



St. Valentine Church Heartline



Mission Statement: Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to live and share the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all may come to know God. As a Catholic Church and School Community we welcome, serve, teach, learn, reconcile and provide comfort and hope in the spirit of St Valentine.

November 7,
2021

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gift That Cost Us

"I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die."

I have been a freelance reporter for regional and community papers for the past ten years. The majority of my work has been researching and composing human interest pieces, and those assignments have allowed me to witness and learn about the efforts of extraordinary people who are devoted to making their own corner of the world more beautiful, more just, and more loving.

Many of these pieces, naturally, have focused on individuals of means who use their wealth to help others. But in contrast, I've also had the pleasure of writing about very ordinary people — those who really have no wealth to offer at all, or who are actually giving of themselves in spite of a scarcity of resources. Oftentimes the story I write has centered on their volunteer or community fundraising work, but sometimes it simply highlights a single act of sacrifice or kindness.

The contributions of the wealthy people I have written about are noble, and I was (and am) very happy to highlight them. We should admire and emulate any act of charity or philanthropy. But if I'm being honest, theirs are not the names that linger in my memory. Theirs are not the stories that challenge me to look in the mirror and ask myself: am I giving until it hurts?

When I wake up at the beginning of a long, demanding day, I usually feel completely unequal to what I know God will be asking of me. *I have so little to give, I think. I have so little strength.* In these hopeless moments, it is easy to explain away the obligation to give anything at all. *Surely God doesn't expect it of me. Surely He knows it would be too much to ask — too much love, too much patience, too much effort.*

In these moments, I call to mind the gifts I've written about that really cost the giver — and I almost never remember the million-dollar donations.

I remember the father who forgave his daughter's murderer — not because it brought him peace, he told me, but because the murderer himself needed forgiveness. I remember the graphic designer who left the business he helped to found because of his partner's insistence on taking an abortion clinic as a client. I remember the autistic man whose ministry offers fellowship and counsel to other autistic Catholics, even in the face of his own anxiety. I remember the young deacon with a stutter who found it difficult to preach but did so anyway because the Gospel must be shared, and he had a duty to share it.

And I always, always remember the families of our country's veterans — the ones who came home and the one who did not.

Today's readings remind us that the gifts we offer to God from our poverty are far more precious than those we offer from our abundance. We can be talking about a poverty of money, a poverty of time, a poverty of patience, a poverty of goodwill, or even a poverty of faith. Whatever it is, we think we don't have enough, so we think we have nothing to give. But how precious are the gifts that really cost us — the ones that we fear we cannot afford.

How precious was the "small cupful" of the widow's water, and the "bit of bread" she offered Elijah. How precious were the two small coins the widow gave at the temple. How precious was the last drop of blood that fell from the side of Christ as he hung from the cross. These were the gifts that meant everything.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Liturgy Schedule
Mass Intentions

**Monday—November 8,
Weekday**

8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Loretto

**Tuesday— November 9 The
Dedication of the Lateran
Basilica**

8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Loretto

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

**Thursday— November 11, St.
Martin of Tours, Bishop,
Veteran's Day**

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church
*Richard & Georgiana Rydzewski
and the Ustes Family* req. by
The Family

Germano & Pierina Mularoni req.
by Graziano Canini

**Friday—November 12, St.
Josephat, Bishop and Martyr**

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church
Germano & Pierina Mularoni req.
by Graziano Canini

Mrs. Ciechanowski req. by
Zbikowski-Evans Family

**Saturday—November 13, St.
Frances Xavier Cabrini,
Virgin**

5:30 p.m. Mass in Church
Landon Lubaway req. by The
Family

Stephen Slovenski req. by
nephew

Janet Palmer req. by Bob &
Eleanor Bielenda

**Sunday—November 14, Thirty -
Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church
Gordon Lavigne req. by son
Germano & Pierina Mularoni req.
by Graziano Canini

*Deceased members of the
Zbikowski & Oakes Families*
req. by The Family

12 noon Mass in Church
Bill & Shirley Zimmerman req. by
John and Linda Murzin

Teresa McMahan req. by The
Dillon Family

Let us pray for those who are ill and have asked for our prayer:

Judi Marshall
Josiah Wardrop
John Dillon
Colleen Devine
Clara Macek
Autumn

Pattenaude
Carol Sneary
Joan Reilly
Andrew Ricotta
Jeanette
Shamma
Enrico Canini
Dan Jenkins
Tony Janisse
Patricia Longo
Mike Rodriguez
Dick Nelson
Bette Dishman
Rita Barthlow
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Judy Gregory
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Debbie Pepp
Frank Drewno
Tom Wing
Claire Keegan
Daemion Smith
Robert Donnelly
Salvador Tapia
John Boyd
Geri McDonald
Kathleen Jenkins

We offer our deepest sympathy to Mario and Gracie Bravo upon the death of their father, Amador and to Maryanne Azarovitz upon the death of her husband, John. May all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Marriage Banns

April Purdin
and
Joseph Cadeau



Mass intentions continued:

Germano & Pierina Mularoni req.
by Graziano Canini
Mike McEvoy req. by Wife

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



Video Series Continues

Please join us as we continue with the video series. We meet in the parish office meeting room at 10:30am-11:45am. See you there.

November 7th—Full of Grace
November 14th—All Holy

**Intention of the
Holy Father for November
People who suffer from
depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

October 31, 2021

Budgeted Amount	\$ 6,500.00
Actual Collected	\$ 5,338.00
	<u>\$(1,162.00)</u>

2nd Collection—School	\$ 496.00
All Saints	\$ 377.00
All Souls	\$ 85.00
Heating	\$ 65.00
Needy	\$ 55.00
Propagation of The Faith	\$ 60.00



From Faith Formation

The Look

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 ©LPi

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



National Vocation Awareness Week Begins Today

Please keep those discerning if they would like to enter the priesthood. For more information:

<https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discernment-groups/>

Vocation or Calling

Question:

Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and 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 coworkers 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. ©LPi

It is a Joy to Welcome into the Family of God

We welcome your newly baptized child into our parish family. We share your joy and excitement. Your child is a gift to all of us. With you we celebrated the beginning of your child's faith. May God bless your family and guide us all as we journey together. To the newest Christian in your home, welcome!

Leo Maximus Bonenfant
Child of Mark Bonenfant
& Lindsay Dunn



Liturgical Ministers— November 13—5:30 p.m.

Sacristan: L. Wierimaa & M. Thill

Lector:

EMHC:

Usher:

November 14—8:30 a.m.

Sacristan:

Lector: J. Ricotta & G. Baughman

EMHC:

Usher:

November 14— 12 noon

Sacristan:

Lector: C. Williams

EMHC:

Usher:

All Souls Day Remembrances

Fr. Patrick Smith

Jim Courtney

Ambrose Smith

John Brower

Helen Venn

James Reinhart

Patricia Durfee

Judy Cwik

Charlotte Turbiak

Pauline Reinhart

John Reinhart

Frank Turbiak

Ron Cwik

Renee Cwik

Gary Dienes

Frances Hutchison

Timothy Hutchison

Deceased members of Daly Family
Deceased members of Danic Family



All Souls Day

Faith Formation News

Our Confirmation candidates had a visit from Rosie Gonzales, a member of the Worship Commission, last week. Rosie explained the different ministries available to the candidates to get involved in after they are Confirmed in March. We are sure the candidates learned a lot from her visit. Thank you, Rosie.

On November 1st Fr. Socorro said Mass for All Saints Day in which the families of the Faith Formation program were invited. Members of the 8th grade class shared with the congregation Saints they are choosing for their Confirmation name.

52 Sundays Take Time to Chat

- What is the difference between how the Scribes behaved vs. how the poor widow behaved in today's Gospel? What can we learn from this?
- Do you know someone who displays the virtue of humility? Tell a story about that person and why you admire him or her.
- Why is it important to contribute to the needs of the Church by sharing our time, talent and treasure?

Liturgy Link

At what point during Mass do we make contributions to the church? What do we contribute?

Family Fun-Thankful Bunting

Start preparing for Thanksgiving by taking on an attitude of gratitude! Gratitude increases our overall happiness, helps us to be less self-centered, and helps us to be the people God calls us to be. Reflecting on what you are thankful for is a great way for your family to cultivate a generous spirit and a sense of contentment. Collect all of your family's sentiments of gratitude and make a thankful bunting (a string of colorful triangular flags) today.



Fun Facts!

The first full week of November is National Vocation Awareness Week. Take time this week to ask God how he is calling you to serve his Church. Also, pray for those discerning the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Family Prayer Prayer for Vocations

Loving and Generous God, it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you. Help us to grow in the love and service of our Church as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage of your Spirit to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's mission of love and justice.

Bless our domestic Church and larger community by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers through marriage or the single life.

Inspire us to know you better and

open our hearts to hear your call.
We ask this through our Lord. Amen.



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Feast Day November 13

You may recognize the name St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 –

1917) as the first United States citizen to become a saint. Known for her deep trust in God, she was a courageous woman doing the work of Christ.

Her life of service began when she was first refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher. Not one to take things face value, she instead focused her charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy, and in 1877, professed vows there and took the religious habit.

When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named St. Frances Xavier Cabrini prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. However, she had a dream she was determined to fulfill. Since her early childhood, she had dreamed of being a missionary in China. Pope Leo XIII, however, urged her to see the need in the west. She traveled with six of her fellow religious sisters to New York City, where they worked with the thousands of Italian immigrants residing there.

Although she experienced many disappointments during this time, she persevered. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. Rather than come back to Italy and the order she oversaw, she instead found a way to establish that orphanage elsewhere — plus a few more. Throughout her life, she is known for founding 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago in 1917.

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Aquinas College Open House – November 13

Aquinas College welcomes any high school students and families to our Fall Open House on Saturday, November 13! Details and registration information can be found at aquinas.edu/openhouse.

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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.

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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. ©LPi

Coming Up This Week

Monday, November 8th

Worship Commission, Parish Office Meeting Room – 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 9th

Golden Years, School Meeting Room – 12:45 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting, Parish Office Meeting Room 7 pm

Wednesday, November 10th

Thursday, November 11th

Confessions, Church, 6-6:30 pm
Choir Practice, Church – 7:30 pm

Friday, November 12th

Saturday, November 13th

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, November 14th

8:30 am Mass and 12 noon Mass
Prayer Group, Parish Office Meeting Room – 10:30 am
Sacramental Enrollment, Church - Noon
Baptism, Church – following the Noon Mass



Support of U.S. Armed Forces

As a parish community we would like to support the men and women serving in our Armed Forces with our prayer.

Lord, Hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our world.

Michael Arsenault, David DeAngelis, Christopher LePain, Patricia Molloy, Scott Shoemaker, Christopher Tabei, Joshua Coe, Anthony Potter, Andrew Kliman, Luke Leveillee, Michael Cain, Kristen Lauber, Frank Bordo, Bonda Bordo, Larry Silk, Bradley Swanson, Gary Semon, Brian Jones, Seth DeTavernier, Timothy Mc Carthy, Rob Nitz, Jesse Moore, Michael J. Ryan, Daniel T. Ryan, Justin Ryan, Micheal Nalepa, Steven Tomlinson and Alex Blackwell.

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Choir Practice

Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday evening: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 and 12:00 noon

Daily Mass in Church

Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

Holyday Schedule

Holyday: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Confession—Thursday 6:00 p.m.— 6:30 p.m. or by appointment

Saturday afternoon at Our Lady of Loretto 2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism

Prior arrangements must be made by calling the Parish Office. Parents must attend an informational meeting.

Matrimony

Arrangements for Matrimony must be made at least six months in advance.

Catechumenate-RCIA

Please call the Parish Office for more information.

St. Valentine Parish Office Hours

Summer Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30—12 noon

Fall/Winter/Spring Hours

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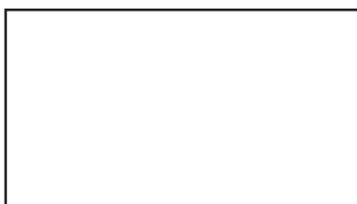
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