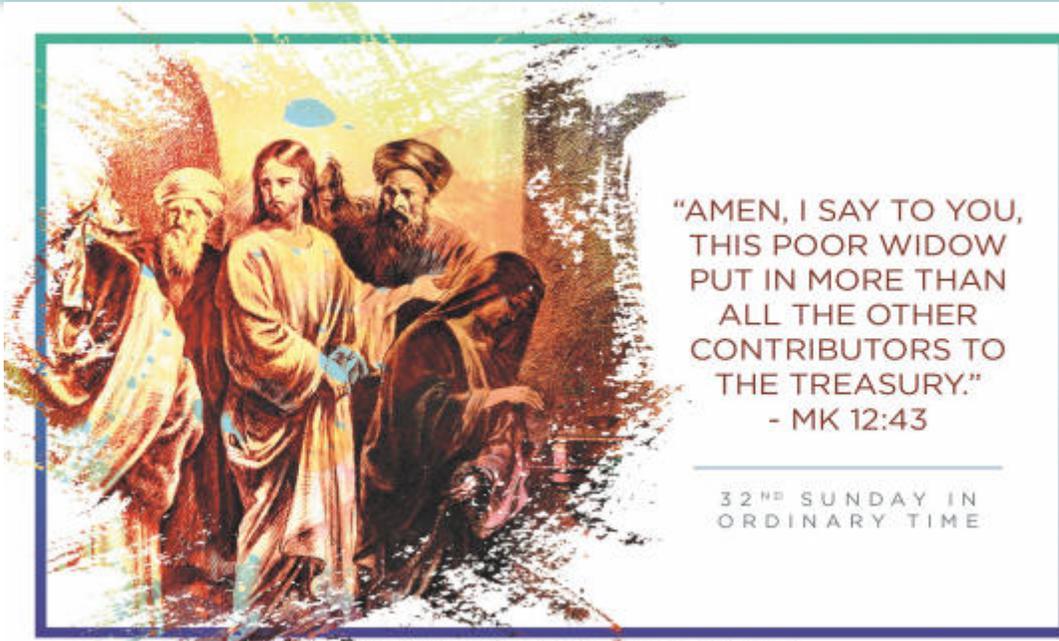


November 7, 2021 *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU,
THIS POOR WIDOW
PUT IN MORE THAN
ALL THE OTHER
CONTRIBUTORS TO
THE TREASURY."
- MK 12:43

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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 am—St. Pius and 10:30 am—St. Mary
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 9 am—St. Pius
Wednesday: 9 am—St. Mary
Thursday: 9 am—St. Anthony
Friday: 9 am—St Pius
Saturday: 4 pm—St. Anthony

New Parishioners

Call the office (378-4431 ext.
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday—3:30 pm—St. Anthony
or by appointment by calling
Fr. Kinney, 715-378-4431 ext 4

Visitation of the Sick

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

**The Second Collection this
weekend is for the Building
Fund,**

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Nov. 7, 2021: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

by **Mary M. McGlone**

My mom used to fight back tears every time she heard of young men going off to war. Their situation recalled her experience of being the mother of a four-month-old baby who watched her uniformed husband board a hospital ship during World War II. The sight of young soldiers kept alive her memories of the long years she spent waiting for my dad's return. Although she was never an anti-war activist, her sympathetic imagination led her to mourn the dead and wounded of all sides as if they were her own.

In an article entitled, "[Why Are the Poor More Generous?](#)" psychoanalyst Ken Eisold explains that people are naturally more compassionate to those with whom they can identify. Thus, the poor understand and can sympathize more with their companions in struggle than can the better-off who have not known the same level of need or desperation. The explanation might be deepened if we consider the idea that the generous response of the poor implies an understanding of our shared vulnerability.

We see this dynamic played out in the story of the widow who helps Elijah. When the widow meets him, Elijah is a refugee fleeing both a drought and political danger. At first blush, it seems odd that he would ask help from one of the most helpless people around, but God had informed him that there was a widow prepared to assist him. Thus, Elijah asked her for water and then boldly added a bite of bread to his order.

That was the woman's cue to let him know how much he was asking. Obviously, as a man — even though a foreigner — he had greater survival potential than she. But, rather than refuse him, she exposed the absolute bleakness of her situation: she was preparing the last meal she expected that she and her son would eat.

The woman's combined desperation and generosity were the cue for Elijah's prophetic announcement: "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry." Elijah's promise was that the woman had exercised her power to create a world of solidarity in which the hungry would be fed and the widow and orphan protected.

Did Elijah find a job and help her? Did the flour and oil miraculously reproduce itself? Did neighbors get in on the act? The author doesn't tell us — perhaps so that we could wonder about all the possibilities. What is clear is that the widow was willing to share with a stranger in need and that as a result, they all survived.

The nameless widow of Zarephath was really nothing like the widow of today's Gospel. The first freely offered what she had to a fellow person in need while, according to Jesus, the second was duped by slick pretenders skilled at bilking the innocent. Whereas Elijah invited his impoverished hostess into a shared experience of divine providence, the status-seeking religious leaders sought nothing but their own fame and fortune.

The message of today's readings is really quite simple. We are called to ask ourselves whose interest motivates us. Elijah's widow friend did not share his religious beliefs, but she understood that human beings are made for one another and that even hunger is easier to bear when shared. When Jesus called attention to the temple widow, he emphasized the otherwise unnoticed largess of her giving. He did not call her blessed or say that others should follow her example, but simply pointed out that there is more than one scale on which to measure the value of what a person offers. In terms of offering sacrifice, the widow did more than any of the wealthy or religious authorities who loved broadcasting their supposed bounteousness.

Ironically, the temple widow is not so much an image of discipleship as she is an image of Jesus himself. Like him, she received little positive attention from the "people who mattered." Like him, she was free enough to give her all — whether or not it would be appreciated. Jesus may have drawn attention to her precisely to remind his disciples that the reign of God operates on an alternative scale of values — one that demands the inexplicably courageous faith and solidarity.

The widows of today's liturgy invite us to ask ourselves how we can allow our experience to lead us into solidarity. Rich or poor, we are all vulnerable, even if we are not courageous enough to admit it to ourselves. In the long run, our pretensions make us far more fragile than our weakness or poverty. When we accept our own neediness, we can discover the generous love that makes others' needs our own. With that, we will be part of creating that atmosphere of solidarity known as the reign of God.

[St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.]

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Building Fund		\$7.50	\$145
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World Mission	\$86	\$105	\$17
Total	\$1017	\$984	\$1347
Electronic Dona- tions (September)	\$720	\$335	\$1204.14
CSA Goals (2021/22)	\$10,655	\$6,460	\$14,026
CSA Results (as of: 11/02/21)	\$4530	\$5665	\$6595
% of Goal	43%	88%	47%

Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or home-bound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

Dawn DenHartog	Joseph Treb
LaVerne Treb	John Poole
Virginia Bartelt	Cami Marie DenHartog

Our Sympathy
 We pray for the repose of the soul of those who have died recently:
 Julia Toner, beloved sister of Maureen Singleton.
"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the soul of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/ Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday	Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/ Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Religious Education will meet at St. Mary's November 7 from 9am -10:15 am. Please contact Kathy Birtzer if you have any questions. (715) 491-5413

Sunday, November 21 the new Breaking Bread song books will be set out in the pews at St. Pius X and St. Mary's. At St. Anthony's the books will be set out in the pews on Thanksgiving Day, November 25. If you are able to stay after Mass and help with the swapping of our song books it would be greatly appreciated! If you are an at risk parishioner, we suggest that you take a song book home with you and bring it back and forth to Mass which will help to limit your contact and keep you safe.

There will be a Hunter's Mass on Saturday, November 20

St. Anthony's 4:00 PM
 St. Pius X 5:30 PM
 St. Mary's 7:30 PM

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on November 25, 9:00 Am at St. Anthony's.

Would you plan to watch a live-streamed mass if Fr. Kinney were to resume them on Sundays? If so, please respond via email to: fran.stpius@gmail.com

Correction: The announcement for the Little Flowers Girls Club had an incorrect telephone number for Megan Trautman. The correct phone number to reach her at is: (816)273-9739



The Diocese of Superior Vocations team is challenging the faithful of the Diocese to pray the rosary for vocations in 2021.

Diocese of Superior Vocations Prayer

O God, we earnestly ask You to bless our Diocese with many priests, brothers, sisters and deacons who will love You with their whole mind and heart and gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved. Bless our families, bless our children and choose from our homes those needed for Your work. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us; pray for our priests, religious and deacons. Obtain for us many more. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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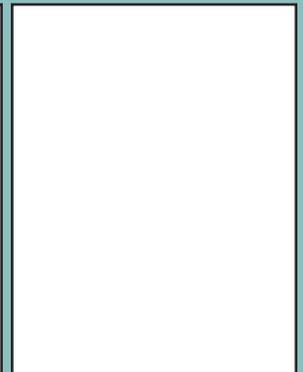
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