



# ST. ROMUALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 28, 2018 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## dear Padre

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#### Representatives:

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***I've often wondered about the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. Are not all the souls we pray for also saints? Why not just celebrate a feast day for all those in heaven?***

In the New Testament, saint meant "Christian." In some way, then, all followers of Jesus were originally considered saints. But over the centuries, the word saint has gradually come to connote the holy people declared saints by the Church. The canonization process sometimes takes centuries. (It took nearly 500 years for St. Joan of Arc to be canonized.) In 2,000 years of Roman Catholic history, more than 2,500 saints have been recognized. On the feast of All Saints, we honor these holy men and women, especially our patron saint and those saints for whom we have special admiration.

The feast of All Souls honors loved ones who have died. It is safe to say that the Church has not officially canonized most of our family and friends who have died. As the Church gives official status to deceased holy persons by canonizing them, so too Christ's paschal mystery gives meaning to the death of faithful Christians. As it says in the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians: "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep" (4:14). When we pray for our dead—in purgatory or in heaven—on the feast of All Souls, we acknowledge the mystical body of Christ, which includes us, family and friends who have died, and the officially canonized saints of the Church. —[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



# Masses for the Week

## October 29th - November 4th

Mon	8:00 am	Nick Powers (JP)
Tues	1:00 pm	Mary Anita Whitworth (Extended Care)
Wed	5:00 pm	Lorena Bland
Thurs	7:00 am	Jeanne Rhodes
	12:05 pm	Mary Rita Whitworth
	6:00 pm	Louise Kennedy
Fri	9:00 am	Pete & Rachael Flood Fam (JB)
Sat	8:00 am	Sonny Burch
	5:00 pm	Pat O'Reilly Family (K of C)
Sun	7:00 am	St. Romuald Parishioners
	10:00 am	Nanny & Euphy Sulpa (MW)

# Stewardship of Finance

## October 21 Collection

Sunday Collection.....	\$8,078.86
Children.....	\$1.00
Building Fund.....	\$5.00

## REGULAR COLLECTION (Envelopes and Loose)

**Amount needed Weekly.....\$9,500.00**

**Weekend October 20/21 .....\$8,074.86**

## Year to date Totals thru Oct 21, 2018

**Total All Income.....\$157,470.35**

**Total All Expenses.....(\$147,106.79)**

**Net Income .....\$10,363.56**

# Worship and Sacrament

**Anointing of the Sick:** Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the parish community every first Wednesday at 5:00 pm Mass. Yet, anytime, anointing is available for illness, preparation for surgery or for recovery, by calling Fr Tony.

**Baptism:** Congratulations on the birth of your child! Your Church Family is excited about your family growing and our family growing! We look forward to celebrating your child's baptism! Preparation for new parents or those new to the parish is held by appointment. Call Fr Tony.

**Marriage:** Congratulations on your engagement! Your Church Family wishes to help you fully prepare spiritually and walk with you into this lifetime commitment to each other. In order to allow sufficient time, couples must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the anticipated wedding date.

**Confession/Reconciliation:** Every Wednesday 4:00-4:45 pm; every Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm, every first Saturday after 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by simply asking or calling Fr Tony for appointment.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Please notify Father or the office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital. Often we rely upon word from the family about illnesses of a member. Please call.

**RCIA:** Interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA process is a "spiritual journey" that fully initiates those who are not baptized or who have baptism from another tradition and wish to join fully the Catholic Church. Classes are offered through the year culminating at Easter! Please call the office for details!

**Membership in the Parish:** Welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. We are glad that you are joining the parish community. We want to visit with you and help you settle into the church. Please register in the parish office as soon as possible.

# Ministers of the Liturgy - November 6th & 7th

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Rosary Leaders	Music Ministers
5:00 pm	Karen Huddleston Shelly Jeffries	Dayle Riley Stefan Cesarz	C-Tony Critchelow* C-Paul Shalosky S-Carroll Whitfill S-Matthew Whitfill	Phillip Shalosky Emily Claycomb	Minnie Nimmo	Shannon
7:00 am	Kelleve Kennedy Faye Glasscock	Cathy Lewis	C-Kenny Glasscock* C-Bryce Glasscock S-D.J. Glasscock S-Michael Kennedy	Lydia Kennedy Joseph Curran	Crystal Greenwell	
10:00 am	Rosa Hockenberry Joellen McGary Kathryn Ables Lori Carwile	Jessica Phillips Mariah Critchelow	C-Alvin Mattingly C-Chuck McGary S-Chuck Robbins S-Chase Robbins	Layne Carwile Ryan Whitfill	Susan Arnold	Deacon Tony

Radio Minister: Laura Skillman

Children's Liturgy: NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

# Parish News and Events



## RCIA Schedule Changes/ Reminders:

\*The RCIA session scheduled for Oct. 31 has been changed to Tuesday Oct. 30.  
No RCIA session Nov. 7 as the Parish is celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### RCIA Refreshment Team for Oct 30\*:

Shirley Priest Hale, Donna Aubrey, Sue Duggins

### RCIA Refreshment Team for Nov. 14:

Cindy Payne, Debbie Metcalf, Betty Heavrin

### RCIA Refreshment Team for Nov. 28:

Jeanne Lee, Judy Tivitt, Lori Howard

**Thanks** to Laura Sturgeon, Shirley Bland, Sheila Pullen for providing refreshments for RCIA this past week!

**Thanks** to all willing to help with this ministry!

If you are willing to serve on a **RCIA refreshment team one time** between December 2018 - May 2019, please call Marie Rose at 756-2356 or 270-617-0538 to be placed on the schedule.

Thank you for volunteering for this ministry!!!

## Bulletin Articles for November 11th must be turned in by Thursday November 8th.

## Advent Giving Tree:

This year our tree is going up Saturday November 24th! The tree will stay up for 3 full weeks. We are requesting gifts to be returned no later than Sunday December 16th. We ask that you don't wrap the gifts. Some changes are taking place regarding the Advent tree. The changes include:

1. We will not be placing the residents of Medco and Extended Care on the tree.

We will instead be giving the Catholic residents a poinsettia.

2. We have simplified the application to one clothing item or shoes and one toy.

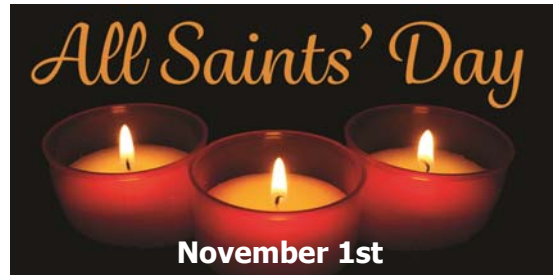
3. We will be more selective about the applicants placed on the tree, so if you know a family in need, we ask you contact Amelia Anthony (270)872-6431 or Deacon Tony Anthony (270)617-8032.

## Grades 7-12 Religious Education 2018 Calendar

November 4, 2018 Outdoor Movie at 6:30

November 11, 2018 Class from 11:30-2

December 2, 2018 Class and service 11:30-2



**ALTAR SOCIETY** - Beginning in November the Altar Society will be meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is November 6. Our upcoming events are the Holiday Bazaar on November 10 and the Turkey Dinner on November 15. Thanks for your support!

## This Week at St. Romuald

Mon	8:00 am	MASS
	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
	6:00 pm	Dave Ramsey Finance Peace Class
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Tues	1:00 pm	Mass (Extended Care)
	4:00 pm	Rosary
	4:00 pm	Picnic Meeting
	6:00 pm	RCIA
Wed	5:00 pm	Mass
Thur		All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
	7:00 am	Mass
	12:05 pm	Mass
	6:00 pm	Mass
Fri		All Souls Day/First Friday
	9:00 am	Mass
	11:00 am	24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration
Sat		First Saturday
	8:00 am	Mass

# Around and About

**Pray to end abortion:** Join other Catholics and those from other faiths that gather each Saturday at 2nd and Market in Louisville from 7:00-8:00 am (EST) to pray for families entering the abortion clinic. Many children have been saved and mothers spared future grief by this prayer action and support. With God, all things are possible! Archbishop Kurtz is known to show up and pray with everyone too!

**Abortion Update:** Last week 51 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

**Al-Anon Meeting:** Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.

## ST. ROMUALD ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15**  
**SERVING BEGINS AT 4:00**  
**PM ST. ROMUALD GYM**

**TURKEY/DRESSING**  
**GREEN BEANS**  
**SWEET POTATOES/ROLLS**  
**MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY**  
**CRANBERRY RELISH**  
**CHOICE OF PIE AND DRINK**

**EAT IN: ADULTS: \$10.00**

**ALL CARRYOUTS: \$10.00**

**CHILD 10 & Under: \$6.00**

ALTAR SOCIETY NUTS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SALE

QUILT RAFFLE

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"FLOWER GARDEN"

\$1.00 PER TICKET

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**Knights of Columbus:** We are having our Annual Big Raffle drawing, three chances to win. 1st Prize-\$1500, 2nd Prize-\$1000 and 3rd Prize-\$500, \$20 a ticket. Drawing 11 Dec-6:30 pm, St Romuald Parish Hall. Winner need not be present. Contact any KoC Member for your ticket or Jason Moorman at 270-617-8403.

**Picnic Meeting:** There will be a Picnic Meeting October 30th at 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

## Celebration

### BIRTHDAYS:

Gerald Maysey, October 4th

Kenny Trent, October 4th

## Readings for the Week

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Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Friday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

### Thanksgiving Baskets

It's time, once again, to put together our Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need. The Baskets will have a turkey, dressing and all the fixings. If you would like to help the Knights of Columbus in this work of Charity, please put your donation in a plain envelope marked KC in the collection or hand it to Deacon Tony or another Knight. You may also bring it by the church office. The meal will cost about \$25 each but any donation is appreciated. Thank you!



## Priesthood Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> is

Priesthood Sunday. Priesthood Sunday is a time to celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholic parishioners to thank, affirm, and share their love and support for our priests. On this day, parishioners are encouraged to make a commitment to pray for all priests and especially for their own parish priests. It is also a time to pray for vocations to priesthood and to encourage young men to courageously seek God's will and follow his call.

## National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov 4-10)

National Vocation Awareness Week is being celebrated November 2-10. This annual observance of the Catholic Church in the United States is designed to focus on vocations to the priesthood, religious life and diaconate. It is a time to encourage young people to ask themselves: "To what vocation in life is God calling me?" It is also an opportunity to bring awareness to and pray for those already in discernment of one of these vocations. Parishes and schools are encouraged to include, during the first week in November, prayer and special activities that focus on vocation awareness.

During National Vocation Awareness Week, we encourage all Catholics to:

Take time to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Reflect on our own vocation and strengthen our personal relationship with Christ.

Participate in the **CALLED BY NAME** process

Invite and encourage young people to consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life and to consider participating in our discernment opportunities

Educate our young people about the importance of silent prayer and taking the time to truly listen to God's voice in our hearts

Every Catholic parish and school is invited to incorporate "Vocation Lessons" into their curriculum. These materials have been provided by the vocations office.



Do you know a future priest?

Do you know a faithful young man who may have a vocation to the priesthood? We believe that our future priests will come from our own

parishes and schools, but we need your help to identify them. We're looking for high school students or older. During **National Vocation Awareness Week (November 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>)**, we are asking you to recommend young men whom you believe might have a vocation to priesthood.

Any man you recommend will receive information from the Vocations Office and will be invited to participate in our discernment opportunities such as retreats and our vocation camp.

Recommendations may be made by calling the vocations office, (270)683-1545 or online at our vocations website:

<http://www.owensborovocations.com/called-by-name/>

## Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women from the Diocese of Owensboro to serve in your Son's kingdom as priests, deacons and religious we pray that you continue to inspire young men and women to respond courageously to your call and give themselves generously to the Church in service of the Gospel.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our parishes, schools, and families and assist us in building a culture of vocations in which many will hear your call to serve your people.

Help us to remain faithful to the call of the Gospel as we support and encourage vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### We Pray For:

Frank Adkins, Charles Alloway, Keith Androski, Frank Baker, Baby Barr, Glenn Basham, Gene Bennett, Roy Bennett, Pat Bland, Debbie Bowlds, Becky Brown, Ava Bruner, Juanita Burch, Kathy Burns, Mike Clark, Anna Carrico, Elias R. Carter, Ashley Carwile, Robert Chambliss, Donnie Claycomb, H.L. DeJarnette, Pat Driskell, Debbie Dubree, Davye Duggins, Sammy Duggins, Glenda Farris, Tessa Farris, Bonnie Gail Fentress, Lee Ann Flener, Ginny Flood, Don Ford, Dorothy Greenwell, Linda Greenwood, Austin Harris, Kay Harris, JoAnn Henning, Patricia Miller Henning, Joe Hess, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Jacqueline Huddleston, Mary Hurt, Robert Jackey, Joe Jarboe, Virginia Jeffries, Mary Ann Johnson, Ashley Jones, Becky Keenan, David Lane, Daniel Lewis, Rebecca Logsdon, Mary Ann Flood Lynch, Mark Masterson, Jim Mattingly, Jude Mattingly, Janie Maysey, Bevan Michael Miller, Joe Miller, Richard Miller, Joe & Sharon Morgan, Anna Christine Mundt, Eddie O'Bryan, Joe Oelze, Patsy Oelze, Janet O'Reilly, Peggy Phillips, Jason Pirtle, Bobby Potts, Joan & Tom Powers, Marilyn Preher, Joe Priest, Mary Jo Rankin, Rita Roach, Kimberly Rolan, Suzanne Rose, Darcy Satterly, Dale Severs, Max Sharp, Bob Smith, Carressa Smith, Deborah Sue Stevens, Casey Sturgeon, Pam Sturgeon, Adalee Taul, Gina Thornsberry, Rufus Tivitt, Donnie Vessels, Pat Watkins, Raymond Wethington, Charles Whitehead, Diane Whitney, Darrell Whitfill, Leona Whitworth, Madelyn Whitworth, Carolyn Wilcheck, Kevin Wilcheck, Tom Winchell, Anne Wolfe, Brandy Young **Serving in the Armed Forces:** Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Ryan Critchelow, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, Christian Hansen, Jack Hayes, Charles Kuhlman, Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Jeff Smith, Lane D. Taul, Liana Tindle, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth



## PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

**October 28, 2018**  
**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Son of David, have pity on me!" Has the cry of Bartimaeus ever escaped your lips? Today's Gospel tells the story of a blind man with a difficult lot in life. He made a living by begging coins off passing travelers. When word reaches him that Jesus will be passing by, this is when he begins to shout for mercy. Jesus hears Bartimaeus' cry and beckons him forward. "What do you want me to do for you?" Last week, Jesus asked a similar question to James and John. Their response was a clutch for fame. Bartimaeus' response is much humbler. "Lord, I want to see." How strange this interaction must have seemed to the onlookers. The man is blind! Of course he wants to see! But Jesus is always teaching us. By asking us what we want, Jesus reveals the dispositions of our hearts. God already knows them, but do we? By asking James and John to name their ambition, their selfishness is exposed to them and to the other disciples. By asking Bartimaeus to name his longing, his faith is exposed to the entire crowd. Jesus invites participation in our own redemption. He doesn't save us without us! Take some time in silent prayer today. Place yourself in this story of Bartimaeus. Imagine yourself there on the dusty, crowded roadside. Jesus is calling you! When you stand before him, his focus is on you and you alone. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asks. Search your heart. How would you respond? What part of your heart is Jesus asking you to expose? He has come to heal and to restore. May we, too, be sent! "Go ... your faith has saved you."

**First Friday 24-hour Adoration:** November 2nd at 11:00 am we begin the 24 hour adoration until Saturday morning mass at 8:00 am. We are blessed with dedicated adorers for each hour, but can use extra people for some hours. Please call Minnie Nimmo 270-617-0297 or Patsy Whitfill 270-617-2557 to volunteer spending an hour in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



**Fulfilling the Promise, Renewing the Pledge | Listening Sessions with Bishop William F. Medley**

You are invited to join Bishop Medley and a few members of the Diocesan Review Board for an opportunity to share your concerns and thoughts regarding the recent clergy abuse scandals. Bishop Medley wants to listen to you at the following session:

Monday, October 29th at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Hopkinsville from 6:30-8pm

Thursday, November 8th at St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah from 6:30-8pm



## Sunday, Oct 28, 2018 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME I can see clearly now

Certain events leave us with the sensation of scales falling from our eyes. Maybe it's a directed retreat or parish mission that shatters our complacency and brings us to tears. Or maybe it's just life happening to us in all of its raw power—in birth, loss, love, or pain—that promotes a clearer value of what's really important. All in a moment, we sense what we need to do, or stop doing, to be true to what's real. When those hours arrive, pay attention! Jesus is calling, a way is opening, and all that's required is to say "yes."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52 (149).* "Immediately [Bartimaeus] received his sight and followed him on the way."

## Monday, Oct 29, 2018

### Let go and let God

The novelist Henry James wrote: "Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind." It is not always simple or even possible, though, to know how to be kind to others. In the tricky and complex situations you occasionally find yourself, the "high road" is not always clear: "Would this person appreciate an explanation, or would that just make them angrier?" "Should I back off or continue to engage?" Asking yourself what you would like in a similar situation isn't always helpful either; that question only helps you to know yourself better! Sometimes the best you can do is to have the intention and let God do the rest.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 4:32—5:8; Luke 13:10-17 (479).* "Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."

## Tuesday, Oct 30, 2018

### Start small

When Mother Teresa first went into the slums of Calcutta, she had little more than a patch of dirt in which to scrape the letters of the alphabet as a way of teaching children to read. Today, thousands of Missionaries of Charity, the community she founded, work around the world with the poorest of the poor. Dorothy Day started the Catholic Worker movement with only one house of hospitality. Many worthy efforts started with very little, sometimes only an idea, before growing into something great. So don't run down your own humble ideas or projects, especially if they will make people's lives better. You never know when that little seed will grow into a tree.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21 (480).* "The kingdom of God . . . is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree."

## Wednesday, Oct 31, 2018

### Saints don't need scary costumes

At a Catholic elementary school in Chicago in the 1950s, students were expected to come to school on Halloween in costume. Cool! The catch: You had to be dressed as a saint! Definitely uncool. Who wants to walk to school past "the publics" looking like a dork? Still, the sisters had it right, even if their pedagogy was unappreciated. Today is All Hallows Eve, the day before the day when we remember all the saints who have gone before us, canonized and no. We remember that they lived, searched for God, failed, and succeeded just as we do today, and maybe they had to do dorky things in school,

too.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30 (481).* "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

## Thursday, Nov 01, 2018

### SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

#### Let your sainthood shine!

Genesis says people are made in the image and likeness of God. The gospels say to see Jesus in one another. In other words, we are more like God than we might think. We can see God, not completely, but a lot, in human beings. That's what saints, whom the church celebrates today, do: They show us how to be close to God, how to be holy. They help us to see how God is like us and we are like God—and call us to be more like God, as they were. Answer that call. Imitate the saints. You can be one, too!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667).* "What we do know is this: When God is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is."

## Friday, Nov 02, 2018

### COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

#### Grace will bring you home

When we pray the Hail Mary, we ask for the help of Mary our Mother at two crucial moments of our lives: "now, and at the hour of our death." *Now* is an important occasion because it is the time of decision. *The hour of our death* is critical because it's the last moment over which we exercise our will. When we pray for the dead, today and every day, we come to the spiritual assistance of those who can no longer help themselves. We can rest assured that one day the church will be supplying us with the same grace.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668).* "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them."

## Saturday, Nov 03, 2018

### MEMORIALS OF MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS; BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### Sanctify the smallest deeds

As the young Martin de Porres (1579-1639) began his vocation in Peru, he longed to bring his mission to foreign peoples so that he could receive the honor of martyrdom. When he realized that God was not going to make this possible, however, he turned his focus from exotic lands to the commonplace tasks he saw right in front of him. This "Brother of the Broom" worked to bring forth the kingdom of God within his abbey by becoming a master of homemaking. He looked after the cooking, cleaning, and laundry. A fellow brother recounted how Martin showed him how to sow chamomile in the "well-manured hoof-prints of cattle." No task was too small that Martin couldn't see God's plan in it. Throughout the day, look at mundane tasks as saintly deeds.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11 (484).* "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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