

PRAISE the LORD, MY Soul!

In 12:38-44 Mark contrasts the behavior of the scribes with the behavior of a poor widow in order to show the attitude toward God and others that opens one to the coming of the kingdom of God. The scribes have been at the forefront of the attack on Jesus during his final days in the temple (Mark 11:18, 27; 12:12, 13). Throughout this attack the scribes have manifested a concern for how they are viewed by others. They are jealous of the admiration of the multitude for Jesus because of his teaching (11:18). They are also afraid of answering Jesus in a certain way because of what the people would say about their answer (11:32). They also exhibit concern over the reaction of the crowd if they attempt to arrest Jesus (12:12).

The Gospel for today puts the capstone on this tendency of the scribes toward self-promotion and acclaim. Jesus tells the disciples of five ways in which the scribes parade themselves: they "like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the market places, seats of honor in synagogues, and the places of honor at banquets ... and ... recite lengthy prayers" (12:38-40). On the other hand, the poor widow does not worry about how undistinguished she looks as she is seen putting in the equivalent of a penny while "many rich people" can be seen putting in "large sums" (12:41—42).

The widow is often viewed in the Old Testament in terms of her vulnerability. By giving "all she had, her whole livelihood," this widow has shown that she accepts the kingdom of God as a child would, as a gift from God, as the Mark Jesus said one needs to do in order to enter it (10:15). The kingdom does not come about through acquiring the good opinions of others but through the complete self-giving that acknowledges God's parent-like care.

Dennis D. Sylva and Rev. James A. Wallace, CSs

Readings for the Week of November 8, 2009

Sunday	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 84; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday	Saint Leo the Great, pope, doctor Wis 2:23—3:9; Ps 34; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	Saint Martin of Tours, bishop Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	Saint Josaphat, bishop, martyr Wis 7:22b—8:1; Ps 119; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE USCCB Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation. The Catholic bishops of the United States strongly support genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all, from the moment of conception until natural death. However, all current bills are seriously deficient on abortion and conscience rights, and do not yet provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor.

Last weekend you received a special flier/bulletin insert from the US Bishops Conference asking you to please contact your Representative and Senators immediately and urge them to fix these bills with pro-life amendments. The flier/bulletin insert included a web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button. Additional fliers/bulletin inserts can be found at the Parish office. The bishops have asked for our swift action and the commitment of our prayers for this critical effort. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them. For more information visit: www.usccb.org/healthcare.

"Keep Holy the Lord's Day" by attending a *Day of Recollection* on **Sunday, November 22** at Divine Mercy Parish in Bellevue, KY (next to Newport) on the Ohio River. We invite you to be enriched by Sunday Mass at 1pm, 2 talks and confessions from the Miles Christi priest; Rosary begins at 12:40pm, and we conclude a little after 3:30pm. Come for part or for all, and no cost required. For information, please call Divine Mercy Parish (859-261-6172) or Joe Martino (513-891-7301)

The Giving Tree will go up on November 14. We will be helping needy children at the *combined* Harrison/Jefferson Elementary School. With these tough economic times many parishioners may find the holidays to be very difficult this year. If you or your family needs help, please call the parish office so that we may include your needs on the Giving Tree. Your request is completely confidential.

Any one willing to volunteer to fill out tags for The Giving Tree, please join us in the teacher's lounge at school on Wednesday, November 11th at 7pm.

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). *Priests for Life Liturgical resources.*

Youth Ministry News

Youth Group meets again on November 22nd from 6:30-8:30pm. *All students in grades 7th-12th* are invited to attend. Permission slip is required and can be found on the church website. If you have any questions, please call Randi Hom at 513-594-1168.

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, November 8th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Monday, November 9th

7:00 p.m. Child Decree Class in school library

Tuesday, November 10th

9:00 a.m. Child Decree Class in school library
6:30-8:30 p.m. Brownie Meeting

Wednesday, November 11th

7:00 p.m. Grade 2 Reconciliation in Church – *Reception to follow*
7:00 p.m. Basic Catechism Class
8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul
8:00 p.m. P.A.C. meeting

Thursday, November 12th

6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Saturday, November 14th

3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, November 15th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass



Saturday, November 7th Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Marlene Walsh (Family)

Sunday, November 8th Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Tom Eichhold (D. Hetterich Family)
10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Monday, November 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

7:15 a.m. David W. Schmitz (Julia)

Tuesday, November 10th Leo the Great

7:15 a.m. Dick Wolf (Family)

Wednesday, November 11th Martin of Tours

7:15 a.m. For the Intentions of Embrace the Children (Carol Gibbemeyer)

Thursday, November 12th Josaphat, bishop & martyr

7:15 a.m. Communion Service
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Friday, November 13th Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Nathaniel Conn (Family)

Saturday, November 14th Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For the Intentions of the Schmidlin Family
5:00 p.m. Dolores Bach (Fred & Rita Simmons)

Sunday, November 15th Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
10:30 a.m. Ada Piliego (Mark, Matia, Jennifer)

ST. ANN P.A.C. NEWS Saturday, November 21st the annual P.A.C. *Turkey Festival* will be held from 6-10:00 p.m. Great food and games. Raffle tickets available from Jim Saurber at 896-4024. Volunteers are also needed; please contact Jim Saurber or Ronda True at 868-0244 with your availability.

To St Ann "Saints", The Wax Museum of Saints was great! It was evident that all "saints" knew their saint. You were quite innovative in your costumes, too. It is nice to see youth participating in activities that show their faith. Thanks, Mary Jo Haizman

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Please join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 a.m. In the past we have collected canned goods to be donated to a local food bank. This year we would like to take up a collection (passing the basket) and support our own St. Vincent de Paul Society. The St. Ann Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul provides help to needy people in parish and surrounding area. They support our gift card program to provide food help to those in need. Please consider supporting St. Ann St. Vincent de Paul with a monetary donation this Thanksgiving.

Too Quiet After Election Day? New romance, deeper communication, feeling even closer to your spouse? Make a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Make Time for just the two of you! Take your good marriage and make it GREAT with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are November 13-15 at Maria Stein and February 12-14 at the Comfort Inn in Erlanger, KY. Celebrate your sacrament of marriage with your spouse and God. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid the waiting list. For more details or reservations call: Keith & Lori Maurmeier at 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 —or on the web at www.esharing.org.

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
11/01/2009	\$ 8,664.74
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 217,296.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 164,405.06
Additional World Mission Sunday	\$ 110.00
ABITIBI	\$ 30.92
<i>Landfill space saved in cubic yards: 10.55</i>	



Save the Date – The Lord has blessed us!

Wednesday's beginning December 2, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from after the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 6:30 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration. More information will be forthcoming. If you would like to go ahead and sign up for an hour, please call the Parish offices. We must have at least 2 people there each hour.

KEY CODE In an effort to secure the Church, we have changed the key code on the Hooven Avenue door to **315**. We ask that Adorers, or anyone visiting St. Ann Church **please make sure the door is completely shut upon entering or leaving**. Your help with this effort is greatly appreciated.

HELP NEEDED

St. Ann Church is in need of volunteers. Below are some of the areas where the help is needed most.

Ushers / Usher Coordinator

Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers

Martha Ministry (Cleaning Church on Fridays)

Please prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer.