



This poor widow contributed all she had

November 11, 2018 • Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In First Kings, Elijah meets a widow and immediately makes a request that she promptly fulfills; then he makes another that she resists. His response is not to chastise her lack of charity but instead he says, as Jesus will say repeatedly say in the Gospels, "Do not be afraid." He recognizes that it is not lack of charity that prevents her from giving him a little food, it is fear, fear that she will not have enough for her son and herself given their dire straits. Elijah looks beyond the obvious. He asks something of her and then gives back to her, from God's abundance, something even greater. The same is true in Hebrews. Christ offers himself, not as the priest does with a life not his own, but as the genuine Son of God. Again in the Gospel, the substantive generosity of the impoverished widow is contrasted with the apparent generosity of the wealthy. The wealthy are found lacking.

because it displays a lack of fear about what will happen if she leaves her life entirely in God's hands. The widow, who lacks material goods, still fears for her welfare and that of her family but both widows, in Mark and in Kings, overcome that fear to place their reliance on God. The wealthy, as we have seen before in the Gospels, have a lot more to give away before they would need to put their reliance entirely on God. Many cannot find the strength and courage to do so. They give big gifts to the temple thinking this will bring them favor, as it does in the world. But God asks more of us than the world does. God asks that we live our lives as if they depended entirely on God and not our own accomplishments. Because they do.

Today's Readings: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

BE NOT AFRAID

It is clear that God prefers the widow's generosity

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—November 10	5:00 PM	† Ed & Tom Wrobel by Rob & Debbie Powell
Sunday— November 11	9:00 AM	† Don & Gerry Ryde by Jack & Elaine Hurst
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Shelia Doyle by the Family
Thursday	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Friday	8:30 AM	Reparations for Sins & Healing of Abuse Victims
Saturday—November 17	5:00 PM	† Helen Bartkowiak by Patrick & Adele Szedlak
Sunday— November 18	9:00 AM	† Jerry Barnum by Ann and Family

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - JIM CARBARY, (FATHER OF MAGGIE SAYLES), - DON SMITH, - KEVIN PLATTE, - OLIVER WASHINGTON, - LINDSEY KING (GRANDDAUGHTER OF GEORGENE KING), - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - BEN SINIARSKI, - KYLE WALLER, - TYLER KING (GRANDSON OF GEORGENE KING) - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - TERRY MILLER, - JASON CHUBB, - 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), - NICHOLAS SCOTT (SON OF VERONICA SCOTT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - JOHN MARTINEZ, - FRANK LUNDIE, - JANET ARTHUR, - KIM (KOONTER) BALCARCEL, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - MARY CHADWICK, - LEAH ZAMARIPA, (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), THERESA HEEG (DAUGHTER OF JOHN & SANDY VANGEERTRUY), - FRAN LEATHERS (JIM LEATHER'S SISTER-IN-LAW), - - JOHN WHITE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Isidore—Saturday—4:00—4:30 PM
 Holy Family—Saturday—4:00—4:30 PM
 Or by appointment

**THE OFFICE
 WILL BE CLOSED
 FRIDAY, NOV.23**

The bulletin will be
 printed on
 Wednesday

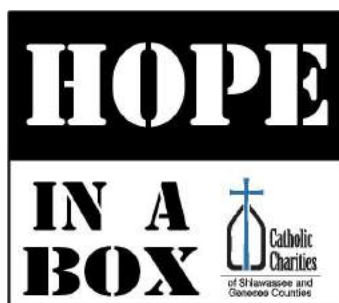
**MASS TIMES STARTING
 DEC. 1**

SATURDAY VIGIL
 4:00 pm—Mass, Holy Family
 5:30 pm—Mass, St. Isidore

SUNDAY
 9:00 am—Mass, St. Isidore
 11:00 am—Mass, Holy Family

OFFERTORY
 Nov 3 & 4, 2018

73 Adult Envelopes	\$2,438
Loose Collection	\$554
4 Children's Envelopes	\$4
10 Building Fund Envelopes	\$340
Total Weekly Offertory	\$3,336



**November Need of the
 Month:
 Dish Soap**

Collection bins are in the
 entryway to the church and
 small hall



**CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN
 DEVELOPMENT**

Next Weekend
 Nov. 17 & 18

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

PARISH WIDE

Nov. 11—Cooking Club—(During REF) 10:15-11:15
Nov. 13—Lector Training—6:00 PM
Nov. 15—WINGS— Card Making—7:00 PM
Nov. 18—Pancake Breakfast
Nov. 18—Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service— 7:00

High School Youth Group

Sunday, November 11th, 10:15 – 11:30 AM
FORMED – Session 4: The Lost “Art of Living”

Sunday, December 2nd, 4:00—7:00 PM
Make Christmas bulletin board outside our room. Make stockings and stuff with parish donated gifts.

Donations needed for HS Youth (PBJ) Holiday Service Project

On December 2nd, PBJ will be making stockings and stuffing them with gifts. They will also be making non-skid socks. On December 9th, PBJ will deliver the stuffed stockings and socks to people in assisted living homes or shut-ins and sing Christmas Carols.

This will be the 3rd year they have done this, and it is always a huge hit!

PBJ will make as many stockings/gift bags as needed for the items that are donated. You may donate anything you want. Some ideas of items include:

Stockings and Non-Skid Socks:

Fabric to make the stockings
Plain White Socks – Men’s and Women’s
Fabric Bubble Paint

Stocking Stuffers/Gift Bags:

Word Search Books, Reading Books, Magazines, Book Light (for reading), Games, Small Stuffed Animals, Christmas Blessing (written on a note card) Hot Cocoa, Tea, Small Treats, Candy, Rosary Packet, Prayer Book, Chap Stick, Body Lotion, Body Wash, Lottery Tickets, All Occasion Greeting Cards, Pens, Combs/Brushes, Hand Sanitizer, Small Packages of Kleenex

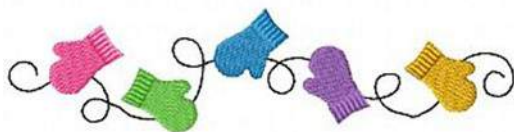


MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

Monday, Nov. 12 & 19
Small Hall—9 am to 2 pm

All ladies are welcome to join us. No sewing skills needed. **Donations needed:**

Sweaters
Polar Fleece
Please leave donations near office door.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Nov. 11—REF Sessions
Nov. 18—REF Sessions
Nov. 25—NO REF—THANKSGIVING
Dec. 2 —REF Sessions

More REF details contact:

Mary Stevens—marystevens@stisidorechurch.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Nov. 14—Business Meeting—7:00 PM
Nov. 18—Pancake Breakfast



Knight of the Month: Jim Pock
Family of the Month: John & Therese Madden

CHRISTMAS CARD-MAKING BUFFET

WINGS will host a women’s gathering Thurs., Nov. 15 at 7:00 PM in the Large Hall. Please bring 2 store bought Friendship cards to be given to a shut-in and \$2 for materials and embellishments to make 4 handmade Christmas cards.

Melissa Nickols will present the program. Refreshments will be served. ALL women are invited to attend.



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 December 1.



NOTES FROM FR. BOB BACIK

Thank you to the 20 women and men from our parish who came together this past week to clean out the basement of the rectory. We nearly filled two dumpsters to the brim and the basement is looking good.

From November 15th to the 27th I will be on vacation. Three of my classmates and I will be on pilgrimage both to Rome and Slovenia. I will be offering Masses both at St. Peter's in Rome and St. Nicholas Cathedral in Ljubljana (where Venerable Bishop Baraga was ordained a priest). There is a prayer intention book near the prayer box in the north entryway that faces the elementary school. Write down your prayer requests and I will bring them with me and offer Mass for them at these holy places. If you don't know about Bishop Baraga, I encourage you to look him up— he very well might become the next Michigander that is beatified.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service: I was happy to discover the great spirit of unity that exists between many of the Christians in Laingsburg. Keeping with this long tradition, St. Isidore will host the annual **Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at 7pm on Sunday, November 18**. Pastor Brian West, Pastor Scott Statson, and Deacon John Marsh will preside. I hope many of you will attend.

Lector Training (Current and New): Tuesday, Nov 13, 6pm

Responsibilities: A ministry of the Word of God. Reading and praying with selected Scripture, proclaiming the Word of God at Mass, leading the Universal Prayers and making announcements. Must be a Confirmed Catholic.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE: Beginning December 1 there will be changes to the Saturday Vigil Mass times at St. Isidore and Holy Family. These changes, along with those implemented this past August, are necessary in order to allow one priest to say all masses. Thank you for your flexibility and please pray for vocations! The new Mass schedule (Beginning in December) is as follows:

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 pm - Mass, Holy Family

5:30 pm - Mass, St. Isidore

SUNDAY

9:00 am - Mass, St. Isidore

11:00 am - Mass, Holy Family

God bless,
Fr. Bob Bacik

