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WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday 5 p.m. • Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.

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November 8, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend I reviewed what we as Catholics believe about heaven, hell, and purgatory. The next three weekends will conclude our liturgical year. It will culminate on the third weekend with the solemnity of Christ the King.

In the coming weeks, I will further explore what we believe about the future, how to prepare for it, and which virtues we should practice. This weekend, we see in Matthew's gospel that Jesus is telling a parable about what the kingdom of heaven will be like. The theological virtue will be hope.

Hope is one of the theological virtues. Hope is the "theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1817)

What can we do to increase our desire for heaven, and let go of any fear of death? Hope!

What can we do to increase our trust in Jesus' promises of heaven? Hope!

This weekend we focus on hope! For it is the foundation of faith and charity!

Blessings,

Father Ken VanHaverbeke



Mass Intentions

Monday - - November 9
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 / John 2:13-22

Tuesday - - 8:10 a.m. November 10
Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 / Luke 17:7-10
†Mel Thurston by Patricia Thurston

Wednesday - - 5:30 p.m. November 11
Titus 3:1-7 / Luke 17:11-19
†Bruce Topham by Teresa Marshall-Patterson

Thursday - - Noon November 12
Philemon 7-20 / Luke 17:20-25
†Karen Howard by Karen Tones

Friday - - 8:10 a.m. November 13
2 John 4-9 / Luke 17:26-37
SI Jenny Gaddis by Jack & Alice Stevens

Saturday - - November 14
3 John 5-8 / Luke 18:1-8
9 a.m. †Dennis Gillen by Nancy Utz Hageman

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

Sunday - - November 15
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 / Matthew 25:14-30
9 a.m. †Daryl Johnson by Barbara Johnson & family
11 a.m. †Charline Beebe by Knights of Columbus











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	$21,696.93
Annual Fund Drive	$365.00
St. Augustine Indian Mission	$37.00
SVDP Society	$140.00
Online/Electronic Gifting	$1,825.00
Hospitality	$100.00
Children's Collection	$83.55





Memoral Flower donation

Trisha Self honoring *Bob & Patty Haderlein, Rob Self, Barb & Katie Keys*

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



It is St. Vincent de Paul's turn to serve our neighbors in need! Volunteers needed on the morning of Saturday, November 21 and November 28 for weekend Meals on Wheels deliveries. Please reach out to Christian and Lindsey Kehr at 316-765-1751 or through email at christian.w.kehr@gmail.com with your availability to help serve!



Question:

Do you have any suggestions for a person who is guilty of sloth and laziness? Because of it, I am often sluggish and this keeps me from many of my responsibilities and duties to be a good and prayerful Catholic.

Answer:

Sloth, which is one of the Seven Capital Sins, is sorrow or aversion to the good things that God is offering us. And thus, one who has sloth, and hears that God can save them from sins and enable them to do many good works, instead of being happy and eager to embrace these gifts, has a kind of sadness or aversion to them. Perhaps they like their sins and would rather not be free of them. Perhaps the thought of good works seems burdensome. So, the slothful person becomes avoidant of God and the gifts that he is offering. While this is often manifested through a kind of laziness or inattentiveness, sometimes the opposite is true.

And thus, some slothful people immerse themselves in worldly activities such as business and career and claim they are far “too busy” to pray, to think about God, or go to Church. Therefore, at its heart, sloth is a problem about desire; namely, that we do not ardently desire God and the things he is offering.

I might encourage you to pray out of the beatitude, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.” (Matt 5:6). In other words, we ought to ask for the desire for God and what he offers, if we don't even have that.

Secondly, I would counsel that while praying for greater desire, some small and initial steps be made toward God. Look for something you can reasonably do, which may not be highly desirable at first, but still can be reasonably accomplished. Before I was a priest, I worked in downtown Washington, and I made a Lenten resolution to go to daily Mass at my lunch break. At first, this seemed difficult and irksome. But gradually, I grew to like it, and when Easter came, I just kept going to Mass almost every day to experience its peace and the nourishment of God's Word and his Body and Blood. Often life works like this. We ask for deeper desire and step out on our request by small actions which build.



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 --
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