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## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34b

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**BULLETIN DEADLINE** To appear in the bulletin, items must be received no later than 12:00 noon on the preceding Tuesday.

**Stewardship Reflection** Today's Gospel presents Jesus' teachings on the two greatest commandments. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself. Let's consider these "greatest commandments" as they relate to three aspects of a Christian steward's daily life — the giving of our time, talent, and treasure. The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord — in other words, our prayer life. It is vital to talk to God throughout the day, but if I really want to love Him with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, shouldn't I make time for God "first" on my agenda each day? Not as an afterthought, but as a time I have intentionally chosen to spend only with Him. The use of talents refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. Doing so is a practical way to "love my neighbor as myself." At the same time, it is also a way to love the Lord with all that I am and have, since He has told us that whatever we do for others we are also doing for Him. The use of material gifts — or treasure — likewise demonstrates both love of God and of neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial offering to God through the offertory collection, I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life and I am putting my material resources at the service of my neighbor in the parish community and beyond. When we live for God and others, we are living a stewardship way of life. And like the wise scribe in today's Gospel, we are moving closer to the kingdom of God, our ultimate destination.

**All Saints Day** The Solemnity of All Saints, celebrated on Monday, November 1, is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2021. Mass on Tuesday, All Souls' Day, will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m.

**All Souls' Day Mass** A Mass for the Dead will be celebrated on All Souls' Day this Tuesday, November 2, at 5:15 p.m. in the Saint Francis of Assisi Mausoleum Chapel of the Catholic Cemetery on Losey Blvd. in La Crosse. A *plenary indulgence*, under the usual circumstances, can be gained for the souls in purgatory by the Christian faithful who, within November 1-8, devoutly visits a cemetery and prays for the dead. Monsignor Robert Hundt will be the celebrant.

**First Friday Adoration** This Friday, November 5, is the first Friday of the month. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude with Benediction at 11:50 a.m. at St. Leo the Great. Please contact Deacon Bob at 786.0610 ext. 5 to sign up for a specific time.

**Mass Servers** There will be training next Sunday, November 7, from 9:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. for young people fifth grade and older who would like to be an altar server. Please consider being part of this important ministry.

**World Mission Sunday** It's not too late to contribute to World Mission Sunday. Please use the envelope marked "Mission Sunday" from your envelope packet to make your donation to the missions.

**FORMED Adult Bible Study** Are you "Searching" for an answer to some of life's big questions? Join the Adult Bible Study on Tuesday evenings beginning this Tuesday, November 2 through December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Father Hansen Annex and let's "Search" together! "The Search" is an innovative video-based journey that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from the fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. We will explore some of life's big questions such as: What Do You Seek? Who Are You? Why a God? What's Our Story? Who Is Jesus? Am I Saved? and Why a Church? It's not too late to join. The participant guide fee for this Adult Bible Study is \$15. Contact Karla Schams at 786.0610 ext 2 or via email at stteresacre@wsbcwi.org.

**Men's Club** The Men's Club will meet this Thursday, November 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Father Hansen Annex.

**Mass Intentions** The Mass is the most powerful of all prayers, and so it is a very effective way to pray for loved ones. Praying for loved ones with the Mass is an ancient tradition. While you can personally offer your prayers at Mass for a special intention, requesting a priest say a Mass for your intention can be even more powerful because your intention will often be read aloud or published in the parish bulletin. The priest and many in the congregation will now be offering their prayers, through the Mass, for your special intention. You can request a Mass for your special intention by using the Mass Intention Envelope in your envelope packet or contacting the parish office. There is a \$10 per Mass stipend. You can offer a Mass for family members, friends, or any special intention, but Masses offered for the dead are particularly powerful. In fact, many souls have actually appeared to loved ones to ask for Mass to be said for them so that they will be released from Purgatory. Since the souls in Purgatory are no longer able to pray for themselves, they rely on the prayers and good works of those still on Earth to help them along in their journey to paradise.

**Why is a Catholic Funeral Important?** Although no one enjoys dwelling on death, most of us will mourn and bury loved ones in our lifetimes. Friends may counsel us to skip the church funeral and just "get it

<b>Statement of Activity</b>	
<b>October 11-17, 2021</b>	
	<b>Total</b>
<b>4110 Adult Envelopes</b>	5,045.90
<b>4111 Offertory Collections, Youth</b>	4.00
<b>4112 Plate Collection</b>	150.20
<b>4125 Votive Candles</b>	18.80
<b>4212 Restricted - New Church Fund</b>	70.00
<b>4220 Restricted - Works of Charity</b>	200.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 5,488.90</b>

<b>MINISTRY SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>November 6 - 7: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
<b>Ushers</b>	4:30 PM	Darrel Bradley, Mike Lang, Arnold Muellenberg
	8:00 AM	Corne Klos, Ron O'Connell, NOT FILLED
	10:00 AM	Pat Schams, Adam Schams, Kevin Schams
<b>Servers</b>	4:30 PM	NOT FILLED
	8:00 AM	Josh Peterson, Jacob Peterson
	10:00 AM	Brylee Vick
<b>Cantors</b>	4:30 PM	Michelle Lorenz
	8:00 AM	Kelli Martin
	10:00 AM	Wyatt Molling
<b>Readers</b>	4:30 PM	Mary Benchina
	8:00 AM	Steve Mueggenborg
	10:00 AM	Brenda Freit
<b>Musicians</b>	4:30 PM	Renee Bradley
	8:00 AM	Kelli Martin
	10:00 AM	Kelli Martin
<b>Counters</b>		Connie Breier, Mary Meyer, Marlene Nolte

<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK</b>		
<b>Tues Nov 2</b>	6:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Meeting
	6:30 PM	Adult Bible Study
<b>Wed Nov 3</b>	6:30 PM	Grades 8-10 CCD
<b>Thurs Nov 4</b>	6:30 PM	Men's Club Meeting
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
<b>Fri Nov 5</b>	9:00 AM-Noon	First Friday Adoration
<b>Sun Nov 7</b>	9:00 AM	Grades K-3 CCD
<b>READINGS &amp; MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</b>		
<b>Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a</b>		
<b>Nov 1</b>	Private Mass	† Joan Leland by Family & Friends
<b>Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11/Jn 6:37-40a</b>		
<b>Nov 2</b>	5:30 PM	† Grace Finn by Donna Finn
<b>Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33</b>		
<b>Nov 3</b>	8:30 AM	† Franny & Terri Link by Mary & Jamie Cleaver
<b>Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10</b>		
<b>Nov 4</b>	8:30 AM	† Rollie Huebsch by Therese Pudenz
<b>Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8</b>		
<b>Nov 5</b>	8:30 AM	† Sharon Friet by Friet Family
<b>Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15</b>		
<b>Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7-10/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44</b>		
<b>Nov 6</b>	4:30 PM	† Norman Mayer by Kathy & Randy Stello
<b>Nov 7</b>	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
	10:00 AM	† Deceased Members of the Pudenz Family by Therese Pudenz

over with,” but our faith provides the strength we need to deal with death. The Church has created Rites to help us face the difficulties and reality of death. Every baptized Catholic has a right to a Catholic funeral. The Rites of a Catholic Funeral include Prayers after Death, Prayers in the Presence of the Body, the Scripture Prayer Service at the Wake, the Funeral at Church (with or without Mass), and the Internment Prayer Service at the cemetery. Together these services not only make up the total Catholic Funeral Service, but also provide the Church’s special prayers for the deceased. The Rites also support families and friends who are grieving for their loved one. Catholics are entitled to a Catholic Funeral whether they are frequent or infrequent Mass attendees.

#### **Annual Craft Show-Crafter Registration Now Open**

St. Mary’s Church in Coon Valley is currently accepting crafters for their 20th Annual Craft Show on December 4. Visit [www.stmarycv.org/craft-show](http://www.stmarycv.org/craft-show) for registration application and information or contact Nancy Peters at 608.790.6034 or [Peters@mwt.net](mailto:Peters@mwt.net).

**40 Days for Life** Steve Karlen, national campaign director for 40 Days for Life, will be speaking at the LaCrosse 40 Days for Life Closing Rally on Saturday, November 6, at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. There is a free soup supper following the 4:30 p.m. Mass with Steve Karlen speaking at 6:00 p.m.

**Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience** Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will offer a Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience on Wednesday, November 10, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. As part of this spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette you will immerse yourself in the Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette, experience the grotto rock and the healing grace of Lourdes Water, receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary, receive a bottle of Lourdes Water, and be offered an extraordinary pandemic plenary indulgence. Join us on this pilgrimage journey to encounter the healing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a pilgrimage journey without the travel! Admission is free; donations are welcome. For more information, contact Jackie Craig at (608) 782-0322 Ext. 0.

**The Sound of Music** Aquinas High School Proudly Presents The Sound of Music on Friday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m. and November, 14 at 2:00 p.m. at Aquinas Campbell Theater. Tickets are \$10 general seating and can be purchased at the Aquinas High School office or at the door 30 minutes prior to performance. Masks will be required of the audience members.

**Holly Berry Fair** St. James and Providence Academy are hosting their 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Holly Berry Fair on Saturday, November 13, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Providence Academy Gymnasium at 716

Windsor Street. Booths include bakery items, rummage items, antiques, crafts, raffle baskets, Packer tickets raffle, jewelry, mystery gifts, religious items and more! Pulled pork lunch and walking tacos are available for dine in or take out.

**National Prayer Event** Join Catholics and Protestants across the country coming together online on Thursday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. to pray for the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health* Organization case. This is the case that could overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states. This historic online gathering will unite Christians across denominations to pray for a just outcome that protects millions of preborn babies and their mothers. Jesus says, “where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Mt 18:20). Reserve your spot for this zoom conference at [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_A\\_nrSvCbQF2U2J8Aabw0Jg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_A_nrSvCbQF2U2J8Aabw0Jg)

#### **Help Catholic Charities assist Afghan Refugees**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse is doing incredible work assisting thousands of Afghan refugees at Ft. McCoy, near Tomah. Find out how you can help by volunteering or donating – Visit [cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance](http://cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance).

**Adult Family Home** Your home is your haven, but it could also be a source of income. Inlusa is seeking quality partners to become certified providers. Adult Family Home certification does not consider marital status, children, pets, or whether you own or rent your home, but it does require that you have one or two extra bedrooms, personal and financial stability, flexibility and responsiveness. For more information contact [scott.grosskopf@inlusa.org](mailto:scott.grosskopf@inlusa.org) or 608.785.3648.

**Inspiration for the Week** “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!” This ancient prayer has been found on the lips of many of God’s devoted servants throughout history. In its simplicity it reminds us of a timeless truth we often forget. We often worship other gods rather than the One true God and find all of our relationships distorted as a result. This One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is important that we remind ourselves often of God’s primary place in our lives, lest we get distracted and sidetracked. But there is one more important piece that Jesus insists belongs with this. We must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. God’s presence within each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This is at the heart of God’s kingdom. ©Lpi

**Catholic Quote** God, here I am, at your disposal, your child. Use me to continue your loving the world by giving Jesus to me and through me, to each other and to the world. Let us pray for each other: that we allow Jesus to love in us and through us with the love with which his Father loves us. Amen. — St. Teresa of Kolkata.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Daily Examen of Stewardship

"Stewardship" can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term "stewardship" from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. "Here's Father asking for more money," they groan inwardly, "Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards."

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn't say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the "Daily Examen" — a pious devotion wherein, at day's end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God's will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

*How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?*

*What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?*

*To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me?*

*Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?*

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS



### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?

#### Answer:

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called "indulgences") can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION

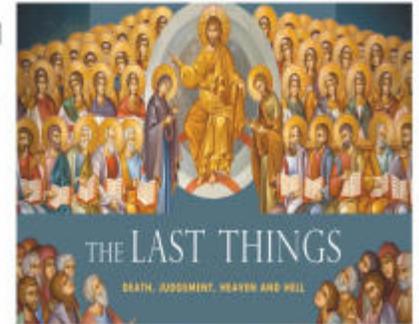
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### LAST THINGS

This film presents the reality of death and what will follow for every person: first the particular Judgment before God, then Heaven or Hell as our destination for all eternity. The Catholic teaching on Purgatory is also explained, giving examples from the Scriptures and philosophy.



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### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

### FIRST READING

"Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength." (Dt 6:5)



### PSALM

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)



### SECOND READING

But Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him. (Heb 7:24-25)



### GOSPEL

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." (Mk 12:34)

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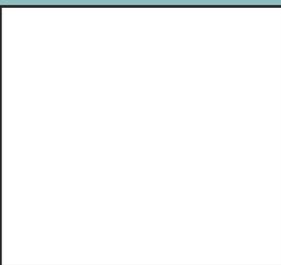
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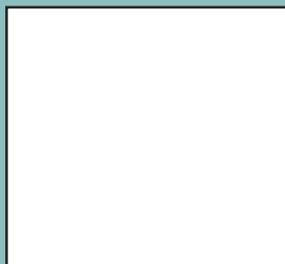
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