

# Parish Bulletin for Our Lady of Perpetual Help And St Jude's

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**Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31—Psalms  
128:1-2, 3, 4-5— First Thessalonians 5:1-6  
Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19**

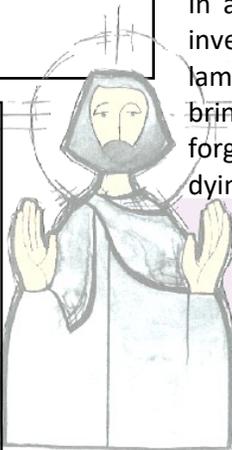
## November—Month of Poor Souls

### Our God-Given Gifts Are Meant to be Used

The master in today's parable stands for Christ. The servants stand for each one of us. That's the first lesson we should think about. Do we think of ourselves as servants, as dependent on God? In this fallen world, most people tend to think of themselves as the center of the universe. And our contemporary society, so full of technological power and easy pleasures, increases that tendency of our fallen nature. But this parable and many others are very clear: we are not God; we are not the center of the world; we are dependent upon God and our job in this life is to know him, love him, and serve him. Only by doing that will we find the happiness we desire, because doing that is what we were created for. Squirrels were created to be cute and bury nuts. Humans were created to know, love, and serve God. And the parable also tells us how we are supposed to do that. God has given each of us a certain number of "talents." In Greek that word referred to a large sum of money. In the actual meaning of the parable, however, it refers more to what the English word implies - all the abilities and blessings we have received from God. God has given them to us, and we are free either to squander our gifts, burying them in the hole of self-indulgence, fear, laziness, and greed, or to use them as Christ would have us use them, which is the secret to happiness in this life and the life to come.

One of the many stories of how Mother Teresa impacted the lives of the poor illustrates beautifully what it means to use our God-given talents well. Once she was staying with a community of sisters working with the Aborigines in Australia. While she was there, she visited an elderly man who lived in total isolation, ignored by everyone; his home was disordered and dirty. She told him, "Please let me clean your house, wash your clothes and make your bed." He answered, "I'm OK like this. Let it be." She said, "You will be still better if you allow me to do it." He finally agreed. So she was able to clean his house and wash his clothes. While she was cleaning, she discovered a beautiful lamp, covered with dust; it looked like it hadn't been used in years. She said to the man, "Don't you light that lamp? Don't you ever use it?" He answered, "No. No one comes to see me. I have no need to light it. Who would I do it for?" Mother Teresa asked, "Would you light it every night if the sisters came?" He replied, "Of course." From that day on, the sisters committed themselves to visiting him every evening. Mother Teresa left Australia; two years passed. She had completely forgotten about that encounter. Then she received a message from him: "Tell my friend that the light she lit in my life continues to shine still." In a sense, our life-mission is to do precisely that: to invest our talents in such a way that we light as many lamps as possible, in as many different ways as possible, bringing the Good News of God's trustworthiness, forgiveness, and love to all the people who are sick and dying with loneliness, selfishness, and regret.

**Book Study!** We are going to read Scott Hahn's book, "Hope to Die". It deals with the church teaching about the beauty of death, the afterlife, and why "hope drives out fear." We will meet on Sunday evenings, hopefully starting on Nov 15. We will wear masks and sit at Covid distances. Call or text Rita West if you are interested. 701-213-7275



Please join us for a Mass for our departed CWO of OLPH members to be held on Wed, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. at OLPH. CWO of OLPH is asking for a donation of a Highchair in good condition for the church. Call Val Krogstad at 218-779-6742 if you have one to donate. Thank you.

**Adoration on Tuesday Evening from 5pm to 9pm at OLPH**

**33rd Sunday Ordinary Time A**

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**Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128)**

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**PRAY FOR THE DEAD**

+Fr Gerald McCarthy—2019-11-25

+Carla Sletten—2019-12-04

+Fr Larry Haas—2019-12-08

+Frances Fetter—2019-12-17

+Dorothy Rakoczy—2020-01-28

+Gladys Trytten—2020-03-14

+Dwight Sears—2020-09-04

+Robert Berthold

+Mary Leddige—2020-10-09

+Catherine J Berg—2020-10-17

+James Schaefer—2020-10-22

+Fr Jeffrey Wald—2020-10-26

+Fr Joseph Senger—2020-11-

**NOVEMBER & DECEMBER SCHEDULE**

**5P SAT: OLPH**

**830A SUN: OLPH**

**1030A SUN: SJ**

**Holiday & Holyday Schedule**

Thanksgiving Day

Vigil (Wed) St Jude -- 5:30 pm

OLPH (Thur) -- 9 am

Immaculate Conception

Dec 8 Tuesday 2020

Vigil Mass -- Dec 7 -- St Jude 5:30p

OLPH -- Dec 8 -- 5:30p

Christmas Eve (Dec 24)

OLPH -- 5:00 pm

SJ -- 7:00 pm

Christmas Day—Friday 2020

SJ -- 8:30 am

OLPH -- 10:30 am

Mary Mother of God (1 January 2021)

Vigil Mass Dec 31 - 5:00p OLPH

Jan 1- 9am St Jude

**\*NOTE: DUE TO REQUESTS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AND BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN, THERE WILL BE TWO MASSES OFFERED AS LISTED ABOVE.. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE WILL BE NO MIDNIGHT MASS SCHEDULED at this time.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

November 2020

14—OLPH +Kate Adam by F/S Argenziano

15—SJ +Millie Leddige by Mary Adams

17—OLPH +Ardell Vonesh by AGM Vonesh

18—SJ +Bernard West by P/B Adams

19—OLPH +Stuart Henningsgard by R/L Henningsgard

20—SJ +Tom Meagher his dad

21—OLPH +Frank & Irene Argenziano by F/S Argenziano

22—SJ +Avis Majkrzak by her family

24—OLPH +Ardell Vonesh by AGM Vonesh

25—SJ +Donna Weber by her family

26—OLPH +Leonard Colee by P/K Cunningham

26—SJ +Donna Weber her family

27—SJ +Margaret Meagher by her husband

28—OLPH +Carla Sletten by L/N Lovseth

29—SJ +Rose Schumacher by P/B Adams

**REDEEMED Trusted Sisters Women's Conference:**

The REDEEMED Women's Conference has been rescheduled for February 19-20, 2021 at the Delta Hotel in Fargo. Featured speakers will include Dr. Helen Alvaré, Dr. James Link, Marcie Stockman (foundress of Well Read Mom), and Andrea Thomas of the Vigil Project. The event will also include performances and worship led by the Vigil Project. This conference will be available to attend both in person as well as via livestream. More information is available at [fargodiocese.org/redeemedwomen](http://fargodiocese.org/redeemedwomen).



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