



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

ST. MARK PARISH



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

At the threshold of November we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). When we think of the saints, we usually bring to mind the officially canonized holy men and women. For example, in November we honor St. Charles Borromeo, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, St. Margaret of Scotland, and St. Andrew the Apostle. The Feast of All Saints inspires us to honor and learn from the "famous and less-known" saints, and the ones only known to us – our grandparents, mother, father, or a friend. I think of an angelic young girl, Lauren, crippled from birth by all imaginable deformities, and totally dependent on others to live. When you looked for a moment into her eyes – all you saw was a brilliant beauty and radiance of God's creation! A saint is a living reminder that our Creator can pour into our body and soul – miraculously transforming grace, if we are only open to it. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we are all called to grow in holiness and become "conformed" to the image of Jesus Christ – the Holy One of God.

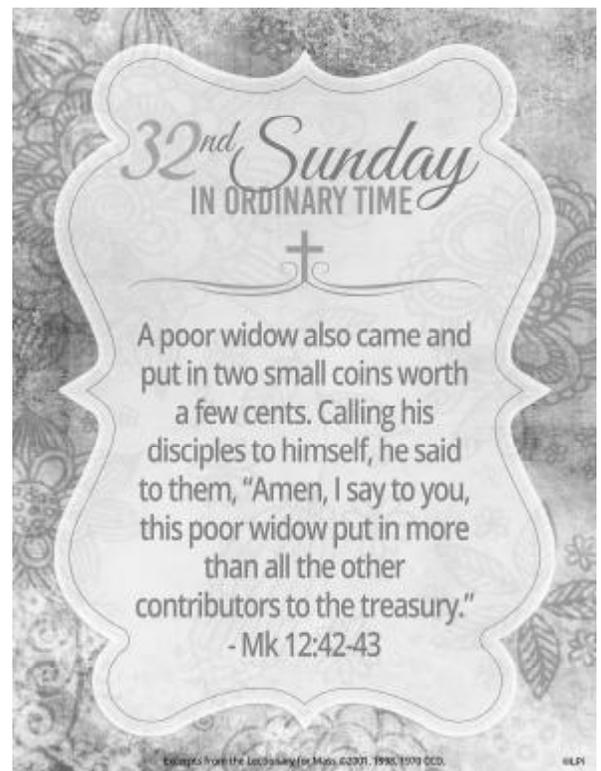
Many religious traditions and cultures have meaningful rituals to remember the beloved dead. The Catholic Church has always encouraged prayers for the holy repose of the souls of our departed brothers and sisters. Offering a Mass for our family members and friends is particularly beneficial and memorable. It is clear in the Holy Scripture that even after death our loving God gives us the opportunity to grow in grace – as we journey into the blessedness of heaven. "The souls of the just are in the hand of God" (Wisdom 3:1). St. Paul reminds us: "If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him – in newness of life" (cf. Romans, 6:4-8). We are therefore called to pray for our departed, as they are praying and interceding on our behalf. It is especially at the end of the Mass of Christian burial, when we incense the body in the casket or the remains in the urn, that I ask the physically departed person, and yet fully alive in God, to pray for the grieving family, for me, and for all of us. This month, while we remember all our beloved departed, we particularly honor and pray for our parishioners who went to God's heavenly home this past year. While we miss their physical presence, our spiritual bond with them is even stronger – as they now share with the Lord Jesus, the fullness of life, love, joy, and peace, and see God – "face to face."

In Christ's abundant Life,
Fr. Stanley

MISSION STATEMENT

As the Eucharistic family of St. Mark Parish, we are called to welcome, love and serve. We continue the mission of Jesus Christ: "to transform our lives and believe in the Good News."

(Mark 1:15)



NOVEMBER 7, 2021

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parish Family,

Many of you regularly donate to our food pantry. We are so grateful for your continued support. This next weekend we will kick off our annual

I CAN SHARE THE HARVEST

campaign. Thanks to your generosity, this has been a tremendous success!

St. Mark Food Pantry provides nutritious food to the less fortunate families in our community. The ongoing pandemic has magnified the need. Those who have not suffered from food insecurity are truly blessed and want to share with our brothers and sisters. *I Can Share the Harvest* needs your help to battle hunger.

Please bring non-perishable donations to the Gathering Space November 13th to November 28th and place in the designated baskets.

For those who wish to donate a monetary gift, please put it in an envelope and place it in the collection basket, marked *I Can*.

What to bring:

canned fruits and vegetables, soup, meat, broth, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, dried beans, rice, and oatmeal.

Thank you for your support and generosity to those in need.

We pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples "Give us this day our daily bread".
(Mt5: 9-13)

Mary Jo



Many people
mistake our
work for our
vocation.
Our vocation
is the love
of Jesus.

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

LIVE THE LITURGY

It all really boils down to a matter of the heart, and actions do speak louder than words. We cannot hide from the truth. A problem with religion is that it is possible for someone to make everything appear to be right when actually it is not. We can say all of the right prayers, perform all of the proscribed rituals, claim that we adhere to orthodox doctrines and still lead a distorted, empty and sometimes pitiful life. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even the noblest looking actions can amount to nothing. It is no wonder, then, that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus. While it may not always appear to be the case, God has a special care and regard for those who depend upon him in times of trouble and want. Only the person who is truly poor is the only one who can see this. Because of a lack of trust, the one who has much is afraid to take a risk and sees only what they possess as their only security.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

St. Louise de Marillac is having the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition at our Parish Hall on:

Friday, November 19th from 4 - 8 pm

Saturday, November 20 from 2 - 7 pm

Sunday, November 21, from 1 - 5 pm

We would like to invite all to come and see these miracles about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The event will take place in the Social hall behind the Church.

St. Louise is located at
2500 E. Twelve Mile Rd.
Warren, MI 48092

We look forward to seeing you there!



A big thank you to all who came throughout the Thursday's in October to pray the Rosary. It was a wonderful experience to pray the rosary outdoors.



THE WORD

Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44
- Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
- Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32



Saturday, November 6

4:00 pm Anna Gavin
Steve Patrishkoff
Stys Children

Sunday, November 7

8:30 am Irene Janiszewski
Barb Zarek
Carmela Palamara

11:00 am Mildred Posavetz
Deacon George Posavetz
John Airlie
Patricia & Ray Kusza
Nola & Patrick Wernette
Christine Mixen
Ken Hernandez
Romeo Duronio
Keith Hernandez
Brenda Grace

Wednesday, November 10

9:30 am Christine Kohut

Saturday, November 13

4:00 pm Herbert Dempz
Isabelle McLaughlin
Richard Shaddon
Cecelia Dempz
Julia Marcincowski
Frances Szadierkerski
Jerry & Dorothy Neely
Frances Szpont
Jim Wawrzyniak
Romeo Duronio

Sunday, November 14

8:30 am Prillwitz Family
Carmela Palamara

11:00 am Helen Gasporapos
Linda Galindo
Patrick Elliott
Catlin Hunt
Gene Wisniewski

ST. MARK OUTREACH



The Pantry Needs:

Thank you for your food and monetary donations.

God Bless



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

In the story of the initial encounter between Elijah and the widow, we see the widow rewarded for her courage and faith. When has your faith resulted in a positive outcome?

Second Reading:

The reading from Hebrews focuses on Jesus' sacrificial death on earth, his intercession for us from heaven, and his eventual return at the end of time. Who do you know needs to hear this succinct summary of our faith in Christ?

Gospel:

In the Gospel reading we hear Jesus criticize the scribes for their hypocrisy and praise the widow for her generosity. How do you ensure your actions and faith are authentic?

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PRAYER INTENTIONS



Imelda Donlon

Debbie Duva

Richard Harrison

Delphene Tessmar

Only **immediate** family members may request a 'prayers for the sick' listing. Call the Parish Center: 586-759-3020. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

PRAYERS FOR THE MEN
AND WOMEN WHO SERVE
IN OUR ARMED FORCES.



**WE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR
MILITARY, & PARTICULARLY:**

Sr. CPO Michael Brightman

Lt. Commander Adam Craig

LCPL Sarah J Page

Sgt. Steven Parisi

Major Michael F. Weigle

Family members who wish to have their loved ones prayed for may do so by submitting names to the parish office.

Prayer Resources

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

POPE TWEETS

" There is a mysterious solidarity in Christ between those who have already passed to the other life and we pilgrims in this one. Our deceased loved ones continue to take care of us from Heaven. They pray for us, and we pray for them and we pray with them. #Prayer #FaithfulDeparted"

- Pope Francis

@Pontifex Twitter (November 2, 2021)



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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Parents are asked to contact the Parish Center Office to arrange for Baptism instruction and a date for the Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to celebrate the sacrament of matrimony at St. Mark Parish are asked to allow at least six months to complete arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Private Confessions: Saturday 3:00 PM.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

LAST Sunday of every month after all Masses.

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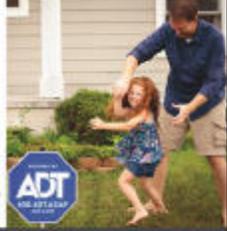


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