

From the Desk of Fr. Jerry

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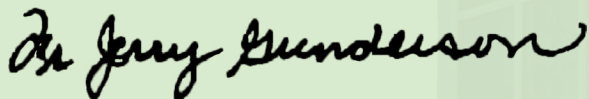
Dear Friends,

Faith reaches beyond the world we know to an eternal God. We express that faith with the words of the Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the dead and life in the world to come." November begins with a celebration of the Communion of Saints "a great band of witnesses to Christ's love who have gone before us and to whom we are united. They spur us on as we journey toward the Kingdom of God.

In commemoration of the faithful departed, we have published the names of members of St. Patrick who died, and whose funeral was celebrated at St. Patrick, on the cover of today's bulletin. They are also posted in the Gathering Space as a reminder to pray for the dead. In addition, we have provided in the Gathering Space the book of the names of the dead. You are invited to record there the names of any beloved dead whom you wish the congregation to remember in prayer this month.

You may have seen the note to Communion Ministers at Mass and Ministers of Care an invitation to a workshop at St. Patrick that will take place on Saturday, November 9. All Extraordinary Communion Ministers need to be mandated by the Archdiocese of Chicago every three years. Attendance at a formation session like this one is a requirement for re-mandating. Sr. Alicia, our guest speaker will rouse our commitment to bring the Body of Christ to vulnerable members of the Church. I urge Communion Ministers old and new or those seeking to renew their own commitment to Eucharistic living to RSVP by calling the parish office.

We have invited Bishop Jeffrey Grob to preside at the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, November 17th. Bishop Grob participated in the National Eucharistic Revival that took place in August in Indianapolis with members of our parish. Our parish participants in that Revival suggested it would be a good follow-up to invite Bishop Grob to reflect with us on the experience and to keep the spirit of the revival alive. I would like to encourage as many folks as possible to attend the 10 AM Mass and the reception that will follow in the Gathering Space on that Sunday, November 17. There will be no 11:45 AM Mass on that day. Enjoy the colors of fall.



Fr. Jerry Gunderson