



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! In lieu of my fiscal letter in the bulletin and the elections this week, I yield my column to some words from worldvision.org on praying for this week's election. Of course, it's not just prayer, it's forming our conscience well according to Church teaching and voting on Tuesday.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

1. Pray for candidates to seek God's guidance.

More than 8 in 10 members of Congress claim faith in Jesus. But like all of us, they're susceptible to losing sight of what's most important to God. Pray that they would seek God first as they seek to serve our country. For those who don't publicly follow Christ, pray that they would seek wise counsel and be encouraged toward good perspectives and actions by the Christians around them.

2. Pray that candidates (and all of us!) would have listening ears and soft hearts.

Most of us have been guilty of preparing an answer before someone has even finished asking a question. Or we've been so concerned with promoting our own agenda that we fail to understand the big picture. During elections we see this even more, in our personal lives and in political campaigns. We all — our leaders included — need the humility to listen first.

3. Pray for candidates to address life issues.

The 2022 election will have lasting effects on issues deeply important to Americans. [God calls us to speak up](#) on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves (Proverbs 31:8). We can start by praying that leaders would care about issues affecting the most vulnerable and work to address them.

4. Pray for strength and encouragement for our leaders and election candidates.

Public service is exhausting in the best of times. People who hold, or are running for, positions of power expose themselves to high levels of scrutiny. It's easy to become discouraged and lose sight of what inspired them to run for office in the first place. As Christians, we can encourage our leaders even when we don't agree with them, and even when we didn't vote for them. We show Christ's love when we choose to [pray for our leaders](#) — no matter what.

5. Pray that our leaders would commit to working together (and that we would too).

God purposely created us with differences and designed us to work together. "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12). We are one nation, but made up of many different parts — so it's easy to become divided. We hear "us vs. them" rhetoric on TV and in the news. And sometimes we're guilty of buying into it. But we pray against the idea that we cannot work together. We pray that, with God's grace, we would work as a nation toward unity.

6. Pray that we would see each other through Jesus' eyes.

Imagine how different our lives would be if we loved each other like Jesus loves us.

Next week we welcome Seminarian Augustine Riemers to the parish to speak about St. Charles seminary Appeal.



St. Patrick Church

Holiday food Drive to support KACS

FINAL DAYS TO DONATE-NOW THRU WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

A word of thanks to all who have donated thus far to our holiday food drive. We are in the home stretch. **All donations must be received by this Wednesday, November 9** and may be left in the Church vestibule. The following items are requested: flour, rice, cornbread mix, chicken stock, cake mix, canned sweet potatoes, marshmallow, canned peas or mixed veggies, pigeon peas, adobo, cinnamon, gravy packet & poultry seasoning. Our PREP students and their families will be packing food bags this Friday, November 11. We thank them in advance for their service and to all who have helped to make this year's food drive a success! 236