Beloved,

we are God’s children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

1 John 3:2

FAMILY REUNION

Today we celebrate a glorious family reunion, the solemn feast that gives us a glimpse of all our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone home to God before us. When we quiet ourselves to hear the Word of God today, we recall the mystery of our salvation. We praise the Lord who saves our loved ones who have died and who promises to have mercy on us as well. The reading from Revelation amazes us with its sweeping images of countless souls basking in God’s glory. The Responsorial Psalm echoes our own longing to join those saints and look on the face of God. Saint John’s letter affirms our deep desire to be with God, providing robust advice about how we may realize our hope: by living purely. The familiar words of Matthew’s Beatitudes show the way to purity—and to genuine happiness, now and forever.

THE MISSION

Successful organizations live by strong mission statements. All Saints’ Day reminds the Church of her mission: to know the love of God on earth in order to experience the fullness of God’s happiness forever in heaven. The Church herself—and each one of us, her members—can use this celebration to give thanks and to renew our commitment to evangelization. If the heart of Jesus desires to unite all souls in heaven, then we must spend time every day actively praying for and serving God’s people. In our words and actions, we can pour Christ’s love into the world. We can be the light of the world, reminding everyone that this life is a foretaste of what is to come.

THE REWARD

God’s enemy, Satan, does not want us to think of heaven, prepare for heaven, or long for heaven’s peace. Satan wants us to forget about our connection to the Lord and live only for the glory we can find here and now. We feel that hellish pull whenever we grow tired of doing good, especially when no one appreciates or thanks us. We know the temptation to despair when we hear skeptics ridicule believers, especially if we can’t point to convincing evidence that God provides for us that there is a life after this one. These shaky, uncomfortable experiences may come to us once in a while, or they may take root in our hearts and burden us for years. This is precisely why we must celebrate All Saints’ Day with hearty gladness, because every single blessed soul in heaven is praying for us. The Communion of Saints is real, and the strength that Jesus sends to us through their prayers makes an actual difference in our lives. Just as we pray for one another here on earth, our big brothers and sisters in Christ continue to pray for us, inviting us to know and share the love of God.

TODAY’S READINGS

Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14
Psalm 24:1bc–2, 3–4ab, 5–6
1 John 3:1–3
Matthew 5:1–12a
OUR HOPE AND GOD’S PROMISE: The Church uses these waning November days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today’s feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Apostles’ Creed: “We believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.” And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John’s vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white-robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God’s face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God’s children and will, in fact, see God “as he is” (1 John 3:2). This is our hope. This is God’s promise. Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God’s face.

WEEKEND LITURGY

First Reading: John’s vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14).

Psalm: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading: By God’s love, we may be called God’s children (1 Jn 3:1-3).

Gospel: The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Mt 5:1-12a).


READINGS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18[13-14]; Mt 25:1-13
**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (11/2-11/8)**

**Monday 8:30 AM:** Multiple Intentions  
**5:30 PM:** Mary Jane Reed Cornish

**Tuesday 5:30 PM:** Peggy Noel & Ned Borders

**Wednesday 11:00 AM:** Jim Thompson

**Thursday 5:30 PM:** Kenny & Barbara Corbett

**Friday 8:30 AM (School Mass Only):** Betty Lou Montgomery

**Saturday 8:30 AM:** Wilburn Kelty  
**4:30 PM:** Stephen Downs

**Sunday 8:30 AM:** Bob Goodlett  
**10:30 AM:** Steve Hale  
**2:00 PM (Spanish Mass):** For the Parish

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

**Weekday Lectors:** (Mon.) Hamilton B. Simms, (Tues.) Mary Lynne Fenwick, (Wed.) Katie Simms, (Thurs.) Betty Carol Barber, (Fri.) School, (Sat.) Shirley Barber

**Weekday Sacristans:** (Mon.) Belle Sutton, (Tues.) Julee Jones, (Wed.) Mary Ann Hale, (Thurs.) Perry Carrico, (Fri.) School, (Sat) Betty C. Barber

**Weekend Liturgical Roles** for the month have been sent/will be sent via email.

**St. D Prayer List:** Coronavirus Pandemic, World Peace, Healthcare Workers, Victims of Abuse, U.S. Military, Unborn & Elderly, Addictions, Fr. Joe Hayden, Kim Pinkston Spalding, Eva Ann Parris, Lester Shouse, Alice Shouse, Ted McNeal, Edwin Thompson, Joseph Chandler, Jim Smith, Steve Smith, Bobby Price, Pat Kelly, Beth Hellman, Dennis Rust, Teddy Brothers, Jeannie Hatchett, Lames Thomas, Katie Haydon, Tammy Harley, Jane Rudd Volz, Dennis Newton, Lucille Spalding, Mary Devine, Roberta Williams, Jerry Craig, Larry Smith, Tom Miller, Margaret Faye Martin, Charlotte Disponett, Carolyn Greene, Marian & Wade Elliott, Sue Carter, Michael & Jennifer Jarboe, Debbie Hamilton, Buddy & Charlotte Smith, Wheatley Hamilton, Corbin Noel, Dorothy Mattingly, Colin Walker, Cassie Robinson, Olivia Montgomery, Audrey Edelen, Marilyn Watkins, Sueanna Graves, Helen Parrot, Christy Caldwell & Nancy Hardin. **Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church’s prayers, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office at 336-3569.**

**Tithing Contributions** for this past week (includes contributions during the week &/or ACH contributions, etc.): $7,438.50
MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

All Souls’ Day Masses: There will be two masses offered up in remembrance of All Souls, on Monday, November 2, an 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Special Thanks: We want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, food and every act of kindness shown to us during Kyle’s illness and death. To Fr. David, for getting to know Kyle and for making his funeral so personal. Thank you to Tess Tedder and the choir for the beautiful music and to the bereavement committee for the wonderful meal. What a loving parish we belong to. Sincerely, Dee Dee, Jamie, Ella & Danni Logsdon

Masses: Just a reminder to call ahead (Monday through Thursday) if you plan to attend Mass this coming weekend, space is limited due to social distancing requirements. Please contact us in one of two ways, by calling 859-336-3569 or by email at stdom@bellsouth.net. Seating charts are finalized on Thursday afternoons.

St. D PTO Chili Supper: The PTO will be hosting their annual chili supper on November 3rd, from 4-8 p.m. This year it will be drive-thru only at St. D School (parking lot). The cost will be $8 per meal. This will include a bowl of chili, a peanut butter or pimento cheese sandwich, and dessert.

Youth Group: Due to a scheduling conflict, our November gathering will be the third Tuesday of the month instead of the usual second Tuesday. Hope to see all of you on Tuesday, November 17th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. What a fantastic turnout last month, 32 youth!!!

Mass Intentions: Have you been planning on scheduling a 2021 Mass Intention(s) in memory of a loved-one? If so, consider stopping by the parish office to do this, our 2021 calendar is already getting quite full. A mass stipend is $10. See Sonya at the Parish Office (from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.) to see what dates are available.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction: Thursdays at 6 p.m. (after the 5:30 p.m. Mass) & on Sundays from 4-7 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child: For those participating in OCC this year please bring your box to church any time before the Sunday of November 22nd and place in the confessional. If you have any questions about packing an OCC box please, contact Lori A Tucker at 859-805-0121.

2020 Catholic Services Appeal - Bringing Christ to Others: St. D Parish Goal: $46,900 - St. D Parish Gifts to Date: $16,420 - Parish Participation Goal: 159 Households - Parish Participation to Date: 62 Households. Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal. There is still plenty of time to respond with a gift. Gifts can be made through our parish office or online at www.ArchLou.org/CSA or by using a designated Catholic Services Appeal Envelope, which can be found in the pews at church.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Our parish will take up a special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development on Nov. 21/22. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty. An envelope for this collection can be found in the pews & can be dropped in the collection anytime between now and Nov. 22. Thank you!
Information that has been temporarily removed, or yet to be posted to the bulletin (in paper form):

2020 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection (Nov. 21/22):
Our parish will take up a special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds collected will remain in the Archdiocese of Louisville to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

2020 Retirement Fund for Religious Collection: The collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held in our parish, Dec. 12th & 13th. Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. A designated envelope for this collection can be found in parishioners tithing packet. Feel free to drop your envelope in the collection any time between now and Dec. 13th.

Possibly interested in joining the Catholic Church? Contact Fr. David at 336-3569.

St. D School Scrip Program: Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money for St. Dominic School. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn money for St. D on your purchases. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted. How it works: Buy gift cards at face value, St. D can earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy, use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases. Get started: Create an account on the RaiseRight app or at ShopWithScrip.com using St. D’s enrollment code: 6L353D8L3433L. Seamlessly check out by securely paying online. Have questions? Contact: Theresa Mattingly by email @ theresa.mattingly@yahoo.com.

AmazonSmile is now available in the Amazon Shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones. AmazonSmile customers can now support St Dominic Church (proceeds benefit St. D School) in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device, go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings', tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process. If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app, update your app.

The St. D Newspaper Recycling drive is held the second Monday of the month, weather permitting. If you live within city limits & participate in our
newspaper drive, please have your papers by the curb no later than 9 A.M. This will help accommodate the volunteers who need to do pick-up in the morning hours. Pick-up times vary from driver to drive. There is no pick-up during the months of July & December.

*IGA Receipts, BOXTOPS for Educations & Campbell’s labels* are all fundraisers for our school. We ask that you continually save them and drop them in the wooden boxes in the back of church.