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November 1, 2026 All Saints

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we have a special weekend liturgically: Saturday, October 31st is the Vigil of All Saints, otherwise known as "All Hallows' Eve," or Halloween. Sunday, November 1st, is All Saints' Day.

In my lifetime, it seems that Halloween has become quite a celebration in the secular world. People, young and old, dress up in costumes! Some people erroneously think Halloween is from a pagan celebration of the new year, but in fact its roots are in the Catholic Church. The name means the Vigil of All Saints' Day (All Hallows – Holy Eve).

On All Saints' Day, we remember every person, canonized and especially the uncanonized. I really enjoy All Saints' Day because there are many people in my life whom Ibelieve, with firm hope, enjoy the beatific vision and are saints, even though the Universal Church has not recognized them.

In our Catholic theology, we do not believe everyone who dies immediately goes to heaven. Rather, the Church teaches that immediately after death, every person experiences particular judgment by Christ and goes to either heaven, purgatory, or hell. (CCC #1021-1050)

Heaven is wonderful! Purgatory is where we die in God's grace but still need healing from attachments or wounds.... Purgatory is not a place of punishment, but of healing. Hell, well, that is when we choose to die unrepentant and choose not to live with God.

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Mass Intentions

Monday - - November 2 / All Souls Day No Mass
Wisdom 3:1-9 / Romans 5:5-11 / John 6:37-40

Tuesday - - 8:10 a.m. November 3
Philippians 2:5-11 / Luke 14:15-24
†Phillip Julian by Karen Tones

Wednesday - - 5:30 p.m. Healing Mass November 4
Philippians 2:12-18 / Luke 14:25-33
†Margo Gerber by Sandi Topham

Thursday - - Noon November 5
Philippians 3:3-8a / Luke 15:1-10
†Frank Wegerer by Kay Wegerer

Friday - - 8:10 a.m. November 6
Philippians 3:17—4:1 / Luke 16:1-8
†Mary Lou Efinger by Angela Kennedy & family

Saturday - - November 7
Philippians 4:10-19 / Luke 16:9-15
9 a.m. †Dan Riedl by Cathy Riedl

See Sunday Readings
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - - November 8
Wisdom 6:12-16 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Matthew 25:1-13
9 a.m. †Jim Wilson by Jeff Wilson
11 a.m. †Walter Bramhall by Janice Vitarelli











The Holy Father has entrusted the following intention for November

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth,
that not succumbing
to the temptation of selfishness,
it may always be put
at the service the common good and
solidarity of those who have less.

Weekly collection period ending 10/26/26

Regular Tithe	$8,098.00
Annual Fund Drive	$425.00
St. Augustine Indian Mission	$96.00
SVDP Society	$195.00
Online/Electronic Gifting	$5,597.00
Hospitality	$105.00
Children's Collection	$55.35

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Scary? NO! Remember what Saint Thérèse of Lisieux said to sisters who feared the afterlife: “Oh! How you grieve me! You do a great injury to God in believing you're going to Purgatory. When we love, there can be no Purgatory.”

Nonetheless, we celebrate our friends in heaven and pray for the souls in purgatory this weekend. This weekend we celebrate God’s mercy and love!

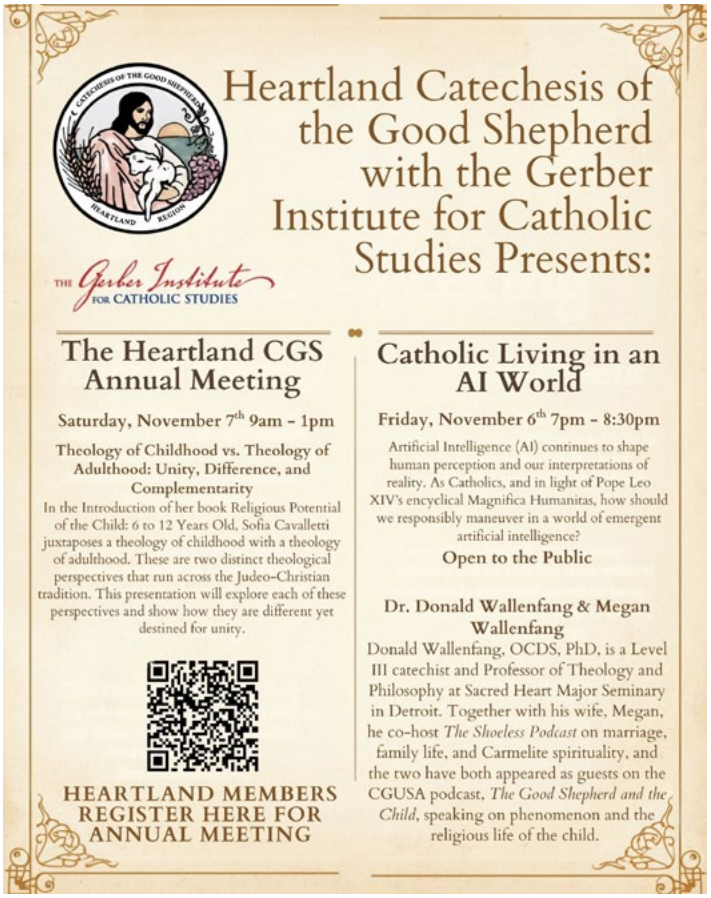
(For further info about Halloween, go to https://dioceseoftulsa.org/news/bishop-konderla-issues-memorandum-on-the-celebration-of-halloween-within-the-diocese

Father Ken VanHaverbeke

Coping With the Holidays

Join us for an evening to explore how grief changes in the face of holidays that will now be spent without a loved one. You will gain insights and strategies for dealing with the many emotions that surface during the coming holidays. Please join a representative with Harry Hynes Tuesday November 3, 6 - 8 p.m. in the Social Space.

No reservations required.



Knight’s Corner

Many thanks to our generous SVdP parishioners and Knights for helping raise over $4,000 to support individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities through Heartspring, Special Olympics, and the Wichita Diocese Ministry to Persons with Disabilities. Special thanks to the Knights who contributed over 60 volunteer hours at Atwoods and Dillons. Your generosity and service make a meaningful difference in our community!

Marian Mantle Apostolate Group

The Marian Mantle Group is dedicated to praying for the return of our children, spouses, and friends to the active practice of the Catholic Faith. We invite you to join us every Thursday after the noon Mass at St. Vincent as we pray a Rosary Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows for the return of our loved ones to the Church.

In honor of **World Day for the Poor the Society of St. Vincent De Paul** will be collecting paper goods and toiletries for our neighbors at the Andover Food Bank. We will be collecting items the weekends of November 7 and 14. Last year our parish donated over 600 pounds of products to the food bank. Please help us make this year a success also.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Bring your marriage to its fullest by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:
November 6-8, 2026, or in 2027 at Grand Junction, CO.

April 9-11, Colorado Springs, CO;
Aug. 7-8, Littleton, CO;
Sept. 24-26, Lincoln, NE

Call or text Jerry Gillespie at 316-214-8566 --
For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, and additional dates and locations, please visit wwme.org



Question:

It seems logical that many others than Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote the life of Jesus. Why then were these four Gospels chosen to be the accepted ones, especially since Mark and Luke were not Apostles? When and how was this determination made?
Cheswick, PA

Answer:

While there certainly are other reputed accounts of Jesus' life, and some of these have the names of apostles attached to them, (for example Thomas and James), the evidence seems pretty clear that these Gospels were written long after the death of these apostles. As for Mark and Luke not being apostles, yet having Gospels, St. Mark was likely the assistant to St. Peter, and so his gospel is largely held to be St. Peter's account.

As for Saint Luke, he is very clear to state that he carefully analyzed eyewitness accounts in preparing his Gospel. Which books ended up in the canon (a word which means "list") of Sacred Scripture was a complex process that developed in the early years of the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Even through the late Fourth Century there were some disagreements among believers as to which books belonged to the Canon. The Book of Revelation, and some of the epistles were disputed.

Likewise, some for inclusion in the canon proposed some other edifying writings from the early years, such as the Epistle of Pope St. Clement and the Didache. The resolution of the final list or canon of Sacred Scripture was largely resolved in a series of Councils in the late fourth century: The Synod of Rome in 382, The Council of Hippo in 393, and the Council of Carthage in 397. These Councils, in consultation with Popes Damasus and Pope Innocent gave us the list of books in the canon of Sacred Scripture that we have today in the Catholic Church.

This canon was largely undisputed until the 16th Century, when Martin Luther removed a number of Old Testament Books and certain other Protestant denominations followed his unfortunate and unauthorized move. The primary standards used by the Council Fathers and Popes were liturgy and doctrine. Did a particular book have wide spread use and acceptance in the liturgy of the Church? Did a particular book comport well with the faith and received doctrine of the Church? These standards, along with some particulars too numerous to mention here, produced the list that we have today of Sacred Scripture. Surely, by faith, we know the Holy Spirit inspired this process as well.

