

November 12, 2017 • Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is foolish? What is wise? Most of us could name an occasion or two in which we have done something foolish. We did not stop to consider the consequences of our actions and regretted them in the end. The sort of foolishness we are considering here, however, is more than simple impulsive behavior and has eternal consequences. To be foolish in the eyes of God is to ignore the ways in which we know we are called to behave—toward God, others, and ourselves. The five foolish bridesmaids did not fail in their duties through their actions, but rather through inaction. Like them, we may fail to be ready to meet our Lord, through inaction as much as through our actions. In these final weeks of the liturgical year, we are urged to take stock. How are we, or are we not, living as people whose faith directs our lives? Are we foolish through sinful action or inaction? Do we care for others and for ourselves, as we know we ought? Or do we act instead as though we have all the time in the world in which to embrace Christ's way of mercy, forgiveness, justice, love, and peace? Do we fail to recognize that Christian discipleship is a way of life?

## BE WISE, BE READY

This urging to be ready for Christ's return is not intended to frighten us, but rather to focus our attention on the things that matter. Wisdom lies in seeking God in all things. With the Psalmist, the wise person prays, "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God" (Psalm 63:2b). Christ's way is not hidden from us, as though we are playing a game of hide and seek. It is "readily perceived" (Wisdom 6:12) by all who love God. We know the way through the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, Christ's great command to wash one another's feet, to love and serve with glad hearts. To act accordingly is to be wise, and those who are wise will be ready.

Wis 6:12–16; Ps 63:2–8; 1 Thes 4:13–18 [13–14]; Mt 25:1–13

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday— November 11	5:00 PM	Steve Rourke by Rob & Debbie Powell
Sunday— November 12	9:00 AM	Don & Gerry Ryde by Jack & Elaine Hurst
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Gene Stewart by Keith & Nancy Kienitz
Thursday	8:30 AM	Pat Stout by Margaret Hamilton
Friday	8:30 AM	Steve Rourke by Bob & Mary VanPoppelen
Saturday— November 18	5:00 PM	Jerry Barnum by the Family
Sunday— November 19	9:00 AM	Karen Brown by Janice Hurst

**PRAYERS:** PLEASE PRAY FOR PAUL PLATTE, - MELVIN PAMMENT, - JIM CARBARY, (FATHER OF MAGGIE SAYLES), - DON SMITH, - KEVIN PLATTE, - OLIVER WASHINGTON, - PRISCILLA MAHONEY, - ARMANDO ANGUIANO (BROTHER OF JESSE), - MARY ELLEN SCHRAUBEN (SISTER OF BARB FOOTE & GEORGE LEHMAN)—ALBERTO ZAMARRIPA (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - RICK SPICKARD, - LINDSEY KING (GRANDDAUGHTER OF GEORGENE KING), - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - BEN SINIARSKI, - KYLE WALLER, - SR. MARY JONELLA PIEPER (AUNT OF NANCY CLARK), - TYLER KING (GRANDSON OF GEORGENE KING), VIRGINIA BERNAL (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - JULIE SHAFFER,— JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - CARRIE SCHULTZ, - DAVID RHODABECK, - TERRY MILLER, - FRANCES BOERNER (MOTHER OF GERALD BOERNER), - - JASON CHUBB, - JIM HURST (BROTHER-IN-LAW OF JANICE HURST & KEN BRINK) - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - PAT ROWLEY (SISTER OF JIM ROWLEY), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - GREG HUTCHINGS (GRANDSON OF KEN BRINK), - NATHAN BECERRA (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - NICHOLAS SCOTT (SON OF VERONICA SCOTT), - MERCEDES RIOS (NIECE OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - JOHN MARTINEZ, - MARK THOMAS ROSTAR, - FRANK LUNDIE, - RICK FEZATTE (SON OF RON & JANICE)

**CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Next Weekend: November 18 & 19

This collection supports programs to help the over 46 million people in the United States that live in poverty. Envelopes are near the bulletins.

**OFFERTORY**

Nov. 4 & 5, 2017

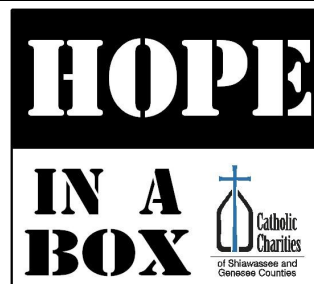
85 Adult Envelopes	\$4,211
Loose Collection	\$420
6 Children's Envelopes	\$6
10 Building Fund Envelopes	\$280
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$4,917</b>

**FREE THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER**

Nov. 23— 1 PM to 3 PM

American Legion Hall

Sponsored by the Laingsburg Lions Club & Laingsburg American Legion post 248. Please call 651-6050 or 517-420-3899 by Nov. 15 to RSVP.



**Need of the Month:**

**SHAVE CREAM / RAZORS**  
and  
**DIAPERS—SIZE 4 TO 6**  
Collection bins are in the  
entryway to the church and  
small hall





### PARISH WIDE

Rosary ~ Mondays  
6:30 PM in the Chapel

Nov. 19—Sunday—  
7PM Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Nov. 21—Monday—9AM—4 PM— Mitten Making

### **WINGS MEETING**

Thursday  
November 16th at 7:00 PM  
Theme: Travel

After the business meeting we will have an indoor "Road Rally" / Trivia game. If you have a destination shirt or hat, please wear it. All ladies welcome, bring a friend, and enjoy the fun evening.

### **MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS**

Monday, Nov. 21  
Small Hall—9 am to 4 pm

All ladies are welcome to join us. No sewing skills needed. Recycle your old sweaters into mittens for the homeless. All sweaters, ugly, with holes or snags, shrunken, will work. All we ask is that they are clean. Drop them off in the small hall.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Our parish "Christmas Potluck and REF Pageant" will be held the evening of **Tuesday, December 19**. More details will be provided in coming weeks. You won't want to miss this one!

### **2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

The new offertory envelopes are in the back of church. If you would like envelopes and did not receive them this past year please contact the office with your request and leave your name and phone number. Your new envelopes will be available for pick up the following weekend. If you are taking children's envelopes please be sure to record their names and envelope numbers on the sheet provided. 2018 calendars are also available near the new envelopes.



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

**10:20 AM—11:30 AM**

Nov. 12—REF Sessions

Nov. 19—REF Sessions

Nov. 26—**NO REF SESSIONS**

Dec. 3—REF Sessions Resume

### **PBJ Youth Group**

Sunday, **November 19, 10:30 to 11:30 AM**  
Meet in our classroom. Bring your BIBLE!

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Nov. 19—Pancake Breakfast

Nov. 22—Planning Meeting— *Cancelled*



**Knight of the Month:** Will Seymour  
**Family of the Month:** Bob & Melissa, Reanna & Mariah Byrnes  
**Family of the Year:** Rick & Jill Trevino

The Knights will be kicking off their Annual Food Bank Drive at the Pancake breakfast after Mass on November 19. Free will donations to the Food Bank will be take in lieu of normal pancake breakfast charges.

Your generosity is appreciated.

### **SWEATSHIRT DRIVE**

Annual Knights of Columbus Sweatshirt Drive for Holy Cross Children. Accepting new, boxed, **not wrapped** sweatshirts. They love hooded, oversized, shirts with team logos but would be happy with anything donated. The donation box is at the south entrance of the church.

**Donations must be in by November 26.**



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So far only twenty people have signed up.