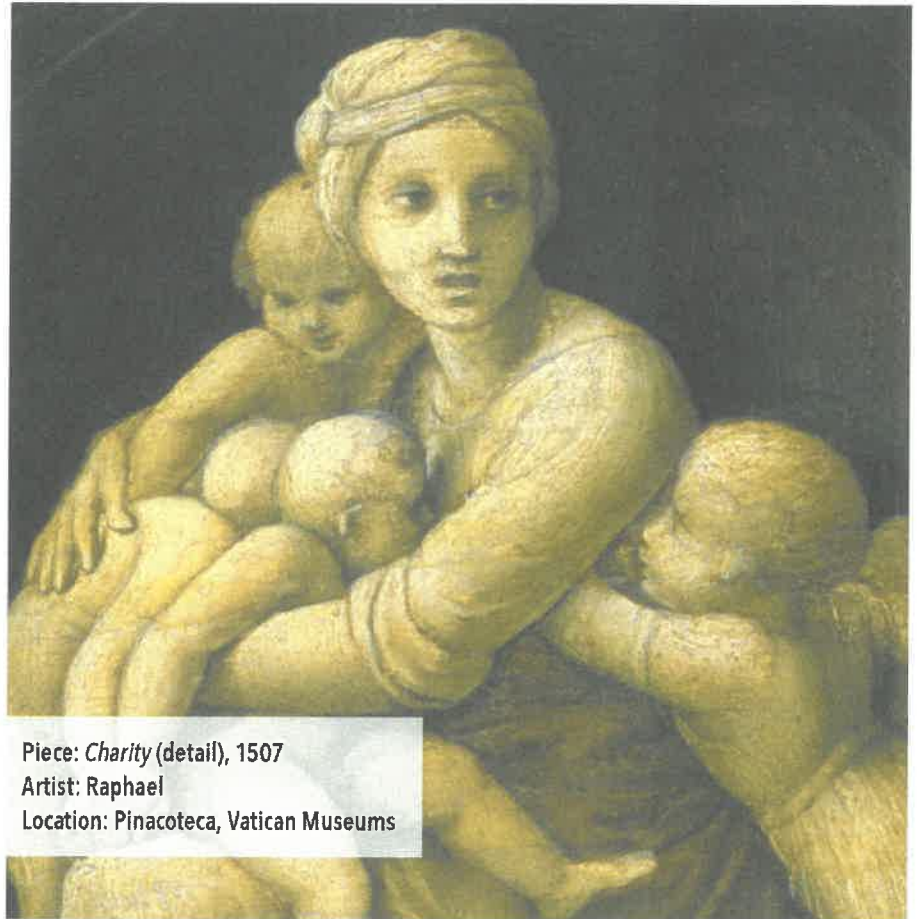


## What's Our ROI?

The Gospel today encourages good investments! Jesus heaps praise on the good servants who were faithful in small matters and rewarded with the joy of the master. The servant who gets called wicked and lazy is punished, not because he miscalculated a risk but because he feared his master and took no risk at all. He was frozen by the thought that he could lose everything, so he buries the talent and anxiously awaits the master's return. He is wicked not for investing poorly but for not investing at all.

God has given us all so many talents, and he does so for us to enjoy a grand return on investment (ROI). He wants us to use our talents, work them, develop them, and—at the end of our lives—enjoy showing him the way they have multiplied. Like a loving parent, he knows that much of our happiness is in developing and growing those talents with his grace. Those talents are a sign of his call and an invitation to step out in faith.

Parents, your job is to help your children develop their talents and dreams. A confident, enthusiastic, and risk-taking child is a sign of parents who know the balance of loving discipline, positive motivation, and a healthy distance. Children who feel secure in the love of their parents are willing to venture out and invest their talents, for they know someone will always be there to accompany them and catch them if they fall.



Piece: *Charity* (detail), 1507  
Artist: Raphael  
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

Our loving God is the first to know this and so invites us with this parable to trust, invest, and enjoy the returns.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*What are the most important talents I have? Think of virtues, abilities, qualities, time.*

*Which talent should I invest in more so I can enjoy the return God wants?*

*[Jesus said,] "It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them" (Matthew 25:14).*

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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## This Week at St. John

Tue **3:30 pm** Mass

Thu **9:00 am** Mass for Thanksgiving

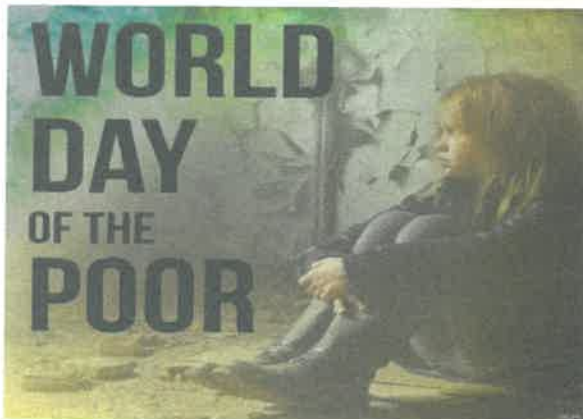
Sun 10:00 am Coffee & Donuts

## December

3 2:00 pm Diocesan Wide Holy Hour

**Donuts:** Next Sunday we will be having coffee & donuts after Mass courtesy of Jack Coop. Thanks Jack!

**Unbound:** This Sunday please welcome Fr. Justin Reis who will be with us to celebrate Mass and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries.



**Day of the Poor:** Pope Francis has called for the Church to observe the first World Day of the Poor on November 19. One way we can respond to this call is to support Unbound in sponsoring a needy child or an elderly person around the world.

Stewardship of Finance Nov 5 \$680.00  
All Souls \$156.00

## Masses Nov 21-Nov 26

Tuesday 3:30 pm †Maggie Simon

Thursday 9:00 am All Our Deceased  
Members

Sunday 9:00 am Jerome "Jake" Logsdon

## November 26 9:00 am

Lector Chris Wolfe

Server Joe Durbin

Cup Dwayne Fitzhugh/John Gay

Host Sue K.

Ushers Steve Durbin/Dennis Durbin

Gifts Tom & Sherry Pohlman

Music Jeremiah Bush-Barbara Fitzhugh

**St. John Prayer List:** David Clark, Garrett Coates, Lannie Carroll, Jack Coop, Laurie Dearing, Susan Drury, Annie Durbin, Carol Durbin, Elizabeth Durbin, John W. Durbin, **Willie Durbin**, Catherine Duvall, Dick Dyche, Dorothy Fredrick, Charlie Hayes, Cheyenne Keen, Vickie Ranburger, Zackary Scruggs, Linda Simon

## BIRTHDAY

Glen Logsdon 11/25

## St. John's Thrift Store & Food Pantry:

Will be **closed** November 23-25 for Thanksgiving to allow the volunteers to spend time with their families.

## St. John's Thrift Store & Food Pantry

301 N Main St., Brownsville, KY 42210

Store Open: Mon - Fri - 9 am - 2:30 pm

270-597-1038 Sat - 9 am - 1:00 pm

Pantry Open: Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 2 pm

# Parish Giving

simple. secure. convenient.

**Online Giving:** Today we can “*automate the important*”. I want to encourage you to consider using our online giving program Parish Giving. Online giving is easy and secure, and when you give online you don’t have to write a check or remember to bring your envelop to church. And if you are away one weekend you are still supporting the parish. All you have to do to signup is to go to our parish website and click on the donate tab. Give it a try!



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**Love Everyone:** Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone, even when they do not love us. - Pope Francis

**Christmas Choirs:** We will have Mass at 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm on Christmas Eve and at 9:00 am on Christmas Day. If you would like to help with the singing you can sign up on the sheet in the back of Church or call or text Meredythe Lee 270-929-7048. Practices will be beginning soon.

## Growing in Faith, Growing in Generosity

**(4):** I would like to thank all our parishioners who have completed and submitted their Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to setup your reoccurring offertory gifts electronically.

## Growing in Faith, Growing in Generosity

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Some Advantages:

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- Continue giving when away for a weekend
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**Easy Signup:** Go to our parish website at [www.stjosephch.org](http://www.stjosephch.org), click on the Donate tab and Create New Account.

**Prayer to St. Joseph:** St. Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker. Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support.

Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all. Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that I shall recognize in it my share in God’s own creative activity and in Christ’s work of our redemption, and so take pride in it.

When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world. Amen.

## Calendar

### Monday

November 20

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43,  
54–57, 62–63  
Lk 18:35–43

### Tuesday

November 21

*Presentation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Mc 6:18–31  
Lk 19:1–10

### Wednesday

November 22

*St. Cecilia,  
Virgin and Martyr*

2 Mc 7:1, 20–31  
Lk 19:11–28

### Thursday

November 23

Weekday

1 Mc 2:15–29  
Lk 19:41–44

### Friday

November 24

*St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc,  
Priest, and Companions,  
Martyrs*

1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59  
Lk 19:45–48

### Saturday

November 25

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1–13  
Lk 20:27–40

### Sunday

November 26

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe*

Ez 34:11–12, 15–17  
1 Cor 15:20–26, 28  
Mt 25:31–46

# Dear Padre,

**Our daughter and son-in-law graduated from Catholic high schools, but they're not bringing up their children in the Catholic faith....I feel an obligation to the children, but I don't know what to do.**

I understand your concern and sadness, but we must always remember that parents have the primary responsibility for their children's religious education. People such as priests, teachers, grandparents, and godparents can help, but they cannot usurp the role of the parents.

If your daughter is truly alienated from the Church or has truly given up her faith in God, then anything you say or do will probably make her angry. In that case, your best approach is one of kindness to her and her family and regular prayer for her and for them.

Often, however, young parents aren't really alienated from God or the Church but have just drifted away. If they decide they should do something about their children's religious training, they often don't know who to contact. If this seems to be the case with your daughter and her husband, gently inform them that you will be glad to help get the children started. Contact your parish priest (or theirs) for the necessary information. This can be a big help to people who have been away from Catholic practice for a long time.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security....More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: "Give them something to eat" (Mark 6:37).*

—The Joy of the Gospel (*Evangelii Gaudium*), November 24, 2013