

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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November 7, 2021

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth,
but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had,
her whole livelihood."

Mk 12:44



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 6

5:00 p.m. Mildred & Ed Deiter
(Joan & Dave Deiter)

Sunday, November 7

8:15 a.m. Mary T. Chiplonia
(John & Eric Lieberman)

Sunday, November 7

10:30 a.m. Noel Glunz
(Rita Lotz)

Monday, November 8

9:00 a.m. Joseph Rehnert
(Carol Rehnert)

Tuesday, November 9

9:00 a.m. Janet Bartholomew
Whitaker
(Frances Lorenz)

November 10, 11, 12 — NO MASS

Saturday, November 13

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of
St. Bernard's Society

Sunday, November 14

8:15 a.m. Florence Yeager
(Catholic Women's Union)

Sunday, November 14

10:30 a.m. Scott Rhoades
(Carol Rhoades)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

This week is Vocation Awareness Week. I would propose two aspects of this to think about. The first is the awareness that we all have a vocation. A vocation is a call from God to live your life as a disciple of Christ according to a certain pattern or lifestyle. Christian vocations include marriage and family life (for the great majority), the single life, ordained ministry, and consecrated life. Everyone has a vocation. God knows best what will make you happy and fulfilled and how you can make the greatest contribution to Church and society. Our culture drills the lie into us that the key to happiness is being free to do whatever you want with your life. The truth is that the key to a happy life is discovering *God's plan* for your life. We pray that young people will understand this and discover the paths that God has chosen for them. For those of us already living our vocations, we are called to renew our commitment to them everyday.

The second aspect of Vocation Awareness Week is the awareness that we are in great need of more people living *religious* vocations to serve the Church. For various reasons, we have been seeing a drastic decline in the number of priests in our country in recent decades, not to mention women and men living the many forms of consecrated life. Pray for an increase of priests and religious locally and throughout the world. Show the young men and women in your life that you appreciate the role of priests and religious and that you would be supportive of them and proud of them if God were to call them to be priests or religious. There are challenges and sacrifices involved, but anything worth doing with your life will come with challenges and require sacrifices. Speaking for myself, the joy and fulfillment of priesthood has far exceeded my expectations and far outweighed the challenges.

*In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin*



Year of Real
PRESENCE
CENTERED IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Pray

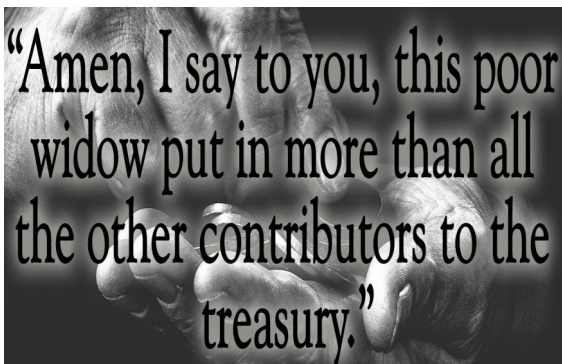
We remember in prayer those who are ill or recently deceased. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

For our Sick

Patricia Thomas • Sheri Post

School Violence—School Bullying.

It's more than just saying no! It's about creating a culture of acceptance and tolerance of others. It is not about political correctness. As a church community we are committed to rejecting all forms of violence — especially in our schools, neighborhoods and communities. Reject prejudice! Our prayer today is that the Lord will make each of us a channel of His peace.



Next Week's Readings

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 13/14)

Reading I: Daniel 12:1-3

Reading II: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Upcoming Events

November

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| 7 | 9:15 a.m. | CCD Parent Meeting | Church |
| 7 | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation Class | L.H. |
| 8 | 7:00 p.m. | Eucharistic Holy Hour..... | Chapel |
| 13 | 11 a.m.-8 p.m. | Christmas Bazaar | R.B. |
| 14 | 9 a.m.-2 p.m. | Christmas Bazaar | R.B. |
| 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Eucharistic Holy Hour..... | Chapel |
| 17 | 7:00 p.m. | Building Committee Mtg..... | F.R. |
| 17 | 7:00 p.m. | Catholic Women’s Union Mtg..... | L.H. |
| 18 | 6:30 p.m. | Scripture Study | L.H. |
| 22 | 7:00 p.m. | Eucharistic Holy Hour..... | Chapel |
| 25 | 8:00 a.m. | Thanksgiving Day Mass | Church |
| 28 | 11:30 a.m. | CCD Community Mtg | L.H. / Church |
| 29 | 7:00 p.m. | Eucharistic Holy Hour..... | Chapel |

December

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| 1 | 6:00 p.m. | Catholic Women’s Christmas Party..... | Blu Tavern |
| 2 | 7:00 p.m. | First Friday Holy Hour | Church |
| 3 | 7:00 p.m. | First Reconciliation Rehearsal..... | Church |
| 4 | 10:00 a.m. | First Reconciliation..... | Church |

L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building

Tues. 7:15 p.m. Weekly Men’s Group Zoom
Meeting ID: 824-780-6433 Password: Mary



Weekly Collection

October 30/31.....\$4,468.99
Christmas Bazaar..... \$601.00

Candles

BVM

1. For Florence & Felicidad by Neil & Frances Manus
2. For Neil, Zary, Mike, Martin by Neil & Frances Manus

St. Joseph

1. IMO M/M Bruno Tassone by Bruno Tassone Family
2. For Chloe & Joseph by Neil & Frances Manus

Sanctuary

IMO Elvin ‘Barney’ Comfort
by Chris Black

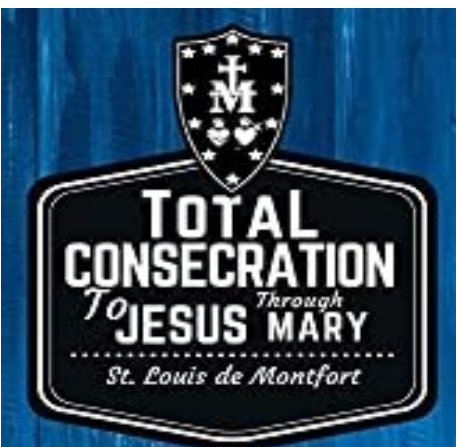
Guardian Angels

1. IMO Walter Grossman by Fred & Hilda Maley
2. IMO Tom Halpin by Fred & Hilda Maley
3. IMO Jim Wollyung by Barbara Wollyung
4. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Hahner Family



Eucharistic Adoration

A holy hour in the **chapel every Monday evening** (unless announced otherwise) from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** This will be a simple holy hour without any formal prayer or Benediction. It is not necessary to come for the entire hour. Just stop by as you desire.



Consecration to Mary

Join Fr. Bobbin in making a special consecration of yourself to Jesus through Mary, according to the method of St. Louis de Montfort. We will meet in the chapel after the 9:00am Mass on Tuesdays November 9, 16, 23, 30, and December 7 for prayer and a brief talk, in preparation for making the consecration on the Immaculate Conception, December 8. If you would like to participate, please contact us as soon as possible so enough booklets can be provided.

Liturgical Minister

Schedule

November 13 — 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Heidi Gorski
Euch.Min.: Hermine & Dan Murphy
Servers: Alek & Stanley Gorski

November 14 — 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Bob Bechtel
Euch.Min.: Paul & Debbie Herb
Server: Emma Seiger

November 14 — 10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Ray Petrilla
Euch.Min.: Justina Majestic
Server: Evan & Gavin Woodward



November 7, 2021

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16 | Heb 9:24-28 | Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

When it comes to money, I'm a worrier. Just ask my husband how I reacted when he had the audacity to pay for shipping! I shop carefully, armed with coupons. I've always been a saver, making sure to contribute to retirement, life insurance, and the "what-if-the-roof-comes-down" fund. Being fiscally responsible is a good thing, but the quest for financial security as the ultimate good is a fool's errand. God is the true provider of all that we need, and what we have finds its fulfillment in service to him. The widows in today's readings knew that too well. In the first reading, a mother and son are down to their last bites of food, facing starvation and death. Yet she gives her last morsels to the prophet Elijah. In the Gospel, the widow gives generously, not of her surplus, but of her entire livelihood. Both women exhibit utter and complete trust in God, and a generosity that knows no bounds. As we study today's Scripture, they teach the worriers among us that God will and does provide, and that the more we give away, the greater our reward in this life and the next.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Do you ever get that knock on the door from a Cub Scout selling popcorn just when you're about to put dinner on the table or run out to a ballgame? Or perhaps you already have a full calendar and suddenly a neighbor really needs your help with an errand or a household emergency - and there goes a whole afternoon! Today's readings invite us to set aside whatever "sticks we are gathering" and welcome the "Elijah moments." They encourage us to give a bit of ourselves away, whether it's time, money, or attention. In doing so, we give witness to the paradox of the Christian life - that the more we give away the more we are rewarded. We also set a positive example for our children and others, who will see our generosity in action.

SERVE Even the budgeters among us can do this! Look ahead at your budget. In addition to regular expenditures and giving, look at something you can *sacrifice* - a meal out, a new sweater, a movie night - and decide as a family how you would like to use the extra money and/or time to help others.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

(at the Russell Building)

Saturday, November 13 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hot Roast Turkey Platters will be available after 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday and on Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass.
Platters include: Turkey Breast / Gravy / Mashed Potatoes / Vegetable / Applesauce or Cranberries /Dessert & Beverage

A la Carte Menu: Pugh Family Bean Soup, Beef BBQ, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, Sirloin Burgers, Desserts, Beverages.

Baked Goods and **Candy** are needed for our Baked Goods Stand. All donations are most appreciated!

Pecans: St. John's Catholic Women's Union will be selling pecans again this year at the Christmas Bazaar. Mammoth Halves—

Donated Baskets & Sponsors

31 Purse — Joanne Wood
31 Basket — Jackie Szeliga
Christmas Wreaths, Lavender Wands, Catnip Bags
Bicycle, Poinsettia Bskt. & Sleigh Centerpiece — Mary Bound
Afghan—Handmade — Carol Rehnert
Arrangement — K& S Warehouse
Art Supplies Bskt. — Lucilla Kochol
Art Bskt. — Mary Beth Harvey
Assumption BVM Bskt. — Assumption BVM School
Bake Shop VI Gift Cards — Patricia & Brian Setlock
Bare Minerals Bskt.—Beehive Salon
Beverage Plus — Mim Tirjan
Christmas Boxes & Bags — Anonymous
Car Care Bucket — Advanced Auto Parts
Car Care Bucket — Auto Zone
Care Bears Bskt. -- Natalie Setlock
Chef's Pantry Bskt. — Anonymous
Christmas Bear & Drum — Donna Pugh
Coffee/Beverage — Pat & Missy Scheetz
Cozy Country — Sandy Clauser
Cracker Barrel Tree — Joanne & Don Doyne
Doll House—Phil & Carol Lasco
Dunkin & Lottery Bskt.—Patty & John O'Neill
Estate Planning — Eric Lieberman
Everything Christmas — Chris Black
Everything But The Kitchen Sink — Anonymous
Fall Centerpiece — Pod & Petal
Fall Cozy Afghan & Wine—Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski
Family Tubbin' For Fun — Sandy & Joe Frinzi
Feel the Joy Bskt. — Debbie Herb & Joanne Schultz
Fiber Optics — Anonymous
Fine Wine & Spirits Gift Card — \$100 — Larry Lonergan
Fondue Bskt. — Parishioners
Gingerbread Bskt. — Anonymous
Holiday Bskt. — Anonymous
Household Utensils — Anonymous
Ice Cream Maker with Fixins — by Linda Ralston
Keurig Mini Bskt. — Ellen & Jay Zane
Kitchen Bskt. — Parishioners

Kitchen Appliance Bskt. — Parishioners
Lasagna Bskt. — Parishioners
Lavender Bskt. — Sue & Ric Jochems
Lighted Houses — Anonymous
Lottery Frame — Mary Lipton & Patty Markovich
Lottery Special — Carole & Ed Quirin
Lottery Wreath — Joyce & John Gerace
Mrs. Meyers Kitchen Products—Sharon & Lou Miller
Nativity BVM Bskt. — Nativity BVM High School
Necklace — Sophy Jewelers
Organic Meat & Vegetable Pkg.—Little Peace Farm
Ornament Bskt. — Anonymous
Pamper Me — Rosann Sitkus
Penn State Bskt.—Hermine & Danny Murphy
Penn State Bskt.—Anonymous
Penn State Bskt. — Parishioners
Picnic/Wine — Jan & Steve Kurtek
Pumpkin Arrangement—Bella Florist
Razor Scooter — Eleanor Schaeffer
Salsa Bskt. — Parishioners
Serving Up Holiday — Anonymous
Snack Bskt. — Miller Distributing
Storage Solutions — Anonymous
Surf & Turf Bskt. —Patty & John O'Neill
Tea Time Bskt. — Mary & Bob Porter
Tea & Snack Bskt. — Peggy Smith
This & That — Anonymous
Time for Tea Bskt. — Parishioners
Wine Not Get Cozy — Barb & Al Munster
Wine & Candle Bskt—Mary & Ed Yarashus
Wine & Lottery Bskt.—Kathy & Carl Hughes
Wine & Lottery Bskt. — Nora Chiplonia & Chris Zanis
Wine & Snack — Joan Bowers & Kathleen Williams
Wine Bskt. — Larry Steficek
Wine & Snack Bskt. — Visot's
\$125.00 Giant Gift Cards — Linda & Martin Smith
\$25.00 Ruby Tuesday Gift Card — Janet Thomas
\$25.00 Boyer's Gift Card — Robyn & John Consugar
\$25.00 Sheetz Gift Card — Richard & Michelle Stone
\$25.00 — Walmart Gift Card — St. John's CYO

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Deacon *Lawrence Lonergan*

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C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

Certificates of Eligibility

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday prior to publication

New Parishioners

Please call the rectory for an appointment to register.

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:15 to 4:45 p.m..
Sundays 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m..
or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month 11:30 a.m.
Second Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass
Baptismal Preparation for Parents must precede the Baptism.
Please contact Father Bobbin for an appointment.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., N.C.C., L.P.C. (800) 791-9209

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- \$50.00 — Visa Gift Cards — Janet Daubert
- \$50.00 Momma Millie’s — Ketner & Brennan Families
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