

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart

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Sunday, November 12, 2023
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday: 9 AM to 4 PM
Sunday: 9 AM to 2 PM

Community Cupboard and Closet:

Saturdays: 11 AM to 3 PM

Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Friday: 5:30 PM
(Civic holidays at 10 AM)

Saturday: 4:15 PM*

Sunday: 8:30 AM* and 11 AM*

*Interpreted for the Deaf

Confession: Saturdays 3:30 PM – 4 PM or by appointment

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Parish Registration – Welcome new members! Please register by calling the parish office. Parishioners who are moving are asked to contact the office to update their information

Baptism – Baptisms may be scheduled at any time. Please call the parish office to make baptismal arrangements.

Funerals – Please call the parish office to schedule funerals prior to publishing any information.

Matrimony – Call the parish office to meet with a priest. Diocesan regulations require a minimum of 6 months preparation time.

Care of the Sick – Notify the parish office of those who are hospitalized or homebound. Arrangements can be made for pastoral visits, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We can also bring Holy Communion to the homebound.



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

On this day in the middle of November, the month in which we remember in a special way all those who have died, let us reflect on our baptism. When we were baptized in Christ, we were baptized into his death. Therefore, we are with the Lord in life and in death. Those who have died in the Lord are with him eternally while we here today gather to receive him in the Eucharist. Let us take consolation that we are always with the Lord, in life and in death.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 11 th - 4:15 PM	† Rafaela Santiago Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S
Sunday, November 12 th - 8:30 AM	† Michael Slaby Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S
Sunday, November 12 th - 11 AM	† Liz Kinney Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ
Monday, November 13 th - 5:30 PM	† Helen Kuklisin <i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i>
Tuesday, November 14 th - 5:30 PM	† Coletta Klein
Wednesday, November 15 th - 5:30 PM	† Larry Gallo <i>St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>
Thursday, November 16 th - 5:30 PM	† Margaret Schmidt <i>St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude, Virgin</i>
Friday, November 17 th - 5:30 PM	† Betty Rose <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i>
Saturday, November 18 th - 4:15 PM	† Bob Bencic Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ
Sunday, November 19 th - 8:30 AM	† Chappelle Letman Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ
Sunday, November 19 th - 11 AM	† Sr. Mary Schrader Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S

The Pope's Intention for November: For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or

(for the memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Peter and Paul)

Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, disability, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation. No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue. You are invited, accepted, and respected here at St. Augustine Parish.

*Loving God,
For all who feel on the margins,
but who are at the center of your heart,
we ask you to open our hearts.
Help us to become a church and a nation where:*

***All lives have dignity,
All people are loved
And all are welcome.***

Amen

Something new to enrich our Faith...

Two new statues stand on either side of the Tabernacle, one of Saint Josephine Bakhita and the other Saint Juan Diego. They witness to the international diversity of the Church and give testimony to the history of Saint Augustine Church. In our history we have always been willing to welcome the stranger and new immigrants as they came to America to find a home. In this moment of our history, we are welcoming black and Hispanic members, enriching our faith community and strengthening our commitment to serve those most in need. The statues of Saint Agatha and Saint Aloysius remain in the sanctuary. Last week I shared with you about Saint Josephine Bakhita, this week I will share some information on San Juan Diego.

Love Without Measure...

San Juan Diego was born in 1474 as Cuauhtiatotzin, a native to Mexico. He became the first Roman Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas.

Following the early death of his father, Juan Diego was taken to live with uncle. From the age of three, he was raised in line with the Aztec religion, but always showed signs of having a mystical sense of life.

He was recognized for his religious fervor, his respectful and gracious attitude toward the Virgin Mary and his Bishop Juan de Zumarraga, and his undying love for his ill uncle.

When a group of 12 Franciscan missionaries arrived in Mexico in 1524, he and his wife, Maria Lucia converted to Catholicism and were among the first to be baptized in the region. Juan Diego was very committed to his new life and would walk long distances to receive religious instruction at the Franciscan mission station at Tiateloloco

On December 9, 1531, Juan Diego was in a hurry to make it to Mass and celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. However, he was stopped by the beautiful sight of a radiant woman who introduced herself, in his native tongue as the “ever-perfect holy Mary, who has the honor to be the mother of the true God.

Mary told Juan Diego she was the mother of all those who lived in his land and asked him to make a request to the local Bishop. She wanted them to build a chapel in her honor on Tepeyac Hill. Which was the sight of a former pagan temple.

When Juan Diego approached Bishop Juan de Zumarraga telling of what happened, he was presented with doubts and was told to give the Bishop time to reflect on the news.

Later the same day, Juan Diego encountered the Virgin Mary a second time and told her he failed in granting her request. He tried to explain to her he was not an important person, and therefore not the one for the task, but she insisted he was the man she wanted.

Juan Diego returned to the Bishop the next day and repeated his request, but now the Bishop asked for proof or a sign the apparition was real and truly of heaven.

Juan Diego went straight to Tepeyac and, once again, encountered the Virgin Mary. After explaining to her what the bishop asked, she agreed and told him she'd provide him with proof on the next day, December 11.

However on the next day Juan Diego's uncle became very sick and he was obligated to stay and care for him. Juan set out the next day to find a priest for his uncle. He was determined to get there quickly and didn't want to face the Virgin Mary with shame for missing the previous day's meeting.

But the Virgin Mary intercepted him and asked what was wrong. He explained his situation and promised to return after he found his uncle a priest.

She looked at him and asked “No estoy yo aqui que soy tu madre?” (Am I not here? I who am your mother?) She promised him his uncle would be cured and asked him to climb to the hill and collect the flowers growing there. He obeyed and found many flowers blooming in December on the rocky land. He filled his tilma (cloak) with flowers and returned to Mary.

The Virgin Mary arranged the flowers within his cloak and told him this should be the sign presented to the Bishop. Once Juan Diego found the Bishop, he opened his cloak and the Bishop was presented with a miraculous imprinted image of the Virgin Mary on the flower-filled cloak.

The next day, Juan Diego found his uncle fully healed from his illness. His uncle explained he, too, saw the Virgin Mary. She also instructed him on her desires to have a church built on Tepeyac Hill, but she also told him she wanted to be known with the title of Guadalupe.

News of Juan Diego's miracle quickly spread and he became very well known. However, Juan Diego's always remained a humble man.

The bishop first kept Juan Diego's imprinted cloak in his private chapel, but then placed it on public display in the church built on Tepeyac Hill the next year.

The first miracle surrounding the cloak occurred during the procession to Tepeyac Hill when a participant was shot in the throat by an arrow shot in celebration. After being placed in front of the miraculous image of Mary, the man was healed.

Juan Diego moved into a little hermitage on Tepeyac Hill, and lived a solitary life of prayer and work. He remained there until his death on December 9, 1548, 17 years after the first apparition.

News of Our Lady's apparitions caused a wave of nearly 3,000 Indians a day to convert to the Christian faith. Details of Juan Diego's experience and Mary's words moved them deeply.

During the revolutions in Mexico, at the beginning of the 20th Century, non-believers attempted to destroy the image with an explosion. The altar's marble steps, the flower holders and the basilica windows were all very damaged, but the panes of glass protecting the image was not even cracked.

Juan Diego's imprinted cloak has remained perfectly preserved from 1531 until the present. The ‘Basilica of Guadalupe’ on Tepeyac Hill has become one of the world's most-visited Catholic shrines.

Saint Juan Diego was beatified on May 6, 1990 by Pope John Paul II and canonized on July 31, 2002. His feast day is celebrated on December 9 and he is the patron saint of Indigenous people.

Fr. Bill



Eternal Rest Grant Unto him, O Lord



Gerald Minissale

This weekend we welcome in Baptism Carolyn, Wren and Brianna Barnhart. May the Light of Christ, given in Baptism, shine on them forever. Amen.



Pray for those who are sick...

If you or a family member are sick, please call the Parish Office or email ministry@StAugustineCleveland.org to add the name to this list. Names will be listed in the bulletin for 6 weeks. Please let us know if this time period needs to be extended. We want to know how you are doing and want to offer you the support of our prayers.

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| Pat Abraham | Dorothy Barr | Patti Cook |
| JoAnn Fisher | Mike Furey | Susan Grieken |
| Irene Kingery | Ella McGowan | Fr. Joe McNulty |
| Nora Orozco | Bridget Patton | Sheila Rock |
| Mary Solderitsch | Donna Thomas | |

And for all those who are ill, homebound, elderly, in nursing care, living with a chronic illness, or living on the margins, we pray.

The Power of Prayer

The St. Augustine Prayer Chain is an email request line for prayers. Many parishioners are already a part of this chain. If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain, please email Bob at BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org to be added to the Prayer Chain. You will then get emails from others requesting prayers, and you will be able to ask others for prayers for your needs. Your email address will not be shared with those asking for prayers.

Pray the Rosary

We invite you to join us **every Monday through Friday at 6 PM** in Church as we pray the rosary. If you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to join us on livestream.



Update on Fr. Joe McNulty Former Pastor of St. Augustine Church

Fr. Joe continues to receive care at St. Augustine Manor. Anyone wishing to send him a Get-Well Card or a note of thoughts and prayers may do so by sending them to him at:

Rev. Joe McNulty
St. Augustine Manor
7801 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

PSR Families and Catechists



- ◆ PSR Classes are held on Sundays from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM for students in Pre-K thru 8th Grade.
- ◆ Parents are asked to bring their children to their classroom in the school building.
- ◆ Students will be dismissed from the classroom.

If you are new to St. Augustine or the area and would like more information on our program, please contact Jessica at (216) 781-5530 or JNeuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org



Is God calling you to invite someone you know who is searching for a deeper faith in God to explore becoming Catholic? The Church prepares adults for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist through a process called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA is designed to form the mind and heart in Christian discipleship through study of the basics of the Catholic faith, prayer and fellowship. If any of these are true for you or someone you know, then you are invited to contact the parish office to learn more and to register to join our RCIA group.



Cursillistas will resume their monthly gatherings for Ultreya on Saturday, December 10^h at 10 AM. Cursillistas are invited to gather, pray, and share personal stories about living a life in God's Grace on the second Saturday of every month.



The Faithful Departed

During the month of November, the Church takes special care to remember the souls of the Faithful Departed. A Book of Remembrance will be placed in the front of the church by the ramp for you to enter the names of your deceased relatives and friends you wish to be prayed for during this month.

2024 Mass Book



The 2024 Mass Book is now available for parishioners' requests can be made by contacting the parish office or by mail. Please include your name, address and phone number on your request so that we can contact you if any adjustments need to be made requesting Mass intention for the year 2024. Mass.

Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee's next meeting will be on Monday, November 13th at 7 PM in Walsh Hall. This committee will meet once a month, and will be looking at the wants, needs, and consensus of our congregation in matters relating to our liturgical life. For more information on the Committee please contact Bill Shaffer at (216) 781-5530, ext 18 or by email at BShafter@staugustinecleveland.org.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This annual special collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend (November 18th and 19th). This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd. Your generosity will be appreciated.

Lessons from the Dying

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps." Matthew 25: 1-13

A hospice nurse writes about the valuable lessons she has learned from her care of the dying: "Although I struggle, like every other human being, with the daily challenges of overwork, impatience, fear, anger, and disappointment, I know that it is always my choice instead to choose happiness, forgiveness, compassion, and joy, to live each day as if it were my last, and to be grateful for every day that I have. "Working with the dying has brought light into my own life, illuminating the shadowy corners of negativity that I alone have the choice to relinquish or to transform into something more positive. Even though the work I do is with the dying, it has also been work within myself, and I thank God every day for both of those opportunities.

"So, in the end, what is it that the dying teach others around them? They teach how to love and how to allow ourselves to be loved; how to forgive and how to ask for forgiveness; how to find our joy and how to spread that joy around to others. They also teach us how to spend valuable time connecting our earthly self with our spiritual self so that these two separate but vital aspects of our being aren't strangers when they meet as the time of our own death draws near. "And so it is perhaps meant to be that, with every person's dying, another person is learning to live well. "Although I can't know for certain, I suspect from what I have witnessed that, possibly, the very best part of living might actually be the dying."

The parable of the ten bridesmaids reflects what this dedicated hospice nurse has learned from those entrusted to her care: that we have only so many opportunities to become part of Jesus' work of mercy and reconciliation; that we have only so much oil in our lamps to illuminate the love of God in our lives. There is so much we want to accomplish in our lives - but the many demands on our time to make a living derail us from making a life, a life that is centered in the love of family and friends, in an awareness of God's loving presence in our midst, in a yearning to contribute to the greater good of all. Christ warns us not to fall into the trap of the five "foolish" bridesmaids who squander their time before the Bridegroom's arrival, but to embrace the wisdom of the five "wise" bridesmaids, trimming our "lamps" with the "oil" of compassion, generosity and forgiveness in the precious time we have until Christ's coming.

Capital Improvements: School Building

Tuckpointing: Coon Restoration continues the much-needed tuckpointing of our school building. Work on all four sides is needed and a completion date has not been set.

Although scaffolding and a telescopic boom lift are at the front of the building, access to Walsh Hall and the main school building doors will remain. **Please use caution when in the area.**

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we continue to make much needed repairs and renovations to our parish buildings. If you would like to contribute financially to the building maintenance fund, please contact Fr. Bill or Bob Duda at (216) 781-5530.



The Handbell Choir is returning to St. Augustine! Led by Bill Shaffer, come learn a little about music and teamwork. If you like to have some fun and meet some new people, this is for you!

Anyone from ages 8-80 are welcome to join. No experience necessary, and no music reading ability necessary either. The choir is open to both hearing and deaf individuals.

For comments or questions, please email Bill at BShaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org or call at (216) 781-5530.

World/African Drumming Class

St. Augustine Church has partnered with Broadway School of Music and the Arts to offer a nine-week Inclusive Music Program for Adults with Disabilities. Classes will begin this Monday, November 13, 2023 from 10 AM until 11:30 AM in Walsh Hall.

For more information or to register please contact Emily at (216) 641-0640 or by email, emily@broadwayschool.org or Bob Duda at (216) 781-5530 or BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org.

Sunday Thought

In today's Gospel, Jesus requires preparedness on the part of all who are His followers. Are we like the five wise bridesmaids who wisely took extra oil along with their lamps in case there was a delay in the invitation to the great wedding banquet? Alternatively, we are instead like the foolish bridesmaids who failed to make plans for the unexpected and were refused entry when the time came? Ultimately, we will determine whom we will reflect in our spiritual life. Because our lives are so fast paced, it becomes easy to miss hearing Jesus' most consoling promises. He will come again in all His glory at the end of time. His arrival should not be looked upon as a time of great fear, but as a time of great rejoicing and liberation. He will free us from all that holds us bound to this passing world. Baptized in Christ, we lay claim also to His promise of glory.

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf

Members of Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf will gather for their prayer meeting on Sunday, November 26, 2023 following the 11 AM Mass.

Say It in Sign

Sign language classes for beginners will continue this Thursday, at 2:30 PM. For more information, please contact Robin McMarlin at (216)781-5530 ext. 29 or at RMcMarlin@StAugustineCleveland.org

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather in the Deaf Center on Tuesday, November 14th at 10 AM for their meeting and elections. New members are always welcome.

St. Augustine Signing Choir

The St. Augustine Signing Choir is preparing for the Christmas season. Anyone interested in joining the choir, with or without signing experience, is invited to join. Practice is held on Thursdays. at 6:30 PM in Walsh Hall. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center

Members of the Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center recently elected the following Officers for the next year.

President: Colleen Cassidy
Vice-President: Michelle Lassiter
Secretary: Mark Franklin and Felix Teskac
Treasurer: Tom Smith

The Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center will have their Christmas Party on December 10, 2023. Lunch will be served from 1 pm to 3 pm. \$15 members and \$20 non-members. Bring an unwrapped "birthday gift" for Jesus to be placed by the Nativity. Items will be donated to the Community Cupboard and Closet. Please RSVP by December 3, 2023 to CCDC Call:216-370-7722
Email: 1946ccdc@gmail.com

How Can I Become More Involved?

There are many ways for Catholics to get more involved in their faith and in the ministry of the Church. Those include liturgical ministries (choir member, lector, altar server, usher, or Eucharistic Minister), various parish ministries, as well as volunteer roles as collection counters, church decorators, gardeners, etc. Please contact Bob at BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org or (216) 781-5530 ext. 31 to discern your gifts, your time, and your opportunities to serve.

Stewardship of Treasure

We are deeply grateful for your generosity in your weekly contribution to St. Augustine Parish. Your kindness and support enable us to provide for the needs of our parish and community. The collection for the weekend of November 5, 2023 was \$2,726.61.

Please consider our Parish's E-giving option through PayPal. It is easy and secure. Visit our parish website, www.StAugustineCleveland.org and click donate. Thank you for your financial support.



Counter Team D is scheduled for Monday.

St. Augustine Seniors (50 and over)

This past Thursday members and friends gathered to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. You are invited to our Christmas gathering on Thursday, December 14th at 12 noon in Walsh Hall.

For more information on joining the Seniors please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

Blind Community Gathering

Members of the Blind Community recently gathered for their Thanksgiving meal and meeting. Our next gathering will be held on Thursday, December 14th at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall.

A new information line for the visually impaired has been established. Members of the Blind Community are invited to stay up-to-date with Blind Community and Parish events by calling (216) 635-9215.

For more information, please contact Bob Duda at the parish office, (216) 781-5530.

LINKS Community for Mental Health

LINKS is a social, recreational and educational ministry of St. Augustine's for persons with Mental Health conditions. They currently gather on Wednesdays and Fridays at 3 PM in Walsh Hall.

For more information on LINKS, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

"Bury me with a Fork in my Hand!"

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. As she was getting her things in order, she contacted her pastor and had him come to her house to discuss her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the funeral Mass, what Scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and as the pastor was preparing to leave, the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. "There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" asked the pastor. "This is very important," the young woman continued. "I want my body to be buried with a fork in my right hand." The pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman asked. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the pastor. The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and that's where I got the idea. I have, also, always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending Church socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork!' It was my favorite part of the meal because I knew that something better was coming, like chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder, "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork--the best is yet to come."



The St. Augustine Community Cupboard and Closet is open on Saturdays from 11 AM - 3 PM

We are currently in need of clothing for men, women, and children.



COMMUNITY CLOSET

Community Closet and Cupboard Highlights by the Numbers

- ◆ Served 1,281 families in the month of August, 1,212 in the month of September and 826 in the month of October.
- ◆ In the month of August we helped 286 new families, in the month of September 231 and in October 162 new customers came to us in need.
- ◆ It takes at least 12-14 volunteers just to open the doors.

As you can see the need is great and volunteers are greatly needed while we are open and during our closed hours to help sort and stock and help shoppers on Saturdays.

For more information or to volunteer please contact the Parish Office at (216) 781-5530 or email, outreach@staugustinecleveland.org

We have also created an Amazon Wish List which can be found on our parish website, www.StAugustineCleveland.org.

Family Perspectives

In today's gospel Jesus describes the vocation of parents: "The greatest among you will be your servant." Children take our blood, genes, strength, name, patience and resources. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service.

Parenting Tune-Up



November is National Adoption Month. 30% of the nations homeless adults have a history of foster care. Consider whether your family is in a position to provide a permanent home for a foster child. A loving family can break this sad cycle.

Relationship Tune-Up



"Whoever seeks wisdom shall quickly be free from care" (Wisdom 6:15) Besides loving you, what is a wise thing your beloved recently did or said?

Parish Breakfast Next Sunday

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a new member of our parish family, or just visiting, you are invited to a complimentary parish breakfast next Sunday (November 19th) from 9 AM until 1 PM in Walsh Hall (basement of school building). We hope that you will be able to join us for food and fellowship.

😊 On the Lighter Side 😊

When Bishop Philip Brooks, author of "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," was seriously ill, he requested that none of his friends come to see him. But when an acquaintance of his named Robert Ingersoll, the famous anti-Christian propagandist, came to see him he allowed him to enter his room. Ingersoll said, "I appreciate this very much, especially when you aren't letting any of your close friends see you." Bishop Brooks responded, "Oh, I'm confident of seeing them in the next world, but this may be my last chance to see you."

"Can you sleep when the wind blows?"

A young man applied for a job as a farm hand. When asked for his qualifications, he said, "I can sleep when the wind blows." This puzzled the farmer, but he liked the young man and hired him. A few days later, the farmer and his wife were awakened in the night by a violent storm. They quickly began to check things out to see if all were secure. They found that the shutters of the farmhouse had been securely fastened. A good supply of logs had been set next to the fireplace. The farm implements had been placed in the storage shed, safe from the elements. The tractor had been moved into the garage. The barn had been properly locked. Everything was fine. Even the animals were calm. It was then that the farmer grasped the meaning of the young man's words, "I can sleep when the wind blows." Because the farm hand had performed his work loyally and faithfully when the skies were clear, he was prepared for the storm when it broke. Consequently, when the wind blew, he had no fear. He was able to sleep in peace.

In the parable that is our gospel lesson today, Jesus is talking about exactly the same thing, being able to sleep when the winds blows, in other words, being prepared. Let us be sure that our Lamps are ready for the end of our lives: Spiritual readiness, preparation and growth do not just happen. It comes as a result of intentional habits built into one's life. You cannot depend on a Sunday morning service to provide all your spiritual needs. You cannot depend on Christian fellowship to provide you with spiritual development. It comes through routine, mundane attention to ordinary spiritual disciplines — making sure you have enough oil: spiritual fuel. It comes by taking time for prayer and being alone with God; reading God's Word; sacramental life; acts of service to others; moral faithfulness and loving obedience. It comes through spending time with other Christians for mutual prayer, study and encouragement. These are the things which enable a person to grow in Christ and be prepared for Christ's coming, as well as the normal difficulties of life. Without these things you will not be prepared. It cannot be hit and miss. It cannot be postponed. You cannot procrastinate or it may be too late. You need to develop some holy habits in your life which take precedence over other interests and claims on your life. As these habits become developed, they cease to be a struggle and begin to be a source of strength and blessing. They make your life powerful against the onslaught of the world.

A True Stewardship Story!

Not long ago, two ministers of the gospel were waiting in line for seating at a restaurant. There were two immediate problems. First, the restaurant was popular because it served good food and secondly, the restaurant was smaller than your average fast-food place. But the ministers, who frequently preach on patience, were offering a visible sermon by their calm demeanor. No matter that several people already seated appeared to be eating their meals extremely slowly. The ministers were next in line when suddenly like a mighty wind a group of six people came in behind them. And as luck sometimes has it, the next table to become available was one which could easily sit both ministers with room to spare. It could also seat all six of the people behind them in line. If this were you, what would you do? Sit down when seating became available? After all, you were there first and we live in a first come, first served society. Or might the Jesus thing to do be to step aside and let the larger party have the larger table while waiting for the “next” available spot? Relax! This is a true story and thus, I can tell you exactly what happened. The ministers, being true to their convictions, gladly let the group of six have the table and they continued to wait patiently. In good time, they were able to sit down and order meals which they then took their own sweet time to devour. But no bill came because the people they allowed to eat ahead of them picked up the tab. Jesus does not call us to be kind to others because we might get a free meal out of it. It is simply the right thing to do. Sometimes there is a reward, and it does not matter when there is not. Look at this story from God’s point of view. Every day we receive blessings. Every day there are acts of kindness. Few of us need worry too much about whether we can afford our next meal. We have many reasons to pick up the tab for all the blessings God sends our way. That’s what it means to be a good Steward! (Duane Grady in www.stewardshipresources.org)

This Week’s Events of the Parish

Monday: Drum Class: 10 AM (Walsh)
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
 Lincoln Heights Block Club: 6 PM (Walsh)
 AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday: AA Meeting: 9:30 AM (Walsh)
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
 AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday: Links: 3 PM (Walsh)
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
 AA Meeting: 6 PM (Mylott Hall)
 Signing Hands: 6:30 PM (Walsh)

Thursday: Sign Class: 2:30 PM (Parish Offices Conference Room)
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
 Signing Choir: 6:30 (Walsh)
 Boy Scouts: 6:30 PM (Second Floor)
 AA Meeting: 7 PM (Mylott Hall)

Friday: Links: 3 PM (Walsh)
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)
 AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Saturday: Community Cupboard and Closet: 11 AM – 3 PM
 Mass: 4:15 PM (Church)

Sunday: Mass: 8:30 AM (Church)
 Parish Breakfast: 9 AM – 1 PM (Walsh Hall)
 PSR: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM (School Building)
 Mass: 11 AM (Church)

November 11th and 12th

	Saturday 4:15 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
Lectors	Robin McMarlin	Joe Lewandowski	Kate Slosar Alana Ortiz
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Patti Gabb Lin Janson Theresa Ortiz	Bob Duda Rob Owens Kathy Yarmock	Bob Duda Karen Halupnik Jean Mendis

November 18th and 19th

	Saturday 4:15 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Priest Deacon	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell (H) Deacon Chris DePenti
Lectors	Steve Slyzczuk	Robin McMarlin	Karen Halupnik Pat Takacs
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Michelle Rivera Magdaleno Rivera Bonnie Robertson	Marissa Davilla Maria Rivera Debbie Sollars	Rosanne Barnhart Alana Ortiz

H: Homilist