Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 8, 2026

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wisdom 6:12–16 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 or 4:13–14 / Matthew 25:1–13

Keep Your Light Burning Bright

ANN M. GARRIDO

We have entered that time of year when the readings turn our attention toward the "end of time"—that moment we await in which all of God's dreams for us will be realized. The "kingdom of God come." Jesus, like prophets before him, compared this moment to a wedding feast. In Jesus' time, marriage was the most decisive event of one's life, and the wedding feast was the greatest feast families ever celebrated. There was nothing better than a good wedding party—and nothing more embarrassing than a bad one. So much at stake!

In the parable in today's gospel, Jesus focuses on the role of the bridesmaids in making the wedding feast a spectacular event—or not. They are trusted to provide a parade of light to greet the groom as he arrives at his family's home with the bride, but it turns out that not all have prepared adequately.

The parable forces us to consider our own commitment to the Christian life. In baptism, we, too, were given a special role to serve the coming kingdom of God. We, too, were entrusted with a light and told to "keep it burning bright" until that time in which we "come out to greet him." At the beginning of our faith journey, we often embrace this role with much fervor. But we forget that the Christian life takes a good bit of endurance and involves a lot of waiting. We will need oil to keep that light burning bright—the oil of prayer, participation in the sacraments, time spent in study and renewal. No one else can nourish your relationship with God for you. It is something you will need to do yourself. ●

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*



Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her.

WISDOM 6:12

Reflect

What are you doing to keep your light of faith burning bright right now?

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Anselmo, NE

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sargent, NE

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Weekend Schedule

Saturday
3:00-3:30 pm *Reconciliation*
Broken Bow or by appointment
4:00 pm Broken Bow
6:00 pm Sargent

Sunday
8:30 am Anselmo
10:30 am Broken Bow

Mass Schedule: Nov. 9th - Nov. 15th		**Mass Intentions**
Mon.	**6:30 pm Mass at Brookestone**	Isabelle McCandless †
Tues.	**9:00 am Mass at Broken Bow**	Living & Deceased members of Ron & Elaine Price Family
Wed.	**10:00 am Mass at Brookestone**	Gary Schmitz †
	5:00 pm Mass at Sargent	Fr. Jake Bauer †
Thur.	**9:00 am Mass at Broken Bow**	Audrey Lou Zinell
Fri.	**No Mass**	
Sat.	3:00-3:30 pm Reconciliation at Broken Bow	
	4:00 pm Mass at Broken Bow *Servers: Bayler C. & Peyton S.*	Phyllis Hannappel †
	6:00 pm Mass at Sargent	People of the Parishes
Sun.	**8:30 am Mass at Anselmo** *Servers: McKenna C. & Elise H.* Bible Study after Mass	Shirley McGinn †
	10:30 am Mass at Broken Bow *Servers:Marlee N. & Kate D.*	Mike McGlade

Adult Journey in the Catholic Faith

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone that might be interested in joining our Church? If so, please invite them or share their name with Fr. Joe. Are you baptized in the Catholic Faith and in need of other sacraments? Would you like to refresh your knowledge of the Bible & Catholic Teaching? If so, please contact Fr. Joe about Christian Initiation and Adult Faith Formation or call the parish office at (308) 872-5809.

Classes begin on November 15, 2026.



Happy Birthday!
Joanne Stamp turns 92 on Friday, November 13.

Events This Week

November 8th
Broken Bow Senior Breakfast following 10:30am Mass

November 9th
6:30pm CDA Meeting & Mass at Brookestone

November 11th
Religious Education
6:30pm Anselmo
6:30pm Sargent
7:00pm Broken Bow

November 12th
6:30am Broken Bow Men's Bible Study in P. Ctr.

November 15th
3:00pm Christian Initiation in P. Ctr.

Encounter With God's Call, November 13-15

A seminary discernment experience for high school juniors through recent college graduates (ages 16-25). During Encounter, the participants further discern the call to priesthood and learn about seminary life.

November 1st Collection

St. Joseph
All Saints: $2,656.03
World Mission Sunday: $100.00
Parking Lot: $100.00
Mission Fund: $25.00

St. Anselm
All Saints: $375.00

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
All Saints: $368.00



St. Joseph
Parish Goal: $18,446.00
Total Raised: $7,805.00
Donor Goal: 50
Total Donors: 19

St. Anselm
Parish Goal: $6,799.00
Total Raised: $1,465.00
Donor Goal: 20
Total Donors: 7

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Parish Goal: $5,103.00
Total Raised: $1,765.00
Donor Goal: 15
Total Donors: 8

Thank you for your generosity!

GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP

November 7-8, 2026

A vision for Stewardship: **We strive to make stewardship a way of life. We are abundantly blessed by our God. We desire to receive God's gifts gratefully, cherish and tend these gifts in a responsible and accountable manner, share our gifts in justice and love with others, and finally to return them with increase to the Lord. We encourage each other to use our time, talents and treasure in the manner of a good steward.**

The next two weeks our parishes will enter a time of renewal as disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of God's abundant gifts. Everyone is encouraged to make deliberate, "on purpose" choices that will help you grow in grace by participating in parish life. The "Stewardship Commitment Form" that you will receive invites everyone to consider some important ways of being committed members of our parishes. Please prayerfully assess how you are called to be involved in Catholic Service Organizations, Parish Councils and Committees, Personal and Communal Prayer, and the Financial Support of our parishes.

I trust you will join our effort to be a parish of "good and faithful stewards"— visibly committed to prayer, ministry to others, and ongoing financial support. God will bless you abundantly as your commitments reflect your life as a disciple of Jesus.

I AM Joseph your brother!

A Stewardship Prayer

I pray that you give me the wisdom to guide me on this Faith Journey of Stewardship.
Help me to understand that everything I have is a gift from you.
Open up my heart and my mind
so that I may use these marvelous gifts to give back to you here on earth.
I pray Lord that you welcome me into your Kingdom at every stage of my life
and that you are pleased with what I am doing with all your gifts. Amen.

Fom a sermon on stewardship by Saint Gregory of Nazianzen, 4th-century Archbishop of Constantinople, and theologian.

Let us show each other God's generosity "Is it not God who asks you now in your turn to show yourself generous above all other creatures and for the sake of all other creatures? Because we have received from him so many wonderful gifts, will we not be ashamed to refuse him this one thing only, our generosity?

He has given abundantly to all the basic needs of life, not as a private possession, not restricted by law, not divided by boundaries, but as common to all, amply and in rich measure. His gifts are not deficient in any way, because he wanted to give equality of blessing to equality of worth, and to show the abundance of his generosity."

Book of Remembrance

Every November we remember our beloved faithful departed "who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith".
You are encouraged to write the names of family and friends who have died in the Book of Remembrance at the entrance of the church.

Join Catholics across the U.S. in making this the best Christmas ever for thousands of boys & girls! We are once again participating in the **Box of Joy** program; a Christmas giving ministry sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach. Parishioners from all our parishes are invited to pack their own gift box with toys, clothing, school supplies, and other treasured items to bless a child who might not otherwise experience God's love this Christmas.

Boxes are available in the St. Joseph Church foyer and may be dropped off at the Parish Center November 7-15.

Congratulations to
Chaney Finney
child of Emily and Doug Finney
who was baptized at
St. Anselm's on
Sunday, November 1st, 2026.
We rejoice with you
and welcome you!!



Congratulations to
Shepard Smith
child of Drew and Suzanne Smith
who was baptized at
St. Joseph on
Saturday, November 7th, 2026.
We rejoice with you
and welcome you!!

Santa Cop Lunch 2026

Sun., Nov. 15 - 12 noon to 2 p.m.



St. Joseph's Parish Center

1407 South E St, (West Hwy 2)
Broken Bow, NE

This is a fund raiser for the Santa Cop project, which brings holiday gifts to Custer County kids in need.

FREE WILL OFFERING



Soups, sandwiches & homemade desserts!

To-go containers available.

If you are unable to attend, but want to make a donation, please make checks payable to Santa Cop and mail them to: Julie Toline, 116 S 11th Ave., Broken Bow, NE 68822.



Thanks to these sponsors:

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And many individuals who provide donations

Shout to the Lord!

The Broken Bow Ministerial Association invites you to join us for a service of

"Thanksgiving and Praise."

Sunday, November 22nd | 7:00 p.m.

Broken Bow United Methodist Church

Message: Father Joe Hannappel

Pie will be served following the service!

Dear Padre,



LUIS SANTOS / SHUTTERSTOCK

What happens to the sacred treasures in a deconsecrated Catholic church?

When a diocesan bishop deconsecrates a church, he issues a decree that removes a church's dedication and relegates it to "profane but not sordid use" when it "cannot be used in any way for divine worship and there is no possibility of repairing it" (*Code of Canon Law*, 1222). The impossibility of repairing a badly damaged church doesn't mean only an architectural impossibility. Inadequate finances to maintain the church properly, an insufficient number of parishioners to foster ecclesiastical vitality, and a shortage of priests are also grave causes for a church's closure. Decorative appointments and sacred treasures in these relegated churches often find new homes in other churches and religious institutions.

This traditional custom of dissemination is a sign of solidarity with the broader Church and in continuity with its rich heritage. It honors the faith and sacrifices of the charter members when the church was built and the generations that followed. Remaining religious items in a relegated church, such as an unmovable altar, "lose their dedication or blessing if they have been destroyed in large part, or have been turned over permanently to profane use by decree of the competent ordinary or in fact" (*CCL* 1238). Stained glass windows, mosaics, and other sacred art that remain in a repurposed church don't lose their aesthetic beauty and evocative power, however. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever," wrote the poet John Keats. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**	**Sunday**
November 9	November 10	November 11	November 12	November 13	November 14	November 15
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	*St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*	*St. Martin of Tours, Bishop*	*St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*	*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*	*Weekday*	*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12	Ti 2:1–8, 11–14	Ti 3:1–7	Phlm 7–20	2 Jn 4–9	3 Jn 5–8	Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31
1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17	Lk 17:7–10	Lk 17:11–19	Lk 17:20–25	Lk 17:26–37	Lk 18:1–8	1 Thes 5:1–6
Jn 2:13–22						Mt 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

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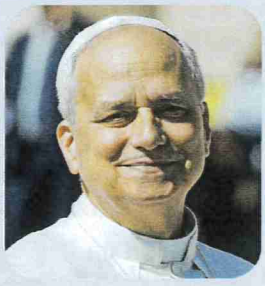

FABRIZIO MAFFEI

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Brothers and sisters support each other in hardship; they do not turn their back on those who are in need; and they weep and rejoice together in the active pursuit of unity, trust, and mutual reliance. The dynamic is that which Jesus himself gives to us: "Love one another as I have loved you."

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

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