

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

ALL SAINTS' DAY NOVEMBER 1, 2024

(Holy Day of Obligation)

St. Mary's Visitation Catholic Church

Masses: Thursday, Oct. 31 at 7:30 pm & Friday, Nov. 1 at 8:00 am & 7:30 pm

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

Masses: Thursday, Oct. 31 at 4:00 pm & Friday, Nov. 1 at 12 Noon & 5:30 pm

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Friday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 pm



From the document Lumen Gentium (#50) of Vatican II:

It is not merely by the title of example that we cherish the memory of those in heaven; we seek, rather, that by this devotion to the exercise of fraternal charity the union of the whole Church in the Spirit may be strengthened. Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from whom as from its fountain and head issues all grace, and the life of the People of God itself.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

ALL SOULS' DAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

St. Mary's Visitation Catholic Church

Masses: Saturday, November 2 at 8:00 am

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

Masses: Saturday, November 2 at 9:00 am

BLESSING OF THE CEMETERIES

(Not a Mass, weather permitting)

St. Mary's Visitation Cemetery, New Salem: Saturday, November 2 at 9:30 am

Visitation Cemetery, North Dorr: Saturday, November 2 at 11:00 am

St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Dorr: Saturday, November 2 at 10:15 am

Sacred Heart Cemetery, Watson: Saturday, November 2 at 12:30 pm

(We will begin the cemetery blessing with prayer. We will then make procession to the individual graves of family members and parishioners to bless them individually.)

On All Souls' Day, all Catholics are encouraged to spend some time in prayer, if possible in a church or cemetery, for the faithful departed. A plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory is granted for a visit to a Catholic church on All Souls' Day, or for a visit to a cemetery on any or all days from November 1 through November 8. To gain the indulgence for the visit to a church, one must also pray an *Our Father* and the *Apostles' Creed* during the visit. To gain either indulgence, one must also follow the normal requirements for gaining a plenary (full) indulgence. These requirements are detachment from all sin, sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions (one *Our Father* and one *Hail Mary*) within the few days before or after the visit(s).

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1030-1031: All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.

From St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, OCD (Edith Stein in Science of the Cross 77): The more lofty the degree of loving union to which God destines the soul, so much more profound and persistent must be its purification.

