

God Notices Our Acts of Generosity

Elijah is quite bold. He finds this poor woman collecting sticks to make her “last supper” on earth. She has run out of money, food, and energy. Even so, the prophet asks her to prepare him a cake and, in exchange for her hospitality, he promises she will not run out until God sends rain again. In her faith and humility, she says yes, and gives away all that she had to live on. God blesses her generosity!

Jesus observes something similar. A poor widow willingly gives all she has when, without anyone noticing, she drops her coins in the donation basket. God always notices our acts of generosity and multiplies them into eternity.

The first part of the Gospel stands in contrast with these two mighty widows. It shows us how *not* to be apostles.

Jesus chastises the scribes and teachers of the law for three defects in their religious practice: pride, greed, and showing off. They love public greetings and special seating at church and parties. Jesus goes even further by saying they use their authority to devour widow’s houses. Could Jesus’ irony be any starker? While the widow is giving her last coins, the priest is using it to devour her livelihood.

We may never see in this life how God blesses our small or large acts of love, prayer, and generosity. Yet, we should keep doing them, not to be seen or rewarded, but because we love God, and to love is always the right thing. God sees, and a great reward awaits us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *St. Stephen Distributing Alms*, 1447-1449

Artist: Fra Angelico

Location: Niccoline Chapel, Vatican Palace



For Reflection

Am I doing what I can do to help the poor and protect them?

Is my piety and religiosity also expressed in charity and service?

[Jesus said,] “They have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she...has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”

Mark 12:44



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 10

5:00 p.m. † Theodore & Rosaly Meyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor

Jackie Heggemann | Diane Lierman

Patty Mebruer | Lori Huenefeld

Lector: Stacy Kloeppel

Ushers: Ralph & Vikki Glosemeyer

Servers: Maddie Hellebusch & Austin Cooper

Sunday, November 11

8:00 a.m. † For the People of St. Ignatius

Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie & Rick Hawkins

Norbert & Joan Engemann | Elaine Glosemeyer

Lector: Norbert Engemann or Dawn Hellebusch

Ushers: Gary & Chris Meyer

Servers: Ryan & Luke Kloeppel

10:00 a.m. † Wayne Harris

Eucharistic Ministers: Angie Carr

Becky Schoppenhorst | Katie Engemann

Shari Kopmann | Audrey Hellebusch

Lector: Alice Kluesner

Ushers: Jody Blockage & Kevin Ruether

Servers: Adam & Jared Kopmann

Monday, November 12

8:00 a.m. † Ray & Selma & Neomar Kruse

Tuesday, November 13

7:30 p.m. † Kevin Shortt

Wednesday, November 14

8:00 a.m. † Jerome & Eileen Ruether

Thursday, November 15

6:00 a.m. † Herman & Rosemary Engemann

Friday, November 16

8:00 a.m. † Ardell Ruether

Saturday, November 17, 2018

5:00 p.m. † Alfred & Dorothy Lierman

Eucharistic Ministers: Francis Hellebusch

Betty & Rich Bruckerhoff | Geralyn Smith | Patty Mebruer

Lector: Geralyn Smith

Ushers: Lisa Marquart & Shawn Polston

Servers: Macey & Estiven Levin

Sunday, November 18, 2018

8:00 a.m. † Walter & Lorraine Volkerding

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor

Larry Sander | Elaine Glosemeyer | Sue Hecktor | Bill Schuler

Lector: Larry Sander

Ushers: Leon & Michelle Hellebusch

Servers: Alex Huddleston & Kaylee Schwoppe

10:00 a.m. † For the People of St. Ignatius

Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Brewe

Syd & Ellen Fees | Carl Brewe | Shari Kopmann

Lector: Ellen Fees

Ushers: Neal Kluba & Teresa Volkerding

Servers: Jacob Gildehaus & Collin Parks

ALL ABILITIES MASS

Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 10 AM.

There will be adjustments to lighting, music and a shorter homily to accommodate those with sensory issues.

The St. Ignatius community welcomes individuals and families of all abilities to share in the blessing of The Mass. We know it is a challenge for some to sit quietly at mass and we gladly welcome these voices to share in God's blessings.



Safe Environment Program Protocol

All persons must stop at the school office and check in before entering any school building during school hours! This helps to protect ALL of our children! Thank you!

Please Pray for the Sick/Ailing/Recovering

Doug Grafrath	Betty Hellebusch	Judi Liermann
Irene Buenemann	Evelyn Tucker	Ethel Thomas
Duck Brinker	Shelbee Mauldin	Fr. Finbarr Dowling
Karen Brinkmann	Jim Grafrath	Dawn Borgmann
Harper Pillman	Andrew Hellebusch	Natalie Ulett
Kim Smith	Carol Jacquin	Audrey Wagener
Elaine Voss	Brad Segar	Kay Wagner
Tabitha Kersey	Ralph Glosemeyer	Betty Schulte
Judy Brouk	Fred Borges	Marc Wagener
Stephanie Lindemann	Richard Preiss	Laura Tellmann
Tom Meyer	Pete Reitz	Tom Glosemeyer
Cindy Faust	Frank Dowling	

Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

11.8.01 Lawrence Nieder

11.9.95 Steven Hellebusch

11.9.92 Christine Meyer

11.11.94 Norman Glosemeyer

11.17.80 Alice Hellebusch



11.19.04 Elroy Meyer

11.24.77 Ferdinand Hellebusch

11.25.03 Regina Hellebusch

11.25.76 Edward Peters

11.28.14 Bernice Eckelkamp

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 12

*St. Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr*

Ti 1:1-9

Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 13

*St. Frances Xavier
Cabrini, Virgin*

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14

Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 14

Weekday

Ti 3:1-7

Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 15

Weekday

Phlm 7-20

Lk 17:20-25

Friday

NOVEMBER 16

Weekday

2 Jn 4-9

Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

NOVEMBER 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary,

Religious

3 Jn 5-8

Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

NOVEMBER 18

*Thirty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Dn 12:1-3

Heb 10:11-14, 18

Mk 13:24-32

Dear Padre,

Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.

We live in a climate of want that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy:



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“You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor” (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart (Matthew 6:21). The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanksgiving for all God has given to us and others.

To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else’s possessions,

is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and brood over it, to set your heart on it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: “Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother’s [and sister’s] progress and you will immediately give glory to God” (CCC 2540).

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR

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A Word From Pope Francis

How many people have distanced themselves...from some parish or community because of the environment of gossip, jealousy, and envy they found there? Even for a Christian, knowing how to love is never a thing acquired once and for all. We must begin

anew every day.

—Regina Caeli, May 21, 2017