

Holy Spirit Parish Family

November 7, 2021 — Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

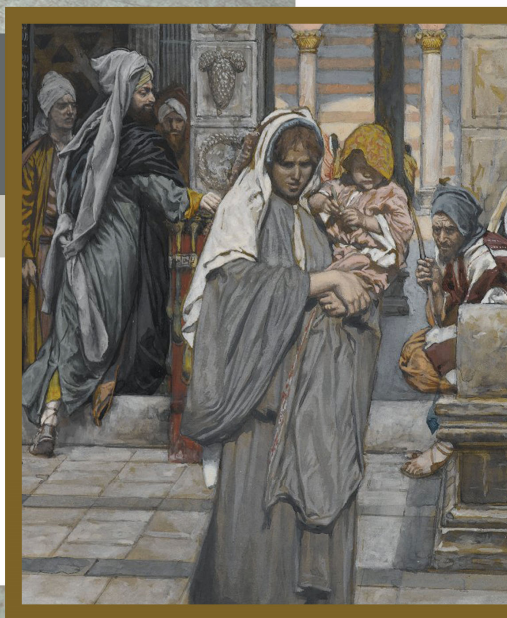
THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

November 7, 2021

*This poor widow
put in more than all
the other contributors
to the treasury.*

Mark 12:43

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OUR MISSION:

We, the community of Holy Spirit Parish, centered in the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit, will use our shared wisdom to be a joyful, accepting and forgiving community. We encourage all to grow in the Catholic faith by teaching and proclaiming the Gospel, serving others and praising God.

**Masses are LIVE-STREAMED at 6:30 am Mon/Tues/Wed;
8:00 am Thur/Fri; and 9:00 am on Sundays
(YOU TUBE Holy Spirit Church Maryland Heights)**

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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm

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PARISH ANNEX

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Wednesday.....6:30am
Thursday and Friday.....8:00am
Holy Days Consult bulletin
Saturday:8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL HOURS

Weekdays: 12am to 6am and 9am to 12 midnight.
Saturdays: 12am to 7am
Chapel will close at 7am Saturday until 9am Monday.
Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Suspended until Further Notice

BAPTISMS

Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office to request Communion if someone is unable to attend Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please notify the Parish Office concerning hospitalization.

REGISTRATION

New parishioners may register at Parish Office or download a registration form, www.holyspiritstl.org. New information e.g. address, phone numbers or moving from the parish, please call Parish Office.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Please submit information for the bulletin by Noon TWO Fridays before publication. Include name, daytime phone number of person submitting information, and group name. Items can be e-mailed to msaputo@holyspiritstl.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for xxx, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 8,864.00
Loose Collection	\$ 425.00
Online Donations	\$ 6,577.00
Holy Days	\$ 34.00
Total	\$15,900.00
Weekly Budget	\$20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ (4,290.38)

Mission Sunday
\$ 1,004.00

HandS
\$ 130.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, November 7

7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rigali Rm.

Monday, November 8

6:00 pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, November 9

9:00 am—Quilting, Annex

4:00-8:00 pm—Chipotle School Fundraiser
At Chipotle on McKelvey Rd.

Wednesday, November 10

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

7:00 pm—RCIA; Parish Hall

Thursday, November 11

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

6:00 pm—Bells, Church

7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal, Church

Friday, November 12

2:30 pm—Grief Support Group

Sunday, November 14

7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rigali, Rm

HOLY SPIRIT ACTS

Thank you to everyone who supported the men of Holy Spirit Parish on their recent retreat!
“Love the Lord your God”

Help kick off 2022 and the 20th anniversary celebration of ACTS here at Holy Spirit Parish with our next women's retreat:

“Returning in the Power of the Holy Spirit”
January 6-9, 2022

Anne Kinealy, Director: 330-7752
or anne.kinealy@gmail.com

Questions? Want to help?
Please contact Alli Kleitz, Core Team Communications,
344-9034 (H), 239-3015 (C),
or kleitzfamily@gmail.com.



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

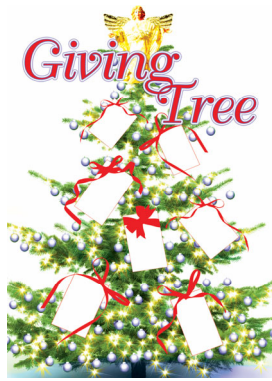
We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of

- ◆ Janet Baalman
- ◆ Sharon Yingling
- ◆ Henry Keeley, Father of Linda Shine

May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

Gluten allergy? Would you like a gluten-free host?
Please contact the Parish Office, 739-0230.



HandS Giving Tree 2021

We will begin collecting gifts for The HandS Giving Tree beginning the weekend of **November 20 & 21** and continue through **Sunday, November 28** in the Gathering Area of Church.

Purchase one of the suggested gifts from the list below for St. Augustine's Wellston Center.

DO NOT wrap it and include the price of the item.

Suggested Gifts: (please no puzzles, crafts or gifts for children under age 3)

Toys: cars, trucks, ethnic dolls, games for teenagers, remote control vehicles, and sports items.

For All Ages: clothes, sleeper blankets, sweaters, jackets, underwear, socks, sweat suits (Large & X-Large & 2X).

Household: sheets (full and queen size), kitchen and bath towels, dishes, glasses, pots and pans, toaster ovens, electric skillet, coffee maker, flatware, flashlights, wall clocks and storage containers

Other: men and women fragrance or soap gift sets, hand lotion, holiday food gift packages (example: Hickory Farms), popcorn tins, jewelry, radios, cameras and watches

OR

Make a monetary gift to HandS and place in the collection basket at Church, or donate through online giving.

Please no gift cards

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 virus, we will not be collecting children's toys for Community Helping Ministry again this year.

Return all gifts to Church no later than Sunday, November 28.

If you have questions, please call Sandy Rhomberg (314) 344-0471

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 7

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Charles Kindleberger
11:00am Madonna Kirts

Monday, November 8

6:30 am Mearl Meyer

Tuesday, November 9

6:30am Donna Gould

Wednesday, November 10

6:30am Tim Koperski

Thursday, November 11

8:00am Audrey Schmidt

Friday, November 12

8:00am Corrine Dallavalle

Saturday, November 13

8:00am Marleen Padberg
5:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, November 14

7:30am Luke Boenker
9:00am Rita Ruff
11:00am Paul Rygelski

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Find Comfort, Healing & Hope.

TODAY: Sunday, November 7 at St. Monica Parish in Creve Coeur (Olive and 270), 2 p.m.



All are welcome to attend Naming & Commendation, a prayer service developed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis to meet the needs of families whose child died before birth for any reason (including miscarriage, accident, abortion or still birth). Parents and families of any religious background are invited to attend, whether the loss was recent or long ago.

The rite, celebrated by Fr. Tom Wyrsh, will offer parents and families an opportunity to name the child, bring peaceful closure to great loss, and unite with our merciful God.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Please call the parish office for **DEADLINE DATES** for submissions during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your prayers, please remember all the sick and home-bound parishioners and those who care for them.

Don Abramovitz	Jim Gerdes	Carolyn Putnam
Janet Allan	Karl Gill	John Rath
Renee Armon	Eric Hill	John Rizzello
Kathryn Arnold	Betty Hirschmugl	John Roberson
Jane Audrain	Suzanne Holzum	Pat Romano
Sonny & Donna Bolm	Bill Hughes	Mike Sampson
Carol Bonner	Brenda Jaeger	Jean Schepers
Becky Bonner	Diane Javaux	Anita Schiermeyer
Nancy Brand	Kathy Johnson	Norma Schwaninger
Jim Brockmeyer	Kenneth Jordan	Jimmy Smith
Connie Buenemann	Sharon Knoppe	Jan Telthorst
Linda Buttry	Mike Lemp	Rebecca Tobar
Maisy Grace Casey	Joan Mason	Rudy / Brenda Torricelli
Nicole Chapman	Jerry McGuire	Ron Unterreiner
Margaret Cima	Susie Meyer	Nanci Van Amburgh
Ed Cody	Karen Newcomb	Joe & Jean Wangler
Matthew Cody	Matt Niedringhaus	Angeline Weber
Peggy Cody	Jacob Null	Gene Weckherlin
Leon Deimeke	Bob/Donna Pedrotti	Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Charles Dent	Maisy Grace Pina	Tom Zemblidge
Tom DuBois	Bob & Tootie Poder	
Martha Elmore	Brian Ponder	
Till Fehrenbacher	Ray & Betty Garvels	

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Judy Bauman	Michael Gill	Nancy Rofkahr
Kendell & Tina Bedell	Chris Gooch	Sheryl Sanfilippo
Jeri Burch	Richard Hahl	Albert Schiermeyer
Chris Burns	Diane Hermann	Robert Schneider
Violete Casasus	Suzanne Johnson	Ken Schutz
Debra Cates	David Kasprzyk	Ruby Smith
Wayne Cates	Jenny Lemkemann	Alford Snowden
Nancy Chik	Trish Merklin	Grace Solimando
Diane Chorzel	Betty Merritt	Jerry Sutterer
Beau Dempewolf	Lou Merritt	Judy Taylor & Family
Margaret Dickin-son	Mary Mudd	M s g r . J i m Telthorst
Debbie Ditch	Melinda Oeth	Jim Wamhoff
Jack Dowd	Shirley Pankey	John Wamhoff
Fran Ebers	Shirley Petrosky	Chris Wells
Kayla Emerson	Liz Prange	Paul Williams
Chris Essner	Mike & Cindy Prinzi	Michelle Wilson
Sandi Essner	Paul Provost	Bonnie Wittman
Colleen Evans	Dianne Rellergert	Joe Wolf
Harold Feltmann	Sr. Pat Rode-mann	
Kim Fortier		

Anyone interested in bringing up the Gifts during the Offertory, please see an Usher before any Mass!

DO GOOD WITH BURRITOS



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support Holy Spirit Catholic School. Just come in to the Chipotle at **3533 McKelvey Rd** in Bridgeton on **Tuesday, November 9th** from **4:00pm to 8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Holy Spirit Catholic School.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code CBHLETG before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Oct 25 Red & Blue winner of \$100; Sue Ginz

Thank you for supporting our school!

Tues., Nov 9 Chipotle Fundraiser; 4-8:00pm (see ad)

Thurs., Nov.11 8:00 am. Mass, Kindergarten-Gr 4,
Prepared by Grade 3

Fri., Nov 12 8:00 am. Mass, Grade 5-8,
Prepared by Grade 6

Mon., Nov. 15 Last day to submit High School
applications to Archdiocese

Scrip Gift Cards:

Scrip gift cards are available on Fridays 7:30-8am (school days) and Sundays 8am-11am (non-holiday weekends).

Find us outside church or in the Parish Hall.

We carry gift cards for local & national chains.

Come by and pick up fast food, grocery and discount stores like Target, Walmart & more!

Thank you for supporting Holy Spirit Catholic School

PSR NEWS

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a program in which the Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to ages 4-10 at both the 9:00 and 11:00 am Sunday Mass from September through May. Any child in this age group may participate – registration is not necessary.

How it works: The children gather with their leaders in the front of the altar after the Opening Prayer and are sent forth by the presider. They process to the Chapel. After a brief Welcome and Opening Prayer, they listen to the First Reading proclaimed from the Children's Lectionary. They are then led in singing a Psalm and Gospel Acclamation. Next, the Gospel is proclaimed by one of the adult leaders. An age-appropriate reflection on the Word is shared by the leader through stories, discussions, or pictures – whatever the leader finds most appropriate to conveying the meaning of the scriptures. The children are then invited to share their own thoughts and ideas. Following this, the children profess a simple Act of Faith, pray their Prayers of Intercession, and finally return to their families at the time of the Presentation of the Gifts

Important Information

Tues. Nov. 9: Progress Reports Emailed to Parents

~ Live the Spirit



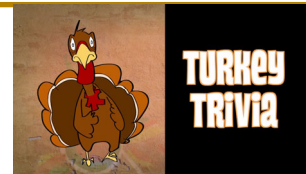
The **2021 St Ferdinand Thanksgiving Dinner** continues a tradition of their free community Thanksgiving dinner. All Are Welcome!

When: Thursday, November 25, 11:30am—1:30pm

Where: St. Ferdinand Catholic Church
1765 Charbonier Rd., Florissant

Want to Volunteer?

Please call the Parish Office at St. Ferdinand:
314-837-3165



Turkey Trivia at Our Lady of the Presentation
Saturday, November 20

Great Family Fun for the Thanksgiving Holiday!

When: Doors Open at 6pm—Games start at 7pm

Where: 8860 Tudor, St. Louis 63114

Cost: \$20 (includes Free Beer, Soda, Water & Popcorn)
Raffle Baskets/Attendance Prizes & More!

Feel Free to bring your own Snacks.

For more information, call Joan Willey at
314-427-0486, Ext. 201



RUN.GOBBLE.NAP

ThanksGIVING Day Walk/Run
benefiting Hands

Nov., 25th

(Thanksgiving morning)

7:30 am / Creve Coeur Park /
Sailboat Cove

Join us for this 2 mile (or as far as you want) walk or run and Give Thanks for all of our blessings! Bring your furry friends & burn a few calories while helping those in need. We will start and stop by the Boat Ramp in Sailboat Cove. Monetary donations accepted and will go directly to the Holy Spirit HandS ministry. (Those that want to run the 3.7 miles around the lake—that will be a timed event.)

Please Note: This is OUTDOORS—social distance & wear a mask if appropriate.

Holy Spirit Ladies Club

will meet **Tuesday, Nov. 9** at 11:15 in the Rigali Room. Please try to attend as this an important meeting deciding many plans post pandemic!

As always, bring your own lunch & drink!

Questions? Karen 314-291-1971



THANK YOU *THANK YOU * THANK YOU!

—to each of you who were there to fill a need during our Blanket & Coat Drive.

We received a tremendous number of items! You are an example of the Hands and Heart of Christ to people in need.

Thanks to Lois Frein for organizing this effort and the volunteers who assisted her!



LUNCH BUNCH

PLEASE NOTE:

THERE WILL BE NO
LUNCH BUNCH THIS WEEK!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Knights of Columbus
Council #3977 has officially been granted
their name change from
'St. Ann's Council'
To
'Holy Spirit Council'!





Holy Spirit Parish

Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 5, 2021

6:30pm in the Holy Spirit Church
Doors open at 6:00 pm

What can you expect from Advent by Candlelight 2021?

Because of the ongoing pandemic, we will gather in church for an evening of music, songs, speaker, and great inspiration. Join us for a glimpse into the humble life of St. Joseph.

We will conduct seating as we do with Sunday Masses. No reservations. Come as you are. Masks are required for the whole evening. Cookies and drinks will be served after the event in the Parish Hall.

There is always Room at the inn for you.

Who is invited?

This is a ladies-only night out. We have *Room at the Inn* for you.

This event is for the ladies of our parish and/or their relatives/friends.

Let us wait together in this Advent season.

Live-Streaming will be available.

If you're unable to attend in person but would still like to share in this inspirational evening, you can watch it live on You Tube.

Look for the link on the Holy Spirit website.

Will you tune in as we honor St. Joseph on this Advent evening?

Donations to Charity

Our charity this year is: **Room at the Inn.**

All donations will stay in the Maryland Heights/Bridgeton area.

Room at the Inn volunteers prepare/serve an evening meal and host overnight guests and families for those that are homeless and in desperate need.

Room at the Inn charity is asking for the following donations:

-Pre-made juices, lemonade, and tea in plastic bottles... NO GLASS please.

-Gift cards to purchase ingredients for evening meal: Schnucks, Aldi, Dierbergs, any grocery store in this area.

-Gift cards to give to guests to buy for their loved ones: Kohls, Target, Wal-Mart, Shoe Carnival.

Contact information for this event:

Lisa Ahern – lisaahernathome@gmail.com – (314) 605-4346-cell phone

Ann Allman – anncallman@gmail.com – (314) 724-2124-cell phone



"To serve is beautiful, but only if it is done with joy and a whole heart and a free mind."

Pearl S. Buck

When I stand before God at the end of my life,
I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say,
'I used everything you gave me'."

Erma Bombeck

YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM www.facebook.com/hsyouth
AND as hs_youth_stl (HS Youth STL) on Instagram

NEED SERVICE HOURS?

Upcoming opportunities – November Drive By Rakings and C2B (Called to Be) Retreat Team (high school students) will be forming in **January**.

GOT COLLEGE STUDENTS?

If you have a child who has graduated high school, and is away at college, I'd like to send them some mail from time to time. Email deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org with their address, and I'll add them to the list. If you have a graduated, young adult who is not away but would enjoy an occasional piece of mail, please send me their address and I will include them as well.

HIGH SCHOOL:

EAT.PRAY.DISCUSS. Join us in October as we talk about the issues you are facing, and find ways to see how God is active within those times. Be there in the Resource Center basement (Holy Spirit Room) from 7-9 p.m. every Thursday. Bring a friend. All are welcome!

NCYC - The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry is offering a virtual option for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) **November 18-20** at the parish as a small gathered event. This event features some of the best Catholic speakers for youth in the country. It's a fun event with lots of good music and speakers.

Please contact Donna Eisenbath if you are interested.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

RITE OF SENDING AND RETREAT DAY (mandatory) for CANDIDATES & SPONSORS is this weekend, Sunday, November 7. Plan to attend 9:00 a.m. Mass. The retreat will be immediately following Mass and end at 3:30. Lunch and snacks are provided.

SESSION 11: Made for Mission will take place on **Sunday, November 14** for all candidates. We will gather at 10:10 after 9:00 a.m. Mass, and end at 12:15.

CONFIRMATION: Nov. 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica.

CONFIRMATION is Saturday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica.

Upcoming projects:

Dec. 5—Leaf Raking;

Jan—Christmas Party;

April—Retreat

PLEASE PRAY, AND ASK THEIR SAINTS TO PRAY, FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Mia - Teresa of Avila
Alivia - Francis of Assisi
Freddy - Jude Tadeo
Charlie - Michael the Archangel
Belle - Bernadette of Lourdes
Seamus - Damien of Molokai
Anthony - Augustine
Claudia - Bernadette Soubirous
Jenna - Maria Goretti
Rebecca - Dymphna
Erick - Mary
Tyler - Francis of Assisi
Sofia - Veronica
Sydney - Maria Goretti
Peter - Padre Pio
Leah - Elizabeth Ann Seton
Michael - Nicodemus
Anthony - Hubert
Renee - Rose Philippine Duchesne
Simon - Pope Gregory the Great
Andrew - Andrew the Apostle
Alyssa - Rose of Lima
Joseph - Christopher
Tim - Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin
Edward - Francis of Assisi
Justin - Sebastian
Marisabela - Laura Montoya Upegui
Grace - Francis of Assisi
Colby - Matthew the Apostle
Theresa - Philomena
Genevieve - Teresa of Calcutta
Gabriella - Vincent de Paul
Samantha - Anastasia
Audrey - Therese of Lisieux
Eva - Bernadette Soubirous
Andrew - Francis Xavier
Caroline - Joan of Arc
Nathan - Jude
Nicole - Felicity
Annabelle - Anne, Mother of Mary
Alexandra - Maria Goretti
Mia - Rose Philippine Duchesne
Josephine - Joan of Arc
Maximilian - George



It's That Time of Year Again!

HandS is once again asking for Food or Monetary Donations for our Thanksgiving Food Baskets. We have 16 families on our list and, no doubt, will continue to grow!

If you prefer to contribute money, make your check payable to 'Holy Spirit HandS'; Please mark your envelope as 'HandS Thanksgiving Baskets' and place in the Weekend Collection basket.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATIONS NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

GROCERY ITEMS NEEDED:

•**TURKEYS or TURKEY BREASTS -**
(PLEASE CALL NORMA (739-3159) BEFORE PURCHASING AS WE ONLY NEED A LIMITED NUMBER OF THESE)

- LARGE FOIL ROASTING PANS
- BOXED STUFFING MIX
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- CANNED SWEET POTATOES
- CANNED CRANBERRY SAUCE
- CANNED CHICKEN BROTH
- CANNED CHICKEN GRAVY OR GRAVY PACKETS
- CANNED FRUIT
- BROWN AND SERVE ROLLS
- JELLO

•**For FROZEN PIES or BUTTER, please contact Norma (739-3159), Or Cheri (753-4528 to arrange delivery time)**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.

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Lauren and Nick Trautner lead a **Bible Study** for young adult engaged and married couples.

Meetings are on a bi-weekly or monthly basis, depending on group preference, and will meet in the Maryland Heights area.

If interested, please contact Lauren at lotrautner@gmail.com.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive!

Service

God again teaches the virtue of humility and service in the Christian life. Jesus advises us to reject the practices of the Pharisees who work so that they may be seen. Instead we should work quietly and humbly to accomplish what we have been commissioned to do and not merely to be seen by other people.

There is great merit in toiling, persevering through difficult work with the sole purpose of serving God and our neighbors. When we work to be seen by others, our work loses its spiritual meaning. We must keep in mind that Christ tells us that we are the greatest when we serve most wholeheartedly and most selflessly.

Another helpful Scripture passage for reflection is Colossians 3:17: "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."

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The Grief Ministry Support Group

Meets every Friday afternoon until **Dec 17**.
(No meeting on Nov. 26)

The Ministry is based on Fr Joe Kempf's book, "No One Cries the Wrong Way: Seeing God Through Tears". Meetings are at 2:30 PM in the Resource Center, St. Lawrence room.

This program is designed to provide a faith-based, confidential setting for anyone suffering grief; including the loss of a loved one through death, divorce or termination of employment.

If you are interested in attending the program, please call Linda at the Parish Office to register at 314.739.0230 ext. 108.

DO ANYTHING

I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know him or have forgotten him.

—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17:10-16
Ps 146:7-10
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Monday November 8

Wisdom 1:1-7
Ps 139:1b-10
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday November 9 Lateran Basilica in Rome

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17
John 2:13-22

Wednesday November 10

St. Leo the Great

Wisdom 6:1-11
Ps 82:3-4,6-7
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday November 11

St. Martin of Tours

Wisdom 7:22b -- 8:1
Ps 119:89-91,130,135,175
Luke 17:20-25

Friday November 12

St. Josaphat

Wisdom 13:1-9
Ps 19:2-5ab
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9
Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43
Luke 18:1-8

Following Jesus requires a tremendous amount of trust, because he often takes us to unexpected places that require new growth, sacrifices, and moving beyond the boundaries of what's familiar and comfortable.

Consider the two widows in this Sunday's first reading and the Gospel reading. How could they give what common sense says they could not afford? Did they know with total certainty that God would take care of their needs? No. So they gave all they had because they were so in love with God that they trusted his love for them.

Trust is a sign of genuine love -- especially when the one we trust is God. We can love others more freely and generously if we trust God to help us through the difficulties that occur when people prove themselves untrustworthy. Our freedom to love others unconditionally is not based upon how safe we are with them; it's based on how safe we are with God.

Each widow gave what she could not afford to lose. We

cannot afford to love those who will cause us grief and disappointment and feelings of rejection, and yet Jesus tells us to forgive them and do good to them and go the extra mile for them.

Sometimes doing good to those who are difficult to love must include "tough love", which asserts boundaries



that they are not allowed to cross. Remember what Jesus did: Until Good Friday, Jesus always walked away from his persecutors. Did he stop loving them? Not at all. And sometimes it means enabling them to reap what they sow so that they begin to understand their need to repent. Instead of cleaning up their messes, we have to let them suffer from it. Think about it: Does God clean up our messes before we repent? Usually he won't even do that after we repent. What would we learn if someone else does the damage control?

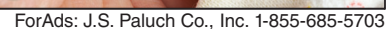
Loving others always includes sacrificing ourselves and relying on God to comfort us, heal us, restore us, and bless us. We can trust God for this. Our jar of whatever we pour out to others for the sake of love will never go empty.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What needs healing or correction in your thinking so you can feel secure and fully loved by God?
2. Describe a time when you gave more than you thought you could give: more money, more love, more time, more patience -- more of anything. What motivated you to be so generous?
3. What were the end results? What did you learn?

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Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32





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