

Question of the Month – November



Each month the Senior Group at St. Mary's reflects on a different question. The question for November was "*What are you grateful for?*"

I'm grateful for everything in my life: My large, close family, all good Catholics who care for each other. One of our children is physically disabled. She has taught all of us about patience, closeness to God, and acceptance of all her disabilities which make us so proud of her. When she was born we thought of and worried about her future. Today she is the happiest "disabled" person I know. Thanks be to God for sending her to us!

I am grateful for the close relationship I had with my sister and her family, even though they live in another State. I am also thankful for my husband, children, and grand-children.

I cherish the unexpected things in my life – the warm smile of a stranger, a phone call from a friend, the clasp of a child's hand in mine, the realization that life for me is still an adventure, and always having the companionship of God.

I am thankful for the birth of my son. After his father died when he was only 16, he became my total support. To this day he cares for me and my home, as well as his own home and family. He is truly a gift from God, for which I am grateful.

I am immeasurably grateful for the success of my two daughters in that they have sound marriages, are good parents, are independent and have provided me with four beautiful, intelligent and not always well behaved grandchildren.

I'm grateful for all the wonderful angels God has sent my way during my time of need.

I am thankful to be able to function at my age and for also being able to drive. I am grateful to still be able to make good decisions.

I am grateful for all of the blessings and gifts the Lord has bestowed and realize how fortunate I am.

I am grateful for the loving home my parents gave me. They taught me good, moral values. I always knew they loved me and I knew that I was safe and secure. I am also grateful for my loving husband who always supports me and loves me. He was also a wonderful father and example.

I am grateful for my health. Through a series of circumstances and making correct choices, I have been able to maintain good health throughout my life without the use of medication.

A new blessing has been added to the ones God has already granted me – the meetings with the senior citizens of our parish. Each week, we gather in the parish center and, before our formal meeting begins, chat over “coffee and,” happy to find that we’ve all made it safely through the week. After a few prayers, we focus on the heart of our meeting-understanding the background of the Readings and Gospel for the upcoming Sunday Mass. We then discuss, question, and comment on what we’ve learned. Our responses are sometimes personal, motivating others to reveal their thoughts and feelings; sometimes they’re just plain humorous, earning hearty laughter from the group. All too soon, our meeting is over. Little by little, renewed and inspired, we drift out to pursue our day’s duties, a group of seniors whose youthfulness belies their age.

I am grateful for my fantastic family, especially my husband. I am also thankful for the continued health of my two grand-daughters.

I am grateful for my life of 88 years being able to use all my senses and for the happiness of each day! God does bless me every day!

I’m grateful that God has given me good health and a long life. I am fortunate to have had a loving husband, (he died 11 years ago but we celebrated 53 years of marriage), 4 wonderful children, 10 amazing grandchildren, and 1 adorable 9 month old great grandson. My faith is important to me and I’m grateful that my parents raised me in the Catholic faith.

