

Pulpit Announcements

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

- Our charitable tithes this weekend will go to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This is a national collection of the US Bishops. The money is distributed through our diocese. The recipients of grants from our diocese have been vetted and serve those in need within a worldview that is consistent with our Christian faith.
- The flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are in celebration of Gabriela and Kristofer Monnig's birthdays. We wish them both a very Happy Birthday!
- In the narthex this weekend is my new book, [*A Year With the Popes*](#). Although the book was written some time ago, its message of continuity is very timely. Every pope comes and every pope goes. The Church is the Lord's. It does not belong – nor depend – upon any one pope. We place our hope in Jesus Christ and rely on the workings of the Holy Spirit. Please take a look at the book and, if you think it can help you, consider getting a copy.
- As announced the last two weekends, we are moving forward with our work on the Front Hill. In order to keep the original design, we needed an additional \$325,000. I'm happy to announce that \$300,000 was collected or pledged! The remaining \$25,000 can be taken from our Christmas collection. And so, we're good! We are able to move forward with the original design. *I'm immensely grateful to our many donors who have made this possible!*
- Our Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 11:00 AM this Thursday, November 23. Confessions will precede the Mass and be heard from 10:00 – 10:40 AM.
- Our next prayer outreach at the local abortion facility is this coming Saturday, November 25, at 8:30 AM. The facility is located at 3220 Latrobe Drive, Charlotte, NC. All parishioners are encouraged to come and join in our peaceful, prayerful protest against abortion. This is the last month the parish will provide a bus. Please stop by or contact the Front Office to reserve your seat.
- Next Sunday, November 26, after our 11:00 AM Mass, we'll have a Gingerbread Family Fellowship in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome! The event replaces our previous Gingerbread Day. This new event is more focused on the Fall and includes gingerbread snacks for everyone!