

# DISCIPLES CALLED TO WITNESS

St John the Evangelist Parish / St. Mary Parish

Bellaire - Neffs - Shadyside - Powhatan Point

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**32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**NOVEMBER 10TH, 2024**

St John Church (SJ) - 415 37th St, Bellaire, OH 43906

St. Mary Church (SM) - 240 E 40th St, Shadyside, OH 43947

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - SM Saturday 5:30 PM - SJ

Sunday 11:00 AM - SM Sunday 9:30 AM - SJ

## WEEKDAY MASS

6:00 p.m. (Mon.) SJ 8:00 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) – SJ 8:00 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) - SM 8:00 a.m.



## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - SM

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - SJ

Monday: 5:00p.m. - 5:45p.m. - SJ

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 -7:45a.m. - SM

Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45a.m. - SJ

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A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."  
- Mk 12:42-43

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## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

*Collect of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## MESSAGE SERIES

It is said that "you reap what you sow." Our present circumstances are largely determined by our past choices and decisions. We reap the small choices and decisions in the present that we have made in the past. Throughout this series, we will explore this principle: how we can get it working for us and how it interplays with grace. The series ends with Stewardship Sunday, where we will discuss how investing in God's Kingdom will reap the eternal rewards of His return.

**Week Two: Character**

**Scripture: 1 Kings 17:13**

In this second week, we will talk about the importance of sowing the right seeds when it comes to our character. Our character is a result of the small choices we make or so over a period of time. In the readings today, Jesus points to the type of character we are to have in order to receive the blessings of God. In this message we take a look at two widows who give everything they have because of their faith. They believe in the promise given by the Lord through the prophet Elijah, "the jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth." When we sow the seed of faith in the middle of our struggles we also will reap the promised salvation here and now.

**Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, November 9th, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. (SM) + Joe Boston Sr. Birthday & Wedding Anniversary deceased (Wife, Children & Grandchildren)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Wayne (Mom & Lori)

**Sunday, November 10th, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Vincent De Vendra Anniversary deceased (Sons & Families)

11:00a.m.(SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's



**Monday, November 11th, St. Martin of Tours/Veterans Day**

6:00p.m. (SJ) + Roger Louis Ferrier (Daughter)

**Tuesday, November 12th, St. Josaphat**

8:00a.m. (SM) + For All the Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, November 13th, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini**

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Virginia Weisman Birthday deceased (Scott, Linda & Family)

**Thursday, November 14th**

8:00a.m. (SM) + All Souls Intentions

**Friday, November 15th, St. Albert the Great**

8:00a.m. (SJ) + All Souls Intentions

**Saturday, November 16th, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. (SM) + Greg Forbes (Mom, Dad & Family)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's

**Sunday, November 17th, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Paul Malek (Family)

11:00a.m.(SM) + Jack Klug (Linda Lotz)

**Offertory Collection**

**For the Weekend of November 3/4**

**St. John's** Adult (11env) \$4,605, Loose \$337. All Saints (39env) \$522, Imm. Conception (2env) \$6, Christmas Flowers (2env) \$6, St. Vincent de Paul (11env) \$156, Grade School (2env) \$45, Building Fund (3env) \$210, All Souls (37env) \$503, Candles \$155.31

**St. Mary's:** Adult (55env) \$2,001, Loose \$260, All Saints (28env) \$306, Campaign Human Development (1env) \$25, St. Vincent de Paul (2env) \$30, Grade School (2env) \$30, Building Fund (5env) \$165, All Souls (18env) \$330, Arch. Diocese Military (3env) \$50

**PRAYER LIST**



**Please Note:** *This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a person's name will be removed but can be added again the next week simply by calling the office. Please pray for the following:* Vicky Oboy, Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Fr. Sam Saprano, Mgrs. Gene Mullett, Fr. Tom Petronek, Dorothy Kresak, Jeff & Mandy Fahey, Quentin Scott Coyne, Magan Nichole Sechrest, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, Isaac Salva, Baby Everett Sommers, Lucy Kowalski, John Bires Jr., Shannon Koher, Ed and Rose Grammar, Susan Gray, Jackie (Donahue) Woods, Joe Boston Jr., Camden Brown, Peggy Kotson, Tom Galinski, Susan Vasey, Bob, Bill & Tom, "Chic" & Debbie Henderson, Kay Bambeck, Mary Kay Hanasky, Ann Hodges, Zachary Oboy, Tom & Margie Merryman, Craig Blacker, Patrick Strain and granddaughter, Halen, Jim Garczyk, Natalie McFeley, John Hanasky, Beverly Kolenich Beau Boston, Sharon Leonard, Rosalind Fitch, Trey Nelms, Michelle (Tamborleo) Glover, Joey Sabinsky, Brian B., Jaime Ellis, Roger Peters, Mary Siglar, Anthony De Genova, Jerry & Phyllis, Adam Ruskowski, Jeff Doneson, Joe Budrevich, Rudy Bresiger, Cathy Ciulles, Warren Wright , Rich Price, Marlyn Marling, Jay Morgan, Kathy Kavmirski, Sherri Rader, Sandy (Donahue) Bass, Kyrie Vincent, Kevin Roseberry, Janice Arno, Andrew Zaborek, Kim Scott, Joyce Mellott, Sandy Fijalkowski, Cookie Busack, Gwen Brown, Bobby Roth, Peg Stipetich, Sarah Stipetich, Rhonda Tipton, Rebecca Brown, Mary DeGenova, Megan Kristin Sechrest, Lori Runyan

**Readings for the week of November 10, 2024**

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

**Monday:** Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

**Next Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

**VETERANS DAY**

**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS**

PAST & PRESENT



**Lord, bless and protect those serving our country,** especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno, Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt. Christopher Wetzel, Lance Corporal Zachary Knowlton, Staff Sgt. Wm. Kayne Melko, HTF Kory Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall, Staff Sgt. Aaron Loeffler, Tech Sgt. Craig DeBeni, Major Trey Vasey, Capt. Tom Dyer, Staff Sgt. Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak, Master Sgt. Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt.

Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster and Pvt William Clegg , Petty Officer Alex Rader, Pvt. Colton T. Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, Staff Sgt. Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, PFC D'eondre Burney, Petty Officer Jared Keiser, Petty Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major Alex Beveridge, Lance Cpl. Keenan Cook

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Weekend of November 16/17**

**St. John's :**

**Nov. 16th EM:**K. Ball **Lector :** D. Respole

**Nov. 17th EM:**T. Young **Lector :** J. Hindman

**St. Mary's :**

**Nov. 16th EM:**L. Gates **Lector:** D. Knight

**Nov. 17th EM:**M. Brown **Lector:** A. Schamp



**Please Attend Daily Mass!**

I really believe that our world will be changed if every Catholic makes an effort to attend mass as often as possible, even every day. Our churches should be filled for daily mass. The problem is, I don't think we understand what happens at mass, and we lack faith. We've never been taught to offer our lives at every mass in thanksgiving for Jesus offering his life for us. As you may have noticed, I've been trying to explain different important parts in the mass, especially the Eucharistic Prayer, that bring out this aspect of "offering." At mass we are actually joined to the one perfect sacrifice of Christ which is eternal in heaven! We are joined to heaven, and each of us personally worships God by offering our daily lives so that God can make them holy!



**K OF C MEMORIAL SERVICE**

We will be holding our annual Memorial Service for the deceased members of the Bellaire and Shadyside councils on Monday November 18th after the 6:00p.m. Mass at St. John's Church. All are invited to attend.



**NEFFS CHRISTMAS DINNER**

We've been invited by our friends at Neffs Methodist Church to join them for a Christmas dinner with musical entertainment afterwards on Sunday, December 1 at 5:00pm. Please RSVP by texting or calling (740) 298-4158 by Monday, November 25.

**This Week**

- Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:30am Family Faith Formation (SM)  
6:30pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group  
"Friendsgiving!" (SM)
- Monday: Veteran's Day**
- Tuesday: 9:00a.m. -5:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SM)**  
6:00p.m. Pastoral Council (SJH)
- Wednesday: 5:30p.m. Caring Crafters**
- Thursday: 6:00p.m. Caring Crafters Paint Workshop**  
7:00p.m. OCIA (SJH)
- Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
3:00p.m. Commemoration of our Faithful Departed (SM)



**Sign up for a small group for Advent!**

We are organizing some small groups for the four weeks of Advent. Scan the QR code to get the link to the online form or fill out a sign-up form at the church entrance.



**CARING CRAFTERS:** The Caring Crafters are sponsoring a paint workshop Thursday, November 14th at 6:00p.m. in St. John's Hall. The next meeting is November 13th.



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Once at an evening Mass as a poor college student, the collection basket was fast approaching, and I only had a ten-dollar bill. I was planning on using that to buy my favorite Chipotle burrito that night for dinner. Should I keep the money? Who would know if I did? If I gave it away, what would I eat? Would I be okay? I kissed my future burrito goodbye, dropped the money in the basket, and winced. But strangely, the rest of the Mass I felt more engaged than usual. I had skin in the game. I left the Mass excited to see how God would take care of me. And he did, in amazing ways.

When the poor widow places two copper coins in the temple treasury, Jesus doesn't pity her. He praises her. He blesses her. He brags about her. He celebrates her as the temple's largest benefactor. Her giving is an act of radical, concrete trust in God. It is as if she is entering a new level of giving that excites Jesus, because she contributes not out of her abundance, but she gives **"everything she had."**

What a challenge this is to each one of us! How easy it is to ignore this! But imagine the eruption of the energy of faith, hope, and love that would be unlocked if our financial sacrifices to the Church actually tapped into daily bread and not only our disposable income. I challenge us to try this in some way this coming week and see what happens in our hearts. Even if it costs us a burrito.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Catherine Nixon** We offer our prayers also for her loved ones. *If you have a family member that dies but was not buried from our parishes please call the parish office, we would like to include them here in this space.*

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

*In Loving Memory*  
**In Memory of Mary Catherine Nixon** by Amy Busic, Dorene Zanke, Kathy & John Solovan, Helen Forbes, Mike & Pam Sherwood, Connie Nowak & Sons, Joyce Ferguson, Donna & Drew White, Bob & Andrea Koteles  
**In Memory of Ellen Oboy** by Bob & Jo Ann Rankin, Jane Ruckman, Terriann, Jeremy & Eric Bonfini

**COMMEMORATION OF OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

We will remember all those who have died since last November 1st, 2023. If you have a family or friend who has died in the past year come and remember them. Next Sunday, November 17, 3:00pm at St. Mary Church.



Men of the parishes: Please join the Knights of Columbus if you are not already a member. We need to stand together in our faith! Go to [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and enter our council number 1246.

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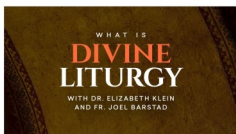
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Why Does the Church Canonize People | Angels
Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss canonization: its definition, history, and how it works.



St. Ephrem the Syrian | Catholic Saints
An Eastern Father of the early Church, St. Ephrem the Syrian was arguably the most important saint and theological writer for the Syriac-speaking churches.



What is the Divine Liturgy? | Catholic Rites
Byzantine Catholic Church, as they discuss the nature of Byzantine piety, Divine Liturgy, and the similarities and differences between the Eastern and Latin rites.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and SPACIOUS PRESENTS

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / November 17, 2024

First Reading: "It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape." (Dn 12:1)

Psalm: You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Ps 16)

Second Reading: For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. (Heb 10:14)

Gospel: "And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." (Mk 13:27)

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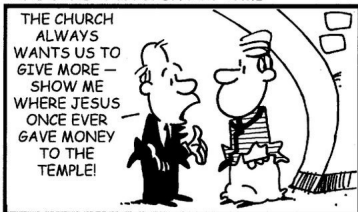
CCC 1038-1050: the Last Judgment; hope of a new heaven and a new earth
CCC 613-614, 1365-1367: Christ's one perfect sacrifice and the Eucharist



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We offer to all our parishioners a short but powerful survey- what are calling our Discovery Tool! In just a few minutes, you'll have your results and a better sense of how your interests and gifts align with the service opportunities and ministries of our church.



**(PRACTICING)  
CATHOLIC**  
By Colleen Jurkiewicz  
Dorman

**Giving From  
Abundance**

If you're like me, and you're far, far below

the "having buildings named after you" tax bracket, you might just think that today's Gospel has nothing to do with you.

You might kick back and relax, thinking of all the poor, rich suckers sitting in the pews, shifting uncomfortably as Jesus praises the meager gift of the widow and disdains those who only give from abundance, those whose charity results in admiration and praise and all manner of temporal reward.

"In this economy, every gift I give is from my poverty," you might think to yourself with a chuckle.

But you — and let me be clear, I'm talking mostly to myself here — would be wrong. Because we all have an abundance of something, even if it isn't money.

What I've come to realize about myself is that I find plenty of ways to give *only* from my abundance. For instance, if I answer any request with the words, "Sure, I can, but..." chances are high that I'm about to work out a way to give, but only in a way that doesn't really impact me.

I'm willing to help. I just don't want to feel it.

But here's the thing about Jesus: he cares what's in our hearts as well as what's in our hands. A good deed, an act of charity? That's great! But what's the story behind it? Because a world full of moral actions and selfish hearts doesn't do anyone any good.

When we give from our poverty — our poverty of money, our poverty of time, our poverty of patience — we are giving the gift of the widow. ©LPi



**LIVE THE LITURGY -  
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus praises the widow's bravery in offering all she has. He is calling *us* to be brave, challenging us to give even — especially — when it hurts. Then, our gifts become more than just good deeds. They become acts of radical trust in God.

**Please help us reach our 2024 D/PSC Campaign Goals**  
St. John Parish Goal: \$36,097 Total Received to Date : \$29,670 . St. Mary Parish Goal: \$19,038 Total Received to Date: \$19,235. Pledge cards/envelopes are available at the entrances to the church and also in the parish office.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**The Look**

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you're out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows you're out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar.

We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and show us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just moments before.

Sometimes, we all have "the look" when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. "I'm out, God! I can't do any more! Can't give any more. Can't take any more. It's all gone." But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty.

See, we don't know how much we are capable of loving. We don't know how much we are capable of serving. We don't know how much we are capable of hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation.

Do you ever make the mistake of telling God "I'm done"? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He's far from finished working.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



**Prayer of Generosity**

Oh God, whose generosity cannot be outgiven, mold my heart to mimic Yours.  
Teach me what it means to be giving, knowing that whatever I have is a gift, from Your abundance.  
Blessed be Your name. Amen.



**REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE**

**First Reading:**

We hear how the Lord spared the widow and her son from starvation and death in the days of the prophet Elijah. How do you think society can best help those on the margins who are really struggling?

**Second Reading:**

Hebrews teaches us that Jesus's death took away the sins of many and that at his Second Coming, Jesus will bring eternal salvation to all believers. When do you imagine Jesus will return?

**Gospel:**

Jesus praises the widow who gives to the poor despite her own poverty. Do you have family or friends who likewise selflessly give to others?



**SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**

**St. Gemma Galgani | April 11**

St. Gemma Galgani (1878-1903) was born in Camigliano, Tuscany. Her mother, a devout woman, helped Gemma prepare for her Confirmation at 8 years old. Unfortunately, at the Mass celebrating her Confirmation, Gemma was called to give up her mother who died of tuberculosis not long after. The next year, Gemma wished to make her First Communion, because she was only 9, she was granted special permission to do so. After her mother’s death, Gemma was educated by Sisters of St. Zita at a day school.

In 1897, Gemma’s father died, leaving his children destitute. Taken in by relatives, the orphan fell seriously ill just one year later. She suffered a curvature of the spine, was paralyzed, and struck deaf. She had large abscesses on her head and her hair fell off. On her deathbed, she received a vision of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother who promised to pray a novena to the Sacred Heart with her. Miraculously, when the novena ended, she was cured.

Despite her recovery, she was still unable to obtain permission to enter a Passionist order as she desired because of the fragility of her health. Gemma nonetheless continued to live an intense prayer life. She experienced ecstasies and was even reported to levitate. 1899, at the age of 21, Gemma received the grace of the holy stigmata. Each Thursday evening, the marks of the wounds of Christ would appear, disappearing on Friday or Saturday. She is called the “Daughter of the Passion” because of her deep union with Christ’s Passion.

In January 1903, Gemma contracted tuberculosis. She suffered greatly and eventually died in April of that year, on Holy Saturday. She was beatified in 1933 by Pope Pius XI and canonized in 1940 by Pope Pius XII. St. Gemma Galgani, pray for us! © LPi

**WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Saints**

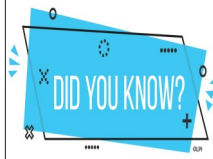
**Question:** *Our prayer group has been reading the lives of some saints, and we were struck by how some of them thought they were such sinners. Why would such holy people think they had such serious sin?*

**Answer:** Professional athletes practice the fundamentals of their sport over and over again, reaching for better form, consistency, and better performance. They focus on the basics, review past performances, and visualize greater success. Practice makes better, if not perfect!

Spiritual masters such as the saints also looked for perfection. They practiced their faith in the search for holiness, grace, and virtue. Through sacraments, prayer, study, good works, and penance, they raised their level of awareness, their sensitivity to the presence of God, the demands of the Gospel, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. They examined their consciences daily, reviewing the day for moments of failure and times that they could have been more virtuous in one way or another. They resolved to do better, be more attentive and alert!

Therefore, anything that would distract them or interfere with their relationship with God would be like a small black spot on a bright white wall — you can't miss it! The great saints were aware of sin and the presence of evil because they were so tuned in to the struggle between good and evil that was fought in their own lives, hearts, and souls. We must guard against becoming desensitized to sin in our lives and unaware of the harm it causes us. A goal of any spiritual practice is to become more aware of our sinfulness so that we seek God’s forgiving and healing love. ©LPi

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**



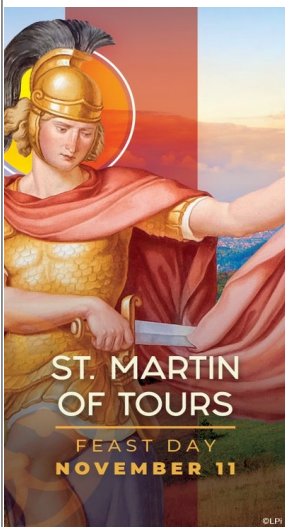
**Question:** How old does someone need to be to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

**Answer:** Eight years old, the age of reason. ©LPi

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**SAINT OF THE WEEK -  
EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**

**Saint Martin of Tours |  
November 11**

Saint Martin of Tours was born a pagan in what is now Hungary around 316, but he was raised in Italy where his father, a tribune, was posted. At 15 he was compelled to serve in the Roman military, though he was already a catechumen. There is a popular legend that while on campaign the saint cut his cloak in half to share with a cold beggar. That night he dreamed of Jesus and his cloak was restored. He was baptized at 18. Only two years after his baptism, he was released from the military, he had refused his battle pay and to fight saying he was a soldier for Christ. He is the first recognized conscientious objector.

After his release from the military, he became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. He worked diligently against the Arian heresy, which denies the divinity of Jesus Christ, and established a community of hermits near Poitiers in 361, the first French monastery.

In 371 he reluctantly became bishop of Tour. Nearby, he founded a second monastery, Marmoutier, because he preferred the life of a monk he retreated often. In 384 there was a popular heresy infecting the Church in Spain, led by the bishop Priscillian and his followers. The emperor Magnus Maximus became involved, ordering the execution of the heretics. Saint Martin opposed the executions and protested the emperor’s involvement in Church matters. Unfortunately, the Priscillians were executed anyway.

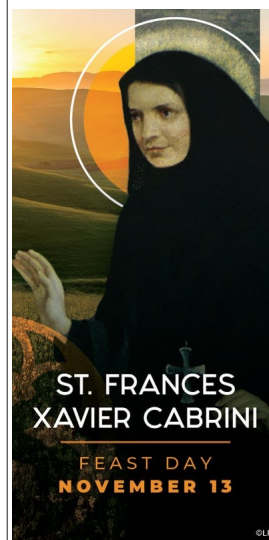
Saint Martin died in Candes-Saint-Martin, Gaul in 397. He is notably one of the first saints who was not martyred. He is the patron saint of France. © LPi



***BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE***

**Rededication to the Cause of Life**

“In this Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life we renew our call for individual Catholics and the many institutions and organizations of the Church to unite in an unprecedented effort to restore respect and legal protection for every human life—to be what the Holy Father asks us to be: a people of life and a people for life (The Gospel of Life, no. 78). It is our hope and expectation that in focusing on the need to respect and protect the lives of the innocent unborn and those who are disabled, ill, or dying, we will help to deepen respect for the life of every human being.” (US Bishops, 2001).



**SAINT OF THE WEEK -  
EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini |  
November 13**

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (July 15, 1850 – December 22, 1917) was born in the village of Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Italy. Young Frances dreamed of being a missionary. She was educated to be a teacher by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart, but was refused entry to the order due to her poor health. Instead, she worked as a teacher and administrator at an orphanage in Cadogno, Italy, run by the Sisters of Providence. In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit, adding Xavier to her name in honor of St. Francis Xavier.

When the orphanage closed in 1880, she founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 1887, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini sought an audience with Pope Leo XIII, to seek permission to go as missionaries to China. He famously told her to go “not to the East, but to the West,” and in 1889 she and six other sisters departed for New York, to serve Italian immigrants in the United States. However, anti-Italian and anti-immigrant attitudes were prevalent at the time, even in the Church. When she arrived, the archbishop advised her to go back to Italy. Undeterred, she provided education and healthcare within the Italian Catholic immigrant community.

At first, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini followed and served Italian immigrant populations, from New York to Chicago, and across the U.S., becoming a U.S. Citizen in 1909. Eventually she also founded institutions in Central and South America and Europe. Overall, she established 67 schools, hospitals, and orphanages. She was also known for her deep spirituality, often entering a trancelike state during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

She died in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. She was canonized in 1946 by Pope Pius XII, the first United States citizen to be canonized. She is the Universal Patron of Immigrants. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Pray for us! © LPi

***MONTHLY OUTDOOR ROSARY***  
 The Catholic Women's Club invites you to the the outside rosary, weather permitting, after 11:00a.m. masses, on the 3rd Sunday of month: Sunday November 17th.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK –  
EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**

**Saint Margaret of Scotland |  
November 16**

Saint Margaret was born in exile around 1045, in what is now Hungary. She is the daughter of Princess Agatha of Hungary and Edward the Atheling the Anglo-Saxon heir to the throne of England. The family returned to England, but Edward died soon after their arrival, making Margaret's brother Edgar the presumptive heir. However, the Norman Conquest would turn their

world upside down. Agatha and her children fled the country. They likely intended to go back to Hungary, but they were shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland.

King Malcolm Canmore III took the exiles under his wing, and he fell in love with the beautiful and gracious Margaret. Although she initially rebuffed his proposals, the couple were married in 1070 at castle of Dunfermline. Margaret and Malcolm had eight children, six sons and two daughters. Margaret brought culture to the Scottish court and used her influence to soften her rough husband. The saint led a life of austerity, aiding Church reform, promoting Easter communion, and founding churches and monasteries. She instituted the Queen's Ferry to the shrine of St. Andrew and founded pilgrimage hostels.

Saint Margaret, Queen of Scotland, died on November 16, 1093, four days after her husband and eldest son were killed in the battle of Alnwick. She was canonized by Pope Innocent IV in 1250 and named patron of Scotland in 1673.  
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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD  
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**See Examples of Sacrifice**

What does sacrifice look like? I think of those who serve in the Armed Forces. They have sacrificed much for my freedom and to work towards real peace in our world. I think of those in service to our Church: priests, deacons, and religious. Their lives are dedicated to prayer and good works so that the Good News might not only be preached but be seen in the love they display toward God and their fellow brothers and sisters. I think of parents who stay up long nights with sick children and then one day find themselves staying up even longer as they wait for them to return home. I think of teachers who work hard to educate the next generation of citizens with low salaries and little respect.

I can see sacrifice all around me. I think you can see it, too, if you look. However, I also see too many seeking to get ahead at the expense of others. I see those who have so much and only crave for more. I see those caught up in themselves to the point where families fall apart, friendships disappear, and people literally die from a lack of compassion. I see many who have forgotten where all their gifts in this world came from, if they even knew in the first place.

I think of all those who sacrifice and see all those who do the opposite. May our eyes see more of those who are generous. May we never focus on those who have forsaken others more than those who have given freely to others. May the witness of true sacrifice show us the way to the Father and to a world full of His love.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPi



**Blessing of Veterans**

Let us pray...

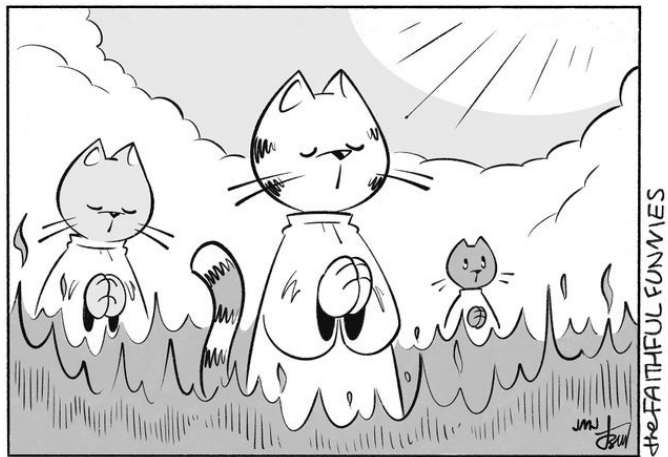
Good and gracious God,  
you do not condone war.  
Help us to understand the cause of war  
and work toward alleviating it  
from the face of the earth you created.

We ask you to bless the veterans of our country,  
but also to bless the veterans of our enemies too.  
War is the ultimate failure on our part  
to see the needs of our neighbor.  
Let us remember that our neighbor is our brother.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
our brother and Savior.  
Amen.



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## The Seven Essential Elements of Parish Life

**Evangelization** – The ways in which a parish continues to spread the Good News of Jesus, especially (though not exclusively)

through personal and communal sharing of faith. (66)

**Worship** – The communal witness to the sovereignty of God, the abiding presence of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church, particularly in the Sunday Eucharist and other sacramental and liturgical rites. (70)

**Word** – Those things that pertain to the ongoing process of spiritual maturation and growth of individuals and as a community of faith. “The deepening of faith results from echoing God’s word, which takes place in a variety of ways and in multiple contexts within the life of the Church.” The word “catechesis” denotes the process of handing on the faith. (73)

**Community** – The element of parish life which “draws parishioners together in mutual support, activity, celebration and growth. It is the unity that results when members become involved with one another in all aspects of the pastoral mission.” A parish is a place where everyone belongs. Inclusivity and mutuality are hallmarks of community. (76)

**Service** – The mission to which Christ calls the Church clearly includes works of charity and justice. “We cannot be truly ‘Catholic’ unless we hear and heed the Church’s call to serve those in need and work for justice and peace.” *Communities of Salt and Light: Reflections on the Social Ministry of the Parish*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1993. (79)

**Stewardship** – We are called to make the most responsible use of our gifts and resources. “Stewardship, for believers, involves the sharing of individual time, talents, and treasure, as well as the commitment of communal resources (temporal, financial, human, etc.) in service to the community of faith.” (83)

**Leadership** – “Effective parish pastoral councils require a shared leadership among clergy and laity which calls forth the gifts of visioning, planning, empowering, and evaluating. These gifts are placed at the service of the community for the fulfillment of the pastoral mission.” (87)

**Eucharist at the Center** – “The communal celebration of Sunday Eucharist (which includes the Saturday evening Vigil) is both the source and summit of the seven essential elements of parish life.” (90)

From *Revisioning the Parish Pastoral Council*, by Mary Ann Gubish and Susan Jenny, S.C. with Arlene McGannon, Paulist Press, 2001.

# Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road

School days bring congestion: School buses, children walking and on bikes, harried parents dropping off their kids before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and save a life!



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