

Real Change: Catholics don't stop being Catholic at the voting booth.

By Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus (National Review 8-19-08)

In eight of the last nine presidential elections, the crucial "Catholic vote" has picked the winner. And in what is shaping up to be another close election, America's 69 million Catholics are again likely to hold the key not only to the White House, but to a great number of other races as well.

However, before we can settle the question "How did Catholics vote in November?" Catholics must decide "How should we vote in November?"

The bishops of the United States recently stated, "The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith."

"As Catholics," they said, "we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group." And at the top of the list of Catholic moral convictions, the bishops put "defending the inviolable sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death."

Once again the bishops of the United States have provided important guidance through their statement on Faithful Citizenship. This is especially important since Catholics often confront a dilemma in deciding how to vote: Can we support a candidate who may be attractive for many reasons but who supports abortion rights? Some partisan advocates have sought to excuse support for pro-abortion rights candidates through a complex balancing act. They claim other issues are important enough to offset a candidate's support for abortion rights.

But the right to abortion mandated in the United States by the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision is not just another political issue; it is in reality a legal regime that has resulted in more than 40 million deaths.

Imagine for a moment the largest 25 cities in the United States and Canada including New York, Los Angeles, Toronto, Montreal, Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia, Dallas, and Vancouver suddenly empty of people. This is what the loss of 40 million human beings would look like. In fact, 40 million is greater than the entire population of Canada.

What political issue could possibly outweigh this human devastation? The answer, of course, is that there is none. ...

This year, Catholic voters have the power to transform politics. As faithful citizens, Catholics can build a new politics — a politics that is not satisfied with the status quo, but one that is dedicated to building up a culture of life. If they stand together and demand better from politicians, Catholics can transform politics, and that would be *real change*.



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Welcome to new parishioners,
please call the rectory to register
or for information on any of our parish
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Confessions a half hour before Masses
Saturday 4:20-4:50 PM St. Mary
Sunday 8:00-8:20 AM St. Mary
10:00-10:20 AM St. Joseph
Any time by calling the rectory.

CCD & Youth Group each Wed. 7:00 PM

Mass Schedule for this week				
Sat.	Nov. 1	5:00 PM	Ashland	For the People
Sun.	Nov. 2	8:30 AM	Ashland	Poor Souls
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	Pope Benedict
		7:00 PM	Ashland	All Faithful Departed
Mon.	Nov. 3	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Sally Sohl
Tues.	Nov. 4	9:00 AM	Ashland	Joe Lish
Wed.	Nov. 5	9:15 AM	Care Center	+ Jerry Proctor
Thurs.	Nov. 6	9:00 AM	Ashland	Marge Sillau
Fri.	Nov. 7	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Ida Kritenbrink
Sat.	Nov. 8	9:00 AM	Ashland	Pro-Life
		5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Ben Holbrook
Sun.	Nov. 9	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	+ Ed Sobetski

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Ministries for Next Weekend

Sat. Nov. 8 - 5:00 PM
Servers: Campbell, McGinley
Acolyte: Gerald Fudge
Lector: Mary Logsdon

Sun. Nov. 9 - 8:30 AM
Servers: Adams, Novotny
Acolyte: Tim Kirkpartick
Lector: Donna Nicholson

Sun. Nov. 9 - 10:30 AM
Lector: Jon Sundermeier
Offertory: Krings

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Readings and Celebrations this week:

November
3 Mon Phil 2:1-4 / Lk 14:12-14
[Saint Martin de Porres, religious]
4 Tue Phil 2:5-11 / Lk 14:15-24
Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop
5 Wed Phil 2:12-18 / Lk 14:25-33
6 Thu Phil 3:3-8a / Lk 15:1-10
7 Fri Phil 3:17-4:1 / Lk 16:1-8
8 Sat Phil 4:10-19 / Lk 16:9-15
[Blessed Virgin Mary]

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 /
Jn 2:13-22

All Souls Day

Stewardship Thought

All Souls Day

On the Feast of All Souls we pray for those who have gone before us and stand in judgment before God.

May we share with one another the treasure of love's memory, and console one another with the assurance of resurrection.

Congratulations

Marriage Anniversaries this week
Lindsay & Ryan Kellams
Joe & Mary Kennicker

Birthdays this week
Ava Miller
Michelle Powers
McKenna Sobota
Jenifer Sloboth
Karen Frank
Richard Lichtas
Don McCarty
Steve Novotny
Amy Reisen
Alex Smith

Calendar for This Week

Sun. Nov. 2 9:30 AM **Coffee & Rolls**
7:00 PM Extra **All Souls Day Mass**
Wed. Nov. 5, 9:15 AM **Mass** at Care Center
7:00 PM **CCD** and **Youth Group**
Thurs. Nov. 6, 7:00 PM **Knights of Columbus**
1st Degree Initiation
(No evening Mass)
Fri. Nov. 7, **First Friday** Adoration
Sat. Nov. 8, 4:30 PM **Children's Choir** practice

Parish Announcements

Catholic Men: interested in the **Knights of Columbus**? Learn more with our membership drive taking place at all Masses this weekend, and plan to attend the first degree initiation this Thurs. Nov. 6, 7:00 PM at St. Mary. Talk to a Knight or call the rectory.

Children of all ages are invited to sing in a monthly **Children's Choir**, this Sat. Nov. 8 at 4:30 PM for practice before 5:00 Mass.

Donations for **Virtue Media** go to airing effective, compassionate, and educational Sanctity of Life commercials. Extra envelopes are available and can be mailed directly to Virtue Media. Thank you for your generosity.

10 Minutes that could save your life! St. Mary's will host a **Lifeline Screening** on Wed. Nov. 12 (daytime), ultrasound vascular tests and osteoporosis screenings. Call 1-800-324-1851. *Don't delay, the screening is filling up fast.*

Please support the **World Mission Collection**, helping the Church's effort to bring the Gospel to all the world. To date, St Mary Ashland \$305, St. Joseph Greenwood \$75. Thank you.

Voting is a moral responsibility. Before you vote (Tues. Nov. 4), enjoy a well-produced, 3-minute video at: www.catholicvote.com

Community Announcements

Ashland VFW **Sunday Breakfast**, Nov. 2, 9-1. Free will offering supports Toys for Tots.

Ashland American Lutheran **Soup and Pie Supper** Sun. Nov. 2, 5:30-7:00 PM.

Congregational Church **Movie Night** Sun. Nov 2, 6:30 PM Indiana Jones - Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (rated PG-13) bring your own pop.

Diocesan Announcements

St. James **Mead Pancake Breakfast** on Sun. Nov. 2, 7 AM-1 PM. All you can eat for \$5.

Natural Family Planning Intro Sessions on Thurs. Nov. 6, Tues. Nov. 18, 7 PM. 488-2040.

Lincoln **St. Teresa Parish Bazaar** on Sun. Nov. 9, 11-4 (616 S 36th St). Lunch, games, etc.

Sun. Nov 2 (tonight), ends the **40 Days for Life** prayer campaign with a candlelight prayer vigil at the Lincoln Planned Parenthood 37th and South Sts from 7:00-9:00 PM. Please pray for an end to abortion and for the elections.

Waverly Retreat House has upcoming weekend retreats: Nov. 7-9 by Fr. Cyza (women); Nov. 21-23 by Msgr. Perkington (men). These retreats are open to all, contact Fr. Coulter for financial aid. Call 786-2705 for registration info.

Rachel's Vineyard - Forgiven but not set free? Confidential Catholic healing retreat for post-abortive women, men, grandparents, etc., Nov. 14-16th near Omaha. \$160 covers all expenses. For information or questions, contact helpingrachel@yahoo.com or 402-871-4812.

Magnificat prayer meal of Sun. evening Nov. 16, 4:30 PM dinner at Beacon Hills, 5353 N 27th St, Lincoln. Yvonne Hottovy will share her story of healing love. Send \$15 to 5500 L St, Lincoln NE 68510. (Students \$10) 476-1880.

A Special **Wedding Anniversary Sunday Mass** for those celebrating their 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, or 50+ years of marriage will be Nov. 30, 3 PM at the Lincoln Cathedral. Call 488-2040 to register for a reception with Bishop Bruskevitz.

Holy Father's Intentions for November

General: That the testimony of love offered by the Saints, may fortify Christians in their service to God and neighbor, imitating Christ who came not to be served but to serve.

Mission: That Christian communities in Asia, contemplating the face of Christ, may find the most suitable way to announce Him in full fidelity to the Gospel to the peoples of that vast continent so rich in culture and ancient forms of spirituality.

Please Pray for our Seminarians

Pray this week for Tyler Cronin from St. John, Lincoln. In College 2 at St. Gregory the Great.