MAKLES (11/02). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

*If you have any information for the „Church News Column”,  
please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.*

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# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

### XXXI ORDINARY SUNDAY

#### MASS INTENTION - 10am

*For faith, hope and love for the Adamowicz, Garbecki and Oszmian families.*

#### INTROIT

C: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful. For He knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust.

R: As the heavens tower over the earth, so God's love towers over the faithful.

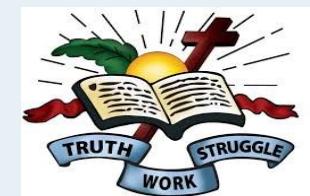
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



### HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



### MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

## READING 1

### A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Before the LORD the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth. But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent. For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you? But you spare all things, because they are yours, O LORD and lover of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all things!

## WIS 11:22-12:2

Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little, warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O LORD!

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*„I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.“*

## PS 145

## READING 2

### A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Thessalonians.

Brothers and sisters: We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

## 2 THES 1:11-2:2

We ask you, brothers and sisters, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling with him, not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed either by a "spirit," or by an oral statement, or by a letter allegedly from us to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

What strikes me about the readings is the concept of justification and salvation. There are two parts to the process of being saved (justified). The first and most important part is that it is GOD's will that all people be saved. GOD is the One Who calls and invites people to experience the divine presence in their lives. GOD is the initiator. GOD desires to love individuals not only into earthly existence, but into eternal existence. Yet at the same time, GOD does not force individuals to accept the gifts which are offered. Yes, GOD gave no choice to individuals about the beginning of their human existence, but GOD will not force eternal life with GOD upon anyone who will not accept it.

That leads to the second aspect of the salvific process. In response to GOD's graciousness, those who are called and invited and gifted (which includes all people) are asked to demonstrate their acceptance of what they have received. Just as Zacchaeus showed his acknowledgment of Jesus' coming into his house by committing himself to giving to the poor and bringing four-fold restitution to those whom he had hurt through his former lifestyle, so too, those who accept GOD's gift of salvation and justification must put into action their graced relationship with Jesus.

## LK 19:1-10