

St. William Parish Community



Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

November 7, 2021

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I think it was Mark Twain who popularized the quip that there are “lies, damned lies, and statistics.” I would change that to: “lies, damned lies, and *politics*.” Somehow it has become accepted in our society that, when it comes to politics, lying is normal, expected, and just part of the game. Deliberately misrepresenting what the “opponent” has said, in order to skew people’s opinions, is “simply politics”. “What else do you expect?” If the persons being maligned are “public persons”, they have little recourse, except maybe to try the same thing. Lies, slander, or innuendo about the other person—or the other person’s ideas—are constant fare on too many “news” media. I vaguely remember when you could expect news stations to exhibit professional journalistic ethics, when the reporters would at least *try* to present an item in a fair, impartial way, and then follow it up by giving persons on two different sides of a story the chance to explain their positions. That allowed people to make up their own minds instead of being told what to think.

But maybe I’m remembering too fondly, and that even in the past the news wasn’t always as ethically reported as I’d like to believe. In Mark Twain’s day, the main source of news was the newspaper. He commented, “If you don’t read the newspaper you are uninformed; if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.” Still, I want all of us to try to be as well-informed as we can, which means taking a thoughtful if sometimes skeptical view of what is presented on the news.

You may have noticed that for some time now in the General Intercessions at Mass we frequently pray for “a return to civility in our political discussions.” I urge you to add that to your personal prayers, as well. Pray that more and more people will have respect for others. A “return to civility” is probably not possible if there is not a mutual respect among people who may find themselves with different opinions, especially about things that deal with

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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, “Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.” - Mk 12:42-43

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass, 80301, 1998, 1978 CCD

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Parish Goal: *“To become an Amazing Parish that fosters discipleship and equips disciples to share the good news.”*

Parish Mission: *“To live the Good News so joyfully, that we can’t help but proclaim it!”*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm, .
Sunday *10:00 am (*also Live-streamed)
and Sunday 12:30 pm
Tues., Wed. & Thur., 8:00 am



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Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Many issues can be taken care of with a phone call, 248-624-1421.

Registration

For many reasons it is important to be formally registered as a parishioner. Contact the rectory for friendly help. Ext. 341

Baptism

To begin the preparation process for Baptism please call 624-1421. Baptisms are normally scheduled the first and third Sundays of the month.

Marriage

To celebrate a valid marriage Catholics must have the help of a priest or deacon. Call at least six months in advance.

Funeral

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Ministry To The Sick

We are happy to visit the sick and provide anointing. Please contact the Parish Office at 624-1421.

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If you are in a position to help, automatic giving can be easily arranged online. Go to Faithdirect.net, or follow the link from our website, www.stwilliam.com.



Offertory Report

(The fiscal year begins July 1)

	Collected	Budgeted*	Over/(Under)
As of Oct., 2021	*\$301,157	\$341,664	(\$40,507)

*This does NOT represent *needed* income, but only the amount we expected would actually come in.

Note: For clarity and accuracy, this report now shows reconciled month-end balances.

The "One-Hour Challenge!"

To have a *happy, peaceful life*, it is important that we have our lives in order, with our grateful response to God for his gifts being our top priority. That is how a disciple responds in the areas of *prayer, family, finance, and service*.

If you need help to put balance in your life, take the "one-hour challenge": Each week, spend at least...

- One hour in prayer and worship.
- One hour, special, focused on your family or other important relationship.
- One hour's wage (if you have a job) for the Lord. No job? Then give what seems right for you.
- One hour in service. (Helping another, or working for some cause.)

It's important to be *specific* in what steps to take in order to ensure that each "hour" actually happens!

May God bless you!

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political issues. By the way, “politics” should not be a dirty word. One of its best definitions is, “the art or science concerned with guiding or influencing governmental policy”. One of its worst definitions is, “political activities characterized by artful and often dishonest practices.” (See Webster’s dictionary.)

Unfortunately, at this time in our country’s history we are experiencing a great deal of incivility and downright hostility with anything that relates to the political process. I believe this decline in respect for another, in brief, follows this horrible line of thinking: “Your opinion about something disagrees with mine; you are wrong. In fact you are against what is obviously good; you are therefore evil. Since you are evil, it is my right, my duty, to fight against you by any means whatever.” “Any means whatever” can include incivility, sarcasm, hostility—even violent acts—as well as an unwillingness to fairly discuss issues, or even to allow discussion to take place. “Wrong” opinions are simply not allowed. Outright lying is assumed when it’s from the opposition. There is no presumption that persons with the “wrong” opinion are sincere and are actually seeking the best policy. There is not even an allowance that they *might* be sincere. Harassment is now justified. Misleading political ads, even vicious ones, are fine if they promote the “right” opinion. Not surprising, we are seeing a rise in “Cancel Culture”, which is the effort to silence anyone with the “wrong” opinions—even to the point of destroying their reputations, harassing them in public places and online, threatening them and their families, and even conspiring to destroy their livelihoods. We need to learn from history. Similar things have been tried before in other countries, to their detriment. (Nazi Germany comes to mind.)

This is neither healthy for our country, nor for the individuals caught up in it. We need to pray that these destructive attitudes change, and guard against assuming them ourselves.

When talking with someone who disagrees with you, it’s usually best to assume that the person is sincerely trying to bring about good and is well-intentioned, even though perhaps is misinformed—or has a different perspective, or actually has the same good end in mind that you do but with a different approach as to how to achieve it. It’s also helpful to remember that emotions, which can be intense, often color perceptions about what is said. So, try to listen and reflect back the *feelings* that underlie the discussion. (You don’t have to agree with the feelings, just understand them and respect them.) That will go a long way to “bring down the temperature” of your conversation. Keeping these principles in mind can lead to a respectful dialogue.

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, November 20th
12 to 3 PM

Please come and spend some time with Jesus during our Saturday Adoration on Nov. 20th, 2021. The church is open 12-3pm with Jesus present to listen to your prayers or concerns. If you can spare a few minutes even if it is 15 minutes he will not let you down.

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A final thought: when our country goes in directions that cause deep concern, it’s good to remember that, fortunately, our primary citizenship is not “U.S.”; it is citizenship of the Kingdom of God—and we’re supposed to bring *those* values into our society, for its sanctification. As Catholics, it is part of our civic duty to work to make our society better, more closely aligned to the values that we hold dear as Christians, more closely aligned to what we believe God wants for our country.

Political controversies and the incivility that poisons our public conversations these days should serve to remind us that we need to keep praying for our country, and to do what we can to make it better. Please pray, stay informed, reflect on what’s best for our nation, state, and community, and remain respectful when listening to others or sharing your thoughts with them.

In Jesus,
Fr. Michael

Christian Service

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."

Ask yourself "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to know God's love and care.

St. William Parishioners,

Thank you very much for the support St. William provided for the Sacred Heart Halloween event. We had a great turnout and ran out of candy just at the end of the line, so your contribution really helped out. It's a lot of fun to see the joy of everybody coming through the line, and to be able to offer them prayer. Thanks again!

Happy All Saints Day!

Daniel LaCroix

Fall Cleanup Job Sites List

Seniors, do you anticipate having a difficult time with your fall yard cleanup this year? Would you like your name added to the list of work sites for the Youth Ministry Fall Cleanup Mercy in Action Day on Saturday, November 13? Due to the large number of requests for help that we have had the last couple of years, we will be limiting our work time at each job site to one hour.

If you have a need for this service, please contact Karen Trojniak at 248-624-1371 ext. 308.

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It's almost here!

The next two weekends

November 13 & 14 - November 20 & 21

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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Rosary Altar Society

Advent Tea

The Rosary Altar Society is having an Advent Tea on Sunday, November 21st at 3:00 PM in the Activity Center. If you would like to sponsor a table or just attend the tea call Shirley Dertinger 248-640-1177 or Rose Ann Troxtel at 248-931-0604. \$5 per person donation.

Annual Christmas Party

Rosary Altar Society Annual Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 1st at 6:30 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM. RSVP to Shirley Dertinger, 248-640-1177, or Rose Ann Troxtel at 248-931-0604 by November 22nd. Members \$5, spouses \$10.

Intercessory Prayers

Intercessory prayer boxes have been placed in the tower entrances. Our Intercessory Prayer Teams will lift your intentions up in prayer for two weeks. You may also email your prayer requests by clicking the link on our website, www.stwilliam.com. All prayer requests are kept confidential.

faith Formation



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UPCOMING RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

Rachel's Vineyard is a place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and nonjudgmental environment where women and men can express and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration and healing. December 10th through 12th in Ann Arbor. Contact Beth To register toheal4give@outlook.com February 18th through 20th or August 12th through 14th contact Delia Seeley at nicrachelsvineyard@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Our next altar server training is in January. Parents, if you are interested in having your child (grades 4th and up) trained please contact Lisa lgeoffrey@stwilliam.com, or 248-624-1421, ext. 342 for more information. The trained servers will be scheduled for weekend and or Sunday Mass.

The Privilege to Serve as Sacristan

Liturgical Ministers have a wonderful privilege to serve our pastor by helping to prepare the environment of Church for worship. The work of the sacristan is important for the seamless flow of the Church's liturgies. Often working behind the scenes, the sacristan readies the things needed for liturgical prayer – the books, the vestments, the vessels, and other elements.

This preparation is done for our regularly scheduled Mass, funeral Mass and weddings as we rely on a group of sacristans to prepare and maintain the beauty of our sacred space. If you would like to join this group and are willing to be trained and work cooperatively in this dedicated ministry, please call Kim Kaye 248-956-8236 for details on our upcoming training.

Do You Enjoy Sewing?

We have a very simple task needed for the Catechist of the Good Shepherd atrium. If you can help us by sewing 10 mats for the children to use while working on their projects, please let me know. These will be thin enough for young children to be able to roll up to put away and also neutral in color. Call Kim Kaye if you can help. This project can be done at your convenience in your home.

Babysitter Needed

Are you looking for an occasional volunteer opportunity that would benefit the faith formation mission?

We are working with parents in the RCIA that may occasionally need a sitter to attend sessions with the RCIA team. This commitment would include occasional Sunday or Monday sessions in the school building. The adults are on a journey to become Catholic Christians and need occasional support during their adult sessions. This commitment would be approximately 2 hours per month.

Call Kim Kaye at 248-956-8236 for more information. This volunteer opportunity is open to students or adults.

Join Us
for Breakfast!

K of C Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, November 7th, 11:00 AM

Plan to join us for pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, our omelet station, donuts from Nino's, plus coffee and juice! And BONUS, we're only asking for a 'Free Will' donation for this breakfast, no fixed prices! Net proceeds will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul, just like in the past!

Walk With Faith Hike

Are you ready to enjoy the Fall colors and go for a hike? All Middle School and High School youth are invited to meet at the main trailhead in Proud Lake Recreation Area on **Monday, November 8, at 4:00pm**. We call it a "Faith Walk" because we stop along the hiking trail to read and reflect on the Sunday Gospel readings. The trailhead is located in the large day-use parking area just down the road from the park headquarters on Wixom Road. We will meet in the parking area before we start our hike. Parents with PGC training are welcome to join us. We will return to the parking area by 5pm for pickup. Be sure to bring your permission slip that can be found in your email or on the parish website, and a water bottle!! PLEASE let me know if you are planning to attend so we can look for you to arrive before we start our hike. Dress for the weather!

What You Do For the Least of My Brothers . . .

St. William Youth Ministry continues to serve with P.B.J. Outreach, Inc., a non-profit organization focused on feeding and clothing the poor and marginalized living in the Detroit metropolitan area. The organization unites volunteers and equips them to obtain, prepare, and distribute food and clothing to those in need. Volunteers from various organizations or as individuals, meet every Saturday to prepare food, and then head to various locations in Detroit to serve it. Our experiences have shown us what is more important than the food that we serve to these wonderful people, is the sharing of a smile, handshake or hug, and offering a few words of hope.

We will be joining P.B.J. Outreach again on **Saturday, November 6**. We meet at 5:30am in St. William parking lot and car pool to Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, home to P.B.J. Outreach, Inc.

After serving our homeless guests at 8:00am, we go out to breakfast and talk about our experiences. Middle and High School youth are invited to join us. Youth permission slips can be found in the email reminder or the parish website.

Fall Cleanup: Can You Lend a Hand?

Don't forget your rakes, work gloves and lawn bags, as we gather for our annual Fall Cleanup Mercy in Action event that helps our seniors get their yards ready for winter. We are calling all Middle and High School youth and their families to join forces on **Saturday, November 13, at 12:00pm**. Meet in the Activity Center hallway in front of the kitchen where we will enjoy a quick pizza lunch while job sites will be assigned to each work crew. The more help we have, the quicker the job will get done! We expect that all will be complete by 4:00 pm. Permission slips, found in reminder email or on website, will be required for all our youth. We need many PGC trained adult chaperones to drive the youth to the work sites. If your plans have been set to join us, please let us know by contacting Karen Trojniak at 248-624-1371 ext. 308 or ktrojniak@stwilliam.com.

Coming up in Youth Ministry

Nov. 6, 2021 – PBJ Ministry to the Homeless, 5:30-10am, MS and HS youth and families

Nov. 8, 2021 – Walk With Faith Hike at Proud Lake, 4-5pm, MS and HS youth

Nov. 13, 2021 – Fall Cleanup (Mercy in Action), 12-4pm, MS and HS youth and families

Nov. 18-21, 2021 – National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN, HS youth

Priestly Vocations: Discernment Day, Saturday, November 20

A Discernment Day offers a single high school man (freshman – senior) from the Archdiocese of Detroit a unique opportunity to experience the seminary and learn about the priesthood. High school students will meet new friends and grow in their understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

If you know any men who are interested and would like more information, please contact us: <https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discern-the-priesthood/high-school-discernment-day/>. Those interested must have a phone conversation with Fr. Craig Giera, Director of Priestly Vocations, before they are allowed to register.

November 8th—14th, 2021

Monday November 8th

6:15pm Rel. Ed. Class

Tuesday November 9th

8:00am Mass

6:30pm Rosary

7:00pm Legion of Mary, St. Paul Room

7:00pm Baptism Prep. Class, The Disciples Room

7:00pm Scouts Mtg., Upper Zepf

Wednesday November 10th

8:00am Mass

Thursday November 11th

8:00am Mass

7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg., RGR

7:30pm AA Mtg., Lower Zepf

RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARD

SALE WEEKEND

Saturday November 13th

10:00AM 1st Reconciliation Workshop I, ACS

4:30pm Mass

Sunday November 14th

10:00am Mass

10:15am Rel. Ed.

12:30pm Mass



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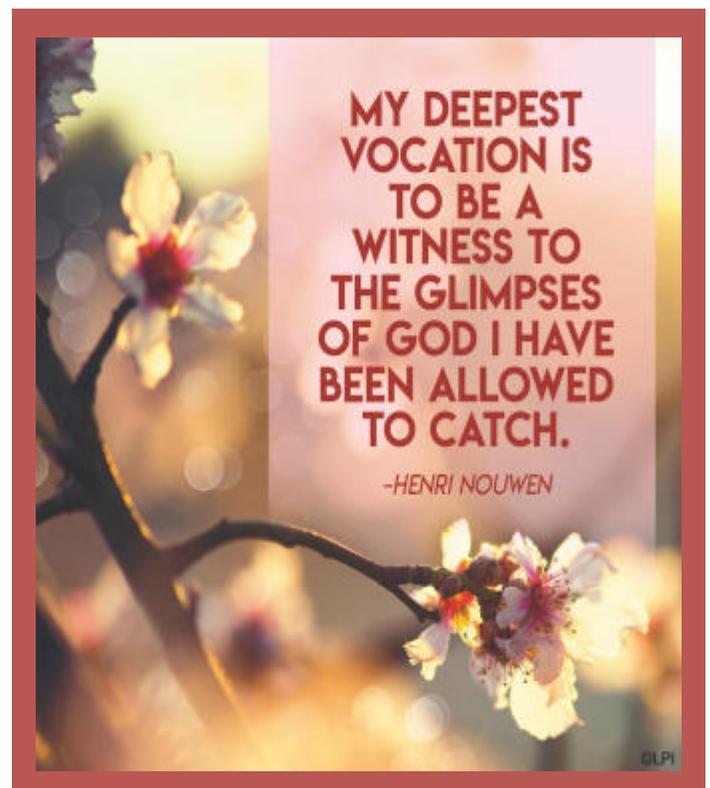
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If you would like to enrich your spiritual life & would like to help others, we need you in Legion of Mary. Meetings are in the St. Paul room every Tuesday evening after 6:30 PM rosary. Come join us and say the Rosary and see what we're all about. Contact Sherri Szebietowski, 248-957-8244, if you have any questions.



Mass Intentions:

Tuesday, November 9th

8:00 am

Trevor Monfette (D) John Fitzpatrick; **Ray & Marie Hibbeln (D)** family

Wednesday, November 10th

8:00 am

Virginia Capicchioni (D) family; **Garret Winter (D)** and **Jason Winter (D)** family; **Andrew Hailo (SI)**

Thursday, November 11th

8:00 am

Donald Herzog (D) family; **Jerome, Elizabeth, & Sheila Lewis (D)** D'Silva family; **Emily Hane (SI)** Terzano family; **Fr. Michael (SI, Happy Birthday!)**

Saturday, November 13th

4:30 pm

Chester & Antoinette Tabaczka (D) family; **Katie Goebel (D)** wife; **Dave Kozora (D)** wife; **Blanquita Valdepenas (D)** family; **Peg McDole (D)** Nancy Betzer; **Linda Kaminski (SI)** Joe & Ursula Clancey

Sunday, November 14th

10:00 am

Members of St. William Parish (L&D)

12:30 pm

Trevor Monfette (D) St. William Parish; **Deceased Members of Legion of Mary (D)**; **Keith Ciszewski (D)** family; **Marie Hennessey (D)** Maria Elwart; **D'Silva & Lewis families (L&D)**



Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

All-powerful and ever-lasting God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

- ♦ Andrew Hailo
 - ♦ Baby Mason Duda
 - ♦ Chris Bushaw
 - ♦ Christopher Melcher
 - ♦ Daniel Lessard
 - ♦ David Pfeiffer
 - ♦ Emily Hane
 - ♦ Jack Jamieson
 - ♦ Jackie Nagy
 - ♦ Jill Braun
 - ♦ Joe Wozniak
 - ♦ Joseph Sytniak
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*Happy are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labors for their good
deeds go with them—Rev. 14:13*

Casey Ambrose
Bailey Broderick
Barbara McCrandall

Readings for the week

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

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Gospel Meditation

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.

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Word of Life

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

"We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"
respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The widow in today's gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize the moments.

Sharing the Gospel

God wants us to be humble, and he wants us to share our blessings. So many people Jesus met were proud, and they thought they deserved special treatment. Other people were rich, but they took what they wanted first and gave God what was left. The poor widow in today's Gospel got it right. She quietly gave to God all she had.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to quietly give you the best of all that you have given me.

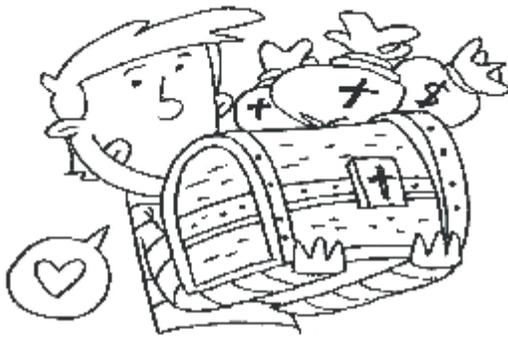
Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the poor widow who trusted God with her whole heart.

Mission for the Week

If you have a piggy bank, take money out and give it to God next Sunday. Shhhh! Remember to give it to God quietly.

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