

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church
207 North Main Street, PO Box 307
Dilworth, MN 56529-0307



"A Place Where All Are Welcome."

Established 1910

www.stlizdilworth.org

If you are a visitor to St. Elizabeth's, we sincerely welcome you. Perhaps you live in the neighborhood or nearby area and decided to drop in, or you are visiting from another parish. Whatever the case, we are glad you are here to join us in worship of Jesus Christ our Lord. For more information about our parish, to register, or to ask a question, please visit our website at stlizdilworth.org or call our parish office.

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are a people called by God to become the Body of Christ through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, forming the faith community of St. Elizabeth, belonging to the Diocese of Crookston and to the Universal Roman Catholic Church. Our mission is to have a living active faith, with Jesus as the center of our faith community, affirming love and a compassionate concern for each other and for our brothers and sisters all over the world.

STAFF:

Pastor: Fr. Augie Gothman

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Deacon: Deacon Dean Roberts

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Parish Office **9:00 AM-NOON** Mon. through Thurs.

Parish Office is closed Friday.

In an emergency call 218-443-6275 (Fr. Augie)

PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES: Sunday at **8:30 AM**

St. Elizabeth - Monday and Wednesday 9:00 AM

St. Andrew - Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday **9:30am-6:00pm**

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION: See parish bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Before Mass 7:45 - 8:15 am or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Contact St. Elizabeth parish office at least six months prior to planned wedding date.

FAITH FORMATION - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Schedule will be given to families.

PASTORAL VISITATION: If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the sick, please call the office at 218-287-2705. We want to be a part of your life.

2026

TRUSTEES

Ken Wirtz

Julie Nash

FINANCE COUNCIL

John Kuhn

Brad Sylliaasen

Craig Larson

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Frank Gross

Gerald Zimmer

Ken Wirtz

Craig Larson

Chuck Breid

ALL SAINTS DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

"Stewardship Opens the Door of Faith to a Lifelong Journey"

Stewardship of Treasure October 25, 2026

Adults: \$ 1,358.00
 Loose Plate: \$ 120.00
 Online Giving: \$ 365.00
 Total Sunday Offering: **\$ 1,843.00**

Mass Attendance – 145

Online giving is a safe and easy way to support our parish and its ministries. Start today by visiting www.stlizdilworth.org and click on the **DONATE ONLINE** at the top of the webpage.

November 1, 2026 – All Saints Day

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
Matthew 5:7

Stewardship is a life of service. Stewards know that the gifts they have been entrusted with by God are intended to be shared in service to others.

Our Love and Prayers go out to...

We want to hold one another in prayer, especially *Bishop Balke* and all those who struggle with illness and those who have asked for our prayers. *"May you touch them and heal them, O Lord!"*



VICTIM ASSISTANCE If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at (218) 281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov 1, 8:30am-St. Elizabeth	Parishioners
Sunday, Nov 1, 10:30am-St. Andrew	Prayers of St. Expedite
Monday, Nov 2, 9:00am-St. Elizabeth	NO MASS
Tuesday, Nov 3, 9:00am-St. Andrew	Communion Service
Wednesday, Nov 4, 9:00am-St. Elizabeth	NO MASS
Thursday, Nov 5, 9:00am-St. Andrew	Communion Service
Sunday, Nov 8, 8:30am-St. Elizabeth	+ Neil Brown
Sunday, Nov 8, 10:30am-St. Andrew	Parishioners

Bible Readings for this Week (Nov 2 – Nov 8)

Mon: Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 5:5-11 / Jn 6:37-40
Tues: Phil 2:5-11 / Lk 14:15-24
Wed: Phil 2:12-18 / Lk 14:25-33
Thur: Phil 3:3-8a / Lk 15:1-10
Fri: Phil 3:17—4:1 / Lk 16:1-8
Sat: Phil 4:10-19 / Lk 16:9-15
Sun: Wis 6:12-16 / 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Mt 25:1-13

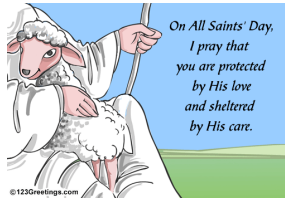
Liturgical Assignments for November 8

Altar Servers.....Jaxson Paulson
Easton Paulson
 Ministers of Holy Communion.....Deacon
Craig & Mary Jo Larson
 Lectors.....Julie Reno, Paul Svir
 Ushers.....Tony Reno, Mark Sloan
 Giftbearers.....Dave & Karen Owings
 Music.....Kathy / Ava

"There is no gift so small that it is overwhelmed by another, if it is given out of a true sense of prayerful stewardship."

Weekly Gross	Stewardship 10%	Stewardship 5%
\$60.00	\$6.00	\$3.00
\$100.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
\$150.00	\$15.00	\$7.50
\$200.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
\$250.00	\$25.00	\$12.50
\$300.00	\$30.00	\$15.00
\$350.00	\$35.00	\$17.50
\$400.00	\$40.00	\$20.00
\$450.00	\$45.00	\$22.50
\$500.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
\$550.00	\$55.00	\$27.50
\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$50.00

ALL SAINTS DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2026



ALL SAINTS DAY

The Feast of All Saints is a holy day of the Church honoring all saints, known and unknown. While we have information about many saints, and we honor

them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been specifically honored. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these saints of the Lord and ask for their prayers and intercessions. The whole concept of All Saints Day is tied in with the concept of the Communion of Saints. This is the belief that all of God's people, on heaven, earth, and in the state of purification (called *Purgatory* in the West), are connected in a communion. In other words, Catholic and Orthodox Christians believe that the saints of God are just as alive as you and I and are constantly interceding on our behalf. Remember, our connection with the saints in heaven is one grounded in a tight-knit *communion*. The saints are not divine, nor omnipresent or omniscient. However, because of our common communion with and through Jesus Christ, our prayers are joined with the heavenly community of Christians.

During the Month of All Souls (November), many parishes have the custom of giving a place of honor to a book in which community members and visitors write the names of their beloved dead. The Book of Remembrance was inspired by the ancient practice of recording the dates of the deaths of loved ones in a necrology, a public record or registry of death. *This practice provides the living with an opportunity for healing and consolation in the face of grief.* The Book of Remembrance is usually displayed from the solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It is left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember, and pray for the repose of their souls. **Our Book of Remembrance will be located at the entrance of the church on the pedestal.**



Tuesday, November 3 is Election Day

This is an important day that all eligible voters should take as their responsibility. You will be choosing those who represent your interests in government policy for the

next election period.

HELP WANTED:

Mission Support Assistant — Records & Finances

The Parishes of St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth are seeking a detail-oriented, dependable individual to provide part-time administrative support (approximately **10–16 hours per week**).

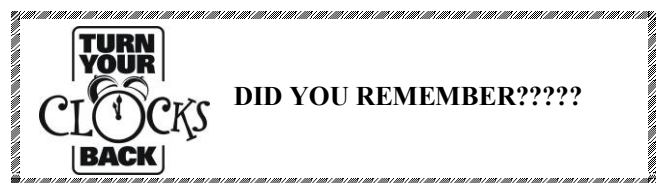
Responsibilities include:

- Recording contributions, deposits, and disbursements in ParishSoft
- Processing payroll and parish bills
- Reconciling bank statements and maintaining financial records
- Preparing quarterly and annual financial reports
- Assisting with annual budgeting, reporting, and Diocesan requirements
- Maintaining parish census and HR records

Ideal candidate: Organized, accurate, trustworthy, and comfortable working with financial records and computer software. Experience with bookkeeping or payroll is helpful. If interested, please contact Father Augie at 218-443-6275 or agothman@crookston.org.

Demonstrate your thankfulness this season

Each holiday season, St. Elizabeth's anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year. If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at stlizdilworth.org and locate the Online Giving button. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Thank you for your generosity and support!



***ALL SAINTS DAY
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THANK YOU, THANK YOU To our NEW (and old) spaghetti committee leaders for another successful dinner. *Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve the meal.* Our final counts were 500 meals served and 251 take outs. These were our raffle sales: Youth RE baskets (\$643.00), Cash raffle (\$4,800.00) Bake Sale (\$828.00). This was truly a parish effort. *Thank you to everyone !*

CONGRATULATIONS to the Raffle Winners:

\$500.00	Jeff Swenson
\$200.00	Emily Blazek
\$100.00	Morgyn Larson
\$100.00	Dennis Bresee
\$50.00	Robert Shaw

November SEPO Group
St. Elizabeth's Parish Organization (SEPO)

Winter	Shelly	Jones	Erik & Amanda
Grubb	Phillip & Julie	Jund	Mark & Katy
Hanson	Sheri	Kilde	Patrick & Lisa
Hanson	Thomas & Kaylie	Knodel	Scott & Julie
Heazlett	Kevin & Kim	Krapp	Jerrad & Nicole
Herkenhoff	Philip & Nicolette	Kuhn	John & Renee
Herrera	Willie & Shelly	Larson	Craig & Mary Jo
Hoover	Jared & Casey	Laugeness	Shirley
Houska	Wayne & Candice	Leiran	David & April
Jenson	Travis & Ashley	Mueller	Shane & Breanna



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

November 12 – Steve & Theresa Kadrie
November 15 – Nathan & Jaime Paulson
November 19 - Jeff & Becky Abele
November 19 – Tom & Mary Lenertz
November 22 – Mike & Paulette Stalboerger
November 30 – Bruce & Judy Hoover

*May God bless you and grant you joy.
May He deepen your love for each other every day.
Amen*



November Birthdays Please join us in extending birthday greetings this month to: Charles Breid 11/1; Hailey Ness 11/1; Dan Arel 11/3; Allen Grove 11/3; Tyler Nash 11/3; Nate Purser 11/3; Mataya Ball 11/4; Jean Danielson 11/4; Sawyer Thompson 11/4; Jenessa Reno 11/5; Ciri Schantz 11/6; Jacqueline Molstre 11/8; Lisa Renner 11/8; Alfred Herkenhoff 11/10; Megan Meyers 11/10; Jason Wyland 11/10; Thomas Wilebski 11/11; Jane Bjerk 11/14; Shane Mueller 11/14; Sydney Ogdahl 11/14; Tommy Sather 11/14; Dwight Thompson 11/14; Luann Reno 11/15; Chris Blaze 11/16; Jamie Paulson 11/16; John Ringstad 11/16; Rosemary Sather 11/16; Aiden Thompson 11/16; Tyler Heagley 11/17; Mason Bjerken 11/18; Patrick Kilde 11/18; Zachary Ogdahl 11/18; Debra Hermann 11/19; Lisa Schmitz 11/22; Amanda Wyland 11/22; Lowell Brown 11/23; **Fr Augie 11/23**; Clifton Mills 11/23; Zoey Malvin 11/24; Harper Siggerud 11/24; Beau Rothschadl 11/26; Kade Swenson 11/27; Alex Gergen 11/28; Gracelyn Eilertson 11/29; and Clara Smyth 11/29.

❖ ***Sympathy & Prayers*** to James & Patti Seidler and family on the passing of their father and grandfather, Vern Olek. His funeral was held Friday, October 30 at St. Elizabeth's. Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord.....

OUT OF PARISH NEWS

News from Knights of Columbus Council #4463:

Congratulations to Eva Carlson, our \$100 winner for the October 25, 2026, drawing of the KC Calendar Raffle!

St. Leo's Catholic Church, Casselton, will be hosting their annual Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings on Sunday, **November 1st** from 11:00am to 1:30pm. Takeout meals are available. In addition to dinner, there is a cash raffle, Country Store/Bake Sale and Kids Games.

Catholic Man Night
Tuesday, November 10th
6:00–8:00 PM

Nativity, Fargo

Our featured speaker will be Fr Ternes
A **free-will offering** will be accepted for the meal.
Bring a friend and start the season with faith, fellowship and great conversatio

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ST. ELIZABETH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Parish Family of St. Elizabeth,

As we reflect on our parish life over the fiscal year spanning July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, my heart is filled with profound gratitude for each of you. A parish is never merely brick, mortar, or a set of balance sheets; it is a living family of faith united around the Altar of Christ. Everything we do—from celebrating the Mass and baptizing our children to gathering in fellowship and caring for those in need—is sustained by your generosity, prayers, and dedicated Christian stewardship.

In his pastoral letter, ***New Life: Through the Tender Compassion of Our God***, Bishop Andrew Cozzens reminds us of the core conviction voiced by Pope St. Paul VI: “**The Church exists to evangelize**”. In a world of “Christendom” the main institutions and systems of the broader culture were formed in and supported a Christian way of life, “all” one had to do was to “maintain” the structures and institutions, parishes, schools, etc. that formed the culture.

Today, however, we live in a post-Christian era in which we cannot count on other institutions sharing the Christian vision and where many are opposed to it. This is an “apostolic age” that requires us to move boldly from maintenance to mission. In ***Divine Renovation***, Fr. James Mallon reminds us that we are called not simply to maintain inherited structures, but to foster a living culture of mission and form intentional, disciple-making communities.

Our temporal goods and financial stewardship are not administrative ends in themselves; they are the resources necessary to fuel the “Great Commission”: Jesus said: “**Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you**”. (Matthew 28)

I invite you to review with me numbers from this past year, using through the lens of Bishop Cozzens' three pastoral priorities: Revive, Plan, and Evangelize.

1. Revive: Placing Our Sunday Offertory at the Service of Worship & Discipleship

While special fundraisers and seasonal appeals offer wonderful moments of community, our **Sunday Offertory remains the bedrock of our ongoing financial stability. Over the past year, our Sunday offertory totaled \$120,823.66**, powered by \$115,109.00 in adult envelope contributions, \$5,698.65 in loose plate offerings, and a growing number of electronic givers.

When we place our offering, we are doing far more than paying operating bills. As Fr. James Mallon emphasizes in *Divine Renovation*, **true stewardship begins with the Stewardship of Time**—our

fundamental commitment to personal spiritual growth, prayer, and discipleship—which must always take precedence over mere material activity. Our Sunday giving enables us to:

Sustain Transcendent Worship & Liturgy: Supporting our clergy, staff, and visiting priests who minister the Sacraments, while maintaining quality sacred music, art and sanctuary appointments that lift our hearts to God.

Evangelize & Accompaniment: Investing \$31,682.49 directly into youth discipleship and curriculum. In alignment with our new diocesan vision, we are shifting from a classroom "checklist" model toward a Family Accompaniment Model, equipping parents as the primary evangelizers in their own homes so our youth experience a genuine, life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

Foster Community & Hospitality: Generating over \$13,700 in net proceeds from our annual Fall Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle (grossing nearly \$23,000), by creating a warm front door of welcome for our broader community.

2. Plan: Upgrading Our Systems to Move more fully into Mission

Thanks to your steadfast support and careful parish management, St. Elizabeth closed the fiscal year in a sound financial position, generating \$289,926.35 in total revenues against \$217,423.26 in overall expenditures, resulting in an operational surplus of \$72,503.09.

In a missional parish, financial stability is not a signal to rest on our laurels or hoard money in the bank; money in the bank is not the ultimate measure of vitality. Rather, a surplus gives us the strength to plan prudently and invest directly in growth, discipleship, and evangelization. Part of using our resources well for mission means being clear about the operational costs of maintaining our physical launchpads for ministry, ensuring the people we welcome in will find a hospitable and comfortable church home.

Repairs & Grounds Preservation: \$18,255.98 directed toward church maintenance and \$4,780.00 for winter snow removal to ensure safe, welcoming access to our church campus.

Utilities & Campus Operations: \$11,761.08 in electricity, \$5,818.88 in heating fuel, and \$3,270.93 for municipal water, sewer, and sanitation across our church, rectory, and discipleship facilities.

Protection & Wider Church Solidarity: \$15,275.00 in property and liability insurance, alongside \$12,392.00 in our annual Diocesan Assessment and \$1,730.00 in Special Assessments, supporting promoting vocations and all manner of Catholic services across northwestern Minnesota.

Behind these operational figures lies an ongoing administrative shift. By transitioning to Diocesan-managed accounting platforms and Diocesan Shared Accounting Services, we are streamlining our local bookkeeping needs and setting the stage for shifting the focus of staff from **caring for the**

flock we've got toward reaching outward to welcome more in. This will free our leadership to focus energy on directing and leading the mission rather than just managing the maintenance, looking into the world with the eyes of Jesus.

3. Evangelize: Accelerating Debt Freedom to Unleash Kingdom Growth

As we look toward the future, our primary strategic priority remains the complete retirement of our building debt. Our current **remaining principal balance stands at \$156,998.69**. During this past fiscal year, **our parish paid \$9,192.02 in loan interest alone** on our Building Loan.

In the words of Fr. Mallon, every dollar spent servicing debt or interest is a dollar that cannot be invested directly in personnel, adult formation, Alpha, or missionary outreach. If every household prayerfully considers making an extra pledge toward Debt Retirement, we can eliminate thousands of dollars in interest charges, achieve total debt freedom, and redirect those financial resources into active evangelization and disciple-making.

My Pastoral Encouragement to the Three Stewardships

Our operational surplus of \$72,503.09 demonstrates that St. Elizabeth's is resilient, conscientious, and deeply blessed. But transforming our parish into a true missionary center depends on the personal commitment of every baptized parishioner.

Drawing from Divine Renovation, I invite all of us to embrace the Three Stewardships of Discipleship:

Stewardship of Time (Discipleship): Make a deliberate commitment to your personal prayer life, Eucharistic Adoration, and spiritual growth this coming year.

Stewardship of Talent (Ministry & Service): Discover your God-given spiritual gifts (charisms) and offer them in service to others, moving away from "volunteering out of guilt" toward serving out of joyful giftedness.

Stewardship of Treasure (Financial Giving): Commit to regular, proportional Sunday Offertory giving and consider an additional gift toward our Building Loan to accelerate our debt retirement for mission.

Thank you for your deep love for Christ and His Church here at St. Elizabeth's. May God bless you and your families abundantly, and through the intercession of St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the New Evangelization, may our parish grow daily in faith, hope, and missionary zeal!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. August J. Holman

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church - Dilworth

Parish Giving Summary	2024-2025	2025-2026
Adult Envelope	\$125,767.15	\$115,109.00
Alley & Resurfacing Project	\$11,355.00	\$6,831.24
Building Fund	\$31,913.16	\$17,346.00
Spaghetti Dinner	\$38,804.75	\$17,434.75
Other Revenues	\$27,904.56	\$64,421.41
St Andrew Church/Hawley Subsidy	\$31,811.52	\$33,485.54
Special Collections	\$9,151.25	\$24,723.75
Spaghetti Dinner Raffle	\$8,080.00	\$4,860.00
Loose Plate Collection	\$5,157.77	\$5,698.65
Children's Collection	\$ 9.22	\$16.01
Total	<u>\$289,402.38</u>	<u>\$289,926.35</u>

Financial Summary July 2025 – June 2026

INCOME

Adult Envelope Collection	\$ 115,109.00
Alley & Resurfacing Project	\$ 6,831.24
Building Fund	\$ 17,346.00
Loose Plate Collection	\$ 5,698.65
Children Envelope Collection	\$ 16.01
Spaghetti Dinner	\$ 17,434.75
St. Andrew Church/Hawley Subsidy	\$ 33,485.54
Spaghetti Dinner Raffle	\$ 4,860.00
Other Revenues (Special Donations, Funerals, Rental Income, All others not listed)	\$ 82,738.16
Special Parish Collections (Christmas, Christian Service, Easter, Flowers, Holy Days)	\$ 6,407.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 289,926.35**

EXPENSES

Salary & Benefits	(Salaries, Diocese Priest Retirement, Travel)	\$ 75,396.71
Religious Education Exp	(Salaries, Supplies, Textbooks)	\$ 21,689.29
Parish Administrative Exp	(Includes Diocesan Assessment)	\$ 20,725.30
Church Facilities Exp		\$ 32,678.17
RE Facilities Exp		\$ 9,993.20
Other Education Exp		\$ 1,155.99
Christian Service Exp	(Emergency assistance)	\$ 0
Worship Exp		\$ 6,452.53
Rectory Facilities Exp		\$ 2,160.00
Other Expenses		\$ 47,172.07

SUBTOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 217,423.26**

NET INCOME **\$ 72,503.09**

BUILDING LOAN

Amount of Loan March 1, 2025 (New Amortization)	\$ 194,376.89
Monthly Payments	\$ 3,274.24
Balance on Loan (As of June 1 2026)	\$ 156,998.69

Liturgical Schedule November 2026

	11/1/2026	11/8/2026	11/15/2026	11/22/2026	11/29/2026
READERS	Kathy Bresee	Julie Reno	Erik Jones	Mike Leichtenberg	Paul Svir
	Julie Nash	Paul Svir	Michelle Swenson	Julie Nash	Kathy Bresee
OFFERTORY GIFTS	Shane & Breanna Mueller	Dave & Karen Owings	Jeff & Joanne Poehls	Dan & Lorna Arel	Darren & Becky Bentow
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon
	Julie Reno	Craig Larson	Mike Leichtenberg	Ralph Mitchell	Greg Schmitz
	Tony Reno	Mary Jo Larson	Beth McManus	Julie Nash	Lisa Schmitz
USHERS	Craig Larson	Tony Reno	Paul Svir	Erik Jones	Craig Larson
	Mary Jo Larson	Mark Sloan	Chuck Breid	Mark Sloan	Mary Jo Larson
ALTAR SERVERS	Penny Hanson	Jaxson Paulson	Zoey Malvin	Harper Siggerud	Gavin Purser
	Regeanna Garza	Easton Paulson	Charlie Brantner	Ruby Hoover	Peyton Purser
Piano/Cantor	Kevin / Jocelyn	Kathy / Ava	Kevin / Dave	Kathy / Dennis	Kevin / Jocelyn

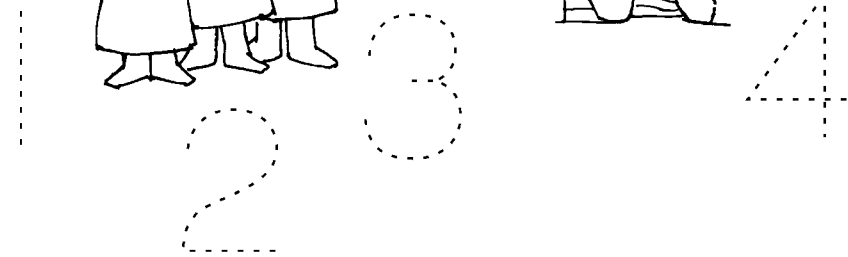
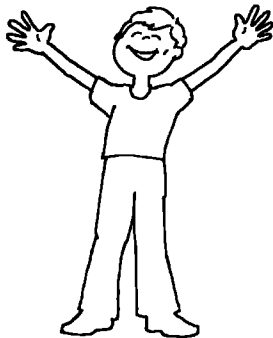
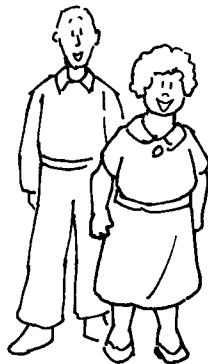
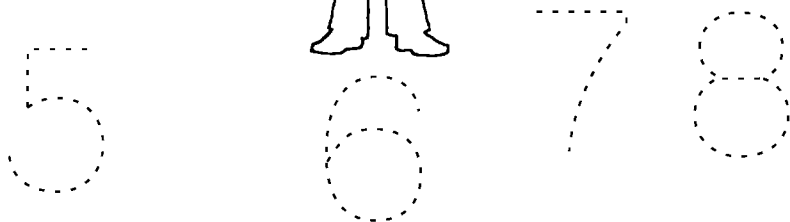
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NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 All Saints Day 8:30 am Mass Daylight Savings Time Ends Set clocks back an hour	2 All Souls' Day NO 9:00am Mass Adoration 9:30am – 6:00 pm	3	4 NO 9:00am Mass	5	6	7
8 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass	9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Mass 9:00am Adoration 9:30am – 6:00 pm	10	11 Mass 9:00am Veterans Day	12	13	14
15 33 rd Sunday Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass Faith Formation	16 Mass 9:00am Adoration 9:30am – 6:00 pm	17	18 Mass 9:00am	19	20	21
22 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 8:30 am Mass Catholic Campaign for Human Development	23 Mass 9:00am Adoration 9:30am – 6:00 pm Fr. Augie's Birthday	24 Knights of Columbus Blood Drive	26 Mass 9:00am	26 Thanksgiving Parish Office Closed	27	28
29 1 st Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Mass St. Mary's Mission Appeal	30					

Jesus said, "Rejoice!
Your reward in heaven is great."

Trace the numbers of people rejoicing.



Children's Worship Bulletin™



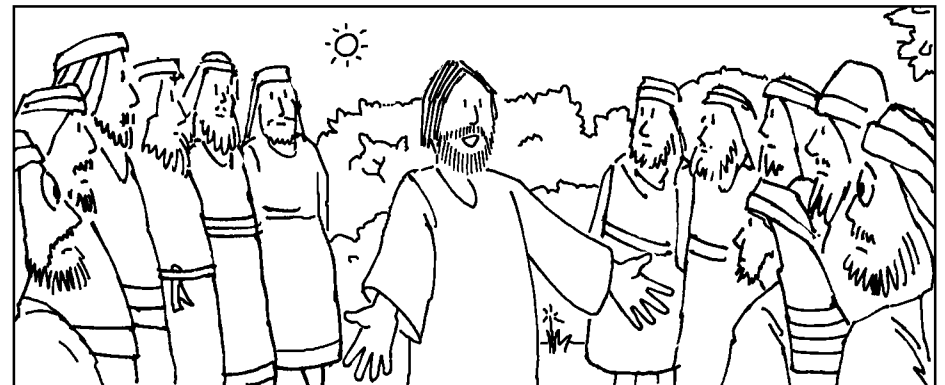
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November 1, 2026 • Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

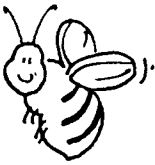
Jesus went up to the mountain.
He taught His disciples.

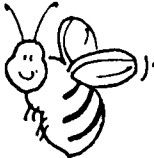
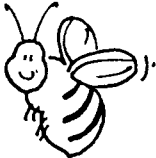
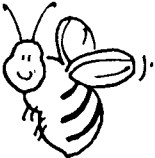
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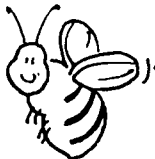
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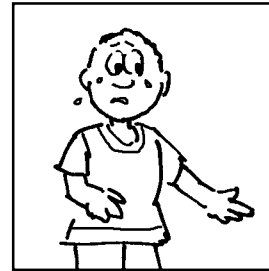
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Obey God and be blessed.

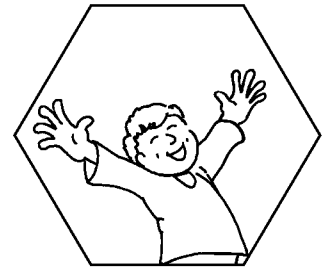
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Blessed are
those who ...

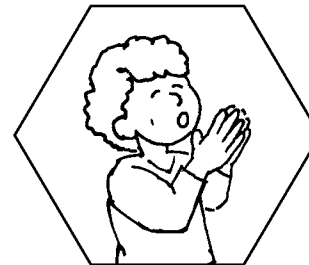


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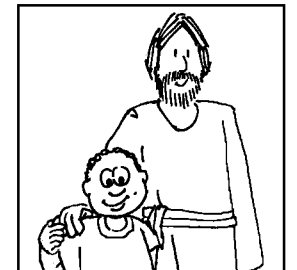
for they ...



will be filled.



hunger and thirst
for righteousness



are comforted.



are meek



will inherit the
earth.



Jesus told the people
to do something. What was it?



Write the letter that is missing in each set.
Then copy those letters on the line below.



1) P Q S T U V _____

2) B C D F G H _____

3) H I K L M N _____

4) K L M N P Q _____

5) F G H J K L _____

6) A B D E F G _____

7) D F G H I J _____

“ _____ and be glad,

because great is your reward in heaven.”



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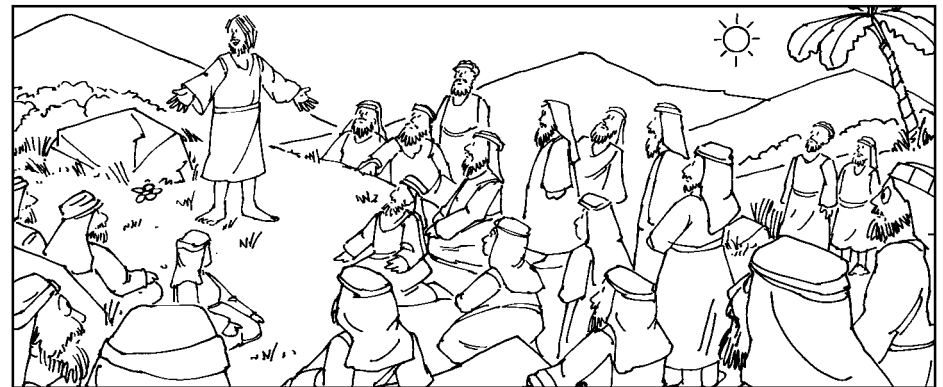
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The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went
up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples
came to Him, and He began to teach to them.

Find 15 differences in the pictures below.



Use these words to fill in the crossword. Then fill in the blanks.	God see evil	meek poor pure	earth heart mercy	mourn shown called	filled heaven hunger	insult people spirit	thirst blessed inherit	falsely kingdom children	merciful comforted persecuted	peacemakers righteousness
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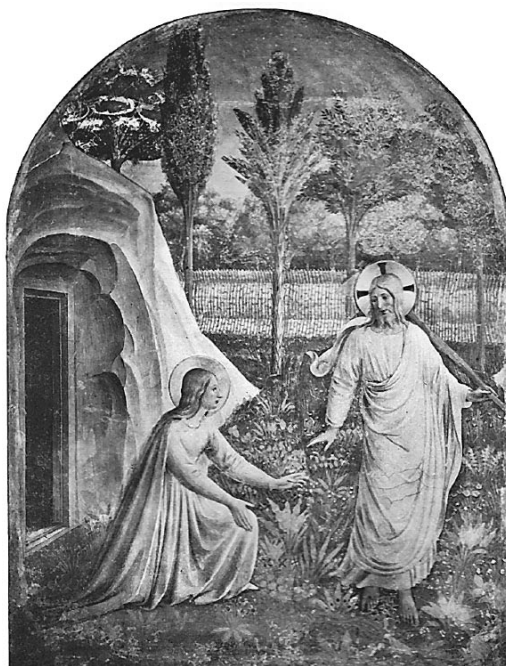
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 for theirs is the 20) _____ of 8D) _____. 16) _____ are you when 6) _____ 2) _____
 you, persecute you and 5) _____ say all kinds of 22) _____ against you because of Me."

The Second Coming of Christ

... then will appear the sign of the Son of man in Heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of Heaven with power and great glory; and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of Heaven to the other. ~ Matthew 24:30-31

CHRIST WAS SENT into the world by the Father to usher in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. He announced the coming of God's reign that had been promised by the prophets of old and before ascending into Heaven he established a visible order and structure to it: the Church. The reality of the Kingdom continues in the Church, which has been given the same authority and power of Christ. While the Church is truly the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, it is only the beginning, the seed. The powers of sin and death were conquered by Christ on Calvary, definitively, but his Lordship has not yet been recognized by all, nor has his Kingdom come in its fullness. That is why we still pray *"thy Kingdom come"* (Mt 6:10) and *"Come, Lord Jesus"* (Rv 22:20).

Christ is coming back to subject all things to himself: *"[E]very knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"* (Phil 2:10-11). His promised return will happen in the last days and will mark the end of time. Since Christ ascended into Heaven, we have been in the last days. While the Lord promised that there would be signs of his return, he also said, *"Take heed, watch; for you do not know when the time will come"* (Mk 13:33). Rather than becoming anxious about his return, the Lord asks us to be pre-



Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene on Easter morning, by Fra Angelico, 1387-1455

pared, that is, to live the present day as if it were the day of the Lord's return.

One of the signs that Jesus prophesied would signal the last days is the appearance of *"false Christs and false prophets"* (see Mt 24:24) who will assault the Church one last time before his glorious return (see Mt 24:3-24). The Antichrist is not necessarily one individual but refers to anyone who denies that Jesus is the Christ: *"For many deceivers have gone out into the world, men who will not acknowledge the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh; such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist"* (2 Jn v 7; see also 1 Jn 2:18-23).

The Second Coming should not make us fearful, because Christ has already won the victory. It is true that when he comes, the Final Judgment will take place, but like his first coming his return is also motivated by love. God the Father's love for his children is fully revealed in Christ both then, now, and forever. Even when he comes again, he still *"desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Tm 2:4). If we repent and turn back to Christ even in the "eleventh hour" before the judgment, he will save us. The expectation of his coming is a constant reminder to be vigilant and call for conversion and ongoing conversion in our daily lives.

(CCC 668-679, 2771-2772, 2816-2818)

"His promised return will happen in the last days and will mark the end of time."

Questions | Other vocations | Prayers

COMMON QUESTIONS

How can I enter religious life and how long does it take?

Joining a religious community takes time—typically three to nine years—and involves several stages. While these vary, the basic stages include: candidacy, novitiate, and vows. In addition, becoming a religious priest generally takes four years of college, followed by several years of seminary, a college for preparing men for priesthood.

Can I spend time with family and friends after I enter religious life?

Each religious community has its own policies, and some, such as cloistered, are fairly restrictive. However, all recognize that the support of loved ones is crucial and encourage contact with family and friends.

How important is prayer?

Prayer is central to religious life both in solitude and in community. Many in religious life spend about two hours a day praying at Mass, saying the Liturgy of the Hours and the Rosary, holy reading, Adoration, or reflecting on scripture. Whatever shape it takes, prayer is a way to stay in communication with God and offer praise and thanksgiving, seek forgiveness, and petition for the needs of the world.



Do men and women religious work?

Just like most adults, religious sisters, brothers, priests, and nuns spend a portion of each day working—some in paid jobs related to their community's charism, or spirit; others in the ministries of their religious institute. Religious strive to share their lives with others and reveal Christ in all they do.

After people enter religious life, what happens if they fall in love?

Sisters, brothers, priests, and nuns work at remaining faithful to their vows of chastity through prayer, closeness to Jesus, good friendships, and physical exercise. It isn't always easy to remain faithful to one's vows, no matter one's life's calling. Dealing with challenges honestly can make a vocation stronger.

OTHER VOCATIONS

GOD CALLS all of us to be true to ourselves and live in ways that bring us the greatest joy, whether that be within marriage, single life, Holy Orders, consecrated life, or other vocations, such as:

Associates Single and married laypeople who have a close bond with religious communities that offer this form of membership. Associates commit to integrating the community's charism, or spirit, into their way of life and usually take part in some activities of the community.

Secular third orders Laypeople who follow the inspiration and guidance of a religious institute in their daily lives. Third order members are usually received into the religious community in a particular ceremony and pledge themselves to certain prayers and religious practices.

Permanent deacons Men ordained to minister in preaching, liturgy, counseling, and other forms of service in a diocese after a formal period of formation. Deacons may be married at the time they receive Holy Orders.

Diocesan hermits A relatively rare but ancient form of life that involves living a life of prayer and contemplation in solitude with the approval of the bishop.

Secular institutes A form of consecrated life in which members commit to a life of celibate chastity, poverty, and obedience while providing Christian witness wherever they live and work.

Consecrated virgins Women who commit to living in perpetual virginity supervised by the local bishop. Candidates for consecration must be women who have never been married or had children, and have lived chaste lives.

Lay ecclesial movements Church organizations focused on a particular ministry or spirituality, or both. Examples include Cursillo and Focolare.

VOCATION PRAYER

Prayer for discernment

LORD, help me to:

BOLDLY take charge of my life, aim for the most beautiful and profound things, and keep my heart pure.

RESPOND to your call, with the aid of wise and generous guides, and realize a proper plan for my life to achieve true happiness.

DREAM great dreams and always have a concern for the good of others.

STAND with you at the foot of the cross and receive the gift of your mother.

WITNESS to your Resurrection and the hope it brings.

BE AWARE that you are at my side as I joyously proclaim you as Lord. AMEN.

—POPE FRANCIS

ESSENTIALS FOR THE VOCATION JOURNEY

Basic terms | Types | Way of life | Process

Vo-ca-tion \vō-ˈkā-shən\ NOUN: a summons or strong inclination to a particular state or course of action, especially to the religious life; a response to one's baptismal call to follow Jesus as a disciple in a life of holiness and service. From Latin *vocatio* (summons) and earlier *vocare* (to call) from *vox* (voice).

WOMEN AND MEN IN RELIGIOUS LIFE

SISTER A woman religious who professes public vows to an apostolic, or active, religious institute, distinct from a nun, who lives an enclosed, contemplative life. Sisters have a legacy of dedicating their prayer and ministry to serving wherever the need is greatest, particularly with the abandoned, neglected, and underserved.

NUN Although the terms *nun* and *sister* are often used interchangeably, a nun belongs to a contemplative order, lives in a cloister, and devotes the majority of her time to prayer for the good of the world.

BROTHER A man religious who publicly professes vows to God and models his commitment by serving others as a minister of mercy and compassion in ways that express the charism of his religious institute. Striving to imitate Christ, a brother relates to others as Jesus did, as a brother to all.

PRIEST A religious priest professes vows in a religious institute and is ordained through the sacrament of Holy Orders. A religious, or order, priest is accountable to his major superior and the other members of his community, as well as to the local bishop and the people he serves. Religious priests take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and any additional vows of their community. A *diocesan priest* is ordained to serve the local church in a specific diocese/archdiocese. He is accountable to his bishop and the people he serves. A diocesan priest makes promises of obedience and celibacy to his bishop but not vows of poverty or community living.

TYPES OF RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

APOSTOLIC Apostolic religious communities are engaged primarily in active ministries, such as education, parish and youth ministry, healthcare, social work, and care for poor and elderly people. Prayer and community are important elements of their life.

CLOISTERED Cloistered (enclosed) or semi-cloistered communities rarely leave their monasteries or convents, where they work, pray, and share meals. Like contemplative communities, their main charism is typically prayer.

CONTEMPLATIVE Contemplative religious communities focus on daily communal prayer, especially the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours, and individual prayer, such as *lectio divina*, which is the prayerful reading

of scripture. They live in relative solitude so that they can direct their prayer and work toward contemplation, though some contemplative communities are engaged in active apostolic ministries.

MONASTIC Monastic communities place a high value on prayer and communal living, but many in monastic life are also engaged in active ministries, such as preaching, teaching, and spiritual direction. Monasticism centers on common life, work, and prayer, and, often, adherence to a specific Rule.

MISSIONARY Missionary communities focus on promoting the gospel in areas where the church is not yet present in a robust form. Missionaries serve in many different places as preachers, teachers, advocates, social service ministers, among many other forms of witness.

WAY OF LIFE

CHARISM A religious community's spirit, way of life, and focus, which grows out of its history, traditions, and founder. From the Greek *charisma* meaning "gift," charism guides decisions about mission and ministry.

VOWS Men and women in consecrated life take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Many communities add a fourth or fifth vow related to their charism, such as stability, hospitality, or service to the poor. In most religious institutes new members take temporary vows for a specified time, which they may renew. The final step is to profess perpetual vows.

PROCESS TO ENTER

DISCERNMENT The process of reflecting and praying about how to respond to God's call to follow Jesus in a particular way of life.

FORMATION Education and spiritual development that takes place after joining a religious community.

POSTULANCY Usually lasting six months to two years, the time the candidate lives within the community while continuing his or her education or work experience.

NOVITIATE Usually lasting from 12 to 24 months, a time after entrance that typically involves studying the community's charism, history, constitution, and way of life and learning more about the Catholic faith.

PROFESSION The religious rite in which a person formally enters a religious community by making public vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, among others. Typically, religious make first profession and then three to nine years later perpetual profession, or final vows.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Find more information on religious vocations, religious life today, and discerning a vocation as a Catholic sister, nun, brother, or priest at VocationNetwork.org/en/articles/archive.

1ST MILLENNIUM

2ND MILLENNIUM

EARLY CHURCH Apostles, Martyrs, Desert Fathers & Mothers

1ST CENTURY

33 | Jesus begins his public ministry and invites all he encounters to “Come, follow me” (Luke 18:22).

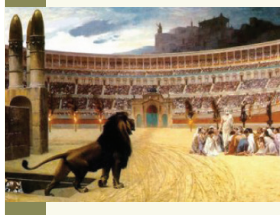


50-65 | Letters of Saint Paul refer to distinct groupings in the Early Church, including groups of celibate women and men dedicated to prayer and charity.

251-356 | Saint Anthony the Great heeds the gospel call to sell all he has, serve the poor, and live a life of asceticism. He takes up residence in the Egyptian desert to live in solitude and prayer. His story inspires other men and women to live as hermits, from the Greek *cremeites*, meaning “desert dwellers.”

I saw the snares that the enemy spreads out over the world and I said groaning, “What can get through from such snares?” Then I heard a voice saying to me, “Humility.”
—SAINT ANTHONY

313 | Persecution of Christians ends as Roman Emperor Constantine issues the “Edict of Toleration.” Christians seek ways other than martyrdom to give completely to the faith.

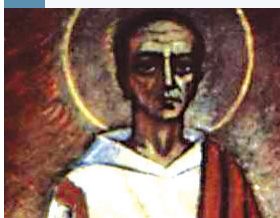


292-348 | Pachomius, a contemporary of Saint Anthony, creates a model for a cenobitic, or common, way of life based on the early Christian communities sharing goods in common and praying together. The first true monastery is established in Tabenna, Egypt.

The human being is an animal who has received the vocation to become God. —SAINT BASIL

329-379 | Saint Basil establishes large communities of monks in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). As bishop of Cesarea, Basil has his monks engage in the apostolic work of teaching and pastoral care.

347-420 | Saint Jerome, scholar and Bible translator, moves to Bethlehem where he sets up and lives in a monastery. One of many men and women religious who have been named doctors of the church for their contributions to theology and spiritual practice.



354-430 | Saint Augustine of Hippo writes rules for monks and nuns during his early years as a bishop in North Africa and founds monasteries focused on prayer, reading, and manual labor. Shapes Christian philosophy and theology for the ages.

400-500 | Surge of monastic communities.



In 470 **Saint Brigid** establishes Kildare Abbey in Ireland, a monastery for monks and nuns.

480-547 | Saint Benedict of Nursia founds monasteries and writes his rule for monks still used today. Benedict's twin sister, Saint Scholastica, heads a community of women. She is later named the patron saint of nuns.

Let all guests who arrive be received as Christ, because he will say: “I was a stranger and you took me in” (Matt. 25:35).
—From the RULE OF ST. BENEDICT

500-600 | Living in community becomes the dominant form of religious life and spreads to France, Germany, and Italy.

500-1600 | In Europe, Monasteries maintain the literature of the ancient world, and Christian scripture is preserved. Larger monasteries are centers of cultural and economic activity, harboring schools, hospitals, guest houses, and farms.

910 | Benedictine Abbey of Cluny in central France spearheads reform of the medieval church and produces leaders who become bishops and popes.



1050-1150 | Camaldolese and Carthusian hermit and contemplative

EARLY MIDDLE AGES Councils, Church Fathers & Mothers, Church Schools

7TH CENTURY

8TH CENTURY

9TH CENTURY

10TH CENTURY

monks are founded by Saint Romuald (in Italy) and Saint Bruno (in the French Alps). Both continue to this day.

He who prays and labors lifts his heart to God with his hands.
—SAINT BERNARD

11TH CENTURY

1098-1300 | Cistercian order (Trappists) greatly increases in number and influence with the help of French monk **Saint Bernard of Clairvaux**. The first Cistercian monastery for women is established in Dijon, France in 1125.

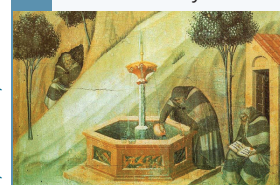
12TH CENTURY

1121-1134 | Saint Norbert combines a monastic regimen with parish work,



foreshadowing the coming of the mendicant, or begging, orders and their service in cities. A double monastery of canons and nuns is established at Prémontré, France. The

Norbertine Third Order, or lay association—the first of its kind—is founded. Often referred to as associates, tertiaries, lay associates, or secular tertiaries, such associations continue today.



1150-1244 | Mendicant orders emerge. In contrast with the previous emphasis on contemplative life and stability, members are free to travel to preach the gospel and respond to the needs of the poor. The four major mendicant orders are the Carmelites (1150), Franciscans (1209), Dominicans (1216), and Augustinians (1244).

HIGH MIDDLE AGES Great Schism, Crusades, Peak of Holy Roman Empire

13TH CENTURY



1209 | Saint Francis of Assisi founds a new order. In 1212 **Saint Clare** joins him and establishes a community for women (**Poor Clares**). She is the first woman to write rules for monastic life. Over the centuries diverse Franciscan men's and women's communities emerge, with members exercising influence as teachers and evangelizers and promoting pious practices, such as the Christmas crèche, Angelus, and Stations of the Cross.



1242 | Saint Thomas Aquinas joins the Dominicans in 1242. Among the greatest theologians, study of his

works is required for those seeking ordination or entrance in religious life.

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.

—SAINT CATHERINE

14TH CENTURY

1368 | Catherine of Siena enters public life after years spent in solitude as a tertiary Dominican. She champions spiritual reform and church unity and has the ear of the pope. Named a doctor of the church—one of four women so designated.

15TH CENTURY

1517 | Augustinian priest Martin Luther proposes his *95 Theses* for church reform in Wittenberg, Germany, resulting in his excommunication and

RENAISSANCE & REFORMATION Sacred Art Flourishes, Rise of Humanism, Counter Reforms

16TH CENTURY

symbolically beginning the Protestant Reformation and its accompanying social and religious upheaval.

1534-85 | Saint Teresa of Ávila and Saint John of the Cross, influential mystics and writers, begin their reform of the Carmelite order in Spain.



1540 | Jesuits are founded by **Saint Ignatius of Loyola**. Their efforts in education and mission continue to wield global influence. Missionary activities of Jesuits, Dominicans, Franciscans, and Augustinians expand globally.

Every way of preparing ... to find the Divine Will ... for the salvation of the soul is called a Spiritual Exercise.

—From Ignatian SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

17TH CENTURY

1545-63 | Council of Trent encourages renewal of religious orders and new forms of religious life.



1540-1850 | Founding and growth of apostolic religious communities that emphasize serving the needs of the poor, especially through education and medical care. With **Saint Vincent de Paul**, **Saint Louise de Marillac** forms the first community of

ENLIGHTENMENT Rationalism, Reaction & Revival

18TH CENTURY

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION Catholic Social Teachings



1809 | Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton founds the first apostolic community of women in the United States in 1809.

19TH CENTURY

1829-1965 | Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange establishes the first African-American



women's religious community in 1829; **Charles Uncles** is the first black man ordained in the U.S. and founds the Josephite order in 1893. *Rerum*

Novarum (1891), the foundational document for Catholic social teaching, calls on clergy, religious, and laity to advocate for justice and social equality. With 180,000 religious women and 42,000 religious men by 1965, U.S. religious reach their peak.

20TH CENTURY

1947 | Pope Pius XII encourages the formation of secular institutes, a distinct form of consecrated life that vows poverty, obedience, and chastity without communal life.

1962-65 | Second Vatican Council convenes bishops worldwide to address calls to reform the church. Religious communities are urged to return to their

AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE Accountability, Transformation, Human Dignity

21ST CENTURY

original charism, or guiding spirit, as well as to respond to the needs of the times. All aspects of Catholic life, including consecrated life, experience significant change.

The purpose of the religious life is to help the members follow Christ and be united to God through the profession of the evangelical counsels (chastity, poverty, and obedience).

—PERFECTAE CARITATIS

2009 | Ground-breaking Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life (NRVC/CARA) sets benchmarks for the new millennium. The 2020 follow-up study confirms that after a steep decline in the late 20th century, entries to religious life remain steady.

2013-27 | Pope Francis, a Jesuit, draws attention to religious life as one of the few religious order priests to become pope. 2015 is named the **Year of Consecrated Life**. Another religious, **Pope Leo XIV**, an Augustinian, is elected in 2025. In his first



message to young people, he addresses vocations: "Do not be afraid. Accept the invitation." Publishes his seminal encyclical

Magnifica Humanitas on artificial intelligence in 2026. The 16th international **World Youth Day** takes place in Seoul in 2027.

Ongoing | In response to God's call, people continue to discern religious vocations, enter religious life, and found new religious communities.

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