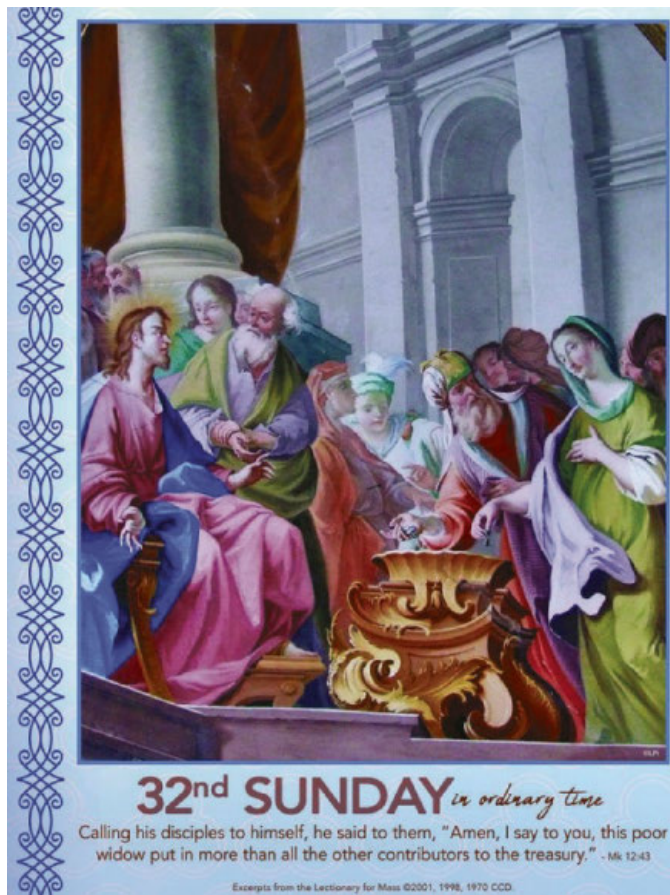




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Stewardship Report

October 31, 2021

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Electronic

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Dear Friends,

Scribes versus widows. The readings today highlight Jesus' preference for widows and orphans. He pits the widows, in their pious and generous behavior, against the selfish and egotistical behavior of the scribes and Pharisees. And he reminds us that even in our poverty of spirit, when we share the little we have, God will greatly reward us. Both widows, in the first reading and in the Gospel, provide great models for stewardship.

Don't be afraid! Those words of assurance from the prophet Elijah to the worrying widow of Zarephath serve well for all of us. Fear makes us cling to our possessions and limits our generosity. She conquered her fear, shared what she had - and wanted for nothing.

As you know, I have been raising funds for one philanthropic cause or another for as long as I can remember. When I was a boy, I managed all the fundraising responsibilities for my older siblings' obligations to their respective schools. In college, I raised money to support a Milwaukee soup kitchen. As a priest, I have encouraged financial support for the Archdiocese, Catholic Charities, Catholic Extension and now for Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier. I follow the mendicant ways of my patron, Saint Francis of Assisi.

I have a wealthy friend who has worked hard all his life and has amassed a great deal of money. He came from very modest beginnings; as a child he and his family never knew if there would be enough - enough food, enough clothing, or enough money to manage the large family from which he came. Determined to find a better life for himself, and later for his wife and family, he used and still uses his dynamic personality and business acumen to succeed financially and otherwise in the corporate world. He and I have a friendly banter about sharing what we have and holding on to it.

My friend, who in his heart of hearts is a good and generous man, often finds himself on the receiving end of my appeals. When working for Catholic Charities 20 years ago, I knew that we needed to raise a lot of money to continue the agency's hundred-year legacy of serving the poor, regardless of their race, creed or need. My friend discovered that I would soon be asking him to help, so every time I saw him, he reached into his pocket, retrieved a single dollar bill, and handed to me. He did that, mostly jokingly, to prevent me from asking. He could simply say, "I gave."

Once we had a serious conversation about his reluctance to be a major donor, even though he had the real capacity to do so. He spoke of an image he had in his mind of having all the money he has made stacked on a chair in his house. He saw the pile shrinking and panicked about what would happen when it dwindled to nothing. I told him that I was pretty sure that would not happen and that when we live generously, God provides. It took a little convincing, but he agreed to try it. He has supported Catholic Charities and many other philanthropic causes quite generously over the years, and, to his surprise, the pile has not shrunk. God has provided, as He always does.

The two widows in today's readings inspire me to be more generous. In my personal experience, the same holds true. When we conquer our fear and release ourselves of undue attachments, God takes care of us.

Later this week, you will receive electronically (and we will have paper copies in the offices) the Annual Report from the fiscal year that ended in July. In our efforts to be transparent, we strive to get the report out in a timely fashion. The Finance Council and I also see November as a great time to make you aware of our financial picture so that you can make your year-end giving plans accordingly. The report will show that we still have many people in our parish who need that little nudge that Elijah gave the widow of Zarephath, that reminder to live generously, and to trust that when they give, God will provide. Concluding the report, you will see these strong requests from the Council, and I hope you will take them to heart.

- **Commit** to attending Mass every Sunday.
- **Engage** in our 32 wonderful Ministries and get involved in one or two that interest you – you will be glad you did!
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- **Increase your weekly giving** via www.givecentral.org

Let's follow those guides and give more than we think we can afford. I am. God will take care of all we need.

Peace,




Weekly Mass Schedule

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| Monday November 8, 2021 | Wednesday November 10 2021 | Saturday November 13, 2021 | Sunday November 14, 2021 |
|---|--|--|--|
| <p>6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Josephina Cannon +Maureen Quinn</p> | <p>6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Trudy & Frank Fernholz</p> | <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)David Lee & Family</p> <p>9:00 - 10:00 am SJ Reconciliation</p> <p>11:00 am SFX: Baptism Farmer Family <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>1:00 pm SJ: Convalidation Alban-Franco/Kako <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>5:00 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Thomas Mineo</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Michael Tischler</p> | <p>8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Art Powell</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i> <i>Deacon Kerls</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Marianne Guerrini Boe +Charles O'Hara</p> <p>10:30 am SJ Parking Lot <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Gino Gambacorta +Jane & John Gelderman +Margaret & Jack O'Connor +Joseph Rotunno +Richard Sikora +Dolores Welch</p> <p>11:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Dennis Roth</p> <p>7:30 pm SFX: ACTION Mass <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> |
| <p>Tuesday November 9, 2021</p> <p>6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Silvio & Maria Marinaro</p> <p>9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ Adoration</p> <p>10:00 am SJ: Benediction <i>Presider: Deacon Kerls</i></p> | <p>Thursday November 11, 2021</p> <p>6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i> <i>Deacon Kerls</i></p> <p>Intentions: +MJ & Woody Herlocker +George McDonnell +Kristin Willer (L)Ho Daniel Kim (L)Martin Lee & Family All Veterens Living & Deceased</p> | <p>Friday November 12, 2021</p> <p>6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +William Kelly +James Ward</p> | |

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| | Kathy Kaul | Olivia Sergot | Shirley Zeeb |

In prayer and loving memory of:

Our beloved family members



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Readings for the week of November 8, 2021

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 3:9c-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

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

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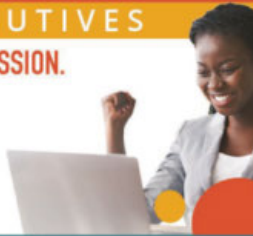
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