



*Nation will rise
against nation*

November 17, 2019 • Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a natural tendency in human nature to wonder about the future. We look for reassurances from psychics that all shall be well as we wander from cradle to grave (although we don't really want to know about that last part). But what if the predictions are not all rainbows and cherubim? The words of the prophet Malachi (possibly not his name) seem to embody the age-old concept of a "fire and brimstone" preacher in his warnings to the post-Exile Israelites, who were living as though they had either forgotten the Covenant or just didn't care anymore. We might know how that feels—when life has become so painful that we turn to the "lesser gods" of hedonism and self-medication.

APOCALYPSE NOW AND LATER

If we thought that Malachi's images were upsetting, the words of Jesus in the Gospel today are downright terrifying. He is trying to steel his followers for life in this vale of tears, especially the life of righteousness. His followers want to know when, how, where. But Jesus

describes a general state of chaos and troubles, not giving any real data about their future. That's the point, isn't it? Even the most casual observer of history in those days could probably remember many instances of the earth in disorder as described by Jesus. There are wars, earthquakes, and persecutions in every age. The life of a disciple of Jesus is a constant state of bringing light into a darkling world. As Saint Paul scolds the Thessalonians because they had seemingly given up in expectation of the Apocalypse, Jesus admonishes his followers that discipleship requires always being ready and always remaining true to the mission.

And so, in light of these warnings, how do we sing our Psalm 98 song of praise in a land of fear and trembling about the future? It is our joyful confidence that the Lord "comes" to rule with justice and equity—not only in the future, but always.

Today's Readings: Mal 3:19–20a; Ps 98:5–6, 7–8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7–12; Lk 21:5–19

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Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: Please nominate others OR indicate your own willingness to serve on the **Finance Council or Parish Council** by filling out a nomination form and placing them in the offertory. Nominations will be collected this week and next week.

This Tuesday morning we will offer Mass with the **Anointing of the Sick** at Holy Family Church in Ovid. A light lunch will follow. Many of you will recall the Mass with the Anointing of the Sick that took place at St. Isidore this past Spring. This communal celebration of this Sacrament of Healing is a “source of strength amid pain and weakness, hope amid despair” and a “joyful encounter” for the entire community (**Christifideles Laici, no. 54**).

Below are some quotations from church documents that will help us come to a greater understanding of this particular sacrament:

Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. The sick person receives the Holy Spirit’s gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage, and his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Christ for the building up of the Church (**Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], nos. 1520-23**).

Through the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the Church carries out Jesus’ mission of compassion and healing for the sick. The one who is ill can also be a minister to others. By uniting their suffering to Christ, those who are sick can be signs of faith and witnesses of Christ’s Resurrection to the entire community (**Pope John Paul II, Christifideles Laici, no. 54**).

“Is anyone among you sick? Let him bring in the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick man and the Lord will raise him up and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him” (**James 5:14-15**).

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age. (**United States Catholic Catechism for Adults**)

Always remember that YOU are a BELOVED CHILD OF GOD. Have a great week!

Fr. Bob



PARISH WIDE

Nov. 17—Pancake Breakfast following Mass
Nov. 19—Mass w/Anointing of the Sick—11am
At Holy Family, Ovid
Nov. 24—Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service—7pm
At Methodists Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Nov. 17—REF Classes
Nov. 24—REF Classes
Dec. 1—NO REF Classes

Sign up for **REMINd** to receive all notifications for REF. Go to

<https://www.remind.com/join/stisidorer>

Sign up to receive notices via text or email.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Nov. 19— 11:00 am
At Holy Family Church, Ovid
Light Luncheon following Mass

MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

Monday, Nov 25
Large Hall—9 am to 2 pm

All ladies are welcome to join us. No sewing skills needed. We would welcome all the help we can get.

Donations needed:

Yarn, Sweaters and Polar Fleece
Please leave donations near office door.

THANK YOU for the anonymous donation that was used to buy polar fleece .
All donations are greatly appreciated!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Nov. 17—Pancake Breakfast
Nov. 27—Planning Meeting—7:00 pm

PANCAKE BREAKFAST— This month's breakfast will be in support of the area Food Banks. The breakfast cost will be a free will offering and all money collected will go to the Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your kind and generous support.

Checks may be written to: Laingsburg Area Food Bank - OR -Élise Area Food Bank.

Knight of the Month: Will Seymour
Family of the Month: Gary & Diana Hurst

SWEATSHIRT DRIVE

Every year Holy Cross Children's Services and the Knight of Columbus sponsor a sweatshirt drive to provide each of the youth served with a new sweatshirt as a Christmas gift. In many cases this is the only gift that these children receive. We need your help to do this. We are asking they you purchase a new sweatshirt, put it in a gift box and wrap the box as a Christmas gift. Label the gift with the size of the shirt and gender of the recipient. Then put the wrapped shirt in the wooden box at the entrance of the church. We need to collect all shirts by the end of November so that Holy Cross can distribute them before Christmas. Thank you in advance for your help.



WINGS NOVEMBER MEETING

WINGS will meet **Thurs, Nov 21 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM** in the small hall. Marilyn will bring a list of topics for future meetings to vote on. There will be a video & songs, & we'll share what we are thankful for. Please bring a new extra long twin-size dark colored sheet or new dark colored towel for Homeless Angels of Owosso. People can go in together. Wal-Mart sells the sheets for \$6. **WINGS** will not meet in Dec, Jan, or Feb. **WINGS (Women in God's Service)** is for all women of the parish of all ages. If you are not receiving emails about **WINGS** & would like to please contact Aggie at carmelitesecular@yahoo.com.

The Christmas Potluck Luncheon will be held in the large hall on Thursday, December 12. Mass is at 11:30am followed by the luncheon.
More details to follow.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

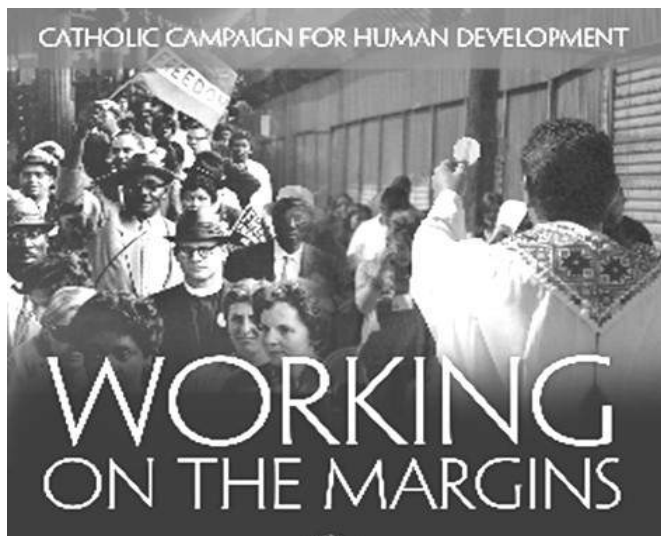
SATURDAY — November 16	5:30 PM	✠ John & Sandra VanGeertruy
SUNDAY — November 17	9:00 AM	✠ Garold Barnum by Ann Barnum
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	✠ Leon Lundie, Sr. by Mrs. Frances Lundie
Thursday	8:30 AM	✠ Deacon Paul Ellis
Friday	8:30 AM	✠ Theresa A. Broughan by Thomas & Kathy Runyan
SATURDAY — November 23	5:30 PM	✠ Grace Tisdale by the Family
SUNDAY — November 24	9:00 AM	✠ Jim Byrnes by Nancy, Bob, Melissa, Reanna, Mariah

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - KEVIN PLATTE, OLIVER WASHINGTON, - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - KYLE WALLER, - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - FRANK LUNDIE, - JOHN MARTINEZ, (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO) - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - THERESA HEEG, - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, - MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUSO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - JOSEPHINE ANDERSON, - SHANNON HURST. - DENNY LEE, - DAVID OLENICZAK, - JEANNE OLENICZAK, - VERN WRIGHT, — DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST, - MARY LOU DOYLE, - VIRGINIA BERNAL (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - BRENDA SANFORD (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK), - DAWN WROBEL., - GARY ANDERSEN

NOMINATION FORMS for Parish Council and Finance Council are available in the entryway to the church. Please return completed forms by placing them into the offertory baskets or into the box outside the office door by **Nov. 24th**.

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 | NOTICE: |
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 | The office will |
 | be closed on |
 | Friday, Nov. 29 |
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OFFERTORY	
Nov. 9 & 10, 2019	
45 Adult Envelopes	\$2,487
Loose Collection	\$460
Children's Offertory	\$30
19 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,630
 Total Weekly Offertory	 \$4,607



Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection next weekend: Nov 23 & 24

There are more than 46 million people in the United States living in poverty. CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. CCHD works with Catholic dioceses and their bishops to award grants to local, low-income community groups working to address the causes of poverty. By helping the poor to participate in the decisions and actions that affect their lives, CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out, helping people and communities overcome injustice, escape poverty and build bridges of solidarity. Envelopes are in your boxed sets.