

WE THANK everyone who shared a portion of their blessings to God through your church.

Oct.30 & 31, 2021: Regular Collection: \$2,355.00,
Building Fund: \$425.00, World Mission: \$105.00,
All Saints: \$145.00.

Thank you!

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families:

Stella Mikolajchak.

Pat Jozwiak wishes to thank all for their prayers and cards, and especially the CCE children who sent posters to brighten her rehab.

NOTE: Please inform us if you know of someone who is ill and needs prayers.

MONEY COUNTERS (Note your day):

Monday, Nov.8: Barbara Malinowski, Joanie Correll, Doug Elder, Jenny Tobin.

Monday, Nov.15: Virginia Malinowski, Ronnie Husky, Sally Jozwiak, Bernice Lewandowski.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES *Best Wishes and Congratulations to:*

Sylvia/Jimmy Hines, Nov.2—58th
Morgan/Scott Cooke, Nov.3—9th
Judy/Randall Stockton, Nov.6—39th
Diana/Johnny Kubeczka, Nov.16—47th
Pamela/Chad Riley, Nov.17—9th

Please consider a donation or pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal. If you have filled out a pledge card, please put it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

"The charity of Christ is the source in us of all our merits before God. Grace, by uniting us to Christ in active love, ensures the supernatural quality of our acts and consequently their merit before God and before men. The saints have always had a lively awareness that their merits were pure grace." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2011)

This is the last weekend that the CCE will be selling butter braids after Masses in the front of the church. The butter braids can be picked up after Sunday Mass on November 21st.

This annual fundraiser supports our Religious Education Program.

For more information contact Rebecca Smith at 979-251-0708

Rose Mary (Pawlowski) Adler passed away on October 30th. Condolences to her sister Annie Black, and to her nephews Michael and Billy Joe Black.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon her.

In the bulletin this week: see the letter from Bishop Joe Vasquez, regarding the Synod of Bishops.

Father Jozef is continuing the ongoing study of the Catholic faith, each Wednesday (after the 6:00 pm Mass) in the rectory. All who are interested in deepening their knowledge are encouraged to attend.

Thoughts for your Meditation

Today, the thirty second Sunday of ordinary time, the church encourages us to learn, and appreciate the virtues of generosity and hospitality. She reminds us that, as Christ generously offered himself for our salvation, we too must be generous to others. One theme common to the readings of this Sunday is: generosity, and trust in Divine Providence.

In our first reading, Elijah the prophet of God tested the generosity and faith of the widow of Zarephath. In spite of the widow's poverty, she was generous to him.

Fear of the future is one of the greatest enemies of generosity. Elijah knew how afraid the widow was. Indeed, her fear was genuine. That is, given the circumstances beyond her control at that moment. So, Elijah started by addressing and calming her fear: "*Do not be afraid!*" Then, he prophesied to her: "*For the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry...'"*

Indeed, this prophecy was fulfilled in the widow's life and she lacked nothing afterwards. Her faith and trust in God's word, and of course, in Divine Providence never failed her. Rather, her situation changed and improved beyond her expectation. Her life was transformed from penury to plenty, from misery to luxury, and from poverty to prosperity.

The second reading also highlights Christ's generosity. With trust in His Father, He generously offered himself as "*a holy and living sacrifice*" (Rom 12:1). What he offered or lost generously through his suffering and death, He victoriously gained through his Resurrection and Ascension. This was God's supreme reward to Christ for His supreme generosity.

The gospel is similar to the first reading. Also, trusting in Divine Providence for her survival, the widow offered everything she had. She offered generously because, she knew and trusted the God she served. By placing her entire trust and future in God's hands, she conquered her fear of the future, and the instinct of self-preservation.

There are many lessons for us in today's readings. First, all the figures in our readings were generous. Second, they all trusted in Divine Providence. They teach, or remind us of these simple principles of generosity and prosperity that: "Givers, never lack", and "Blessed is the hand that gives, and the hand that receives."

In life, moments of scarcity are also moments of tests. They are moments to trust in Divine Providence. They are moments of great blessings. So, Tobit advice us that: "*It is better to give alms than to treasure up gold.... Those who perform acts of charity and righteousness (generosity) will have fullness of life*" (Tobit 12, 8-9).

Finally, as our great provider (Gen 22:14), "*God is ready to supply all our needs according to his riches in glory, through Christ*" (Phil 4, 19). He knows our needs and how to meet them. All we need to do is, to trust in his Divine Providence. So, let us ask Christ to grant us a very generous heart, so that we can sow generously because: "*God loves a cheerful, [and a generous] giver*" (2 Cor 9:7).

Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

The Final Purification, or Purgatory

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire:

As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1030-1031)

THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Let my prayer come before you, O Lord; listen, and answer me.

Sat. Nov.6	8:00 AM	(First Saturday Mass - Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
Sat. Nov.6	6:00 PM	+VINCENT P. & DOROTHY KITOWSKI by Family
Sun. Nov.7	9:00 AM	+VERNA DEMNY by Janie/Albin Mikolajchak
Wed. Nov.10	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Thur. Nov.11	8:00 AM	ROBERT FULLNER by Patricia/Michael Huse
Fri. Nov.12	8:00 AM	+MARGUERITE CARRAWAY by Jenny/Kieran Tobin

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.

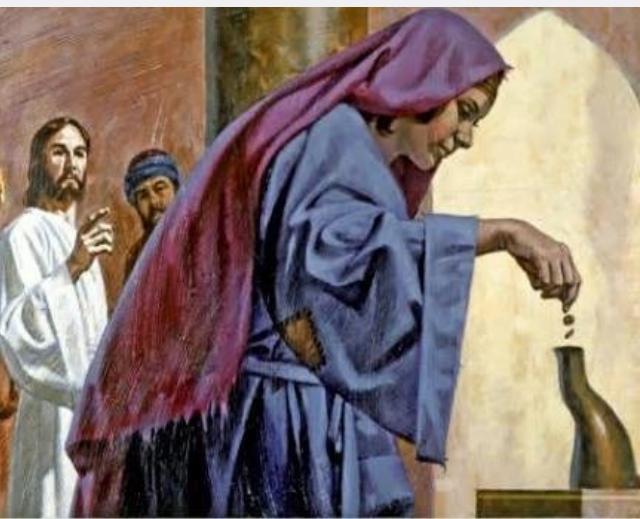
Sat. Nov.13	6:00 PM	+BILLY POLASEK by Cathy Polasek
Sun. Nov.14	9:00 AM	MIKE & DIANA REED in Thanksgiving for 48 years of Marriage
Wed. Nov.17	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Thur. Nov.18	8:00 AM	+VERNA DEMNY by Janie/Albin Mikolajchak
Fri. Nov.19	8:00 AM	ROBERT FULLNER by Patricia/Michael Huse

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NOVEMBER 6TH & 7TH, 2021

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Regular Mass Schedule:

Saturday :	6:00 PM
Sunday:	9:00 AM
Wednesday:	6:00 PM
Thursday & Friday:	8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sat. 5-5:45 PM/ Sun. 8- 8: 45 AM and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

Sacrament of Marriage: Call at least 6 months before the planned wedding.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Parish Office at least 2 weeks in advance.

To Register in the Parish: Forms are available in the narthex (near entry of the church).

Parish Boards and Councils / Chairpersons:

Parish Council: Mark Bilski

Financial Committee: Doug Elder

Cemetery Board: Kenneth Kettler

Building & Maintenance: Lloyd Stelter

Altar Society: Gertrude Nowak

Religious Education: Peggy Husky

Knights of Columbus: Randall Stockton

Hall Committee: Janie Mikolajchak

