

STEWARDSHIP

October 21st.....\$1,200 St. Vincent De Paul.....\$1,425

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COMMUNION OF SAINTS

So, saints are holy people, by definition. But what does it mean to be a holy person, a saint? From a biblical perspective, something is holy when it is set apart for God and God's purposes. In Exodus 19, God set apart the Israelites as his own "treasured possession"(19:5). They would be a "holy nation" through which God would make himself known to the world. In the New Testament, believers in Jesus Christ are referred to as "saints" or "holy people" because they have inherited Israel's divinely conferred status as people set apart by God for him and for his saving purposes. If you have put your faith in Jesus Christ, you are a saint. You are a holy person. This does not necessarily say anything about your worthiness to receive this title or your exemplary lifestyle, however. I wouldn't recommend that you go around putting "Saint" in

front of your name. Rather, you are a saint because God has chosen you to belong to him and his people. He has set you apart so that you might participate in his redeeming work in the world. Remember, you are not a solo saint. There is no such thing from a biblical perspective. Rather, as a saint, you have been joined to the family of all saints, including those who live around the world and those who have gone to be with the Lord. Therefore, on All Saints Day, it is a perfect time to remember that God has made you special for him and his purposes, and that he has joined you into the eternal, worldwide fellowship of all his saints. Moreover, it's a good day to take seriously the fact that God wants to make himself known in this world through you as a member of the family of all saints.

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NOVEMBER

On these first days of Nov., we celebrate two feasts—All Saints and All Souls—which draw us into one of the most consoling doctrines of the Roman Catholic faith, the communion of saints. The teaching on the communion of saints provides the context for these feasts, for it is that doctrine that acknowledges the union, enabled by baptism and Eucharist, that exists between the living and the dead. The doctrine rests in part on the conviction that any good done by one part of the community that is the body of Christ impacts on the rest of that body. This entails especially prayer of petition and reparation, and it transcends the apparent barrier of death moving both ways, from the living to the (biologically) deceased and from them to us. That is true all year long, of course, but the Church chooses these two days to wake us up to our communal connection with those who have gone before us.

from Fr. Dennis Hamm, SJ

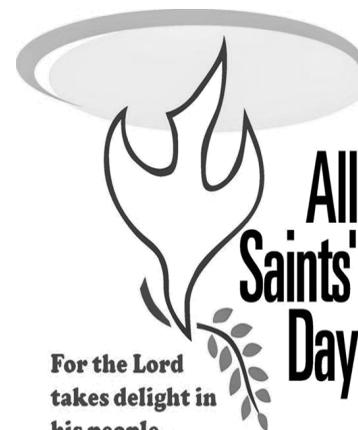
ALL SOULS DAY 11/2

Mass intention envelopes are available at the counter in the lobby. Our Catholic tradition encourages us to offer prayers for the eternal rest and beatitude of those who have died. We invite you to join by submitting the name loved ones who have died. These envelopes will be placed on our altar during the 12:30pm Mass, on Friday 11/2.

ALL SAINTS DAY

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday November 1st
Mass 12:30pm & 5:15pm



For the Lord takes delight in his people, He crowns the humble with Salvation. Psalm 149:4

EIM

(Ethics & Integrity in Ministry)
Workshop, English
St. John's

Monday, October 29, 2018

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Register on-line

Our parish actively supports the EIM policy of the Austin Diocese to prevent harm to any of our children or vulnerable adults. All members of our parish community are encouraged to be unified in support of this very essential program.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Nov. 4-10 The Catholic Church in the U.S. observes this week as an opportunity for parishes to reflect on the gift of vocation, with several goals. Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, is designed to help promote vocation awareness and to encourage young people to ask the question: "To what vocation in life is God calling me?" Communities across the nation are encouraged to focus on vocation awareness and provide opportunities for prayerful discernment.

"Encountering Christ"

We are at 123% of goal!!! You can still contribute. Remember all donations after 100% we receive 70% instead of 30%. Thank you to all who prayed, called, help spread the word, and for all those who helped us reach and exceed our goal! For more information Call Tom Deming, or go to : www.encounteringchirstcampaign.org

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Bulletin Submissions bulletin@txstatecatholic.org

Send content, questions, suggestions, etc. Deadline: Wednesdays 5pm

WE PRAY

Please join us in prayer for the members of our parish in need of healing and spiritual support.

"Pray for one another...effective prayer can accomplish much." James 5:16