

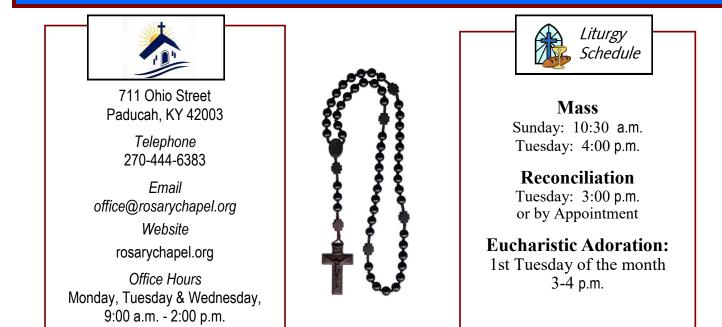
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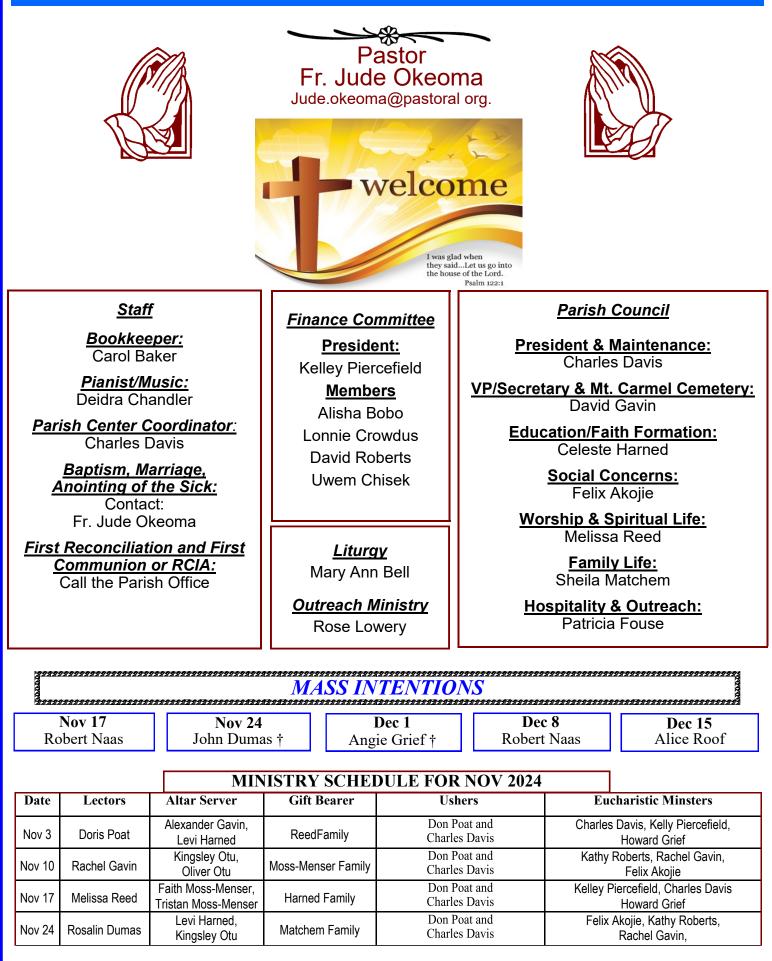


The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Our parish seeks to build and maintain our family through the sharing of the Good News to all people, in order to leave our world more beautiful and faith filled than when we inherited it.

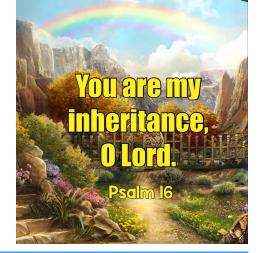




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## Report from Sunday Nov 10, 2024

Sunday Mass Attendance: 80 Sunday Collection: \$888.00 Monthly ACH: Special Collections





<u>Sanctuary Light</u> for JT Piercefield Each Sanctuary Light burns for 14 days. For a \$10 donation, a Sanctuary Light may be sponsored in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

# <u>Homebound,</u> <u>Nursing Care Center,</u> <u>Hospitalized</u>

Chen Matchen-HB Clora Hixon-HB Gary Hudson-Parkview Rm 410 Ruby Gibson-HB Barbara Naas—HB



**Reminder** 

Hospital visits

Fr. Jude would like to remind everyone that if you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the office at 270-444-6383 to inform us, as we cannot obtain information from the hospital directly.

#### Please Remember in your Prayers

Mike Mayes Rose Lowery Mary Piercefield Jaxon Jones Aaron Burns Clora Hixon Chen Matchem Rose Wurth Linda Stiles **Russell Davis** Matt Evans Michael Nicholas Ruby Gibson Thomas Rawlins Darlene Shelton Joseph Maxwell Gary Hudson Nancy Bass Andrea Emilia Bernabey Michael Burns Michael Menser Thomas (Homeless) Mark & Janice Higdon James Rister Erin Brumley Ashley Hayden Kenny Reising Lynne Clark Blake Champion Robert & Barbara Naas

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### **DIOCESAN SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY**

Sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable person is a crime in both State and Church law. Both the State and Church want to help anyone who has been or is being abused. Contact the State authorities and phone the bishop and/or the Review Board at 270-683-1545 to make a report. No one has to live with abuse, and the State and church are available to help individuals and families find help and healing. The Diocesan Policy on Sexual abuse is available on the rack outside the parish office, on the table in the church's narthex, or from the Catholic Pastoral Center.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Weekly Schedule: Tuesday, Nov19, Reconciliation at 3:00 p.m. and Mass 4:00 p.m.

<u>The parish is in need</u> of more people to serve as lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers, altar servers etc. Please sign up for training if you can serve the parish in any of these capacities.

<u>Each year Starfish Orphan Ministry</u> provides approximately 1,000 children in our community Christmas gifts. Detailed information and gift requests will be provided from any family you wish to sponsor. Anyone wishing to sponsor a family this year can email starfishorphanmisinsty@gmail.com or call Brenda McElroy at 270-559-0604 by Nov 15.

<u>All Souls Day!</u> Parishioner's may bring 'small frame pictures' for All Souls Day throughout the month of November.

The Special Collection on Sunday, December 1 will be the Hispanic Ministry Collection.

#### HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY

It is one week to the end of the liturgical year. So, it is no wonder that we have these readings that talk about the last days. From the first reading taken from the book of Daniel to the gospel passage from Mark, we hear echoes of the apocalypse. The saying by Jesus at the end of the gospel stands out – heaven and earth will pass away but my word will not pass away. Heaven and earth here mean the visible cosmos, the world as we see it every day, not heaven as the throne of God. Heaven as the throne of God doesn't pass away. In fact, when all other things have passed away, that is what remains for us.

We generally don't like the end of things that are beautiful or enjoyable. We could think of the sadness that goes with gathering at the bedside of a loved one who is passing away, even after they have had a long life. The end of a delicious meal especially when you are hungry. An enjoyable vacation. A good time with family and friends. So, when we hear that heaven and earth will pass away, some people don't like that.

Why would heaven and earth pass away, anyway? In the Book of Job, when he was being tempted, Job described heaven and earth as emptiness. The Wiseman in the book of Ecclesiastes described heaven and earth as vanity. St Paul in the New Testament describes it as old things, and he says that old things are passed away. Jesus himself talks about heaven and earth and asks the question "what shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul".

As we near the end of the liturgical year, Jesus reminds us that the beauty

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of the world, the glory of human beings, our enjoyment of created things etc. will all pass away. We do not deny how helpful these things are in our lives, but we hear Jesus saying to us that these things do not provide lasting happiness. So, when they are lacking in our lives, our friendship with God and his love for us keep us going, having God as an ever-present reality in our lives. Blessings.

Fr Jude Okeoma

