



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

Saturday Vigil	4:00pm
Sunday	8:30am
	10:30am
	12:30pm
	5:00pm

Daily

Monday-Friday	6:30am
Monday-Saturday	8:15am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2:00pm on first and third Sundays.
Pre-Baptism class is at 2:00pm on second Sunday. All by appointment.

Sponsors need letter from their pastor.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2:30-3:30pm every Saturday;
Weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30pm every Wednesday.

Anytime upon request.
(Call for appointment.)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

No date should be set prior to seeing a priest or deacon six months before desired date.

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Please contact the Parish office.

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NEW MEMBERS

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at www.saintmichael-cd.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to rlund@saintmichael-cd.org with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing srriya@stmichael-cd.org.



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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 19

- 8:30 a.m. + Betty & Joe Maurer (The Maurer Family)
 10:30 a.m. + Gaetano & Giuseppa Capoccia (The Pizzuti Family)
 12:30 p.m. For the Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
 5:00 p.m. + Harry & Jeanne Hollern (The Meck Family)

Monday, November 20

- 6:30 a.m. + James R. Cecil (Theresa & Rich Agnello)
 8:15 a.m. + Gaetano & Giuseppa Capoccia (The Pizzuti Family)

Tuesday, November 21

- 6:30 a.m. + Poor Souls in Purgatory
 8:15 a.m. + Tony Gromes (Jack & Paula Tucker)

Wednesday, November 22

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Jacob Reash
 (The DeCenzo Family)
 8:15 a.m. For the Safety of our Parish Families
 during this Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 23

- 6:30 a.m. Our Collected Thanks to God for the
 Blessings Bestowed on our Parish Families
 8:15 a.m. Special Intention of the Miller Family

Friday, November 24

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Joseph Reash
 (The DeCenzo Family)
 8:15 a.m. + Floyd Hoerig (Jeanne Ferkany)

Saturday, November 25

- 8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Olivia Stuckenschneider
 (The DeCenzo Family)
 4:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

Sunday, November 26

- 8:30 a.m. + Heinrich & Hubertine Bohnen
 (Brigitte Bohnen-Hartley)
 10:30 a.m. + Cesidio Pizzuti (The Pizzuti Family)
 12:30 p.m. Special Intention of Dominic DeCenzo
 (The DeCenzo Family)
 5:00 p.m. + Ronald E. Dill (Maureen & Mike Davis)



NOVEMBER 19, 2023

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." – MATTHEW 25:21
 God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Envelopes\$ 16,033.79
 Online Giving\$ 8,262.00
Total:\$ 24,295.79



BAPTISM
CONGRATULATIONS
ON THE BAPTISM OF
AUGUSTUS PATRICK LOTHES



PARISH CALENDAR: NOVEMBER

SUNDAY, November 19	WFF Advent Reflection Book Sales After All Masses SVdP Sponsor a Family Food Drive After All Masses 11:30 a.m. PSR (LMR) 11:30 a.m. RCIA (UMR) 11:30 a.m. K of C Coffee & Donuts (U) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (MH)	Thursday, November 23	Happy Thanksgiving! Parish Office Closed No Activities
Monday, November 20	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)	Friday, November 24	Parish Office Closed No Activities
Tuesday, November 21	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)	Saturday, November 25	SVdP Giving Trees in Marian Hall 7:00 a.m. Pietra Class (LMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
Wednesday, November 22	6:30 p.m. Holy Hour & Confessions (C)	SUNDAY, November 26	SVdP Giving Trees in Marian Hall

(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel

FROM THE PASTOR

ON THIS THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, we see, as always, a connection between the first reading and the Gospel. Something in the first reading is fulfilled or reflected in the Gospel. The worthy or perfect wife in the first reading (Proverbs 31) is someone who received many talents and as we heard she put them all to good use. As a result, "Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize" (Proverbs 31:11). Bridging the first reading and the Gospel, we see in the second reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6), Saint Paul urging us to be vigilant – always ready for the day of judgment, for "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). One way of being ready for our judgment is to use the talents well as Jesus taught in today's Gospel. The talents in the parable taught by Jesus (Matthew 25:14-30), can be compared to virtues. Virtues are good habits that build up over time by practicing that which is good in the eyes of God. Therefore, a virtue is something that increases as we do the right thing. Just as virtues increase by doing good, virtues also help us to do good. Virtues help us to control our passions and our conduct. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says virtues "make possible ease, self-mastery, and joy in leading a morally good life" and they "are acquired by human effort" (CCC 1804). In other words, just as the first two men in the parable worked to increase their talents, we also have to work to increase our virtues; virtues do not increase if we do nothing. There are four main human virtues – we call them human virtues for the simple reason that they "are acquired by human effort" (CCC 1804), by education and perseverance. The four are prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance (read the *Catechism* 1803-1811). **Prudence** helps us discern what is truly good in every circumstance. **Justice** is giving to God and neighbor what is their due. **Fortitude** is being firm during difficulties and constantly wanting what is good. **Temperance** helps us to moderate pleasure and balance our consumption of goods. We see in the parable in today's Gospel where the first two men traded and doubled their talents. With the human virtues, we can double our talents. **Prudence** guides our conscience as we make judgments. **Justice** promotes harmony in relationships. **Fortitude** helps us to conquer fear so that if necessary, we can even face trials and persecutions. **Temperance** helps us to master our will and keep our desires within what is honorable. That really is a doubling of the talents. There are also three theological virtues (read the *Catechism* 1812-1829). These virtues are poured into us by God, so we call them theological virtues. They are faith, hope and charity. **Faith** is believing all that God has said and revealed to us and that the Church proposes to us because God is truth. **Hope** is desiring heaven and eternal life. **Charity** is loving God above all things, and loving our neighbor for the sake of God. In the parable, the first two men traded and doubled their talents. With the theological virtues, we open ourselves up to God and place His activity first in our lives. **Faith** leads to professing our faith, giving witness to our faith and producing good works. **Hope** purifies our activities so that they have heaven as their goal. **Charity** raises up human love and perfects it like divine love. Folks, as we grow in faith, hope and charity, we grow in God's image and likeness. That is a doubling of the talents. Again, the first two men in the parable doubled their talents; the third man buried his talent and so it was taken from him. It is like that with the virtues. Either we are growing in virtue, or we are growing in vice. The more virtues we have, the less vices we have, and the more vices we have, the less virtues we have. Likewise, we can allow the gifts of the Holy Spirit to lie dormant or we can cooperate and allow the Holy Spirit to bear fruits in our lives. The parable also teaches us that spiritual growth is ongoing for the rest of our lives. It is not a question of once saved, always saved, but growing in virtue and fruits of the spirit for the rest of our lives. Therefore, let us double the talents, increasing our virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. Let us allow the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity open us up ever more to God and His activity in our lives, and let us allow the gifts of the Holy Spirit to bear fruits in our lives so that we may be worthy to hear, "Come, share your master's joy" (Matthew 25:21,23).

PLEASE NOTE: All of us have an opportunity to take advantage of a special Ohio income tax credit to benefit the students in our parish school through an **SGO – Scholarship Granting Organization**, in our Diocese the **Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund**. Our parish school received over \$80,000.00 in SGO monies for the 2023-2024 school year that benefitted 50 of our parish school students with tuition. Please read carefully the information enclosed in this bulletin, learn how to take advantage of this tax credit, and turn your tax dollars into scholarships for the benefit of our parish school students! Share this information with family and friends in Ohio as they, too, can take advantage of this income tax credit for the benefit of our school students! You can also make donations now in this calendar year to benefit our students – read the enclosed bulletin materials, or visit www.emmausroadscholarship.org for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: Our national day set aside to give thanks to God – **Thanksgiving Day** – is this coming week. Our blessings far outweigh the issues that challenge us, thus we have much to thank God for. As such, I invite everyone to begin your Thanksgiving Day by thanking God at Mass, 6:30 a.m. or 8:15 a.m. here at Saint Michael. I also invite you to read and share with your family President George Washington's Proclamation of October 3, 1789, establishing Thanksgiving Day (visit the National Archives, <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/05-04-02-0091>).

--Fr. Mike Lumpe

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Remember...Thank God on Thanksgiving Day

by Fr. William P. Saunders

QUESTION: Recently, I had a discussion with a friend over whether Thanksgiving was a civil holiday or a religious holiday. What do you think?

Thanksgiving is definitely a religious holiday rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition of our country. Although the secularism of our present culture may have turned the focus more to feasting, football, "turkey trot" races and family gatherings, we must not forget the history and the religious significance of this American holiday.

Actually, the first Thanksgiving Day observance originated in Virginia. On Dec. 4, 1619, 38 English settlers arrived at Berkeley Plantation on the James River near present Charles City. The settlement's charter required that the day of arrival be commemorated as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God. Most Americans, however, immediately associate our thanksgiving celebration with the Pilgrims and their journey across the Atlantic on the Mayflower in search of a new land and religious freedom. After their perilous journey and with little food and supplies left, they arrived on Nov. 21, 1620, at Plymouth, Mass. During their first year, the Pilgrims endured many hardships and nearly half of the original 100 settlers died. Fortunately, the native Indians befriended the Pilgrims. Squanto, who learned English from traders, not only showed the Pilgrims how to grow and grind corn, and how to hunt and fish in the new land, he assisted in negotiating a treaty with Chief Massasoit of the Wampanoag Indians. Gov. William Bradford, remarked that Squanto was "...a special instrument sent of God for their good beyond their expectations." Near the time of the first anniversary of their arrival, Gov. Bradford declared a day of prayer and thanksgiving to God. About 60 pilgrims were joined by 90 Indians for this celebration. The tradition continued and spread throughout the New England colonies, although no official date of celebration was set until later.

However, we must not forget that the Pilgrims were well steeped in the Bible. Gov. Bradford's idea for a celebration of thanksgiving was inspired by the Hebrew Feast of Tabernacles, one of Israel's three major feasts, also known as the Feast of Ingathering or Booths. This feast was celebrated on the 15th day of month of Tishri (mid-October, five days after the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur) at the end of the harvest. The feast lasted one week, during which time the people refrained from work and recited the "saving deeds" of God from the Torah. They remembered their desert journey from Egypt where they had been slaves and their safe deliverance to the promised land.

For the Pilgrims, they must have seen the connection between their own exodus with that of the Jewish people: the flight from the land of persecution; the perilous journey through a wilderness; the divine protection of God who provided food, water, safety; and the settlement in the promised land.

As Catholics, we too must not forget how our own religion was outlawed and persecuted in England at this time. On Nov. 22, 1633, a group of 300 colonists (one-third of whom were Catholic) set sail from Yarmouth harbor to establish the new colony of Maryland, where religious freedom for all people would be allowed. When they arrived at St. Clement's Island on March 25, 1634, Father Andrew White, S.J., celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving, the first Mass in the English colonies. (Remember the word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving.") They also were befriended by the native Indians of the Piscataway and Yoacomaco tribes. Interestingly, these tribes believed in one true God and offered a thanksgiving ritual of first fruits at their harvest time. The Maryland colonists would continue to offer thanksgiving festivals.

After the Revolutionary War, at the request of Congress, President George Washington declared that Thursday, Nov. 26, 1789, would be for the people of the United States a day of thanksgiving: "As a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and single favors of Almighty God." The declaration exhorted the people to "beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and

virtue, and to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best."

Gradually, the celebration of Thanksgiving became a more national and permanent event. In 1789, the Protestant Episcopal Church declared the first Thursday of November as an annual day of thanksgiving to Almighty God. Since 1817, New York State has officially celebrated Thanksgiving Day. By 1859, the custom of Thanksgiving Day had spread to 28 states and two territories. (Virginia was the first Southern state to institute the holiday.) In 1863, President Lincoln designated the last Thursday of November nationally "as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." President Johnson in 1867 and President Grant in 1870 continued the practice. The fourth Thursday of November would continue as the national day of Thanksgiving until 1939, when President Franklin Roosevelt moved it one week earlier to help businesses by lengthening the Christmas shopping period. Finally, in 1941, Congress legislated that Thanksgiving would be observed on the fourth Thursday of November and would be a federal holiday.

As we celebrate this great American custom this year, we must not forget God. We should pause this Thanksgiving Day and take time to pray, reflect on our lives and give thanks. Each Catholic should make a real effort to attend Mass and come to the Banquet of our Lord to lift up our hearts in Thanksgiving and to receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. Yes, we give thanks for the gifts of faith, Church and sacraments. We give thanks for the loved ones who are entrusted to our care and those who care for us. We give thanks for our country, which has provided such great opportunities, security and peace. In all, we give thanks and rejoice in the Lord who has blessed each of us with so much and in so many ways. May the Lord bless you and all your loved ones this Thanksgiving Day!

This article is made available courtesy of The Catholic Exchange.

November 23
Thanksgiving Day Masses
6:30 a.m. *(so you can get an early start on the road)*
8:15 a.m. *(if you're staying in town or visiting nearby)*
Saint Michael the Archangel Parish

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
in whom His world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way,
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**



Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

*"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)*

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

"Lord, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to look for any reward, save that of knowing that I do your holy will."

+PRAYER OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Monday, November 20 ~ Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:35-43 As Jesus approached Jericho a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging, and hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." He shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" The people walking in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me!" Then Jesus stopped and ordered that he be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He replied, "Lord, please let me see." Jesus told him, "Have sight; your faith has saved you." He immediately received his sight and followed him, giving glory to God. When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God.

Meditation: Have you ever encountered a special moment of grace, a once in a life-time opportunity you knew you could not pass up? Such a moment came for a blind and destitute man, named Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52). He was determined to get near the one person who could meet his need. He knew who Jesus was and had heard of his fame for healing, but until now had no means of making contact with the Son of David, a clear reference and title for the Messiah. It took raw courage and persistence for Bartimaeus to get the attention of Jesus over the din of a noisy throng who crowded around Jesus as he made his way out of town. Why was the crowd annoyed with the blind man's persistent shouts? He was disturbing their peace and interrupting Jesus' discourse. It was common for a rabbi to teach as he walked with others. Jesus was on his way to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem and a band of pilgrims followed him. When the crowd tried to silence the blind man he overpowered them with his emotional outburst and thus caught the attention of Jesus.

Prayer: Stir up the will of your faithful, we pray, O Lord, that striving more eagerly to bring your divine work to fruitful completion, they may receive in greater measure the healing remedies your kindness bestows. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: This incident reveals something important about how God interacts with us. The blind man was determined to get Jesus' attention and he was persistent in the face of opposition. Jesus could have ignored or rebuffed him because he was disturbing his talk and his audience. Jesus showed that acting was more important than talking. This man was in desperate need and Jesus was ready not only to empathize with his suffering but to relieve it as well. A great speaker can command attention and respect, but a man or woman with a helping hand and a big heart is loved more. Jesus commends Bartimaeus for recognizing who he is with the eyes of faith and grants him physical sight as well. Do you recognize your need for God's healing grace and do you seek Jesus out, like Bartimaeus, with persistent faith and trust in his goodness and mercy?

Tuesday, November 21 ~ Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50 While He was still speaking to the people, behold, His mother and His brethren stood outside, asking to speak to Him. But He replied to the man who told Him, "Who is My mother,

and who are My brethren?" And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Here are My mother and My brethren! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother, and sister, and mother."

Meditation: Jesus is God's love incarnate - God's love made flesh (ref. 1 John 4:9-10). That is why Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and the shepherd who seeks out the sheep who have strayed and lost their way. God is like the father who yearns for his prodigal son to return home and then throws a great party for him when he repents and comes back. Jesus offered up his life on the cross for our sake, so that we could be forgiven and restored to unity with God. It is through Jesus that we become the adopted children of God - his own sons and daughters. That is why Jesus told his disciples that they would have many new friends and family relationships in his kingdom. Whoever receives the Sacrament of Baptism and who does the will of God is a friend of God and a member of his family.

Prayer: As we venerate the glorious memory of the most holy Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, O Lord, through her intercession, that we, too, may merit to receive from the fullness of your grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Our life with Jesus Christ changes the order of relationships and shows that true kinship is not just a matter of flesh and blood. Our adoption as sons and daughters of God transforms all our relationships and requires a new order of loyalty to God first and to his kingdom of righteousness and peace. The Sacrament of Baptism begins our life with Christ. "God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people" (Rite of Baptism). "*Name of Baptized*, you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ" (Rite of Baptism). "Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. He (she) is now called the child of God, for so indeed he (she) is" (Rite of Baptism). Do you want to grow in love and friendship? Allow God's Holy Spirit to conform your heart, mind, and will, enabling you to faithfully live and love as Christ does.

Wednesday, November 22 ~ Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Luke 19:11-28 While people were listening to Jesus speak, he proceeded to tell a parable because he was near Jerusalem and they thought that the Kingdom of God would appear there immediately. So he said, "A nobleman went off to a distant country to obtain the kingship for himself and then to return. He called ten of his servants and gave them ten gold coins and told them, 'Engage in trade with these until I return.' His fellow citizens, however, despised him and sent a delegation after him to announce, 'We do not want this man to be our king.' But when he returned after obtaining the kingship, he had the servants called, to whom he had given the money, to learn what they had gained by trading. The first came forward and said, 'Sir, your gold coin has earned ten additional ones.' He replied, 'Well done, good servant! You have been faithful in this very small matter; take charge of ten cities.' Then the second came and reported, 'Your gold coin, sir, has earned five more.' And to this servant too he said, 'You, take charge of five cities.' Then the other servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your gold coin; I kept it stored away in a handkerchief, for I was afraid of you, because you are a demanding man; you take up what you did not lay down and you harvest what you did not plant.' He said to him, 'With your own words I shall condemn you, you wicked servant. You knew I was a demanding man, taking up what I did not lay down and harvesting what I did not plant; why did you not put my money in a bank? Then on my return I would have collected it with interest.' And to those standing by he said, 'Take the gold coin from him and give it to the servant who has ten.' But they said to him, 'Sir, he has ten gold coins.' He replied, 'I tell you, to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. Now as for those enemies of mine who did not want me as their king, bring them here and slay them before me.'" After he had said this, he proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem.

Meditation: How does God establish his kingdom here on the earth? The Jews in Jesus' time had a heightened sense that the Messiah would appear soon to usher in the kingdom of God's peace and righteousness on the earth. Jesus, in fact, spoke in messianic terms of the coming reign of God. Perhaps his entry into Jerusalem would bring about such a change and overthrow of Roman domination. Jesus speaks to their longing for a new kingdom in the parable of a nobleman who went away to receive a kingdom. The parable reveals something important about how God works his plan and purpose with humans. The parable speaks first of the king's trust in his subjects. While he goes away he leaves them with his money to use as they think best. While there were no strings attached, this was obviously a test to see if the king's subjects would be faithful and reliable in their use of the money entrusted to them. Third, the king rewards those who are faithful and he punishes those who sit by idly and who do nothing with his money.

Prayer: O God, who gladden us each year with the feast day of your handmaid Saint Cecilia, grant, we pray, that what has been devoutly handed down concerning her may offer us examples to imitate and proclaim the wonders worked in his servants by Christ your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The Lord Jesus has brought us his kingdom of righteousness and peace and he calls us to live as citizens of this kingdom where he rules as Lord and Master. The Lord entrusts us with his gifts and graces and he gives us freedom to use them as we think best. With each gift and talent, the Lord gives sufficient grace and energy for using them in a fitting way. As the parable of the talents shows, God abhors indifference and an attitude that says it's not worth trying. God honors those who use their talents and gifts for doing good. Those who are faithful with even a little are entrusted with more! But those who neglect or squander what God has entrusted to them will lose what they have. There is an important lesson here for us. No one can stand still for long in the Christian life. We either get more or we lose what we have. We either advance towards God or we slip back. Do you trust in God's grace to make good use of the gifts and talents he has given you?

**Thursday, November 23 ~ Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time
~ Thanksgiving Day ~**

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Meditation: When we think about giving thanks to God, are you like the one leper who returned, or are you with the other nine who did not give thanks? Why would only one leper out of ten return to show gratitude? Gratefulness is related to "grace" – which means the release of loveliness. Gratitude is the homage of the heart which responds with graciousness in expressing an act of thanksgiving. The Samaritan approached Jesus reverently and gave praise to God. If we do not recognize and appreciate the mercy shown us we will be ungrateful. Ingratitude is forgetfulness or a poor return for kindness received. Ingratitude easily leads to lack of charity and intolerance towards others. It easily leads to lack of charity and intolerance towards others, as well as to other sins, such as discontent, dissatisfaction, complaining, grumbling, pride and presumption. How often have we been ungrateful to our parents, siblings, priests, teachers, co-workers, neighbors, waiters and waitresses, store clerks, and so many others? How often have we failed individually and collectively to give thanks to God? Now ask yourself: Why do I act this way? Am I that self-centered? Is not giving thanks part of my being? Let us give thanks to God today and every day, and adopt a life expressing gratitude and thanks to all from the heart, beginning first and foremost with God.

Prayer: Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite; as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day with gratitude for your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for every man, woman, and child, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: Is today, Thanksgiving Day, simply a day for feasting and football? Or have you given any thought to what this day is truly about – giving thanks to God for all that he has done for you, the great and the simple things in life, and life itself. Begin the day by giving true thanks to God – begin the day with Mass; family football games and community 5k runs and such can begin later, or our participation in them can be curtailed until *after* we have begun our day in prayer and in thanksgiving by attending Mass. As Americans, but more importantly as Catholics, may we be blessed with a fresh awareness of the loving Most Blessed Trinity from whom all good things come, may we give thanks for what has been bestowed upon us. On this Thanksgiving Day, and as we quickly approach the Season of Advent, may all of us have a renewed interest in helping those who are less fortunate – especially those with inadequate food, clothing and shelter, and reach out to help our brothers and sisters in Christ through our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society, those served through other outreach locations throughout our Diocese (JOIN, Saint Joseph Cathedral Back Door Ministry, Saint Lawrence Haven, Bishop Griffin Center, Saint Francis Outreach Center (Vinton County), and many others).

About Thanksgiving Day: Many people assume that the United States has celebrated Thanksgiving Day since the time of the pilgrims as a sign of thanksgiving for the harvest season. This is not exactly true. President Abraham Lincoln instituted the holiday in 1863 during the Civil War. However, he did not have the harvest in mind. He wanted Americans to celebrate the holiday as a sign of unity and thanksgiving to God.

I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens” (President Abraham Lincoln, Proclamation, October 3, 1863).

There is no American holiday that so closely resembles the symbolism and meaning of the sacrament of the Eucharist. We celebrate Thanksgiving as a sign of American unity and thanksgiving to God who has given us great gifts.

Friday, November 24 ~ Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs**

Holy Gospel: Luke 19:45-48 Jesus entered the temple area and proceeded to drive out those who were selling things, saying to them, “It is written, My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves.” And every day he was teaching in the temple area. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people, meanwhile, were seeking to put him to death, but they could find no way to accomplish their purpose because all the people were hanging on his words.

Meditation: What do God's acts of judgments teach us? Do they inspire reverence for God, and for his holiness and majesty? Few seem to pay much attention to God's judgments today. His acts of judgments, nonetheless, are intended to bring us into greater purity, holiness, and reverence for God's word of truth and love. Jesus went to Jerusalem, knowing he would meet certain death on the cross, but victory as well for our sake. His act of judgment in the temple is meant to be a prophetic sign and warning to the people that God takes our worship very seriously. In this incident we see Jesus' startling and swift action in cleansing the temple of those who were using it to exploit the worshipers of God. The money changers took advantage of the poor and forced them to pay many times more than was right— in the house of the Lord no less! Their robbery of the poor was not only dishonoring to God but unjust toward their neighbor.

Prayer: O God, source and origin of all fatherhood, who kept the Martyrs Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions faith to the Cross of your Son, even to the shedding of their blood, grant through their intercession, that, spreading your love among our brothers and sisters, we may be your children both in name and in truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The message in today's Gospel is short and simple: Grow in what you know is right, give praise to God for all the beauty and knowledge that continues to be created for us to enjoy and learn from the beauty and knowledge that enriches our lives. To be true to ourselves and not steal the qualities, the success, or what we see as the riches of others. Jesus has shared with us the Good News about how to love one another, to appreciate one another, to praise one another and to praise God for all that has been given uniquely to each of us. We are asked to continue to grow in our love of God and our fellow human beings and to not let those who are fearful, resentful or wrongfully prideful; steal our gifts or put to death our abilities to use our gifts to continue to enrich all of human kind.

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During November – the “Month of All Souls”— and beyond, really, please pray the following prayer which was dictated to Saint Gertrude by Our Lord for the release of souls from Purgatory...

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son Jesus Christ, in union with the most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family.
Amen.

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A Little Litany of Thanksgiving

By Fr. Ed Broom

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated once a year in the United States as a national holiday. But as follower of Jesus, Thanksgiving Day should be every day! Why? For many reasons!

First, the Psalmist commands us to give thanks: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endures forever."

Second, St. Paul invites us in his letters to give thanks to God constantly; that means, at all times!

Third, Jesus rejoices in gratitude and suffers when faced with ingratitude. Jesus healed the 10 lepers of this contagious, painful, incurable disease— that of leprosy— and only one of the 10 returned to give Jesus thanks and this man was a foreigner (Samaritan). This ingratitude must have wounded the loving Heart of the Savior!

Fourth, Jesus is the epitome of Gratitude. Before working the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, Jesus raised His eyes to heaven and gave thanks. At the Last Supper Jesus took bread and "Gave thanks". "Eucharist", a word coming from Greek actually means "Thanksgiving." Therefore the greatest gift, "the Gift of Gifts", from God Himself, the "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving."

Therefore, all of us should strive to give constant thanks to God our supreme and most generous Benefactor. Honestly, everything we have in life on a natural, economic, social, moral, spiritual plane are pure gifts of God. As St. Paul asserts, quoting the Greek poet: "In Him we live and move and have our being."

Why not compose your own Litany of Gratitude?

Why We Should Give Thanks

Following is a list of reasons why our heart should be abounding in thanksgiving. It is our duty, but also our privilege to thank God! This list will limit itself to spiritual gifts from the "Giver of all good Gifts".

1. **FAITH IN GOD.** When it comes to your faith, do not take it for granted; rather, be thankful for it and cultivate it, as the seed planted and nourished.
2. **PRAYER.** You pray? If yes, also give thanks! This too is a gift coming from "The Gift of Gifts" the Holy Spirit who actually teaches us to pray. "We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Holy Spirit, intercedes with ineffable groans so that we can say, Abba, Father" (Romans 8). Many do not pray and consequently suffer sadness, confusion and aimlessness in life.
3. **GUARDIAN ANGEL.** He is your constant friend at your side. Give thanks to God for His gift of friendship, but talk to him and thank him for having inspired you with holy thoughts and saved you from many dangerous spiritual pitfalls.
4. **DIVINE MERCY.** Despite your many failures, God has forgiven you as He forgave the Prodigal Son upon his return, and as the wandering sheep brought back to the fold. God's mercy, His greatest attribute— Lord I thank you and I praise you for such a wonderful gift.
5. **SAINTS.** There is a wonderful crowd of Heavenly Friends that are waiting for your prayers from heaven and longing to see you advance in Friendship with God. Your prayer to them fills them with joy and results in your receiving added graces on earth to arrive safely Home to heaven.
6. **PATRON SAINT!** In a very special manner, due to your parent's choice, you have a very special friend—he is your patron saint. Look them up. Read on their life!. Underline the three virtues he or

she practiced. Ask for his intercession to overcome in you that which is most displeasing to God. The intercession of your patron saint is powerful before the throne of God!

7. BIBLE: GOD'S WORD OF TRUTH. What songs of gratitude should explode from our hearts knowing that we have the "Word of Truth", the Bible, and can read, meditate, assimilate and live it all the days of our lives. Years ago, there was less access to the Bible and less literacy. Today Bibles are easy to purchase and can be read in any time and place!

8. BLESSED SACRAMENT. "Really Present" in even the most humble church in the world is the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament is truly Jesus, the "King of Kings and the Lord of Lords" and He is waiting for His friend – *you* – to visit Him and thank Him for all that He has so generously given to you. You need not travel across mountain, hillside, nor ocean to encounter Him. Just go to your closest Catholic church and there He is waiting!

9. HOLY MASS. Every day of the year and every hour throughout the world the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being offered by the priest to God the Father for the forgiveness of sins, conversion of sinners and for the salvation of the entire world. Your gratitude should manifest itself by your assistance in Mass, participation and reception of Holy Communion. Remember that "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving." No greater gift in the world than God Himself, descending from heaven to earth to abide in the human heart. All this becomes a reality in Holy Mass and in the reception of Holy Communion!

10. MARY: MOTHER OF GOD, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, MY MOTHER. In the prayer "The Hail Holy Queen" we invoke Mary the Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope..." In the midst of the stormy, dark, uncertain sea that we live in, we can always look up and see Mary, the Star of the Sea pointing the way to the eternal shore of salvation. Hail, Mother of God, Hail, Mother of the Church, Hail, star of the Sea, Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope....

In sum, let us cultivate an attitude of gratitude. Let us give thanks to God at all times, in all occasions, and with all people. God rejoices in the heart that constantly is beating: "Thank you Lord...Thank you Lord...Thank you Lord... DEO GRATIAS!!!

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Eucharistic Adoration is now available at St. Michael three days a week! Join us in the Church on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for our new weekly Holy Hour with Confessions. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition on both Thursdays and Fridays. Our current Exposition hours are from 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning through 9:00 p.m. Friday evening. **Please note that there will not be Exposition for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 23 and 24**, however, the chapel will be available for any registered adorers who would like to come and pray. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Signing up is easy to do from your phone or computer. You can sign up at StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL INVITES YOU TO HELP OTHERS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

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