



*St. John the Baptist Catholic Church*  
*PSR News*  
*November 4, 2019*

## **November, Month of the Holy Souls**

The month of November dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We remember all the faithful have departed from this life but have not attained the joys of heaven. The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone before us. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead. So what is Purgatory. Catechism 1030-1032 says:

*All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.*

*The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire:*

*As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.*

*This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:*

*Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.*



Antonio María Esquivel,  
"Ánimas del Purgatorio," 1850

## St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive



The month of November, we are asking all school and PSR students to help collect donations of food and personal care items for our St. Vincent de Paul pantry. We will accept donations in classrooms through November 21. See the attached flyer for more details.

## First Reconciliation News

Please, pray for our Level 2 students. They will be making their First Reconciliation this month. The First Reconciliation practice will be held on November 19th at 7pm in the new Church. The First Reconciliation service will be held on November 20th at 7pm. See the attached flyer for more details.

## Confirmation News

The Confirmation candidate service meeting is scheduled for November 14 at 7pm. At this meeting, the candidates will learn about ministry opportunities in the parish.

## 3rd and 4th grade Retreat

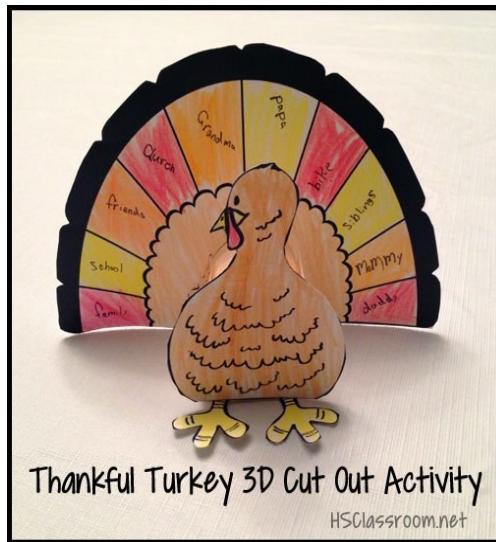
The 3rd and 4th grade retreat was a success. They learned that we are all Called By God. We talked about the saints, seminarians and how we are also called by God. One of their projects was making cards for the seminarians at Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West.



## CLOW Lectors and Leaders

We are looking for additional Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) lectors and leaders at the 8:30 am mass. This would be a rotation similar to other ministry schedules. Students in grades 7-12 can be lectors for CLOW. High School and adults can learn to lead CLOW. Adults will need to take the Child Protection class and have a background check. If you are interested, contact Teresa Palmer at 513-367-9086 x 218 or by email at [tpalmer@stjb.net](mailto:tpalmer@stjb.net).

## November Family Ideas



1. To remember a special loved one, pray for their soul, visit a cemetery, or do a favorite activity you enjoyed with them.
2. Find an age appropriate science experiment or activity to celebrate the feast day of Saint Albert the Great, the patron saint of scientists. (November 15th)
3. Look for a program to buy Christmas gifts for a needy child (in your community or across the world) in honor of the feast day of Saint Margaret of Scotland, who gave gifts and food to the poor and needy. (November 16th)
4. Bake bread together to deliver to friends and neighbors (especially those most in need of some extra love) in honor of the feast day of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. (November 17th)
5. Attend a musical performance or just have a family sing along/dance party at home to honor Saint Cecilia, the patron saint of music. (November 22nd)
6. Make a Thankful Turkey Project. Use the printable at

<https://www.reallifeathome.com/3d-turkey-cutout/>

and have kids write one thing they are thankful for on each of the turkey's feathers.

7. Have a fish dinner to celebrate the feast day of Saint Andrew the Apostle. Say a prayer for those that work to produce food for others. (November 30th)

# Upcoming Dates

## November

- \* **November 6 - NO Level 8 PSR**
- \* **November 17 - Level 4 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass**
- \* **November 19 - First Reconciliation Practice at 7pm (New Church)**
- \* **November 20 - First Reconciliation at 7pm (New Church)**
- \* **November 24 - Level 3 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass**
- \* **November 27 - No JR High PSR**

## December

- \* **December 1 - The First Sunday of Advent**
- \* **December 1 - Level 2 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass**
- \* **December 8 - FACS meeting at 9:55 New Church Community Room**
- \* **December 15 - Level 6 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass**
- \* **December 22 - NO PSR**
- \* **December 25 - Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)**
- \* **December 25 - No JR High PSR**
- \* **December 29 - NO PSR**





The students of St. John the Baptist School and St. John the Baptist PSR are teaming up to help the local St. Vincent DePaul pantry.

**November 1 through November 21,  
food can be brought to the school or PSR.**

*The PSR class who brings in the most items per student will get donuts.*

The items that are needed are:

Breakfast Cereal

Soups - excluding cream of mushroom

Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauces

Canned Corn and Beans

Instant Potatoes

Brownie and Cake Mixes

Mac and Cheese

SpaghettiOs,

Ravioli,

Boxed or canned ready to eat meals

We have plenty of Peanut Butter but could use Grape Jelly

Paper products - Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

Body soap

Dish soap

Laundry detergent



# 1st Reconciliation Reminder



Two important dates related to 1st Reconciliation  
Tuesday, November 19

What: 1st Reconciliation practice (optional)

Where: New Church

Time: 7:00 PM

*Please RSVP to Teresa Palmer by November 15 if attending the practice.*

Wednesday, November 20

What: 1st Reconciliation Service

Where: New Church

Time: Begins promptly at 7:00 pm

*Children and their parents should be at the end of the pew. The children should wear nice church clothes that are comfortable. Gym shoes may be worn. Electronic games or devices may not be used by anyone during the First Reconciliation Service.*



**Confirmation  
Candidate  
Service  
meeting**

**Thursday, November 14  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
School Cafeteria**





# Attention all Teens!

Every Sunday

5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

Jr. High Building

Help us prepare our new home!

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
PARISH HIGH SCHOOL  
YOUTH MINISTRY**

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