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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ALL SAINTS DAY	2 ALL SOULS DAY	3	4	5
6 TIME CHANGE	7	8 ELECTION DAY	9	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY 	12
13	14 MEETING SOMERVILLE 7:00 PM	15	16	17	18	19
20 CHRIST THE KING FALLOUT SOMERVILLE	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 ADVENT BEGINS	28	29	30			

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Remember Mass on All Saints Day, November 1.

Vote your religious convictions on November 8.

Meeting in Somerville on November 14, starting with the meal at 7:00 PM.

We will fall out at St. Ann's in Somerville on November 20, for the dedication of the new flag pole donated by our Assembly. Mass begins at 9:00 AM. Please arrive by 8:30 AM.

St. Mary's Parish in Caldwell, will have the great fortune to have another Deacon in the parish. Ernesto Valenzuela Sr. will be ordained on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, at St. William Catholic Church, at 10:30 AM. Our congratulations go out to him and we thank God for the privilege of having him in one of our parishes. We also thank his wife and family for their support.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

By the time you are getting this Newsletter, Tina and I should be on the ground in Reno, Nevada. We will be out there celebrating our 25th Wedding Anniversary a little early, as the actual date is November 9. We thought it would be a good idea to go back to where we started our lives together, and spent the first six years of our marriage, most of which was spent out in the middle of no-where, about 20 miles north of Winnemucca. We will be revisiting old places and old friends, and hopefully will have a good old time. Like Paradise Valley, population 109, the closest town from our house. It did have a Catholic Church, which had about 20 pews, and mass was celebrated once a month. This is where Tina made her debut as an organist, playing on an old pump organ, that was in the church. It was in the old Cathedral in Reno, where she decided when she walked in, that this was the place she wanted to be, and began her conversion to the Catholic faith. It was at St. Paul's in Winnemucca, that she started her career in Church Ministry as the CCD Director at St. Paul's. It was also there that she officially became a Catholic, although by her life, she was one way before that. St. Paul's is also where Chris and Ashley were baptized. It was a little humorous that when the CCD staff had a monthly breakfast, it was in the Casino, which was located next door to the church. It was also a coincidence, that I attended my 4th degree exemplification in a casino in Reno. A lot of water under the bridge since then, but I think the both of us will agree that this was the best place to start a life, in the middle of the desert, with none of the distractions that face new families these days, with the time to devote to the little things that make life meaningful.

A lot of things going on in the month of November. To start with, we have the Feast of All Saints on November 1, followed by All Souls Day on November 2. All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, so you need to check your church schedule for the mass times. Not too many of those occur during the year, so sometimes we don't think much about them, but the obligation to attend mass is still there, just like it is on Sunday. With all the churches around here, you can find a mass time that works for almost any schedule you might have, so there is no excuse to miss mass on that day. All Souls Day, although not a Holy Day of Obligation, is still a good time to go visit the cemetery where your relatives are buried. Sometimes we forget that we should be praying for the deceased members of our families, and this is a good reminder that they need our prayers, just as we will need them when we die. Remember that the souls in purgatory cannot help themselves, only we can help them.

Then comes election day, the day that the future of Democracy is in the greatest peril that it has ever been in. Remember what Abraham Lincoln said: **America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.** And this may well happen in our lifetime on November 8, 2016. It is sort of ironic that the next holiday –Veteran's Day–follows right behind election day. We can only pray that everything all the veterans of all the wars in our American history, don't go down in flames on election day. Our March for Religious Freedom has been postponed due to construction at our State Capitol, but doesn't it seem mighty strange that here in the United States, the Knights of Columbus find it necessary to have a National March for Religious Freedom, when the Constitution is supposed to guarantee the right to religious freedom.

We end the liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King on November 20. This feast day reminds us that as evil as things may seem at times, in the end, we can still assure ourselves a place in God's Kingdom, and we can triumph over the evil in the world in our own way. We just need to remember the words : "Jesus I Trust in You".

The following Sunday, we begin to spend our time in waiting and preparation for the nativity of Jesus at Christmas.

Remember, the greatest gift and source of help in these busy times is the Rosary. Pray it every chance you get.

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