

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 6, 2011

Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour. — Matthew 25:13

Liturgy Intentions for the Week

November 7th - November 13th

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Five wise virgins
brought oil
for their lamps

- Monday
7:00 PM
- Tuesday
9:00 AM Gerri Dadd by the Dadd family
- Wednesday
9:00 AM
- Thursday
No Liturgy
- Friday
9:00 AM
- Saturday
5:30 PM Audrey "Honey" Leonard by her family
- Sunday
9:00 AM Intentions of Vincent & Drusiana Oliveri by Fr. Don

Today's Readings

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

Psalms — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

Readings for the Week	
Monday	Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday	Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Thursday	Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Saints and Special Observances	
Sunday	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Daylight Saving Time ends
Tuesday	Election Day
Wednesday	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
Thursday	St. Leo the Great
Friday	St. Martin of Tours Veterans Day
Saturday	St. Josaphat

BE PREPARED

We ought not to be sanguine about anything; the right rule is to hope nothing, to fear nothing, to expect nothing, to be prepared for everything.



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Happenings for the Week

Monday—November 7

- 6:30 PM Respect Human Life Rosary
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus Business meeting

Tuesday—November 8

- 8:30 AM Rosary for Life
- 9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration commences

Wednesday—November 9

- 8:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group
- 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration concludes
- 10:00 AM Women's Guild Liturgy & meeting
- 6:30 PM Catechetical Institute Study

Thursday—November 10

- 7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday—November 11

- 8:30 AM Pro Life Rosary
- 9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration commences

Saturday—November 12

- 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration concludes
- 2:30 PM Safe Environment Training
- 5:00 PM Pro Life Rosary

Sunday—November 13

- 8:30 AM Rosary for Lost Souls
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation K-5th Grade
- 11:15 AM Faith Formation 6th Grade-Confirmation

Stewardship

October 22nd & 23rd: Offertory: \$ 5,997.25
 Building Fund: \$ 3,411.62

Sincere thank you to Thora Keating and Joe Fountain for their service.

Appreciation and gratitude to all our parishioners and visitors for their generosity to the church.

DON'T FORGET!!



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THE GAP

It's interesting that there is such a huge gap between advice and help.—Anonymous



Upcoming Meetings

The Knights of Columbus will have their business meeting on November 7th at 7:30 PM, **after** attending the 7:00PM Liturgy.



The next meeting for the **Women's Guild's** will be November 9th after the 10:00 AM Mass followed by the monthly meeting, assembling of the Community Baskets and a Free Pizza Luncheon. Bring a friend along to share in the fun of this wonderful women's group!

The next **Parish Council** meeting will be November 14th at 7:30 PM. All are welcome!

The next **Homeschool** Mass will be November 16th at 9:00 AM. All are welcome!



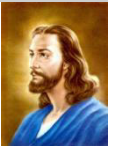
The next 4th Degree Assembly meeting will be held November 21st at 7:30 PM.

Music Ministry News - Anyone 6th grade to adult is invited to join in on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. We happily welcome all who enjoy praising through music.

Please pray for those of our parish and the community who are ill or may be in distress as well as those deceased who may be in need of our prayers. If you would like to submit a name for special prayers, please contact the Prayer Chain **via Terri Speciale at 252.393.6678**. You may also email her at terispeci@yahoo.com. If you would like to be a part of the Parish Prayer Chain, call Terri and she will add your name and phone number to the list.

Eucharistic Adoration

...takes place weekly starting at 9:30am on Tuesday and continuing until 8:30am on Wednesday. All are welcome. Come & spend some quiet time in the Lord's presence. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer or substitute for maintaining the vigil during Adoration, please call Don Keating at 252.393.6106.



In the 1680's Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, "I promise in the excessive mercy of my Heart that My all powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My displeasure nor without receiving the Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in the last moment."

CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

The next Course of the **CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE** of the Diocese of Raleigh

has begun! The session begins promptly at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays, there are 5 sessions left.

The topic of the course is:

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MORALITY: LIFE IN CHRIST

The course will be taught by Wojciech. All are welcome to attend. The course is a requirement for the Master Catechist Program participants.



The holiday season is quickly approaching and St. Mildred Social Ministries is preparing for our Annual Christmas Giving Tree. This year, our parishioners are once again invited to take part in providing practical gifts to pre-selected individuals and families in most need in our church community. If you know of such a family or individual, please contact April Clark at [910-340-2900](tel:910-340-2900) or Francine Sabisch at [910-326-5589](tel:910-326-5589), **BY NOVEMBER 13th.** *All information will be kept confidential.*



Join the Knights of Columbus on Sunday November 13th at 11:15 (weather permitting) at Saint Mildred's for our annual ceremony to properly dispose of torn, tattered and unserviceable American flags. Pay tribute to our nation's symbol of freedom by viewing this simple, yet respectful service. If you have a flag in need of disposal, there is a drop-off box in Saint Mildred's vestibule.

Safe Environment Training (SET)

We will be having a Safe Environment Training on November 12th, from **2:30 until 4:30PM** at St. Mildred Parish Center. Deacon Jerry and Francine Sabisch will facilitate this class. It is a required class for anyone who wishes to work with or around any child under the age of 18 in our Parish. Anyone wishing to participate, regardless if they work with kids or not, may do so. There is no cost for this class, however we kindly request you contact Francine by November 10th to let her know if you will be attending, this will ensure enough handouts for all participants.

Go **GREEN**. . . Read this online at stmildred.info

ATTENTION ALL FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS and any making their First Communion this school year! Your child's First Reconciliation will be December 3rd at 10 am. This will be in conjunction with the Parish Advent Reconciliation Service. Please be sure to note this change on your calendar.



Our Thanksgiving Offering

Let us give thanks together for all the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us by bringing non-perishable food items to the Liturgy and bringing them to the altar during the Offertory on Thanksgiving Day at 10:00AM.



Need a Ride

St. Mildred's Women's Guild would like to offer anyone who needs a ride to church for the celebration of the Liturgy on Saturday evening for the 5:30 PM or Sunday morning for the 9:00 AM. For more information Donna Szeba at 252-725-4486 or sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

With the clocks being turned back soon, it maybe too dark for some to drive to Mass at 5:30 and some may need a little help to go to the earlier Mass at 9:00 AM.



A Veterans Day Prayer

We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe. We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. We ask for, echoing John Paul II, an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, as a way to honor all the veterans of past wars. Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combatative posts; may their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways. Give us all the creative vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

Franciscan Sisters Prayer



Book of Thanksgiving

Starting the weekend of November 12th and 13th through November 24th, any parishioners can sign or place words of

thanks in the "Book of Thanksgiving" that will be available in the vestibule. Please place your words of thanks and praise in this everlasting book.



The Women's Guild is sponsoring a Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale on Dec. 3rd and 4th after all masses.

We are hoping our St. Mildred's Santa elves that sew, do crafts or bake are busy making things for our Christmas Boutique such as little items for children to buy.

All proceeds will go to our Guild projects: scholarships, vacation bible school, and our bereavement hospitality. Call Andi for more information 252-354-1105.



Order
Your
Poinsettias

Would you like to help decorate the Altar?

The Youth Ministry will be starting their annual Poinsettia pre-sales on November 5th after all Masses until the end of November.

Once again, this year anyone purchasing a Poinsettia will have a choice. You may purchase one and take it home to decorate your home or you may purchase one and it will be used to decorate the altar for Christmas, after the holidays you may take it home with you. In purchasing the Poinsettias for the altar you may do a "In Memory Of" or "Prayers for" and a label will be placed on the Poinsettia with your loved one's name on it. Please no more than 2 names per label.

The prices for the Poinsettias are \$15 for a small one (6" - 8" pot) and \$30 for the large ones (12" pot), with delivery to be the first weekend in December.

If you would like to pre-order your Poinsettia by email, please email Vicky Stump at youth-group@centurylink.net.

Thank you all for your support!



A special Thank You is extended to David and Carol Cafrelli who have been in charge of Altar Server training here at St. Mildred.

We thank the both of them for their extraordinary ministry to our Parish Community.

We also welcome Phillip Lewis who will now take responsibility for this important ministry.

The Catholic Poland - 12 day Tour (May 10-21, 2012)

will be directed by our Pastoral Associate, Wojciech. Join us for a wonderful experience of the Catholic culture of Poland and visit places of great religious and historical significance. Please contact Wojciech at: 910-340-2300 for more information.



The **first Sunday of each month** we will be doing a food drive for Infant of Prague Catholic Church for their food pantry, which is in dire need. IOP averages about 100 bags of groceries each month & help all surrounding areas. Please consider putting this necessary cause on your shopping list.

A **Big Thank You** for your participation in October. We filled up a pickup truck. Let's see if we can top it this month.

Parish Social Ministry

What can St. Mildred do for its Parishioners? Info is available in the pamphlet rack located next to the Religious Education bulletin board. If you need more info please call the church office at 326-5589.

The Mission of St. Mildred Parish Social Ministry is to assist the parish community in exercising charity to others. The Church acts in the parish community to heighten awareness of our parishioners to the issues of the needy & provides services to fulfill unmet needs. The parish social outreach ministry services people through advocating for social & economic justice as well as addressing immediate needs with emergency resources or direct services.



Helping Hands, which is part of the Parish

Social Ministry, has a dedicated group of volunteers who are ready, willing & able to assist in numerous ways. Perhaps you need a ride to the doctor's, or maybe you know of someone who would benefit from a friendly chat. If you have recently had a setback in your health or been hospitalized please call & let us see if we can help make things a little easier.



Outreach to the Poor by the Diocese of Raleigh

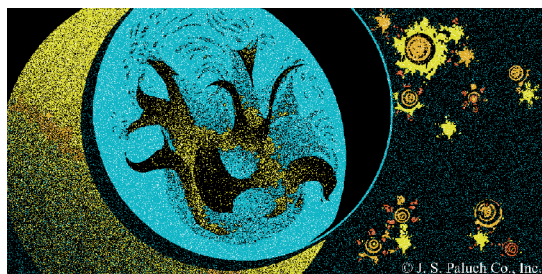
Catholic Charities served over 56,000 people during 2010-11, through emergency assistance, counseling, and family support services. Catholic Charities was assisted in its outreach by 40,800 hours of service from volunteers. 85% of the families served were below the federal poverty line.

Annual Diocesan Homeschool Mass

Be sure to RSVP for the Annual Diocesan Mass for Homeschooling Families with Bishop Burbidge! The Mass will be on Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 am at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Southern Pines and refreshments and fellowship will follow. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet and to pray with other homeschoolers from around the diocese. Please RSVP at

www.raleighdiocesehomeschool.org

by clicking **“Register Here!”**



Tradition teaches us Christ was conceived on the Feast of the Annunciation. We will watch the parallel development of “Jacob” in the womb beginning on March 25 (Feast of the Annunciation) until December 25.

Fetal Development of “Jacob” - Week 32

I weigh three pounds now and will gain about a half pound each week until birth. It’s really cramped now, so Jacob has assumed the fetal position. I can see, but I don’t have 20/20 vision and I won’t have 20/20 vision until I’m 7 to 9 years old – hopefully. Mom is pretty uncomfortable. Sleeping on her left side may help, as it will remove some pressure on the nerves and blood vessels in her back.

“For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned.” (Wisdom 11:24)

FEAST OF FAITH Concluding Rites

The Prayer after Communion gives us a glimpse of the heavenly banquet, of which we have had a foretaste in the Eucharist. The concluding rites speak of what we are to do with this great gift of God. That includes the parish announcements, which are usually given following the Prayer after Communion. Believe it or not, the announcements, which are not an “official” part of the Mass, have been included in the Mass from as early as the fifth century! The deacon or the homilist—even the bishop—would announce coming liturgical celebrations and encourage the people to participate. Today’s parish announcements include opportunities for prayer, service, learning, and community building. They should be succinct and should include only significant events and activities in the life of the parish. But even when they are long and tedious, the announcements (and the parish bulletin) flow out of the concluding rites of the Mass. They offer us ways to live the Eucharist, to become what we have received—the Body of Christ, living and active in our local community.

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EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today’s Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus’ story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus’ listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, *never* start on time. There’s always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it.

Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn’t tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes.

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