

ST. JOSEPH PARISH AND SCHOOL – NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Dear Families and Parishioners,

The Liturgical Year presents Jesus entering Jerusalem for the Passover and the final acts of his passion and then death. The Church will then move to Apocalyptic presentations that consider the final days of the human race on this planet and our future in the Kingdom of Heaven. The last Sunday before we begin Advent is the Feast of Christ the King where the Apocalypse speaks of the New Heaven and the New Earth.

Jesus himself accepted death as the outcome of each human person's presence on this earth. Jesus' resurrection is the promise and fulfillment that natural death for those who believe is a pathway to the Kingdom of Heaven. It was fitting that at the end of this year, on Wednesday we celebrated thirty six children, youth, and men and women of our parish who took that journey during the past year.

Many of those who felt the loss of a loved one joined us at the celebration of the Eucharist. After a short homily, the names of all those who passed from human hands to divine hands were read and members of the family came forward and lighted a single candle. The lighting of the candle is an act of faith that while human life was extinguished the light of eternity shines on for the loved one.

At this service, earth and heaven are joined together. Devout believe that those who have gone to God can penetrate the ether and see and understand those who are still on this earthly journey. They know and experience first-hand the magnificence of God and therefore are overjoyed to join us on earth as we celebrate the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus.

This belief that the dead are alive and join us actively in the Liturgy is uplifting. The joy with which we experienced our loved ones here on earth is also the joy they now experience looking down on us practicing our faith and enlivening our hope. Together we all are the children of God.

Those Remembered Wednesday Evening

Michael George Koval
Henry Samuel Richard
Pamela Jean Wise
Robert Joseph Rigdon
Michael Harry Miller
Jacqueline Fay Gillis
Cory Joseph Campbell
Richard A. Knapp
Rita Mary Brown
Julie Miller
Jeffrey A. Smith
Robert E. Keith

Ernest Herman Horning
Dennis Francis Klodt
Arthur Norman Fulweber
Patricia Ann Kevercamp
Eugene T. Engelhart
Rita Mae Engelhart
Richard Edward Knapp
Lorraine Mae Knapp
Edna Ruth Huth
Richard Joseph Schuck
Easton Michael Smith
James A. Demboski

Martin L. Begue
Margaret E. Begue
Harold "Pete" Kline
Mary Elizabeth Rosso
Margaret M. "Peggy" Shircliff
Donald Leo Franze
Bernadette "Bernie" Smith
Joseph William Cimillo
Steven John Smith
Helen Ann Barnhouse
Sharon Ambach
Howard "Jack" Trickett
William "Bill" Kenneth Eichler