

Daily Readings

Week of November 7, 2021

Sunday, 11/7: 1 Kgs 17: 10-16/Ps 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/

Heb 9: 24-28/Mk 12: 38-44

Monday, 11/8: Wis 1: 1-7/Ps 139: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17: 1-6

Tuesday, 11/9: Ezk 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2: 13-22

Wednesday, 11/10: Wis 6: 1-11/Ps 82: 3-4, 6-7/Lk 17: 11-19

Thursday, 11/11: Wis 7: 22b; 8: 11/Ps 119: 89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17: 20-25

Friday, 11/12: Wis 13: 1-9/Ps 19: 2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17: 26-37

Saturday, 11/13: Wis 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9/Ps 105: 2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18: 1-8



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**“RETURN TO ME &
RENEW YOUR SPIRIT”**



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November 7, 2021

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Schedule for November 14, 2021

Lector: Margo

Greeters/Gifts: Ruley Family

Servers: Ty/Kevin

Money Counters: Mary Ann M/Sharon

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mary Ann M/Margo

Today's Mass Intention:

Ray & Helen Koppes

Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck,
Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack,
Marilyn Stevenson, Derek Denniston,
Julie Ahrendsen
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



TO OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

CALLED TO BE STEWARDS

It was St. Ambrose who commented that the “humility and devotion, which God esteems is not that which you proudly present, but what you offer with humility and devotion”(Pulpit Bible Commentary). We see Ambrose’s view of stewardship highlighted in the manner Jesus lauded the paltry offering of the poor widow and scorned the generous contributions of the rich Pharisees in this weekend’s gospel.

The poor widow in Mark’s narrative seemingly offered little though from a heart that was rich in humility and devotion, as did the one who the prophet Elijah addressed in the first reading. Quite to the contrary, the affluent Pharisees offered much but their hearts were poor in humility and true devotion. Christian stewardship is all about attitude of the heart and mind behind our actions.

The point of the passage is twofold: we are called to be stewards and disciples. These two identities reinforce each other. A disciple follows the master; a steward serves the master. A disciple develops a mutual stewardship relationship with the master and with others based on the understanding of giftedness.

In light of what I have just said, Daniel Conway, who is a stewardship expert, explains in his book, *Advancing the Mission of the Church* that “a Christian steward acknowledges God as the owner and giver of all that we have and are as human beings, children of God, brothers and sisters to each other and guardians or caretakers of all God’s creation.” Conway’s insight is masterfully portrayed in the simple acts of the two women, one showed readiness to provide for Elijah though she wasn’t even a Jew, the other was willing to “...render to God what belongs to God” (Mark 12:17). The common thread in both acts was the humility and devotion with which each made a genuine offering.

It should not surprise us to learn about how many organizational scholars promote stewardship in corporate organizations as a remedy to corporate scandals of corruption. In this context, stewardship is framed in terms of behaviors that support authentic information for decision-making, financial reporting, and right action. And they’re right!

No matter the level of our faith and resources, and where we live or work, we must take this noble approach to life as suggested in the readings today, to meet God’s approval and rewards. Mother Teresa has taught us well, “We cannot all do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” This is the essence of true discipleship and stewardship.

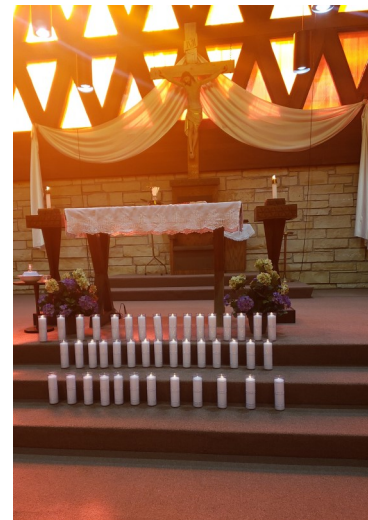
Jesus cautions us against any approach to life that is devoid of good stewardship. Without it, we place ourselves at the center of action, and it stifles our personal and collective witness to advance the mission of the church.

Thank you and many blessings!

- The next Sanctuary Guild meeting is tomorrow Monday, November 8th at 6:30pm in the church library. All ladies are welcome!
- THANK YOU to all of our parishioners that participated in both our Memorial Candle ceremony and the anointing last Sunday.
- The next Sunday for CCD is Sunday, November 21st at 9:45am.
- Do you have someone that you would like to have as the Sunday Mass intention? Let Colleen know! A donation of \$5.00 is requested for each intention.



Our Memorial Candle Altar



Grady being anointed

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