

**Saint Christina Parish of Turner County
PO Box 610 Parker, South Dakota 57053**

Sunday, November 7, 2021

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

When I was in college, I spent a summer serving our diocese as a missionary in Totus Tuus. We would do youth ministry in various parishes during the summer months. One of my teammates Rebecca, would always give the same talk to the high schoolers about the importance of reading the Bible every day. To be honest, I listened to that talk around five times before I finally had the thought, “Hey, maybe I should start reading the Bible everyday!” I can be slow sometimes. I started by reading one chapter out of the Gospels every single day. When I finished the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke John), I started over and read them again. This practice of reading scripture each day slowly and consistently changed my life. I still try and spend time reading the Bible each day and I never regret the time it takes.

I realize that most of you already feel too busy and overwhelmed, so I am always hesitant to suggest another task to add to your day, but I cannot recommend daily scripture reading enough. Each of us, as disciples of Jesus, should be spending some time each day in prayer, even for ten minutes. A few minutes of that time of prayer can be spent in God’s word. There are many ways of praying with scripture, and the best way is the way that helps you pray the best! Perhaps

you could do what I did by simply reading a chapter of the Gospels each day. Or you could look up the daily readings for Mass that day and prayerfully read through them. You could also spend the whole week with one scripture passage, like the Gospel reading for that Sunday's Mass, and go deeper each time you read it. Or you could simply pick out one sentence from the Bible and chew it over in your mouth, like a good piece of steak. For example, you could take the line, "The LORD sets captives free" from today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 146. As you slowly chew over this line, maybe repeating it slowly, letting the words soak into your heart, you will find yourself feeling gratitude for the way God has set you free, or the ways he desires to set you free.

Sometimes we avoid reading the Bible because we fear we will not understand it. There are too many big names and complicated concepts, so we get frustrated and do not even start. Do not be afraid! This is why I suggest starting with the stories about Jesus in the Gospels. I also suggest always praying to the Holy Spirit before you read the Bible that your heart would be opened and your mind would be enlightened. But have the confidence to know that in order to pray with scripture, you do not need to understand every single detail. In fact, the more you read, the more it will make sense. Let's be a parish formed by God's word!

God bless,

Fr. Tyler

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WEEKLY MASSES—— St. Christina

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 7th: Mass 11:00AM**

**Tuesday, November 9th:
Confessions 5:00PM
Holy Mass 6:00PM
Int. Tom Even**

**Thursday, November 11th:
Holy Mass 8:00AM
Int. All Veterans Living and Deceased**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 14th: Mass 11:00AM**

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**The Memorial Book for the deceased is on the
Lectern up front. Please, list the names of family
and friends that you want to be Remembered at
Every Mass during the month of November.**

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**St. Christina Parish welcomes Vincent Wilbur
Hansen into the parish family. Vincent is the infant
son of Kimberly and Sawyer Hansen. Great
grandmother is Pat Leber and Grandparents are
Rich and Dawn Leber. His ancestors were some of
the first members of our St. Christina Family.**

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“Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory”

**O gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in
the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed
with burning love for the poor captive
souls in Purgatory, have mercy on them.**

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 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.

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St. Christina Church Support: Deposited

Monday, November 1st, 2021:

**41 Env. Reg. Giving \$2344.00; Loose Giving \$130.00;
1 Env. Mass Stipend \$10.00; 1 CFSA Payment \$50.00;
World Mission \$60.00; All Saints Day \$15.00;
All Souls Day. \$50.00.**

Thursday, November 4th, 2021:

**Candles: \$5.00; All Saints \$10.00; All Souls Day \$60.00.
Thank You for your Generous Treasure.**

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***Youth Choir Practice-Wed., Nov. 10th at 6:10PM.**

****Religious Ed. Classes: Wed. Nov. 10th at 6:30PM**

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There are boxes at the back of the church for Toiletries and other items that could be donated to the Bishop Dudley House. If you are able to donate these articles it will be greatly appreciated. (Razors, Shave Cream, Hand and Face Soap, Lotions, Laundry Soap, Paper Goods, Deodorant, etc.)

In December we also ask for your help with items for the Advent Baby Shower.

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Happy 82nd Birthday to Father Hal Barber

Thursday, November 11th

Coffee and Donuts after Mass with Father.