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November 3, 2024—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Mass Schedule:

**Good Shepherd, Kent:**

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 6:00 PM Monday

8:30 AM Tuesday/Thursday

(unless otherwise noted)

**Ss. Simon & Jude, Blairsville:**

Saturday: 4 PM; Sunday: 9 AM

Weekdays: 8 AM Mon/Wed/Fri

### Office Hours:

Mon—Thu: 10 AM—4 PM

Friday: 10 AM—12:30 PM

### Reconciliation:

Monday 5—6 PM during  
Holy Hour, and by appointment.

To schedule Baptisms or  
Weddings, please contact  
the Parish Office.

### Staff & Directory

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## This Week at Church of the Good Shepherd

<b><u>Sunday:</u></b>	Turkey Dinner, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM, Parish Hall, Volunteers needed.
<b><u>This Weekend:</u></b>	2nd Collection Retired Religious/Priests, Both Masses
<b><u>Monday:</u></b>	Bible Study, 6:45 PM, Parish Hall
<b><u>Friday:</u></b>	PAX, Diocesan Youth, 6:30-9:30 PM, Our Lady of Grace, Greensburg

**Masses and Candles — Week of 11/3/24**

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34*

**Saturday, November 2**

6:00 PM | All Souls Commemoration Mass

**Sunday, November 3**

9:00 AM | Walter Bryja by Melissa Nibert

**Monday, November 4, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

*Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131; Lk 14:12-14; Rom 12:3-13; Jn 10:11-16*

5:00 PM | Holy Hour (Adoration), Reconciliation

6:00 PM | Enoch & Mary Smith by Jake & Patricia Chronoski

**Tuesday, November 5, Weekday**

*Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22; Lk 14:15-24*

8:30 AM | Richard Maus by Leroy, Barbara, Damien & Matt Smith

**Wednesday, November 6, Weekday**

*Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27; Lk 14:25-33*

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, November 7, Weekday**

*Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105; Lk 15:1-10*

8:30 AM | Ronald Toldi by Janet & Family

**Friday, November 8, Weekday**

*Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122; Lk 16:1-8*

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

*Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22*

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or*

6:00 PM | Melissa Wolfgang by Denise and Jim Pencola

**Sunday, November 10**

11:00 AM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish



**Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of Martin George and Olga (Janetka) Konkol by Mary Kavulich.**

**Blessed Mother Candle is lit in memory of Elizabeth Fancella by Daughters.**



**Prayer Chain Updates**

**For the Repose of the Soul of:  
Janet Zayac + 30 August 2024**

**From Fr. Dino's Desk**

**Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time Reflection**

Texts: Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Psalm: 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 12:28b-34.

**What Is Your Understanding of Love? How Are You Living It Out?**

Despite what much of our contemporary society projects, love is not self-absorbed but other-centered, not transient but the enduring hallmark of all Christian living.

Clearly the reading from Deuteronomy reinforces that we are to love God with all our being, the first commandment that Jesus gives in the gospel. While loving neighbor is not as explicit as in the gospel, it is implied when Moses enjoins Israel to follow all God's "statutes and commandments." These spell out how Israel is to live together in community, to care for one another.

When the scribe asks Jesus which is the "first of all the commandments," Jesus answers by giving him not one, but two: love God and love neighbor. Further, Jesus connects these two commandments: loving God with all our being is one and the same as loving our neighbor, made possible only by self-giving. Such all-embracing love "is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices" of grain or animals, for, when we love as Jesus commands, we ourselves are the "burnt offerings and sacrifices."

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**Craft Show and Soup Sale**

**November 9 at St. James Parish**

St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will hold a craft show with a food and soup sale Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For information, call 724-668-2829, option 3.

**Around the Diocese**

**PAX Middle School Program  
“The Importance of Identity”**

**Nov. 8 at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg**

The Diocese of Greensburg Youth Ministry program will present a PAX program, “The Importance of Identity,” for youth in grades 6-8, Friday, Nov. 8, at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg. The event will feature speaker Jackie Francois Angel and Eucharistic adoration, plus food trucks, games and DJ Israel. Cost is \$10. For details or to register, visit [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pax-middle-school-event/](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pax-middle-school-event/).

**“Spirited” Women’s Conference - November 9**  
*Rejoice Always!* 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Register now for the 2024 “Spirited” Women’s Conference, to be held Saturday, Nov. 9, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. All women are invited to be renewed and refreshed by the teachings of Dr. Mary Healy and Jackie Francois Angel. Bring your daughters, mothers and sisters to experience the love of the Father. To register, visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/Spirited](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/Spirited). For information, contact Carolyn Cannizzaro at [ccannizzaro@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:ccannizzaro@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 4<sup>th</sup> St., Indiana**



Update your winter wardrobe -- ladies’ tops (excluding white tag items) are BOGO this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street, store hours are Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm with donations accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (space permitting).

Please continue to watch for further information in the bulletin and on Facebook (@SVDPIndianaPa). To request assistance from SVdP, please call the SVdP hotline at 724-471-2210

**Parish Stewardship—Weekend of 10/27/24**

Weekly:	\$ 1,243.00
Monthly:	\$ 675.00
Loose:	\$ 66.00
Accent:	\$ 5.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 29.00
Resources:	\$ 10.00
Online Giving:	\$ 176.00
All Saints:	\$ 148.00
All Souls:	\$ 140.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 2,316.00</b>
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget:	\$ 4,242.83
Variance Over or (Under):	(\$ 1,926.83)
<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date:</b>	
Collected:	\$ 47,602.60
Needed to Meet Budget:	\$ 72,128.12
Variance Over or (Under):	<b>(\$ 24,525.52)</b>
<b>Diocesan/Other Collections:</b>	
World Missions Day	\$ 10.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 15.00

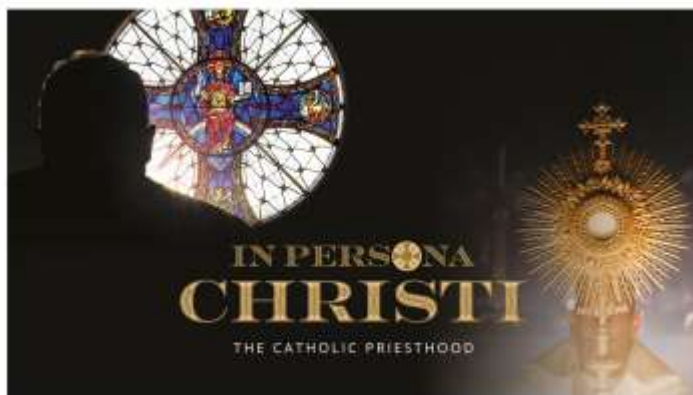
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**ELECTION DAY LASAGNA DINNER**  
**Drive Thru Only—November 5**  
**Our Lady of the Assumption, Coral**

Once again we will be having our Election Day drive thru dinner beginning at 12:00 Noon until 4 PM at our Coral location. Dinner will be \$15.00 and it will include lasagna, salad, roll and dessert. Hot sausage sandwiches will also be available for \$7.00.



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## **The Surprised Builder**

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer/contractor of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by.

The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work and the builder came to inspect the house, the contractor handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you."

What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. Now he had to live in the home he had built none too well.

***Moral: "The quality you build today becomes the life you live tomorrow."***

**Dear Lisa and Carol,**

As you both prepare to embark on this exciting new chapter of your lives, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your long, dedicated, and loyal service to the Church and your respective parishes - Lisa at SS. Simon and Jude, and Carol at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and you will be deeply missed.

Lisa, as you retire, and Carol, as you follow this November, we wish you both all the joy and fulfillment in your well-deserved retirement. May this transition bring you new adventures, cherished moments, and the time to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you as you enter this new season of life. Thank you for everything. We celebrate you and wish you all the best in the years to come!

With warmest wishes,  
Fr. Dino

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### **Christmas Shoppe planned at St. Emma Monastery, Greensburg**

The Benedictine nuns at St. Emma Monastery, Greensburg, will host their Christmas Shoppe Thursday, Nov. 7, from 2-7 p.m. (early bird admission \$5), Friday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (50% off most items after 1 p.m.). Food will be available. For information, visit [www.stemma.org](http://www.stemma.org).

### **Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent: Organist/pianist**

Position Open December 1—Part time, for weekend liturgies, holy days or as needed. Send resume to: P. O. Box 99, Kent, PA 15752. For more information, call 724-479-3881.

### **Secular Carmelites open to potential candidates**

The Secular Carmelite Community in Latrobe is open to potential candidates. Meetings, held the second Sunday of each month at the community in Latrobe, are open to anyone who feels they may be called to live a life of Carmelite spirituality. For information, email [ocdspace07@gmail.com](mailto:ocdspace07@gmail.com).



# PRIORITIES AT THE POLLS

By Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann

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As Catholics approach the polls, we are asked to weigh many important issues. The U.S. bishops have reaffirmed that “the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.”<sup>1</sup> While they did warn us not to “dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty,” they did give priority to upholding and defending our brothers’ and sisters’ most basic right—to live.

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Abortion tragically ends someone’s life when he or she is most vulnerable and most in need of loving protection. Abortion is an intrinsic evil, meaning that it is never permitted or morally justified, regardless of individual circumstances or intentions. The personal and societal consequences of attacks against human life,

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whether at its earliest stages or at its final stages, are all the more serious because most often they are “carried out in the very heart of and with the complicity of the family—the family which by its nature is called to be the ‘sanctuary of life.’”<sup>2</sup> This is the place where a person should be *most* loved, cherished, and protected.

Catholics are called to defend human life wherever it is threatened and stand up for human dignity wherever it is violated. The enormous number of human lives destroyed by abortion is one factor that elevates its importance. Beginning in 1973 with *Roe v. Wade*, and during the nearly



50-year period after *Roe* in which the Supreme Court forbade state prohibitions on abortion, nearly 64 million children have been killed—and untold numbers of women and men suffer in the aftermath.<sup>3</sup>

Even with the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in June 2022, a decision that returns the abortion issue to the electorate, many states continue not to recognize children in their mothers’ wombs

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as persons warranting protection under the law. Federal laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children, and many political leaders at the state and federal level, work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right.<sup>1</sup>

People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil, especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government. As believers and citizens inspired by the Gospel and guided by the shepherds of our Church, we must



do what we can to end violence in the womb, to ensure that unborn children are fully recognized and protected by our laws, and to support mothers and fathers in embracing life.

*At the time of original publication in October 2020, Archbishop Naumann was Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas and Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.*



**SIGN UP:** [votervoice.net/usccb/register](https://votervoice.net/usccb/register)

Take action and contact your elected representatives about important pro-life issues.

Make your voice heard.



<sup>1</sup> *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, Introductory Letter, p. 6. Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2020.

<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 11.

<sup>3</sup> This paragraph has been revised in light of the U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, in which the Court returned the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives at the Federal and State levels. As of October 2022, abortion is legal in more states than not, and more work is needed in the coming months and years.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

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