



# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 17, 2024**



**HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY,**  
*but my words*  
**WILL NOT PASS AWAY.**

MARK 13:24-32

*May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!*

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

What did Jesus mean when he spoke about a time of tribulation, shaking, and the "Son of man coming with great power and glory"? The title Jesus most frequently used to describe his mission was the "Son of Man" (Mark 13:26). The image of a "Son of man coming with the clouds of heaven" is taken from the vision of the prophet Daniel (Daniel 7:13-14).

Daniel's vision is a royal investiture of a human king before God's throne. This king, whose authority comes from God, is given power to rule over "all peoples, nations, and languages" (Daniel 7:14). The kingdom which he comes to establish cannot be broken or destroyed because it is built on the foundation of God's justice, truth, and holiness.

Jesus' first coming was a rescue mission - to free the human race from slavery to sin and Satan. His second coming will be the final completion of his mission when he will "make all things new" - a new heavens and a new earth - after he has put down the last enemy which is death and restores our lowly bodies to immortality when death will be no more (Daniel 12:2-3). The first coming of the Lord Jesus is inseparably linked with his second coming at the end of this present age. We do not know the day or hour when the Lord will return again in glory. But now in this present age we can experience the abundant new life in the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, and the fruits of the Spirit - love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23) and so many other qualities which the Spirit works within us - thus enabling us to love and serve others with tenderhearted mercy, patience, and goodness. Let us pray today: Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may radiate the joy of your kingdom and the fire of your love to all I meet and serve. Direct my life to the glory of your name and to the coming of your kingdom.

### Readings for Next Sunday,

November 24, 2024

Daniel 7:13-14

Revelation 1:5-8

John 18:33b-37

## HEAVEN, PURGATORY AND HELL

The Catholic Church teaches that after we die, our souls go to one of three places: **Heaven**, **Purgatory** or **Hell**, based on our relationship with God and how we lived.

**Heaven** is the ultimate goal for Catholics, a place of perfect happiness and eternal life with God. Jesus described Heaven as a place prepared for us by God (John 14:2-3) and as a reward for those who love and follow Him. In Heaven, we are united with God and experience His love fully. The Church calls this the "beatific vision," meaning we see God "face to face" (1 Corinthians 13:12). According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1023), Heaven is a state of complete joy where there is no more suffering, pain, or sadness. In Heaven, we are also united with the saints and angels, who worship God with us forever.

**Purgatory** is a temporary state where souls who have died in God's grace but still need purification go before entering Heaven. The Church teaches that many people, even though they loved God, may still have some attachment to sin when they die. Since nothing impure can enter Heaven (Revelation 21:27), these souls need to be purified first. Purgatory is not a punishment but a cleansing process, where people are prepared to meet God face to face. The Catechism explains that the souls in Purgatory are assured of Heaven, but they must undergo purification to remove the effects of sin (CCC 1030-1031). Catholics believe that we can pray for the souls in Purgatory to help them complete this purification. This is why prayers for the dead are an important Catholic practice, as these prayers can aid those still being purified.

**Hell** is a place of eternal separation from God, for those who reject God's love and choose to live without Him. Jesus spoke of Hell as a place of darkness and suffering, where those who turn away from God are cut off from Him forever (Matthew 25:41). The Church teaches that Hell is not something God imposes on people, but rather a state chosen by those who completely reject God's love and grace. God respects human freedom, so those who reject Him by their choices and actions may choose this separation. The Catechism (CCC 1033-1035) explains that Hell is the result of a soul's decision to reject God permanently. While this separation from God is painful, it is the natural outcome of choosing to live without Him. The Church reminds us that God does not desire anyone to go to Hell; rather, He offers love and forgiveness, hoping all will choose Heaven.

In short, the Catholic Church teaches that **Heaven** is the eternal joy of being united with God, **Purgatory** is a temporary purification process for those destined for Heaven, and **Hell** is the eternal state of separation for those who choose to reject God. These teachings encourage Catholics to seek a close relationship with God, to confess their sins, and to live in His grace, trusting that His love and mercy are always available to them.

## WORKSHOP SET FOR NOVEMBER 24

In partnership with our parish liturgical committee we are pleased to present an upcoming workshop: **Serving the People of God as Ministers and Catechists: what is your role in the liturgy?**

The workshop will be held on Sunday, November 24 from 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall. While the primary audiences for the workshop are catechists and liturgical ministers (which includes everyone who provides any service to our parish), all adult and teen members of our parish are invited and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

The facilitator will be Rodica Stoicoiu, Ph.D. Dr. Stoicoiu is the instructor for University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation which our Diocese has partnered with to offer free online courses on a variety of topics (the enclosed flier details more of her training and background).

We hope to see you there! If you have questions, please contact Nancy Starcher at 304-813-0313.



*Celebrating another grandparent/grandchild Altar Server combination in our parish!*

*Fr. Thomas is shown here with Martin Alt and his granddaughter Micah Alt. Micah has been serving for several years, and Martin served our altar for many years in the past. They began serving together this fall.*



Fr. Thomas will give the Anointing of the Sick to those dealing with chronic illness or impending surgery following both Masses next weekend.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, November 16	4:00 pm	Soul of Donald Wagoner.....	Mary Wagoner
		Intentions of Linda Marsh.....	Margaret McGee
Sunday, November 17	8:30 am	Soul of Marianna Daskal.....	James Daskal
		Parents of Deceased and Estranged Children.....	Lynn McQuinn
Monday, November 18	No Mass		
Tuesday, November 19	No Mass		
Wednesday, November 20	5:00 pm	Souls of James & Inez Dorsey.....	Marion Dorsey
		Soul of Genevieve Bogdan.....	John Bogdan
Thursday, November 21	12 noon	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
Friday, November 22	9:00 AM	Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
		Soul of Robert Collins.....	Virginia Collins
		Soul of Leslie Schoppert.....	The Trezise Family
Saturday, November 23	4:00 pm	The Harber Family.....	Jean Harber
		Intentions of Dean & Kathy Alt.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Sunday, November 24	8:30 am	Soul of Paula Nield.....	Mary Andrews

*Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.*

*Be vigilant at all times  
and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.*





This year you can build your Operation Christmas Child shoebox online! This method allows for easier passage through customs in hard-to-reach nations. Use the link or QR code below to get started. Questions? Contact Michael Stanislawczyk at 304-813-3426.



<https://sampur.se/45Supad>



### It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (November 17) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee, fellowship and the start of another year of religious education! Thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting this month's event.

### Update on Ladies Guild Annual Bake Sale

Please note that the annual pre-Thanksgiving Ladies Guild bake sale will not be held this year. Watch the bulletin for information on other events sponsored by the Ladies Guild in the coming weeks.

## Your Faithful Stewardship

November 9-10, 2024

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3,170
Loose Donations.....	\$828
Repairs & Maintenance .....	\$195
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,193</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, November 9 .....	61
Sunday, November 10.....	116
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>177</b>

### K of C 300 Club Raffle Winners

Drawing held November 7, 2024

<u>\$100 Winners</u>	<u>\$50 Winners</u>	<u>\$25 Winners</u>
Lynn McQuinn	Jean Harber	Tori-Lynn Cage
Jerry Sanders	Denise Junkins	J. Bess
		Karen Schaeffer

### Support Group Meeting Set

The next support group meeting for those dealing with any type of loss will be on Tuesday, November 26 at 10:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace in Romney followed by Mass at 12 noon.

### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### Saturday, November 23

Lector: Kerri Wittman  
 Servers: Sue Harber, Rosie Landis & Morgan Gustafson  
 EMs: Sue Harber, Cathy Pardee (c), Jean Harber (c)  
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
 Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

#### Sunday, November 24

Lector: Mike Landis  
 Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole, Liam Dupuis  
 EMs: Julie Alt, Beverley Iser (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)  
 Cantor: Linda Marsh  
 Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

#### Saturday, November 30

Lector: Cathy Pardee  
 Servers: Sue Harber & Paul Bogdan  
 EMs: Bob Yowler, Karen Yowler (c) & Mere Barrick (c)  
 Cantor: tbd  
 Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

#### Sunday, December 1

Lector: Pam Williams  
 Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis, Remy Kuhn, Lucas Dupuis  
 EMs: Nancy Starcher, Tina Stephen (c), Rosie Landis (c)  
 Cantor: tbd  
 Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley

#### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

November 21 Meredythe Barrick  
 November 28 Stacey Rhodes



The Assumption-Grace Youth Group will meet this Sunday, November 17 from 4:30-6:00 at the Grace Church. All CCD students 5th grade and up are invited to attend and to bring a friend!



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Palma Devic, Cam Duncan, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Jim Lambert, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Graydon Shade, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Michaela Stickley, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Jeremy Taylor, Maleigha Taylor, Doris Tetrick, Courtney Whiteman.

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