"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundations of the world..." Matthew 25:31-46
Readings for the week of November 22, 2020

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1/1] Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6] Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b] Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b] Lk 21:12-19
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b] Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b] Lk 21:34-36

Observances for the week of November 22, 2020

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Friday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop
Saturday: St. Christine, Martyr
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

CALENDAR

Sunday 22 November
8:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass (Rite of Acceptance)
11:00 AM RCIA for Youth
3:00 PM 1st Eucharist Retreat
3:00 PM Middle School Youth
4:30 PM High School Youth

Monday 23 November
9:00 AM Prayer Intercession Chapel

Tuesday 24 November
9:00 AM More Aid Outreach
10:15 AM The Holy Rosary (Cenacle)
7:00 PM Holy Spirit Prayer Ministry

Wednesday 25 November
Parish Offices Closed

Thursday 26 November
Happy Thanksgiving

Parish Offices Closed

Friday 27 November

Parish Offices Closed

Saturday 28 November
3:30 PM Reconciliation
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday 29 November
8:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM RCIA for Youth

Stay tuned to Flocknotes and our website for updates throughout the week.

MASS INTENTIONS

22 November 8:30 AM Steven Bruns - D
11:00 AM David Closs - D
28 November 5:00 PM Members of STM
29 November 8:30 AM Glenn Shean - D
11:00 AM Rosemary Goff - D

(mass intentions for the missed daily masses this week will be rescheduled please contact the parish office for more information)
**Adult Education**

**BAPTISM**

**Seeking Baptism for your child?**

Please go to www.stmva.org for information regarding Baptismal Preparation at STM. Under the Menu Bar, "Grow," click on "Sacraments" in the dropdown menu and you will arrive at the home page regarding Sacraments. Dates for the Baptismal Prep sessions as well as ceremonies are listed. To sign up for a session, please contact Trish Pabis at reformation@stmva.org.

The RCIA for Youth Program is a class designed for:

1. Those youth who are in 3rd grade or older and desire to receive the Sacrament of Baptism as well as...

2. Those baptized youth who are in 4th grade or older and desire to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

The RCIA for Youth Program will be held on Sundays at 11:30 am. This will enable the youth and their families to attend the 11 am Mass, worship during the first part of the Mass, then the youth will be dismissed during the Offertory (parents remain at Mass) to continue learning about God's word within a classroom setting. Please contact Trish Pabis, reformation@stmva.org, if you'd like to sign your youth up for this Sacramental Prep experience.

**Religious Formation K-5**

**R C I A**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Classes are currently ongoing every Wednesday at 6:30 PM downstairs in Frassati Hall. All are welcome! For more information please contact Jo-Anne and Andy LaClair at RCIA@stmva.org.

Faith Matter’s Presents...

**FATHER MICHAEL J. Mcgivney**

An American Blessed

On December 3rd at 7:00 pm Faith Matters will be showing a documentary about the life of Fr. Michael McGivney. In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of Father Michael J. McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This new powerful documentary highlights Father McGivney’s inspiring example of fraternal charity, evangelization and empowerment of the laity, from his humble beginnings as son of Irish immigrants to his founding of the Knights of Columbus. It also explores the heartwarming story of Michael McGivney Schachle, a child with down syndrome who was healed in utero from a fatal disease through the intercession of Father McGivney. Discover the remarkable life and legacy of the Church’s newest Blessed.

For more information contact Sybil Frey at info@stmva.org / 434-237-5911.

**Rite of Acceptance**

The Rite of Acceptance and Welcome will be celebrated at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, November 22, The Feast of Christ the King. It is the first public step by those seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. During the Rite, they declare they are willing to “strive to pattern their life on the teachings of the Gospel and so to love the Lord [their] God and [their] neighbor.” (RCIA 52c) Please keep them in your prayers as they make this important journey.
**OUTREACH**

**Thank You** for your wonderful generosity this Thanksgiving season! 80 families received large food boxes and perishable items including a turkey, milk, eggs, potatoes & margarine. Also included were toiletry bags and diapers if needed. Many thanks to all the volunteers that made it all happen!

**October Poor Box info**

Oct donations $5656
Oct expenditures $4052
- MORE Aid assistance $2698
- Diapers $1354

Number of families served in MORE Aid: 20
- Electric 11
- Oil/gas 1
- Water 4
- Housing 4

Number of households receiving **Food Assistance**: 88
- 88 households (302 individuals) received a total of 221 food bags.

Number of boxes of Diapers distributed: 34

St. Thomas More Poor Box Collection is the first full weekend of each month – all donations are used to help those in need. Thank you for your generosity and love for the poor.

**STM GIVING TREE IS UP!!!**

Place your unwrapped gifts in More Hall by December 13th

**Sharing Our Christmas Blessings at STM**

- This year STM is working together with Horizon Behavioral Health to provide Christmas Food Boxes for 60 families and gifts & stockings for 140 children! These families live below the poverty line and will not receive additional help from anyplace else.

- **STM Giving Tree** is up! Take a star (there are about 300) and buy a gift for a child in need – please place your unwrapped gifts in More Hall by **Sunday, Dec 13th**.

- **Christmas Food Bags** are in the commons – please take a bag and return it to More Hall by **Sunday, Dec 6**

**Help us organize our food & gifts**

- Food Organizing & packing Mon, Dec 7 at 9am
- Giving Tree Gift organizing Mon, Dec 14 at 9am
- Food & Gift Distribution Sat, Dec 19 at 9am For more info contact Anne Nilles at outreach@stmva.org.

**Help us Deck the Parish**

December 5th 8:30 am
Names may be added to the Prayer List and Book of Intentions by going to our website at www.stmva.org/pray or calling the parish office during business hours. After hours you may leave a voice mail at (434) 237-5911 and select option 4. You may also write prayer intentions in the book of intentions located in the Chapel. Prayer Intentions are prayed over during Mass and during intercessory prayer time on Monday mornings.

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,

We turn our hearts to you on this day for giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts. For each one, we are grateful. For each one, we are blessed. For each one we are opened to the Abundance of your love.

May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder to be generous with others, As you are with us.
We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks.
Amen