

SEASONAL HAPPENINGS

November 23	Pie & Praise after Mass
November 27-8	Thanksgiving—Closed
December 5	Advent Program Begins
December 6	St. Nicholas Day
December 7	Donut Sunday/Silent Auction
December 8	Holy Day of Obligation Mass at 6 pm
December 12	Christmas Wrapping Event

Crackers for a Cause!

Providence Pantry needs us! Please continue to bring your crackers in each month and leave them by the table at the front entrance of church.



Theresa Lewis would like to start a sewing, knitting & crocheting club. If you are interested, please let her know or call the parish office and leave your name and phone number.



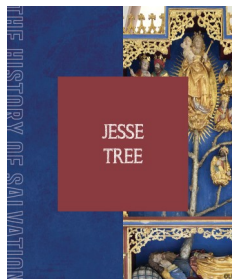
Each week during Advent, the Advent candles will be brought up in the opening procession. If you would like to help bring up a candle on one of the Sundays, please let Elizabeth know.

The adult faith Advent program begins November 26 at 11 am. All are invited to attend. We will meet in Sacred Heart's Holy Family Center for an hour.

Giving Opportunities

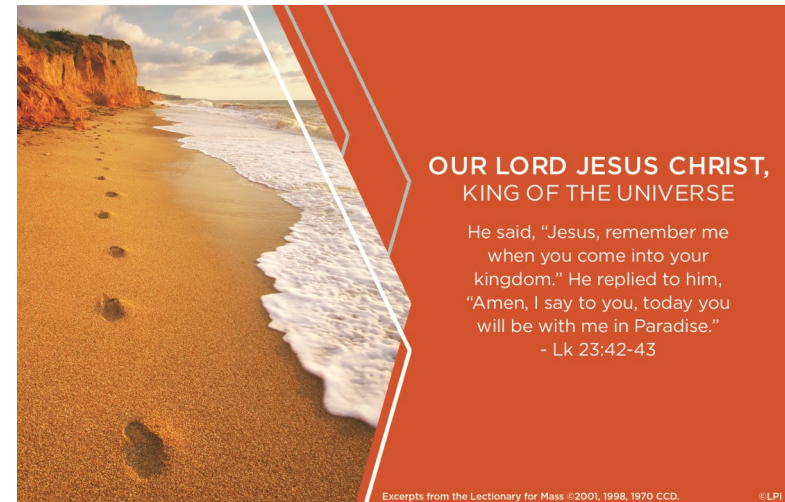
A gift that keeps on giving! Consider contributing to our Foresters Court or General Endowment fund as a powerful way to impact the mission of Sacred Heart of Jesus in perpetuity. Our endowment(s) are invested with the Archdiocese's Catholic Community Foundation and provide long-term financial stability through annual distributions. Ask us to learn more about our endowments by contacting Kim Pohovey, Archdiocesan Director of Major & Planned Gifts, (317) 236-1568, kpohovey@archindy.org to contribute today.

Jesse Tree, Explained!



The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold "shoot from the stump of Jesse" who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

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November 23, 2025

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Fr. Darwin Winters

Confessions—Saturdays from 4—4:20 pm
at Sacred Heart or by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

WEEKEND

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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Date	November 23	November 30
Lector	Edie Breneman	Easton Robertson
Server	Waylon Robertson	Owen Ramsey
Ushers	Matt Breneman Tom McKinney	Wayton Robertson & Steve Norris
EMs	Kelly Stafford Bonnie Warn	Carol Cummins Lana Thralls
Counters	Terry & Kay Jatczak	Sarah Hartzler Tom McKinney
Cleaners		Karen Harris Grace Vest

BIRTHDAYS

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Ethan Wyrick25

Jhett Fagg26

Max Lozier28



Gospel Reflection

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn’t her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You’d expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn’t want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today’s Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn’t look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom” (Luke 23:42). That word — remember — literally means to make someone a member again. He’s asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, “Today you will be with me in paradise.”

He doesn’t say, “I’ll take your suffering away.”
He says, “You will be with me.”

That’s the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn’t rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir

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Finance Report

Description	November 16	Budgeted
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,309	\$ 2,308
Galvin	\$ 25	\$ 115
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 200	
Christmas Flowers	\$ 140	

The office will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 27—28. If you have an emergency, please contact Elizabeth at (812) 240-5234.



Pray For Our Loved Ones

David Auterson

Flo Callahan

Ray Edwards

Jane Frazier

Dan Kane

Rosie Meehan

Doreen Rudé

Dick Stultz

Jeanette Stultz

Dave Sullivan

Woody Christmas Fun

Join the Sisters of Providence as we celebrate Christmas Fun at the Woods! Festivities begin Saturday, December 13 from 1:30—4:30 pm. Many activities will be available for guests of all ages throughout the day, including crafts, alpaca visits, wagon rides, storytelling, face painting, a bake sale, cake walk and much more. There is no cost to attend, but donations of \$5 per vehicle would be greatly appreciated. No pre-registration is required. For more information, visit Events.SistersofProvidence.org or contact 812-535-2946 or email lrobinette@spsmw.org.

Mass Intentions

11/23

In Loving Memory of Mary Winters

11/30

In Loving Memory of John Sullivan

Contribution Envelopes

Please pick up your 2026 annual envelopes in Galvin Hall during Pie & Praise today.

Silent Auction

On December 7 at Coffee and Donuts, we will be having a silent auction to raise money for the Providence Pantry. If you have an item that you would like to donate for the auction, please contact Robin or Elizabeth. Thank you!