Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 22, 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)

Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17 / 1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28 / Matthew 25:31–46



Living the Beatitudes

MIGUEL DULICK

For his last sermon, Jesus revisits his first. In the Sermon on the Mount, if you are poor, or in mourning, or meek; if you hunger and thirst for righteousness; if you are merciful or clean of heart or a peacemaker or even persecuted, you are blessed! Now, Jesus reframes the Beatitudes as blessings bestowed, ultimately, on Jesus himself, in the persons of his "least brothers" with very specific needs: I was hungry; I was thirsty; I was a stranger; I was naked; I was sick; I was in jail. "Whatever you did, you did for me!"

Indeed, Jesus may be anticipating the last few days of his own life, when he will himself know every need: he will be hungry, thirsty, displaced, naked, hurt, and jailed, at least for one wicked night. Who "did" for him?

Once, I visited friends with their first baby. They said, "Oh, Miguel, we admire you so much. You're always helping people." This—while they're holding their newborn!

I just laughed and quoted Jesus: "When I was hungry, when I was thirsty, homeless, naked, sick, in prison.... You do *all* of this every day with your baby—except for the jail thing! Who is more 'least' than a newborn?"

"We never thought of it like that."

"Yes! Your baby is Jesus!"

And maybe Jesus is always a baby. Even Michelangelo's *Pieta* depicts Jesus as the size of a child in a teen mother's lap. ●

Reflect

Who are the "least" in my world? Is there anyone I'm ignoring?

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

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Sargent, NE

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Broken Bow, 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. 23rd - Nov. 29th		**Mass Intentions**
Mon.	**6:00 pm Mass at Anselmo**	Jenni Klanecky †
Tues.	**6:00 pm Mass at Sargent**	Kathy Sibbel †
Wed.	**6:00 pm Mass at Broken Bow**	Javene Nielsen †
Thur.	**No Mass**	
Fri.	**No Mass**	
Sat.	3:00-3:30 pm Reconciliation at Broken Bow	
	4:00 pm Mass at Broken Bow	Larry Miller †
	Servers: Jocelyn W. & Ben J.	
	6:00 pm Mass at Sargent	People of the Parishes
Sun.	**8:30 am Mass at Anselmo**	Richard "Dick" Clark †
	Servers: Bryce C. & Jackson C.	
	Bible Study after Mass	
	10:30 am Mass at Broken Bow	Ray Driscoll †
	Servers: Kenny R. & Ryker W.	

Remember in your prayers

Lawrence "Larry" McCarty
age 81 of Rockford, Illinois and brother of Laura Mannel, passed away on Nov. 2, 2026.
Funeral Mass was held on Nov. 20, 2026 at St. Anselm's Church in Anselmo, NE.

Jan Land
age 89 of Kearney, Nebraska passed away on July 23, 2026
Burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Broken Bow on Nov. 28, 2026.

May the joy of the Resurrection bring comfort to those who mourn and hope to all who grieve. Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord: And let perpetual light shine upon them.

PCCW Christmas Cookies

Order sheet will be in the back of St. Joseph on the weekends of Nov. 21-22 & Nov. 28-29.
$25 for a large platter or $20 for a small platter.
Must be paid at the time of order.
Cookies will be available the weekend of Dec. 19-20.
Contact Sheila Clark at (308) 870-3609 for more information

Events This Week

November 21st
5:00pm PCCW Christmas Cookies Orders at St. Joseph

November 22nd
11:30am PCCW Christmas Cookies Orders at St. Joseph
7:00pm "Thanksgiving and Praise" Service at Broken Bow United Methodist Church

November 25th
No Religious Education

November 26th
Parish Office Closed
Happy Thanksgiving!

November 27th
Parish Office Closed

November 28th
5:00pm PCCW Christmas Cookies Orders at St. Joseph

November 29th
11:30am PCCW Christmas Cookies Orders at St. Joseph

November 15th Collection

St. Joseph
Regular: $2,956.50
All Saints: $20.00
World Mission Sunday: $10.00
Mission Fund: $10.00

St. Anselm
Regular: $721.00
Utilities: $250.00

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Regular: $990

26/27 Diocesan Appeal

St. Joseph
Parish Goal: $18,446.00
Total Raised: $10,775.00
Household Goal: 50
Household Total: 26

St. Anselm
Parish Goal: $6,799.00
Total Raised: $1,580.00
Household Goal: 20
Household Total: 8

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Parish Goal: $5,103.00
Total Raised: $3,320.00
Household Goal: 15
Household Total: 15

Thank you for your generosity!

November 21-22, 2026
GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Renewal Forms were mailed to all of our parishioners last week. Please prayerfully consider the gifts God has given you to share in grateful stewardship of your time, talent and treasure.

Please fill in the form and return it at the offering time at Mass, or mail to the parish office. You are a vital part of the Body of Christ, and we are blessed by your presence and your willingness to serve in whatever way God is calling you to serve. **I AM Joseph your brother!**

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Parishioners are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings.

St. Anslem Parish Council

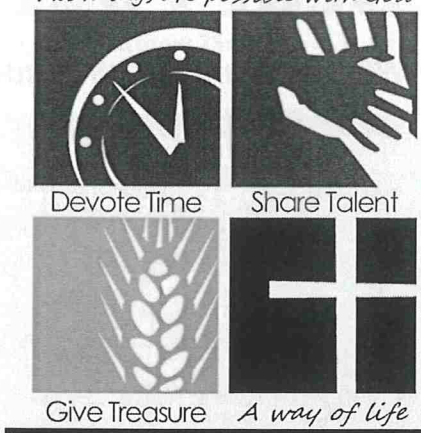
Thank you to Paul Christen and Kirk Clark for completing their terms on the council. Welcome to Stephan Rush and Butch McGinn as new members. Other members are Linda Gaffney, Brandon Miller, Amy Simonson, Bob Blakely, and Danielle Thompson. Trustees are Joe Hickman, Cindy Hempstead. Our next meeting is February 1, 2027, at 6:00 pm in the Church

St. Joseph Parish Council

Thank you to Jacki Ryan & Tim McCaslin for completing their terms on the council. Welcome to Henry Lindner and Cecilia Nuñez as new members. Other members are Dion Neumiller, Lisa Phillips, Doug Jilg, Ann Kawata, Luke Coufal, and Greg Kaup. Trustees are Colleen Hoff and Jerry Scott. Our next meeting is January 11, 2027, at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Council

Members: Laura Kipp, Janice Beran, Ben Morse, Greg Smith, Coleen Grint. Trustees are Bruce Morse and Jodi Smith. Our next meeting is an all parish meeting after Mass on Saturday November 21, to discuss the estate gift from Dorothy Setlik.



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 my 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.

St. Anselm, St. Joseph and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary parishioners are invited to come and deepen and share your understanding of

ADVENT

Liturgy and Lectionary Readings
Infancy Narratives and O'Antiphons
Presentation
by Fr. Joe Hannappel
Sunday December 13, 2026
from 3:00 - 5:00 pm
followed by evening meal
St. Joseph Parish Center



Are you 70 and ½ or older?
Do you want to give
a gift to your parish
and save on federal
and state income taxes?

Giving directly from your IRA to your parish that is considered a qualified charity is a great way to give back to God and is a tax-wise strategy. If you are a Senior required to take a Minimum Required Distribution from your IRA, you can transfer your contribution directly to the charity.

This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) and it reduces your income by the amount of your contribution. By reducing your income all of your charitable contribution goes the parish and none to taxes. Please consult your legal or tax adviser.

You're Invited to a Hearty Community Meal

Sunday Turkey Dinner
Sunday, November 22,
11:00AM - 1:00PM
at the Prairie Pioneer Center
1314 South B St, Broken Bow.

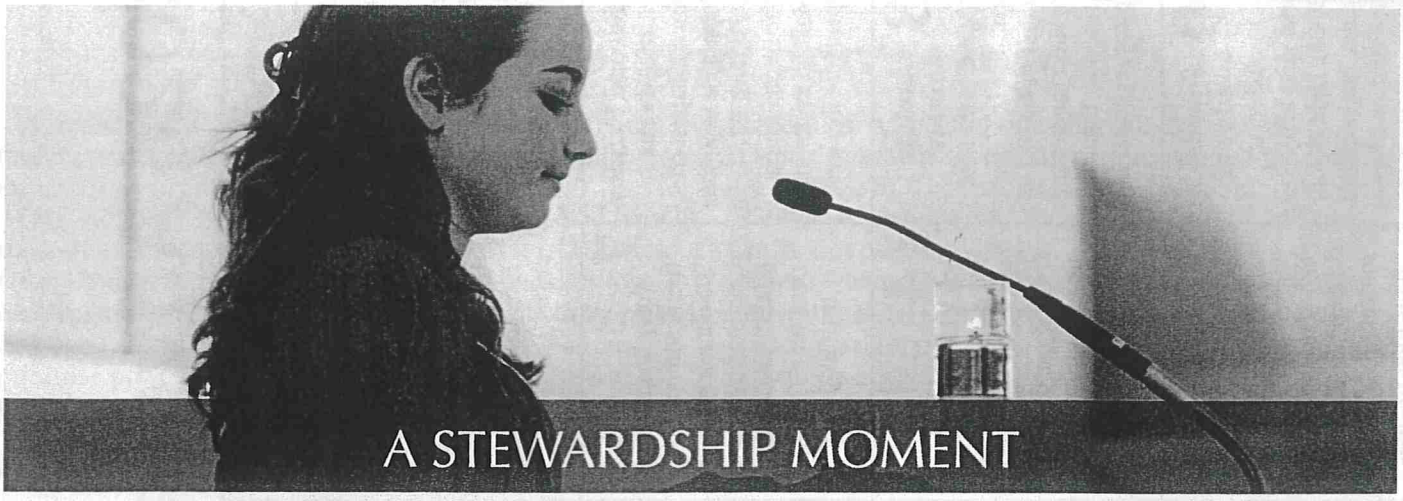
The Dinner is free-will donation. Reservations are appreciated. Call (308) 872-6121 to reserve. Everyone is welcome to attend this community event!

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 pm
Broken Bow United Methodist Church
Message by Father Joe Hannappel

Pie will be served following the service!



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Solemnity of All Saints
Weekend of October 31/ November 1, 2026

On this Solemnity of All Saints we turn our attention to Jesus' teachings on what is to be expected of those who choose to follow him. This is the familiar Sermon on the Mount, the most quoted part of the Bible. Jesus' sermon begins with messages of comfort, the Beatitudes. Each of these "blesseds" is a statement about an important aspect in how we exercise stewardship of our lives. Each of them offers us an ideal of how to live and how we find God living within us. Learn the Beatitudes, memorize them, make them part of your daily prayer life, and ask the Lord for the wisdom and strength to follow this stewardship way of life, a path that follows in the footsteps of Jesus.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend of November 7/8, 2026

Jesus' parable of the ten virgins, some prepared, others unprepared, is directed at those who profess to be believers in Christ and await his return. His teaching is not directed to unbelievers. The stewardship issue turns on spiritual preparedness for the Lord's return. Good stewards prepare for Christ's return daily, in their life of prayer, worship, and acts of compassion and generosity. A stewardship reflection for the week: Are we preparing ourselves for the Lord? Are we open to the Holy Spirit's work within us? Are we ready?

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend of November 14/15, 2026

In today's Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It is a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn't want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ's Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns.

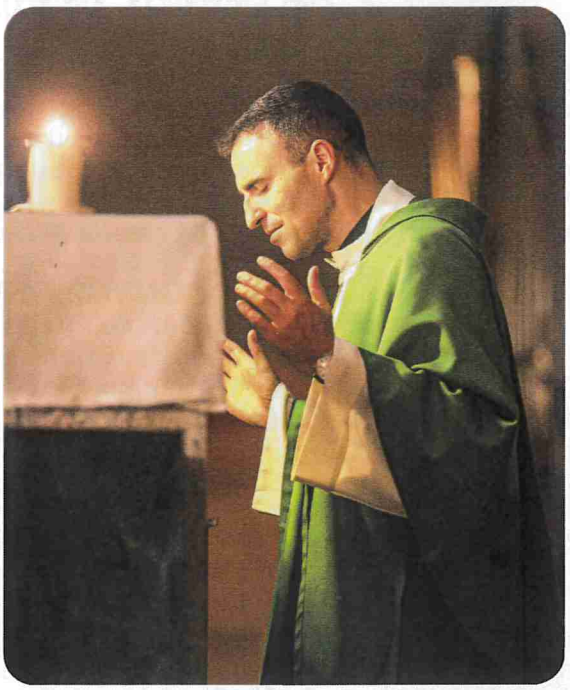
Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Weekend of November 21/22, 2026

In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are instruments of Christ's active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?

First Sunday of Advent
Weekend of November 28/29, 2026

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?

Dear Padre,



Why do some parishes have only priests who can't speak English well?

The short answer to your question is that in many instances, a diocese does not have enough priests to staff all its parishes. In this case, the bishop "recruits" priests from parts of the world where the number of priests is more abundant.

This is not a new practice. In the 1830s, American bishops were recruiting priests from Europe to staff the parishes in the United States. As a result, men like St. John Neumann and Blessed Francis Seelos came to the United States. They worked not only for the German immigrants, whose language they knew because they were German themselves, but also for the Irish, the French-speaking, the Native Americans, and any other Catholic group that needed Catholic pastoral service.

In the first half of the twentieth century, the American Church was able to send missionaries to Latin America, Asia, and Africa, where there were not enough Catholic priests. The Maryknoll Missionaries, for instance, were founded for this purpose.

Today, the situation has reversed. The places with the most Catholic priests are in Asia, Africa, and some Latin American countries, as well as in Eastern Europe. If these men are willing to make the sacrifice of leaving their homeland, family, and friends to serve us, shouldn't we make the effort to show some gratitude and hospitality to them? ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**	**Sunday**
November 23	November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29
Weekday	*St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*	*Weekday*	*Thanksgiving Day (USA)*	*Weekday*	*Weekday*	*First Sunday of Advent*
Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5	Rv 14:14–19	Rv 15:1–4	Sir 50:22–24	Rv 20:1–4, 11–21:2	Rv 22:1–7	Is 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7
Lk 21:1–4	Lk 21:5–11	Lk 21:12–19	1 Cor 1:3–9	Lk 21:29–33	Lk 21:34–36	1 Cor 1:3–9
			Lk 17:11–19			Mk 13:33–37



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Artificial intelligence now demands to be "disarmed," freed from logics that turn it into an instrument of domination, exclusion, and death. Like nuclear energy, it must be at the service of all and of the common good. Decisions about technology must never be separated from conscience and responsibility.

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