



Church
of the

Holy Spirit

3700 Harvey Lake Rd, Highland MI 48356

November 7th, 2021 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wayne States Universally

Two weeks from now on the weekend of Nov. 20th & 21st, Shibli will return to our parish with Olive Wood carvings and other assorted hand-crafted items from the Holy Land. Given what we hear about the backlog of containers ships at the ports, I find myself looking less at the big stores and more toward the local artisans and stores for gifts, especially with the holidays approaching. Although Shilbi was here this summer, I will once again look at what he has to offer for gift giving. Perhaps you will do the same. Proceeds from the Olive Wood sales help the workers, their families, and the local economy in the Bethlehem area.

Vigil Mass of Thanksgiving will be Wednesday evening, Nov. 24th at 7 p.m. As tough as times have been for so many, there is much for us to be grateful for. Since we all have something to be thankful for, it would be a good time to invite someone who hasn't been to church in a while to come along with you. A festive occasion such as the Thanksgiving celebration might be just the thing you and they need.

Something new is on the calendar this year. A Display of Nativities [yours and mine]. Plans are in the works. Details will be revealed as they are finalized.

The Mass for Healing, which traditionally was the first Saturday morning of the month, and an integral part of our parish life, was placed on hold when the pandemic hit. The tradition will be renewed on Saturday December 4th, and most first Saturdays thereafter. The Anointing of the Sick will take place after the 5 p.m. Mass when things have quieted down. For those wishing to stay afterwards to be anointed, the relic of the true Cross will be placed near the front of the sanctuary. A person may start there by venerating it. Thereafter, standing not too far away, I will be available to pray through the laying hands. The anointing with Holy Oil on the forehead and palms of

one's hands will follow. Those desiring additional prayer [Soaking Prayer as it is sometimes called] specific to one's circumstance may proceed to one of the available prayer teams located elsewhere in the church. Before leaving, one may want to light a candle and say a prayer of Thanksgiving near the Holy Family statues. Please note that in the instance where the holiday, such as New Year's Day this year, falls on the first Saturday of the month, prayer and anointing will be delayed one week and take place after Mass on the Second Saturday of the month.

Take Care. Be Well,
Fr. Wayne



Be sure to check us out online!
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Sweatshirt Collection

Dear Parishioners and Brother Knights,
 The Knights of Columbus will once again be collecting for Holy Cross Services from Oct.30th through Nov. 21st. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. This year we are collecting:



NEW Sweatshirts (any College logoed or Professional Sports Teams – Adult Sizes L, XL, XXI, & XXXL). **Sweatshirts must be in Christmas boxes** (Robe boxes from the Dollar Store work great). Please do NOT wrap the boxes.
NEW Hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for men and women.
NEW twin bed sheets.
 \$10 gift cards from Meijer, Target and Walmart.

Please place your donation in the large holiday wrapped box that will be located in the vestibule.

Thank You,
 Knights of Columbus
 Larry Paffi PDD, PGK

Faith Stories

Home



March 12, 2020 is a day that I will remember. It was the day before the word came down to shelter in place. At the time, little did I realize or anyone else, the affect this would have on our way of life. A few essential businesses remained open with churches not being one of them. I found it difficult not being able to go to church and worship. In June, church doors opened, and I was able to attend once again.

November came along and my wife and I were both sick with Covid. Then came another six weeks away from church recovering from the virus. During all of this, I began to wonder if I had taken for granted the ability to worship. Did I not realize my religious freedom/Liberty? Did I not understand that people in some other parts of the world were meeting and worshipping in secret for fear of persecution?

Finally, I came to the understanding that I come to worship because I can! It is a freedom, that I want to embrace and exercise. When seated in the sanctuary I'm in the Lord's house. I come to the table, my sins are forgiven, I hear His words spoken; I connect with other believers and share in their joy and sometimes their sorrow. Church of The Holy Spirit is where I find all of this and much more. This is home to me where I come to be reminded that no matter what happens in our lives, the Lord is here waiting and inviting us to worship.

~Anonymous

Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, November 8

Office Open 9am-3pm
 11am-AA
 7pm-Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday, November 9

Office Open 9am-3pm
 10am-Women's Prayer Group
 12pm-Adult Faith Formation
 5:10pm-Elementary FF
 6:30pm-Middle School FF
 7:30pm-Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, November 10

Office Open 9am-3pm
 9am-Morning Mass
 10am-Adult Faith Formation
 6:30pm-Elementary FF
 6:30pm-8th Grade FF
 7pm-Huron Valley Numismatic Club

Thursday, November 11

Office Open 9am-3pm
 9am-Morning Mass

Friday, November 12

9am-Morning Mass

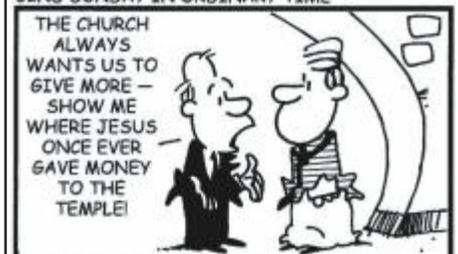
Saturday, November 13

5pm-Mass

Sunday, November 14

9am-Mass
 11am-Mass

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish Vision: To Be Christ to All.

Our Mission Statement: Led by the Holy Spirit, we accompany others to encounter Jesus, to give witness to Him, and to grow as missionary disciples.

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The Beginnings: *A Church that goes outward*

I dream of a “missionary option”, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than self-preservation. The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light: as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 27)

In response to the pandemic 2020.

- Fewer material resources
- Priests Shortage

“And so, in prayer and in consultation with others, I’ve discerned that now is the time to respond in faith to the challenges we face and to take the necessary steps to better equip our parish communities for mission.” Archbishop A.H. Vigneron.



“Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in Service of the Evangelizing Mission of the Church.”

The Vatican’s Congregation for the Clergy, July 20, 2020.

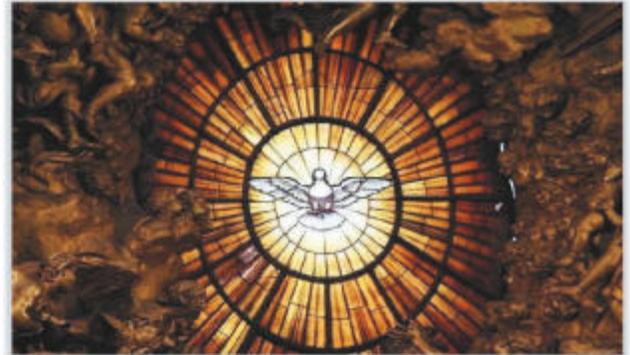
Encourages and promotes co-responsibility of all of the baptized and pastoral care based on closeness and cooperation between parishes.

“The unleashing of the Gospel is not something we do individually but a communal task, a work of the whole mystical body of Christ to which we belong. If we are living as a band of joyful missionary disciples, our communal life is itself a radiant witness to the power of the Gospel.”

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron

Unleash the Gospel Pastoral Letter

What are Families of Parishes?



“Just as when Jesus himself began the work of **evangelization**, so today the good news involves both, a call to repent and a call to believe.”

The invitation to believe in the Gospel is personal, speaks to the heart and is effective if it is made by a joyful missionary disciple, on who has found joy in responding to the Lord.

How do we help people grow as disciples in the Lord or grow in their relationship with Jesus? Through,

- *Our witness to our own faith*
- *Growing and deepening relationships with each other based on our love of Christ*
- *Inviting others to encounter with Him*

- Families of Parishes are groups of parishes, in close proximity to each other, served by multiple priests and deacons, and sharing resources to advance the mission.

- This new model will allow the priests, deacons, and lay staff associated with a single parish to better share their gifts and talents with the whole family of parishes.

- This new model allows for collaboration among multiple parishes in order to be the most effective Disciples of Jesus, sharing best practices and resources.

- Families of Parishes helps create opportunities to live out the mission to which we are called at Baptism so we are no longer left to ask, “How can I be a disciple of Jesus?”.

- Families of Parishes or models like it are already in place in other dioceses around the U.S.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the hardest lessons we teach young children is to share. The reason is simple. Sharing requires a sacrifice. For children who are asked to share a toy, the sacrifice is usually viewed as quite manageable—at least from their parent's perspective—because the children are seldom required to give up their plaything entirely. Instead, they are expected to forgo playing with it for a brief period of time while someone else takes a turn, and then they get it back. From the child's perspective, however, the sacrifice is often viewed as untenable, because it seems as though they are the only ones who are ever asked to share. When they share, it is usually only under the threat of consequences or the promise of a treat, and they do it begrudgingly. The readings for today speak about the importance of sharing in the Christian life, and they ask us a simple question. Will we look at sharing from the parent's perspective, and see a reasonable request to honor our relationships, or will we look at sharing with the eyes of a child, and see an unacceptable imposition?

Quite clearly, the readings push us to share with a generous heart and encourage us to see sharing from a parent's point of view. The first reading recounts the story of the widow of Zarephath, who is asked to share when the prophet Elijah arrives with an empty belly. Evidently suffering herself, the widow explains that she is down to her final provisions and is already expecting to die when her food runs out. Elijah's request therefore requires the ultimate sacrifice from her, for he essentially asks her to give up her last meal and to head to her grave with her son. This is not the temporary relinquishment of a child's plaything; Elijah is not merely going to take a turn and give it back. Yet despite the enormity of the request, the widow does not hesitate. "She left and did as Elijah had said," without any fear or malice because she had faith that God would provide.

Of course, the widow of Zarephath was, in fact, repaid for her generosity as her jar of flour and jug of oil remained perpetually filled. Thus, her sacrifice was much closer to the sacrifice parents expect their children to make when playing with their friends, but she could hardly have known this when the request was uttered. She should have balked like an average toddler at the demand to share, but she did not. Rather, she saw herself as a child of God, and looked at the call to share through the eyes of her heavenly parent, trusting that it was not an unreasonable request, but an opportunity for growth. She showed us how to share.

The gospel underscores this message from the first reading. Again we see a "poor widow" who gives "all she had, her whole livelihood" to the Lord. Jesus, witnessing this radical act of faith, calls his disciples and commends the widow's generosity to them, proclaiming, "This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." She adopted the perspective of a parent, and therefore shared without hesitation. The rich, however, could see only through the eyes of a petulant child, and refused to give except from what they no longer needed. As the second reading demonstrates, the widow's approach reflects Jesus' own model of sharing, for he shared his whole life, to the point of suffering and death, in order "to take away sin by his sacrifice." As both widows show, those who follow Jesus are called to share with the same magnanimity, trusting that the costs our parent asks us to accept are not too much to bear.

Lest we romanticize the sacrifices of the widows, however, there is also an important undercurrent in today's readings that puts our responsibility to share in its proper perspective. According to the law of Moses, widows were supposed to be cared for from the shared generosity of the community. Logically, then, if those listening to the story of the widow of Zarephath or witnessing the widow in the temple had taken their responsibility to share seriously, neither of these stories would have taken place, for the system of shared responsibility was designed to ensure that there would never be a poor widow in all of Israel! The widows' acts, while admirable, are also a subversive indictment of everyone else's failure to share. The only way to honor their sacrifices is to do our part to share not just when we have more than we need, but whenever we see someone in need. However difficult, if we trust our heavenly parent, we will be able to act as children of God are expected to behave.

Conor M. Kelly

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Meditations for November 7
Mark 12:38-44

She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had. (Mark 12:44)

What was it about this widow that drew Jesus’ attention and delighted him so much? Many others had given far more to the Temple treasury than she had. No, it wasn’t the size of her gift that touched him so deeply. It was her willingness to give all.

You can see a similar mindset in the widow in today’s first reading. She used the last of her provisions to feed the prophet Elijah. Notice how God blessed her generosity and provided for her—and Elijah—through the famine.

The willingness of these two widows to offer their meager gifts was pleasing to the Lord. That’s because sacrificial giving reflects the character of God himself. Just think of the way Jesus held nothing back when he gave himself to us. He gave every drop of blood, every ounce of mercy and love.

Does this mean that God expects us to empty our bank accounts or our pantries? Not necessarily. But he does want us to pour out our hearts. Whether we are giving financially or sacrificing our time or attention, he wants to see us become as generous as he is.

There are times when, like the widows in today’s readings, you might feel as if you don’t have much left. Beyond the financial, you might be “scraping the bottom of the barrel” of your patience or your sympathy or your forbearance.

But know that when you ask God for the grace and strength to give from what little you have, he will bless you. He might give you what you lack, or he might give you the strength to spend yourself a little more. Even when it seems like a drop in the bucket, your decision to give pleases the Lord. That’s because each time you choose to give of yourself, you become more like him. He is building his own character in you!

“Lord, help me give of myself as generously as you did.”

Prayer
REQUESTS

The names of the sick will be removed in 6 weeks. To re-list, or to add a name, please call the parish office at 248-887-5364.

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Weekly Offertory

Collection

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
10/31	\$ 7,617	\$ 10,200	(\$ 2,583)
Y-T-D	\$164,174	\$183,600	(\$19,426)

This report is based on the Offertory Collection line in the budget. It includes weekly envelopes, loose and children’s collection, holy day collections, and online giving. It does not include Christian Service, fuel, or kitchen fund envelopes, the Christmas collection, Parish fundraisers, grants received, CCE tuition and fees, or other miscellaneous income. It is based on a yearly budget where we anticipate the expenses of the Parish. Just because there may be a deficit here, it does not mean the Parish is operating at a deficit. Feel free to direct questions to the Parish Finance Council.

The weekly offertory is the life-blood of any parish. We have utility bills to pay, a large physical plant to maintain, staff that we have hired to run our day-to-day operations, youth to teach, worship and music ministry to support, Christian Service neighbors to help. We need everyone who can to put something in the offertory basket each week. We are so grateful for all who give weekly and are consistent contributors.

Readings for Sunday, November 14

Dn 12:1-3 | Heb 10:11-14, 18 | Mk 13:24-32

Mass Intentions

Lector Schedule

Monday, November 8

Wis 1:1-7 | Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 9

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

Wednesday, November 10

Wis 6:1-11 | Lk 17:11-19
 9:00 a.m. (PPP) Christine Osti
 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Dave Sisson
 9:00 a.m. +John Ashmore

Thursday, November 11

Wis 7:22b—8:1 | Lk 17:20-25
 9:00 a.m. (PPP) Christine Osti
 9:00 a.m. +Florence Celeskey

Friday, November 12

Wis 13:1-9 | Lk 17:26-37
 9:00 a.m. (PPP) Christine Osti
 9:00 a.m. +Don Dopierala

Saturday, November 13

5:00 p.m. (PPP) Christine Osti
 5:00 p.m. +Joann Dalton
 5:00 p.m. +John Johnson

Sunday, November 14

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Christine Osti
 9:00 a.m. +Larry Rejniak
 11:00 a.m. (PPP) Christine Osti
 11:00 a.m. +Lillian Papierniak

Saturday, November 13

5:00 p.m. - Phil Wojtowicz

Sunday, November 14

9:00 a.m. - Donna Cole

11:00 a.m. - Carol Ramirez

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Rev. Wayne Ureel, Pastor
 Michael Somervell, Deacon

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m., SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
 HOLY DAY - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4pm or by Appointment

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Pastoral Council

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Baptisms

Contact Deacon Mike at 248-887-8813

Marriages

Contact Fr. Wayne 6 months before your wedding date.

Bulletin Deadline: Thursday at noon

Changing your address or phone number? Please notify the office when making these changes.

Right to Life Christmas Cards

On Sale November 6th & 7th



It's not too early to be thinking about Christmas Cards. Right to Life will be selling Christmas Cards after all Masses the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd.

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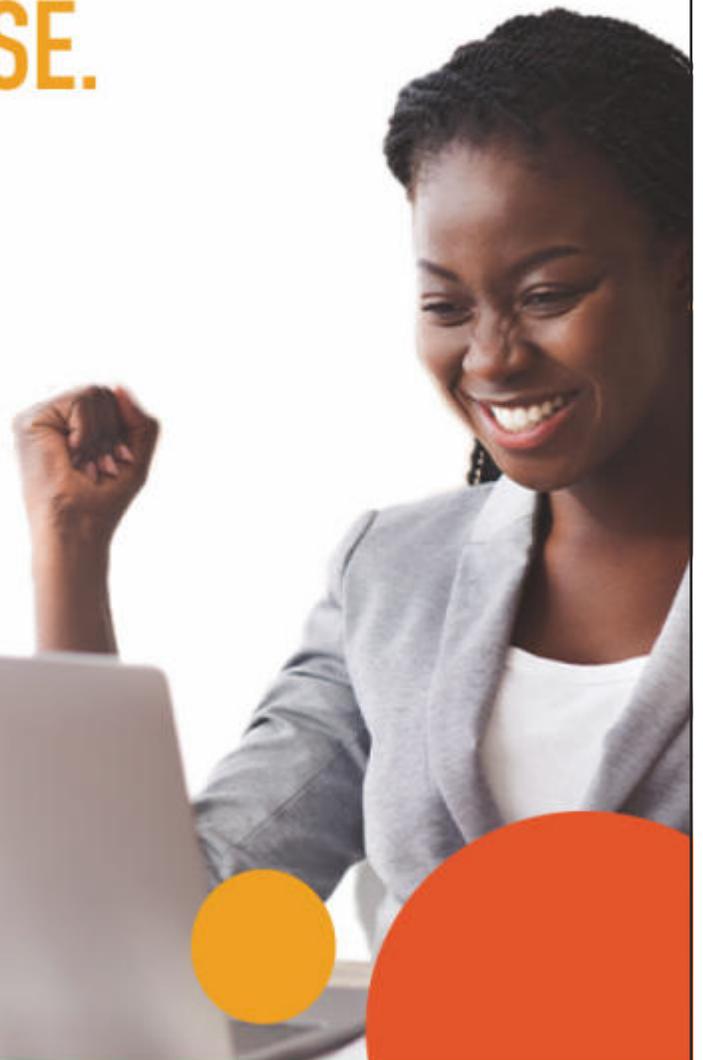


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