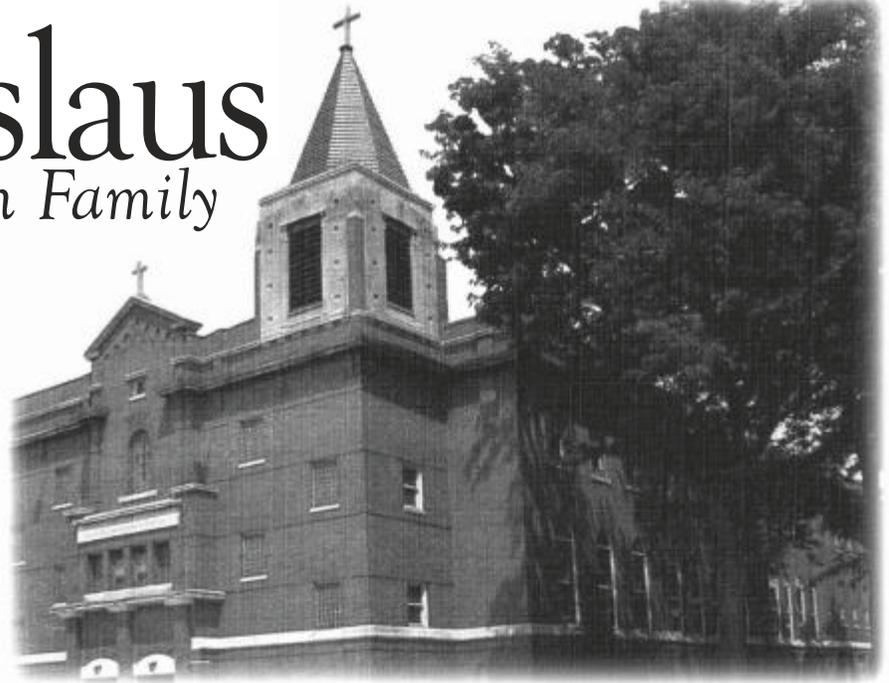


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November 7, 2021
32nd Sunday
In Ordinary Time



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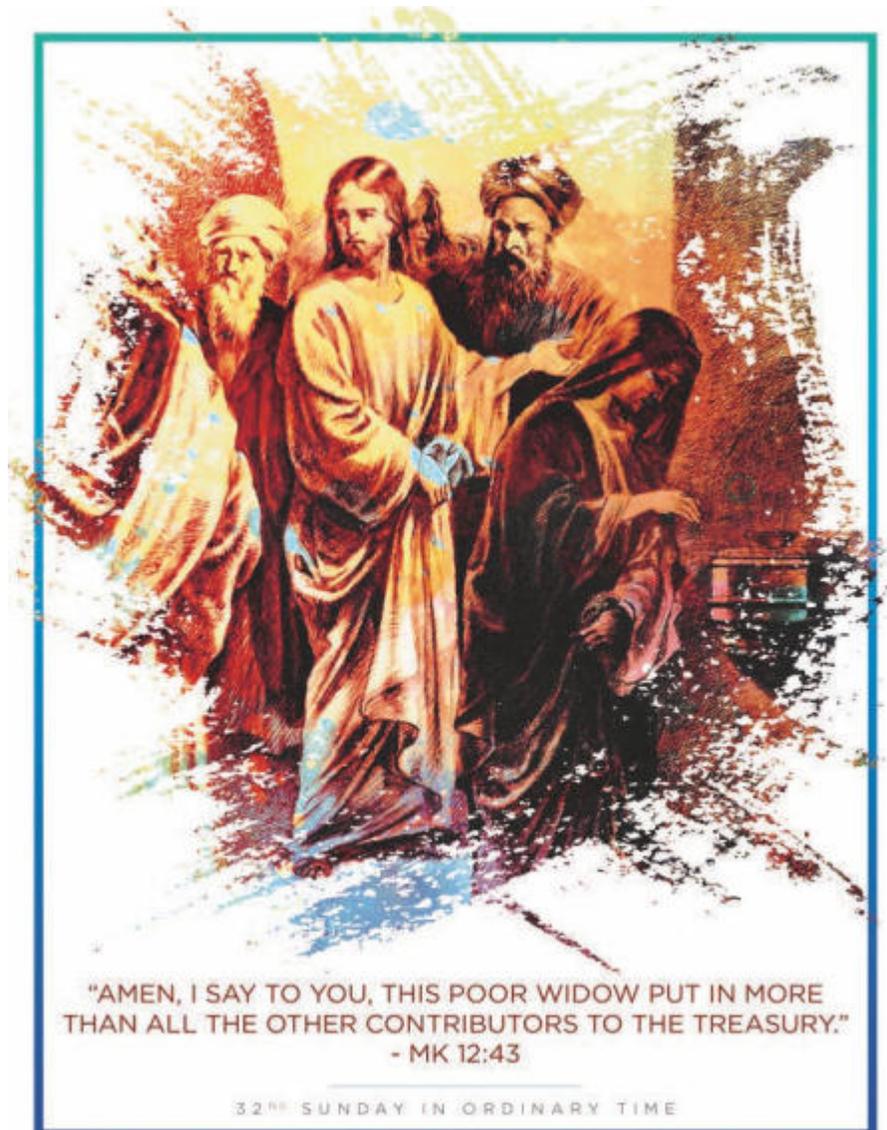
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 8:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

There are no weekday Masses or Word &
Communion Services at this time.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from
4:00pm-4:15pm
and after the 4:30pm Mass.



Liturgical Notes for the Week

In today's gospel for this the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus lifts up the example of the widow — who gives all she has. As we have come into God's presence let each of us not be afraid to offer him all we have including our poverty and weakness: In exchange, he gives us all he has, all that he is, through the offering of Christ, once for all. We will place bread and wine on this altar, and God will give us the Body and Blood of his Son for the life of the whole world. Therefore let us praise him with joy and thanksgiving. Jesus also warns the crowds in today's gospel to beware of the scribes who among other things "as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. Likely this is because such moment of improvised prayer tend to go on and on and on especially when sprung at the last moment: "Fred, why don't you lead the grace at Thanksgiving—after all you work for the church." There is no wrong way to pray. Please repeat it again: **There is no wrong way to pray.** However, the liturgy offers us a pattern to follow, found in most of the presidential prayers it is an easy way to create spur-of-the-moment prayers: YOU—WHO—DO—THROUGH.

YOU: *Name God.* It can be as simple as "Lord" or "God" or something more elaborate like "Good and Gracious God" or "God of Wisdom and Understanding." Think about what you want to pray for and then think about how that can connect with God. For example, if you are going to pray, broadly, about "love," you might use, "Loving God."

WHO: *Name something that God has already done for us.* What would you say to thank and praise God or offer God a compliment? What do you want to ask God in prayer? Now think of something similar that God has already done or is doing. Your answer to that question becomes your WHO. Back to our "love" example, "Loving God, who answers all our needs."

DO: *This is the point in the prayer where we ask or petition God to do something for us.* At meals, we might ask a blessing on our food and pray for those who have prepared it and for those who are hungry and do not have food. We can ask God to bless all these people and ask to make something happen—like to bring an end to world famine or to give us more courage to be a better witness, or anything else we want God to DO. Often, the WHO relates to the DO, "Loving God, who answers all our needs, we ask you to guide and strengthen us as we care for those who are in need."

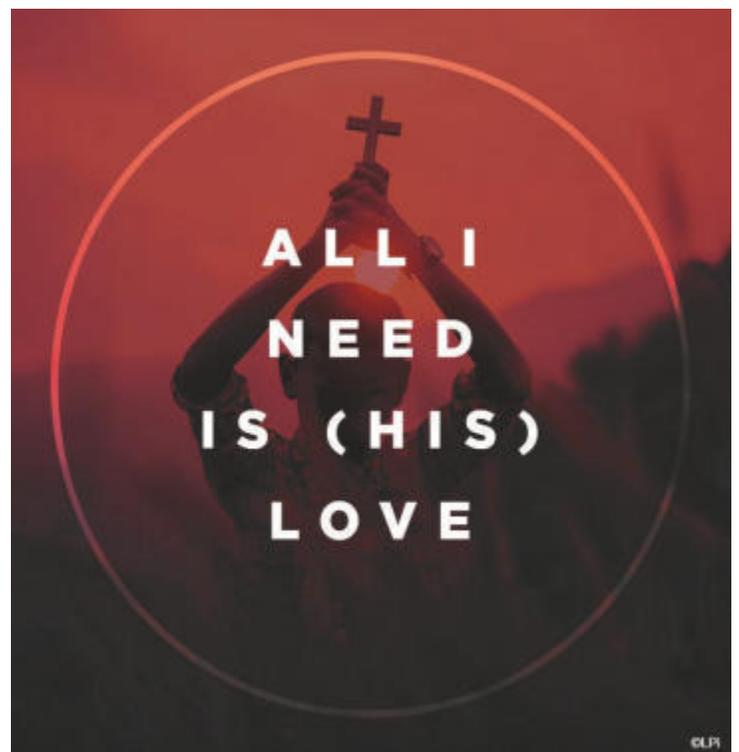
THROUGH: *Typically, we ask our prayers through Jesus Christ, because that is our connection to God.* We are baptized, saved, and set free through Jesus, who is one with God. Some familiar ways to express this relationship are, "We ask this through Christ our Lord" or more simply, "Through Christ our Lord." Or use your creativity, but be sure that you pray "through Jesus

Christ," who is Lord forever and ever. Amen. You get the idea. So, a typical YOU—WHO—DO—THROUGH prayer might read like this: *Loving God, who answers all our needs, we ask you to guide and strengthen us as we care for those who are in need. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.*

Here then is a Prayer for November written by Reverend John Thomas Lane. May its words inspire thoughts as this upcoming November days "fly by!"

Prayer for November

Lord our God,
Help those who are sick and suffering,
To renew their strength.
Help us by taking away our fears and worries,
To make us healthy and strong.
Help us to live lives of holiness
In company with the communion of the saints.
Help us never forget those who have died,
that their faith will live on.
Help those who mourn their loss,
To comfort their grief.
Help us to build the common good
With those elected to serve all people.
Help others to hear the call to serve the church,
With a vocation to live the Christian witness.
Help those becoming Catholic
To learn what it means to be a disciple of Christ.
Help us remember that Christ is our King,
To rule our minds and hearts.
Help us to be grateful and express our thanks,
So that we may be generous.
Help us to remember your Advent,
So that we may be ready to welcome you again in glory.
Now and forever. Amen.



Scripture Reflection

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, “But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn’t love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don’t forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven’t got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts.” Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns. The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

Financial Blessings

YOUR GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH LAST WEEK IN THE COLLECTION AMOUNTED TO.....\$3,807.00
 Adult envelopes issued.....293 (October, 2021)
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CONSIDERATION: Being president is like running a cemetery: You’ve got a lot of people under you and nobody’s listening. — President Bill Clinton

Everyday Stewardship

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you’re out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows you’re out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar. We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and show us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just moments before. Sometimes, we all have “the look” when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. “I’m out, God! I can’t do any more! Can’t give any more. Can’t take any more. It’s all gone.” But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty. See, we don’t know how much we are capable of loving. We don’t know how much we are capable of serving. We don’t know how much we are capable of hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation.

Do you ever make the mistake of telling God “I’m done”? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He’s far from finished working.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Inspiration For The Week

It all really boils down to a matter of the heart, and actions do speak louder than words. We cannot hide from the truth. A problem with religion is that it is possible for someone to make everything appear to be right when actually it is not. We can say all of the right prayers, perform all of the proscribed rituals, claim that we adhere to orthodox doctrines and still lead a distorted, empty and sometimes pitiful life. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even the noblest looking actions can amount to nothing. It is no wonder, then, that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus. While it may not always appear to be the case, God has a special care and regard for those who depend upon him in times of trouble and want. Only the person who is truly poor is the only one who can see this. Because of a lack of trust, the one who has much is afraid to take a risk and sees only what they possess as their only security.

COME, FOLLOW ME

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Monday, November 8

Tuesday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Wednesday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

**Thursday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Veterans Day**

Friday, November 12 - St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

Saturday, November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

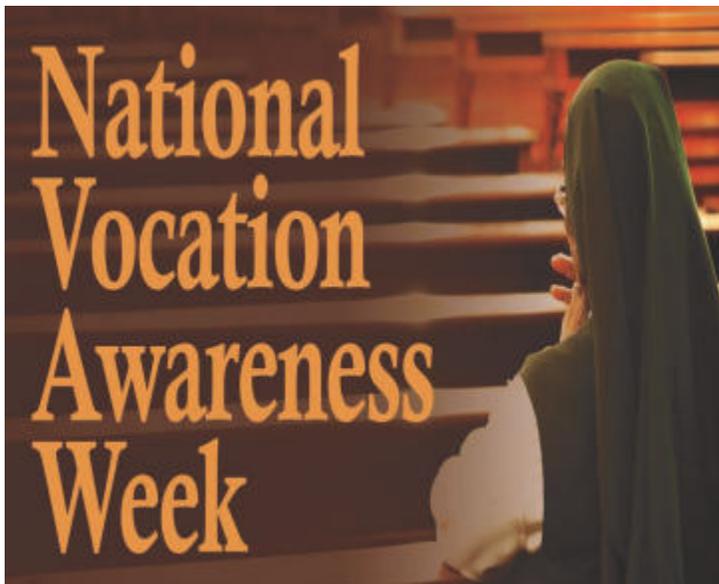
4:30pm †Michaeline Omilianowski - Birthday int. Family
†Luis Rodriguez int. Rodriguez & Delli Colli Families
Health & God's Blessings for our Parishioners

Sunday, November 14 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am †Casimir Radziwiecki int. Teresa Radziwiecki & Family
†Angie H. Walczak - Birthday int. Daughter, Angie Marie
†In memory of all the Faithful Departed

Quote from Pope Francis

A vocation flows from
the heart of God
and blossoms in the good
soil of faithful people.



Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and I am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

Answer: A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become co-workers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

Question Of The Week

First Reading:

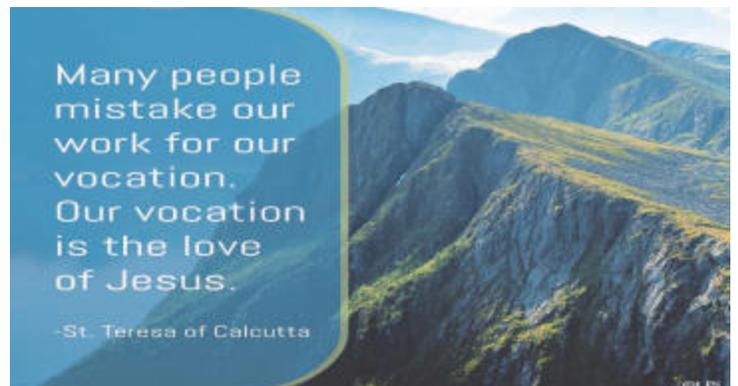
In the story of the initial encounter between Elijah and the widow, we see the widow rewarded for her courage and faith. When has your faith resulted in a positive outcome?

Second Reading:

The reading from Hebrews focuses on Jesus' sacrificial death on earth, his intercession for us from heaven, and his eventual return at the end of time. Who do you know needs to hear this succinct summary of our faith in Christ?

Gospel:

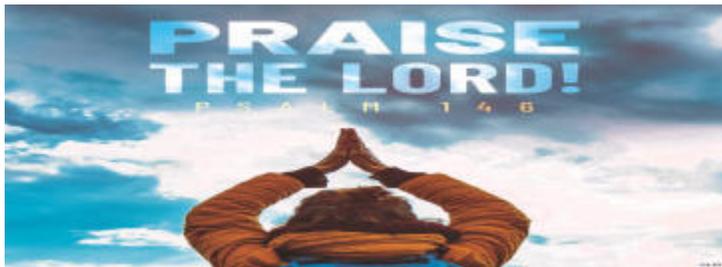
In the Gospel reading we hear Jesus criticize the scribes for their hypocrisy and praise the widow for her generosity. How do you ensure your actions and faith are authentic?



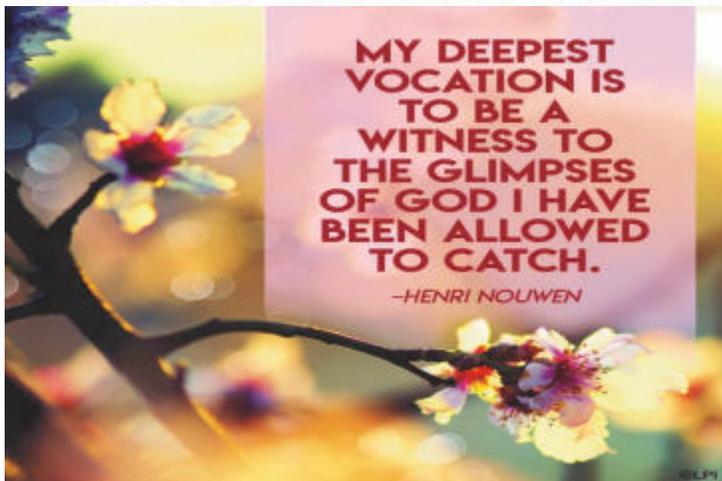
Community Events



Dear Lord, we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.



National VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

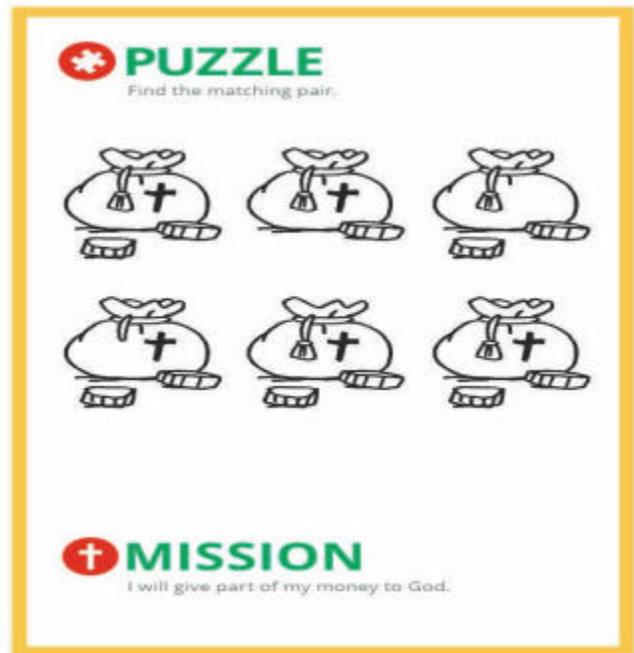


The clocks roll back one hour at 2 a.m. on November 7, 2021. The annual change comes in the middle of the night, but most people usually set their clocks back before heading to bed Saturday night.

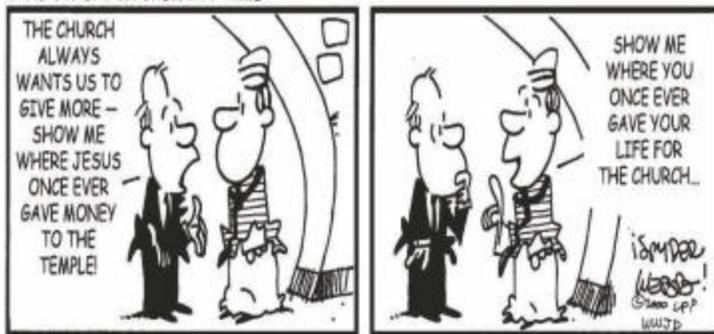


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