Pastor's Journal...
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01 November 2026 + The Solemnity of All Saints

Happy patronal feast day as we celebrate the solemnity of All Saints. When we chose the name of our new parish, we were given options of a new saint, a mystery of our Lord's life or our Blessed Mother, and so on. Often merged parishes would choose the name of Holy Family, as did Stanley many years ago. It seemed that with the number of former parishes, our new parish represented (St. Anne, St. Mary, St. Peter, St. Joseph, Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Rose of Lima, Holy Family), All Saints was a perfect fit. Let us call upon the whole communion of saints to intercede for us to be a strong family of faith and a courageous witness to Christ.

On Monday we commemorate All Souls Day as we begin the novena of Masses for those who have enrolled their loved ones. All Souls Day is intimately connected with All Saints Day in that when we say in the Creed that we believe in "the communion of saints," it means the unity between the souls in heaven, the souls in purgatory, and the souls currently on earth. All three make up the Body of Christ, the Church. These liturgical celebrations help to remind us of this unity, and to pray and intercede for each other.

On Tuesday of this past week, our Mass readings included the familiar passage from St. Paul to the Ephesians about being "subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ." Paul spoke of wives being subordinate to their husband, and husbands loving their wife. So often this has a negative connotation today. I thought of another analogy that might get at what St. Paul was talking about. I spoke about our Milwaukee Brewers. I am a big sports fan, and have to be careful not to get lost in them. I believe sports teaches many valuable lessons in life, but can also show the worse side in people as well. I am especially drawn to examples in sports that really do teach an important lesson.

I am utterly impressed at the way our Milwaukee Brewers have melded into a real band of brothers. As I watch them play, I listen to them speak, I see an incredible ability for each of them to be "subordinate to one another," deferring to one another out of love and respect. As good as some of them are, they do not wear it on their sleeve. This is not a forced humility, but a genuine one. You can see how it inspires not only each other, but us fans. Many of them are not shy about witnessing the power of faith in their lives. As I write this letter, the Brewers have not yet secured the World Series. We hope for the best, but thank them for being such an incredible example to us.

Blessings and best wishes,