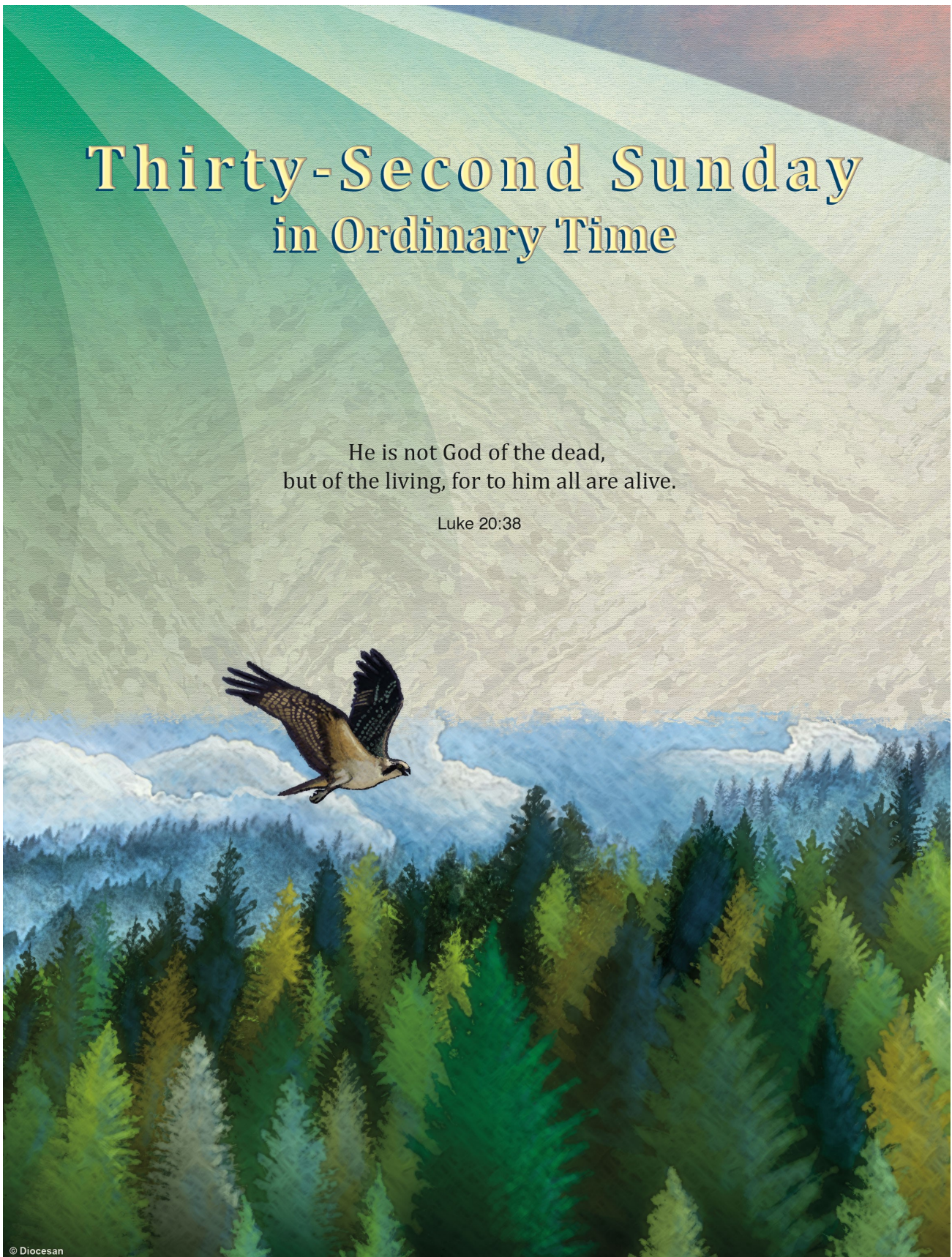


Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

He is not God of the dead,
but of the living, for to him all are alive.

Luke 20:38



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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
November 6, 2022

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS**

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon and 1:00-4:30 pm

Closed on Friday afternoons Memorial Day to Labor Day

MASS TIMES:

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am & 9:30 am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am

Thursday 8:15 am

CONFESSION TIMES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6:25-6:55 am

Wednesday 12 noon - 1:00 pm

Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

414 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764

Phone: 815-844-6585

Principal: Mrs. Karen Jones, jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org

Facebook: St. Mary's School

Instagram: stmaryspontiac

ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY: 401 E. Water St. Open to Livingston County residents every Thursday from 12 noon to 3 pm.

Phone: 815-844-FOOD(3663)

SCRIP: SCRIP is now an electronic only format using the RaiseRight app or at www.raiseright.com. If you do not have an online account and would like to set one up, please contact Taryn Tissiere at tissiere.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org or 815-979-7663.



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$17,040.05

School Collection: This weekend.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Collection: Next weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 5

8:00 a.m. Prodigals of St. Mary's Parish

4:00 p.m. John DiNardi

Sunday, November 6 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Dorian McBeath

9:30 a.m. Parish

Monday, November 7

7:00 a.m. Frank Duff, Founder of Legion of Mary

Tuesday, November 8

7:00 a.m. Michelle Bolen

Wednesday, November 9 (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)

7:00 a.m. Jin Austriaco

Thursday, November 10 (St. Leo the Great, pope)

8:15 a.m. Joseph Ruddy

Friday, November 11 (St. Martin of Tours)

7:00 a.m. Melinda Vallow

Saturday, November 12 (St. Josaphat)

4:00 p.m. Elzie Fry

Sunday, November 13 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Michael Duncan

Servers for Saturday, November 12

4:00 p.m. Volunteers

Servers for Sunday, November 13

7:00 a.m. Christopher Corrigan

9:30 a.m. Riley & Payton Rogers, Abe Jean-Jacques

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adoration is open each week-day, Monday-Friday from 8am until 8pm and Saturday from 8am until 3pm. Adoration is in the Chapel except for Thursdays when it is held in the church. If you would like to spend an hour with Jesus or share an hour with someone, please contact Darlene DeMattia at 815-674-2375 or the Parish Office at 815-844-7683.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS: If you are looking to get your first child baptized, or are expecting your first child and would like to be prepared for the sacrament of Baptism when they arrive, please call the parish office at 815-844-7683 to set up a date and time for Baptism prep class.

THE PARISH SECRETARY IS ON VACATION through Tuesday, November 8. You can still call the parish office to schedule your directory pictures. All other business should wait until she returns on Wednesday.



"They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise."

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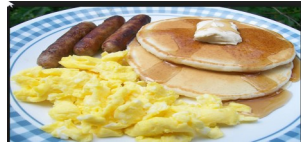
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 6
7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall

Scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy,
sausage patties, pancakes & drink

\$10 per person
\$40 family maximum

PLEASE JOIN US!



This breakfast is being held in lieu of our annual Tootsie Roll Drive with all proceeds going to those with intellectual disabilities in our community.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet Thursday, November 10 from 9am to 12:30pm in the parish hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet Thursday, November 10 at 6:30pm in the Our Lady of the Rosary Room of the parish hall.

ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GUILD will meet Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00pm in the parish hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

LEGION OF MARY: Want to tell the world about Jesus through Evangelization? Become a disciple. Join the Legion of Mary every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Please use the back door.

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP: All high school students are invited to join us every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30pm starting September 11. Youth group meets in the upstairs of the Parish Center (former rectory). Please use the back door.



ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY TURKEY PROJECT: *You can provide a turkey for a family in need.* Special envelopes will be available at all Masses over the next couple weekends. St. Mary's Pantry hopes

to distribute approximately 200 frozen turkeys to pantry patrons in November in time for a nice Thanksgiving meal. Any additional dollars collected will be used to buy other Thanksgiving dinner items such as canned sweet potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy, chicken broth, pie filling, canned cranberries, etc. Donations of these kinds of food items may be dropped off at the pantry on Thursdays from 9am-3 pm. **Thank you for your support!**

SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN: Volunteers are needed for this year's Red Kettle Campaign starting the day after Thanksgiving. If you, or your group, would like to assist with this worthwhile project, please call Pontiac Salvation Army at 815-844-5005.



A CELEBRATION OF BLESSINGS

PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 13

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish Hall

Please use the Main Street door or enter from the east at the courtyard between the buildings. Carryouts use Chicago Street entrance.

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, sweet potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, roll, dessert & drink

\$10 for adults

\$5 for children Grades 1-8

Free for children 5 and under

\$30 family max—immediate household

50/50 Drawing

Need not be present to win



HOSTED BY ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GUILD

VOLUNTEERS & FOOD NEEDED FOR PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER: Workers, as well as desserts and food items are needed for our dinner on November 13. Please go to:

www.stmaryspontiac.org and click on the link

to sign up. If you do not have a computer or are having trouble signing up, please call Bernie Timmerman at 815-822-2961 or 815-844-1479 to sign up with your times or food donations. If donating a pie, it would be appreciated if it was in a non-returnable container in case someone wants to purchase a whole pie. Thank you for your help!

BOOTIE TREE: The Christ Child Society will have a Christmas tree in the parish hall on **November 13** (at the Thanksgiving Dinner), adorned with "booties" for needy babies. There will also be "booties" in baskets at the doors of the church. Please take a bootie (or 2 or 3), purchase the item on the bootie, then return the bootie and item to the bin in the back vestibule no later than November 27. Newborn diapers and sleepers, 9 oz. bottles, and 10 oz. baby wash needed. Please do not wrap the gift. Thank you for your help. Call Shari Paris at 815-419-8620 if you have questions.

BOUTIQUE TABLE: The Christ Child Society will also have a Boutique Table at the Thanksgiving Dinner with handmade items that can be purchased to help fund the work of the Society in providing layettes to newborns in need. There will also be a girls John Deere quilt, made by one of the talented members of the Society, that will be up for raffle.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE OF ILLINOIS VOCATIONS RAFFLE: Raffle tickets to support the Knights of Columbus State of Illinois Vocations Program are available at all doors of the church. A book of 15 tickets is \$15 with a chance to win \$10,000! Take a book and return it to the collection basket the following weekend with your check made payable to Knights of Columbus. Proceeds from this raffle will allow us to support seminarians from our Diocese who are needed to help make our churches strong and lead our Church into the future. If you have any questions, please call Mark Corrigan at 815-848-3066.

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LITTLE DISCIPLES
PRESCHOOL



2023-2024 REGISTRATION

Kindergarten

- Registration for current PreK4 students and current SMS families begins 12/5/22.
- Registration for new families begins 1/4/23.

4-year old PreK

- Registration for current PreK students, re-enrolling in PreK, and current SMS families begins 12/5/22.
- Registration for new families begins 1/4/23.

3-year old PreK

- Registration for current SMS families begins 3/1/23.
- Registration for new families begins 5/1/23.

For more Information:

school.stmaryspontiac.org

815-844-6585



TEACHER NEEDED

St. Mary's School has an immediate teacher opening for **Junior High ELA (Language Arts and Literacy)**: Must have a valid Illinois teaching certificate, Middle school/Junior High Endorsement in ELA preferred. *We have hired a long term substitute to fill this position until a full time teacher can be found.*

We are seeking a Jr. High ELA Teacher who knows and loves Jesus. We seek someone with a desire to make disciples of their students and grow in discipleship with other staff. Candidates must portray abilities of healthy teamwork among colleagues along with a desire to share their knowledge and love of Jesus with students and staff.

Please send 3 letters of recommendation and a copy of your transcripts, along with your resume and cover letter to Mrs. Karen Jones, St. Mary's School, 414 N. Main St. Pontiac, IL 61764 or you may email these items to: jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org

ADVENT SMALL GROUP STUDY

We exist to get to heaven! One of the ways we can work toward heaven is through small group discipleship to build community, grow in our love for Jesus and pray the gospels. We invite you to join us this Advent season: ***Praying the Gospels: Jesus Launches His Ministry*** by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ

There are 4 time offerings. A committed time must be chosen as participants will be assigned to a specific small group for this 6 week study.

Tuesdays at 10:00am Nov. 15 to Dec. 20

Wednesdays at 1:00pm Nov. 16 to Dec. 21

Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm Nov. 15 to Dec. 20

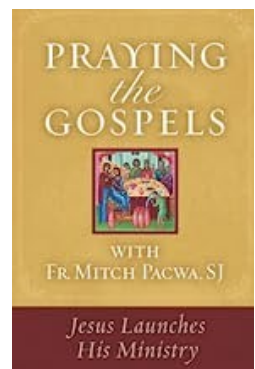
Thursday evenings at 6:30pm Nov. 10 to Dec. 22

Participants will be notified once sign ups are completed and meeting locations are determined.

3 ways to sign up:

1. Sign up sheets are located at all church entrances
2. Call the church office at 815-844-7683
3. Email Kel at krenz.kel@stmaryspontiac.org

- A donation of \$10.00 will be collected at the first meeting to offset the cost of materials.



Dear Church *family*,
It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- **Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.** If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- **Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**
- **Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!** You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW!
Last chance for pictures November 30-December 3

***To schedule your appointment go to church.stmaryspontiac.org
Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link.
You can also call the parish office at 815-844-7683 to schedule.***

2015 DEAR FAMILY FLYER

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Go to our website church.stmaryspontiac.org > Stewardship > Amazon Smile. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. Go to smile.amazon.com every time you shop.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Sunday	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38 or Lk 20:27, 34-38
Monday	Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18 & 23, 27 & 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Thursday	St. Leo the Great, Pope Phmn 7-20; Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	St. Martin of Tours 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	St. Josaphat 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19



St. Mary's Parish is now offering Online Giving.

Online Giving can be used to give to:

- Sunday Offering
- School Collection
- Food Pantry
- Building Maintenance Fund
- Memorials/Gifts
- School Annual Fund
- Scholarships

Start giving online today!

1. Visit our website at www.stmaryspontiac.org and click on the online giving link.
2. Create an account.
3. Schedule your gift. Gifts given via checking or savings account have no service charge. Debit and credit card gifts will be assessed a 3% fee.

Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, contact the parish office at 815-844-7683. Online Giving is provided by Our Sunday Visitor, a Catholic not-for-profit organization serving parishes for more than 100 years.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE
HOLY FATHER FOR NOVEMBER**

Children Who Suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO

7 days a week, 24 hours a day! Catholic Spirit Radio broadcasts EWTN and local programming for you! It's lively, entertaining, and informative. Catholic Spirit Radio is on 89.5 FM and 92.5 FM, and now on 88.3 FM in the Pontiac area, and online at www.catholicspiritradio.com

We would like to thank the following local businesses for

underwriting the efforts of Catholic Spirit Radio: Knights of Columbus Council #854, Edinger's Filling Station, Fogarty's Garage & Lyons-Sullivan Realty. If you would like to support CSR, please contact Jerry LoPiccolo at 630-514-6221.

ROSARY ON CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO: Everyday at 4:30am and 8:30pm.

MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM

This fall, let's fall in love with God through the sacraments and thanks to helpful homilies. Another method for inspiration available any day or time is to listen to the variety of ways the hosts at Catholic Spirit Radio share their relatable insights. **Listen on 88.3 FM from Pontiac. You can also use their free app or listen online at catholicspiritradio.com or tell Alexa: "Alexa, Play Catholic Spirit Radio Eighty Nine Point Five."** May God embrace you through the words that you hear!



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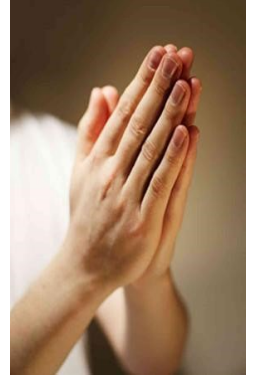
PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

For 2022, we ask everyone to pray for specific church and school families each weekday.

A list will be published here in the bulletin and in the newsletter you receive in the mail.

Please remember these families in your prayers each day for them to grow in their faith this year.

Mon Nov 7	Jeff & Michelle Hamilton Family, Lucas & Amelia Maier's Family
Tues Nov 8	Scott & Cathy Harmon Family, Payton Rogers' Family
Wed Nov 9	Deanna Hassinger Family, Gavin Schaidle's Family
Thurs Nov 10	Allison Hankins Family, Talon & Hudson Simmons' Family
Fri Nov 11	Kate Harrold Family, Nevaeh Vogt & Angelene Wertz's Family
Mon Nov 14	Chuck & Dianne Hanley Family, McKenna Woodcock's Family
Tues Nov 15	Mike Heenan Family, Boston Alsdorf's Family
Wed Nov 16	Karen Hepner Family, Cecilia & Avery Alsdorf's Family
Thurs Nov 17	Marty & Sherri Hatzer Family, Harper Bachman's Family
Fri Nov 18	Patrick Heenan Family, Alexis Brown's Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!