# November 7, 2021 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary! Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

During this month of November we remember and pray for the souls of our brothers and sisters in Purgatory: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen. May all the souls of the faithful departed rest in Peace! Amen. This Sunday, I share with you a reflection on Almsgiving as an act of Love for God. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

"The Value of Almsgiving - to give with whole-hearted generosity: The readings for this Sunday's Holy Mass sing the praises of two holy women. In the *First Reading* the Lord sends Elijah to Zarephath in Sidon to be cared for by a widow. (1 Kings 17:10-16) Even though the region was suffering from a great famine, the widow gave food to the Prophet. She trusted in the promise of Elijah: *The jar of meal shall not be spent, and the cruse of oil shall not fail, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.* This is, in fact, what happened. Jesus would later recall this episode in His preaching. (cf. Luke 4:25 ff.)

In today's Gospel we find Jesus seated in the Temple watching the people put money into the treasury. (Mark 12:41-44) Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. From a purely human point of view the widow's gift was of minute importance. Yet as far as Jesus was concerned this gift had an enormous significance. As the poor widow was leaving the Temple, Jesus pointed her out to His disciples: Truly I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living. The Lord praises acts of generosity for the sake of Divine cult as well as all gifts made with a pure heart. Jesus values the disposition of the giver more than the gift received. He looks not only on the amount given, but into the very heart of the donor. (St. John Chrysostom, Homilies on the Epistle to the Hebrews, 1)

Almsgiving is a work of mercy that is most pleasing to the Lord. Jesus will reward our generosity far more than we can imagine. The holy Cur'e d'Ars would often say: A house of charity will never be poor. The habitual practice of giving alms summarizes a good many of the virtues and draws down Divine favor. Holy Scripture frequently encourages this expression of generosity as in the Book of Tobias: Do not turn your face away from any poor man, and the Face of God will not be turned away from you. If you have many possessions, make your gift from them in proportion; if few, do not be afraid to give according to the little you have. So you will be laying up a good treasure for yourself against the day of necessity. For Charity delivers from death and keeps you from entering the darkness; for all who practice it, Charity is an excellent offering in the presence of the Most High. (Tob. 4:7-11) Should anyone ignore this teaching they will most certainly experience the fate of that

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We are happy that you are here! If you are new to our parishes, please call or stop at the Parish Office. We would love to meet you and answer any questions that you might have!

#### **SACRAMENTS**

**Confession -** Saturday 4:00pm at St. Michael; Sunday 8:25am at St. Paul and 8:00am before daily weekday Holy Mass at both parishes. **Baptism -** Please contact the parish office.

**Matrimony -** Please call Father Kasel at least six months prior to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick - This is for someone who is seriously ill, dealing with major surgery or infirm. Please contact Father Kasel to make arrangements.

#### **WEEKEND HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Church of Saint Paul - Sunday** Confessions at 8:25am, Rosary at 8:20am, Mass at 8:45am

**Church of Saint Michael - Saturday** Confessions at 4:00pm, Rosary at 4:35pm, Mass at 5:00pm

**Church of Saint Michael - Sunday** Mass at 7:00am, Rosary at 10:05am, Mass at10:30am

**WEEKDAY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE** 

Church of Saint Paul - Tuesday and Thursday

Confession 8am & Mass 8:30am, Rosary at 8:10am before Mass

Church of Saint Michael - Wednesday and Friday

Confession 8am and Mass 8:30am

selfish rich man who was sent to Hell for his cold indifference to Lazarus. (cf. Luke 16:19 ff.)

As the poor widow returned to her home she must have been filled with a great joy. What a surprise must have lain in store for her at the end of her life! She would finally see the look of Love which Jesus had cast upon her that ordinary morning in the Temple. God watches all of our actions with interest and affection.

Almsgiving manifests our love and generosity towards the Lord: Authentic almsgiving springs from a merciful heart. We feel moved to provide some relief for those in need, to contribute to the upkeep and expansion of the Church, to support whatever good works benefit the common good. By giving alms we can become detached from the things of this world. Almsgiving can dispose the heart to be more attentive to the Will of God. True detachment leads us to be very generous with God and with our fellow men. It makes us actively resourceful and ready to spend ourselves in helping the needy. A Christian cannot be content with a job that only allows him to earn enough for himself and his family. He will be bighearted enough to give others a helping hand both out of Charity and as a matter of Justice. (J. Escriva, Friends of God, 126) The first Christians showed their fraternal Love in an exemplary way. They assumed responsibility for the material needs of all the members of the community of believers. (continued on page 3)

Holy Hour for Men will be on Sunday, November 14, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. For our November meeting we will welcome a veteran of the Marine Corps who served in the Vietnam War. Come to support this veteran and all the men and women who have courageously served our country!

## CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

## CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

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Join the Synod! Synod Small Group Session #6 Topic: Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12) and Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-35). We will meet for the last session at the Church of St. Michael on Sunday, November 7 following the 7am and 10:30am Holy Masses (meeting times approximately 8:15am & noon).

#### **Christ our true Peace** by St. John Eudes (d. 1680)

"As our last End, our Center, and Supreme Good, God alone is capable of giving us true Peace, perfect rest, and of filling and satiating the immense capacity of our soul. When our soul renounces everything earthly to give itself entirely to its Creator, He fills it with ineffable repose, with a peace surpassing all understanding and the reward of infinite blessings.

As a prototype He gives us the model and example of admirable perfection and sanctity, saying: Be holy because I am holy (Lv 11:44). Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect (Mt 5:48). Be merciful as your Father is merciful (Lk 6:36). Be imitators of God, beloved children (Eph 5:1). Furthermore, He imprints His Divine Image upon souls who give themselves entirely to Him. O my God, I surrender myself to You; engrave in my soul a perfect image of Your Sanctity and Your Divine Perfections.

As King, Ruler, and Protector, God rules us by the holiest laws, and He is ceaselessly vigilant in governing and protecting us. As judge, He continually exercises His justice and His judgment in the world, giving to everyone according to His works, punishing some and rewarding others. Let us adore and bless God in all the effects He has produced and will produce in creatures by His claims upon man. Let us thank Him for the blessings He has produced in us or would have produced if we had not prevented Him. Let us ask pardon for our resistance. Let us give ourselves to Him that He may exercise all His Divine Powers over us as He pleases and make them as fruitful in us as He desires."

Quilting Bee Cause Display November 13 & 14. Quilting Bee Cause will display quilts after the Holy Masses on Saturday & Sunday, November 13 & 14. The quilts have been made entirely of donated fabrics. All the quilts will be taken to Sharing and Caring Hands. Thanks to all who donated fabrics and to those who helped sew and tie the quilts.

#### PRO LIFE QUOTE

The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts--a child--as a competitor, an intrusion and an inconvenience... St. Theresa of Calcutta

"Given the breakdown in family life, the wholesale attack on innocent and defenseless human lives, and the violation of the integrity of the union of marriage in our society, the call to the martyrdom of witness is ever more urgent." *Cardinal Burke*, *The Fall of the Christian West. March 11*, 2011

Synod Prayer: Come Holy Spirit, make our ears to hear, make our eyes to see, make our mouths to speak, make our hearts to seek. Make our hands to reach out and touch the world with Your love. Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Amen.

<u>Pine Island Food Shelf:</u> items requested for November: Canned Soup and Stew

#### **WEEKLY TITHING for October 30-31, 2021**

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 3,973.00

 Plate:
 \$ 740.55

 EFT:
 \$ 607.50

 Total:
 \$ 5,321.05

 World Mission Sunday:
 \$ 245.00



#### St. Pio KC Semi-Annual Food Drive

The St. Pio Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a food drive to support both the Pine Island and Zumbrota food shelves. Food, household goods and personal care items may be brought to St. Michael or St. Paul on weekends of November 6 and 13. Specific items of need include non-perishable foods, coffee, spaghetti noodles, toilet paper, and dish soap.

St. Pio KC Breakfast on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00am-12:30pm The St. Pio Knights of Columbus are holding a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 21 at St. Michael, Pine Island. The breakfast will be a free will donation with proceeds going to support local programs, such as Coats for Kids and Pro-Life activities. VOLUNTEERS are still needed! Knights, please contact Ben Eirikson if you are available to help.

#### WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"We can, if we will, become a saint, for God will never refuse to help us to do so." St. John Vianney

"Though you have recourse to many saints as your intercessors, go especially to St. Joseph, for he has great power with God." St. Teresa of Avila

"After seven years in the religious life, I still am weak and imperfect. I always feels, however, the same bold confidence of becoming a great saint because I don't count on my merits since I have none, but I trust in Him who is Virtue and Holiness." St. Therese of Lisieux

"All the science of the Saints is included in these two things: To do, and to suffer. And whoever had done these two things best, has made himself most saintly." *St. Francis de Sales* 

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day." St. Gianna Molla

#### HOLY MASS TIMES

#### Wednesday, November 10, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Friday, November 12, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

### Saturday, November 13, 2021

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

#### Sunday, November 14, 2021

7:00am (Latin) Holy Mass

## 10:30am Holy Mass



November 10, 2021 †Agustin Macansantos & Tom Meyer

November 12, 2021 Connie Marshall

November 13, 2021 †Michael Rolfson (Les & Barb Rolfson)

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS** 

November 14, 2021 (Latin) Parishioners

November 14, 2021 †Marvin Heins (Carl & Nancy Anderson)

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# **†ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT†** Can you spend an hour with Jesus? Adoration is held

at St. Paul, Zumbrota on Tuesdays from 9am-5pm. We are looking for more Adorers! Please contact the parish office at 507-732-5324 or stpauls@hcinet.net if you are interested in signing up to spend one hour a week with Our Lord.

(from page 1) This explains why there are so many references to generosity in the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles of St. Paul. The Apostle gave the Christians at Corinth specific guidelines to follow: On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper... (1 Cor. 16:2) It was not a matter of simply giving what was left over, what was extra. The idea was to give even in spite of grave economic difficulties. This was the situation of the churches in Macedonia. St. Paul lauds the heroic spirit of generosity of these believers: for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of liberality on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints. (2 Cor. 8:2-4) These Christians not only gave donations to the Church in Jerusalem, but also gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the Will of God. (2 Cor. 2:5) Perhaps St. Paul is here referring to their contribution to the work of evangelization. St. Thomas has commented on this passage: This indeed should be the order of Charity: first of all, man must be acceptable to God. If a person is not living so as to please God, then his gifts will not be acceptable to the Lord. (St. Thomas, Commentary on the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, 2, 5) Almsgiving, in whatever form it may take, is an expression of our love and generosity to the Lord. Our charity does not consist principally in the value of our gifts but, rather, in the Love for God we bear in our soul. Our humble offering may be insignificant in itself, like the oil of the widow of Zarephath or the coins of the poor widow in the Temple. Yet our offering becomes pleasing in the eyes of God thanks to our union with Jesus. (John Paul II, Homily in Barcelona, 7 November 1982)

God rewards our generosity beyond all telling: Almsgiving attracts the blessing of God and produces abundant fruits. It can heal the wounds of sin. (cf. Catechism of the Council of Trent, IV, 14, 23) Almsgiving is the shield of Hope, the teacher of Faith, the medicine for sin. It lies within the reach of every person who wants to practice it. Charity has its own grandeur, while at the same time being easy to accomplish. It brings no risk of persecution. It is the crown of Peace and Truth, the greatest gift from God. It is necessary for the weak and glorious for the strong. Through almsgiving the Christian attains Grace, wins pardon from Christ our judge and makes God in some way a debtor. (St. Cyprian, On Good Works and Almsgiving, 27)

We have to give alms with rectitude of intention. Our heart must be directed to God much as in the case of the poor widow in the Temple. We ought to be generous, especially with those things which are most dear to us. It may just happen that someone has a greater need for them than we do. Don't be mean and grudging with people who, without counting the cost, have given of their all, everything they have, for your sake. Just ask (continued on page 4)

#### **WEEKLY TITHING for October 31, 2021**

1,865.00 Sunday Envelopes: Plate: 562.00 **Total:** 2,427.00

World Mission Sunday: \$ 97.00

**St. Paul CCW** will have a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Church of St. Paul. Holy Mass will be at 6pm, with the meeting to follow.

Join the Synod! Synod Small Group Session #5 Focus Areas are: Parents As Primary Educators and Helping the Young Encounter Jesus. We will meet for two more sessions at the Church of St. Paul on Sundays following Holy Mass on November 7 & 14.

#### Dear Parishioners:

On behalf of the people in Kentucky, we thank you for the love and generosity you have shown that makes such a difference in their lives. One pastor wrote a thank-you to our parish and related that one recipient said whenever she needs a "picker-upper", she takes the donation down and remembers the love that has come with that gift.

We had an extremely large response this year, and we think it reflects a renewed spirit here at the Church of St. Paul! Gary & Louise Gerken,

Rick & Jan Ryan,

Fr. Kasel

#### Dear Parishioners:

To encourage and foster both prayer and connecting families together here at the Church of St. Paul, we are beginning two new practices. First, every Tuesday, from 12noon until 1pm, a group meets in the library downstairs to pray the Holy Rosary in the Divine Will and other prayers. We invite any Parishioners to join us for these prayers as his and her time permits. As part of this prayer ministry, we have placed a box for you to share with us any of your prayer intentions. That box will now be on the cabinet in the entry way of the church. Please place your prayer requests in it; a wonderful bonus is that periodically the requests are taken to a Shrine of the Blessed Mother to ask for her intercession. Second, in the near future there will be a book on the cabinet where Parishioners can write in their prayer requests. We hope you will consider participating in these new practices! God bless you! In Christ through Mary,

Louise Gerken Shirley Gregory Fr. Kasel

#### HOLY MASS TIMES

#### Tuesday, November 9, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, November 11, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

#### Sunday, November 14, 2021

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass - On 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month versus populum; 2nd & 4th ad Orientem

#### **HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

November 9, 2021 †Allan Schaefer

November 11, 2021 †Catherine Steger (Judy Jacobs)

November 14, 2021 Parishioners



#### NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 3) yourselves, how much does it cost you - in financial terms as well - to be Christians? (J. Escriva, loc. cit.) Our gifts have to spring from a compassionate heart, one that is filled with love for God and other people. Over and above the material value of our gifts we need to keep in mind the importance of our interior disposition. The spirit of true Charity is intimately interconnected with a joyful heart. Today's Liturgy of the Hours includes that homage of St. Paul to the power of God: we are treated as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. (Liturgy of the Hours, Antiphon of Lauds, 2 Cor. 6:10) Later in that same Epistle, St. Paul makes sure to remind us: For God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Cor. 9:7)

God will reward our generosity beyond all telling. Whatever we have given away in time, energy, resources..., the Lord will return to us a hundredfold. The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (2 Cor. 9:6) This was how God multiplied the food which the widow of Zarephath put at the disposition of Elijah. In like manner Jesus multiplied the loaves and the fishes. (cf. John 6:9) Thus says the Lord:... You gave Me a little, I returned to you a great deal. You gave Me temporal goods and I responded with celestial goods. You gave Me things that will perish, I gave you what is eternal... (St. Augustine, Sermon 38, 8) St. Teresa has affirmed: For I know now, by experience in many things, that if from the first I resolutely persevere in my purpose, even in this life His Majesty rewards it in a way which he only understands who has tried it. (St. Teresa, Life, 4, 3) Let us ask Our Lady to give us a generous heart. We have to give things, but we also have to give ourselves. Let us not be miserly with our time, our wealth, our energy. There are so many needy people and worthy apostolic ventures awaiting our assistance. The Lord

Plenary Indulgence for Souls in Purgatory – November 1-8 Dear Parishioners, According to the Enchiridion of Indulgences of the Catholic Church a Plenary Indulgence is available each day from November 1-8 for Catholics who devoutly visit and pray for the departed in any cemetery. The usual conditions for a Plenary Indulgence apply: A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state

- have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
- have made a sacramental confession of their sins;
- receive the Holy Eucharist;
- pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.
- 1)The Sacrament of Confession 20 days before or after the pious work of mercy or prayerful action;
- 2) Holy Communion received 20 days before or after the pious work of mercy or prayerful action:
- 3) Pray for the Holy Father as part of each Plenary Indulgence (Our Father and Hail Mary are suggested)

Suggested prayer for a visit to a cemetery: 'Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

beholds our compassion in much the same way that He observed the poor widow in the Temple. He has a look of love for both of us." (From: In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez) Through the intercession of Mary, the Queen of Heaven, St. Joseph. St. Michael, St. Paul, and all the Holy Angels, may God grant us generous hearts in love with God! In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

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Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Sara McNamara

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