

November 8, 2015

Ordinary Time

Thirty-second Sunday



Two Daring Women

The scriptures set before us today two widows whose courage in the face of difficulty challenges our own behavior as Jesus' disciples. Neither the widow who offered hospitality to Elijah nor the widow who gave all she had to the temple treasury could be described as prudent. In their actions, both widows revealed priorities that had little to do with prudence or practicality.

The widows are examples not only of generosity, but of profound faith in God's providential care. We are challenged to model ourselves after them.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by Gregory Hirsch in memory of Mary & Alfred Hirsch.

Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated in memory of Mary & Alfons Vana and Rosie & Erwin Kram by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, November 12

8:00 a.m. Gene Selzer

Friday, November 13

8:00 a.m. Marie & Rudy Jahn

Saturday, November 14

6:30 p.m. Grace Schoenvogel

Sunday, November 15

6:30 a.m. Hertha & Herbert Dierschke

9:30 a.m. Georgie Okruhlik

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Victor Prasek.

2015 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2015 Assessment	\$17,015.00
Contributions So Far	\$11,151.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 5,864.00
No. of Families Who Have Contributed	38
No. of Families Yet to Contribute	276

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Karin & Kenneth Filipp

Niki & Chad Chaloupka

Sharon & Boyce Etlinger

Do please consider making a donation.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 23 - Community Thanksgiving Service.

Look out for more details.

Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Vigil Mass, 6:00 p.m., **Praha**

Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day Mass, 8:00 a.m., **Moulton**

Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offering will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance for canned goods. You may drop your canned goods at any time. Drop your envelope for monetary donations in the collection basket during the month of November.

SOCIETY NEWS

Catholic Daughters Court #2018 Bake Sale, Next Friday, November 13, beginning at 7:30 a.m., South Star Bank Corner. Proceeds will help the court attain their charitable goals. Members are asked to donate two items. If possible, please have your baked goods at the bank corner by 7 a.m. Thank you in advance for your support.

Altar Society Raffle Prizes being accepted. Contact Betty Maskey (596-4590) or the Parish Office to donate prizes.

The ladies have begun quilting the quilt to be given away at the Noodle Soup Dinner. Contact Betty Maskey if you can help. This would be a wonderful opportunity for you to learn the art of quilting while volunteering your time and talents for the good of the Church.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY - Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m., Family Room

- Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m. YMC

TUESDAY - Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

WEDNESDAY - Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass, Family Room

- Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

THURS - Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

- KC Bingo, KC Hall

FRIDAY - CDA Bake Sale. See article.

- Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

REFLECTION



Secure Before God

If we were to focus on just the widow's story in today's Gospel, we could contrast the excessive show of the scribes with her religious zeal. Only God would notice how important her seeming slight gift is. Jesus voices what God has noticed – she has given everything. Like her, Jesus is soon to be asked to give his "whole livelihood", a total offering of his life to God. He too will hold nothing back from God.

There is a reckless quality in the widow's giving. Who among us would not hesitate if the donation we consider giving would take all that we have? The Gospel is not calling us to put all we own in the next collection but to consider the example of the widow, who is a model of radical trust in God.

Her trust challenges our less-than-total commitment and dependence on God. She is highlighted for us because her gift indicates how much her life was turned to God. Her total self-giving reminds us how distracted we are by material matters that pertain more to our abundance than to our real needs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 8 – John Cinadr, Martha Filipp, Elsie Jasek
Nov. 9 – Gregory Hirsch
Nov. 10 – Billy Castro, Melissa Holub, Justin Raabe
Nov. 11 – Dennis Fishbeck, Dorothy Kristynik,
Lee Schoenfeld
Nov. 12 – Paige Bartos, Donald Cinadr, Betty Klimitchek,
Samantha Michal, Annette Raab
Nov. 13 – Ray Michalec, Shirley Welfl
Nov. 14 – Kayla Gold

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov. 10 – Diana & Julius Kloesel
Nov. 12 – Evelyn & Frank Darilek
– Congratulations Dianne & Julius Simper
on your 55th Wedding Anniversary
Nov. 13 – Congratulations Georgia & Rudy Roznovsky
on your 60th Wedding Anniversary

50th

CONGRATULATIONS
Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck
On your Golden Wedding Anniversary
November 11, 2015

VETERANS DAY

Today, we pray in gratitude for those men and women who have sought peace and justice in a violent world.

"Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you, "grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all." – Pope John Paul II's Prayer for Peace



Annual Veterans Day Memorial Service Today - Praha
Fried Chicken Dinner to follow.

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica November 9



The Basilica of St. John Lateran, in Rome, holds a special place in the memory of the Church. St. John Lateran was first dedicated by Pope Sylvester I in the year of 324.

When centuries of persecution ended with the Constantine's 313 edict granting Christians the right to publically practice their faith, St. John Lateran became the first basilica where Christians were able to worship freely in public. It is the oldest church in the West and the episcopal seat of the pope as the bishop of Rome.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – First Communion Enrollment; C.C.D.
Nov. 9 – Gold Star Club Meets (K – 2nd Grade)
Nov. 11 – Champions Club Meets (3rd – 6th Grades)
– 9th - 11th Grade C.C.D.
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

Christmas Pageant Forms to Be Distributed Today

All C.C.D. Youth planning to participate in the pageant are asked to return their forms by November 22.

Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale November 22 to Benefit the Youth Ministry Center

Proceeds from the Annual Bake Sale go towards the YMC for the benefit of the youth of the community. Presently, an average of 50 Kindergarten – Sixth Grade students attend the programs at the YMC each week.

All parishioners are invited to support the YMC by donating items, buying at the sale, or by making a monetary donation.

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YMC Pre-Thanksgiving Fundraiser/Bake Sale

I Donate: _____ \$ _____

Name: _____