

The Work of the People
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading from Proverbs describes the good wife using some of the imagery applied to Lady Wisdom in last week's reading from Wisdom. The good wife works skillfully and with love - not only for her family, but also for the needy. "Fear of the Lord" has nothing to do with fright. Rather, it describes reverence toward God and obedience to God's will.

In the second reading, Paul addresses a question troubling the Thessalonians - the delay of the end time and return of the Christ. He reminds them that the end will come when people least expect it so they need to stay alert. But because they are disciples ("children of the light"; 1 Thes 5:5), they have what they need to prepare for this event and need not fear.

In the same vein, today's Gospel provides a parable about how we ought to live as we wait for Christ's return. A man, before going on a long journey gives three of his servants huge amounts of money to invest. (In biblical times, a "talent" represented thousands of dollars.) The master, representing Christ, eventually returns to evaluate the servants' work. He praises two of them for their productive investment of the resources he left them, but the third one is severely scolded because he was fearful and did nothing while his master was away. Clearly, the master has expectations for us.

The value of our relationships is beyond any monetary or material value. Our family, friends, and neighbors - all who lead us to do good work - hold us in the Light and help our relationship with God to deepen. We do the same for others as we labor and invest God's gifts in preparation for the coming day of the Lord.

When we are reverent toward God and obey God's will, we share our faith with others. By spreading the Gospel and sharing our faith, we let our Light shine brighter and enlighten others.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1Mc. 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk. 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc. 6:18-31/Lk. 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc. 7:1, 20-31/Lk. 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Mc. 2:15-29/Lk. 19:41-44
 Friday: 1 Mc. 4:36-37, 52-59
 Saturday: 1 Mc. 6:1-13/Lk. 20:27-40
 Sunday: Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor. 15:20-26, 28/
 Mt. 25:31-46

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O Great and Holy God of all, You are mystery beyond all comprehension, and yet You love us and walk beside us in all that we do.

On this Thanksgiving Day, we pause to express our gratitude for Your constant love and care and for the many graces and blessings You have bestowed on us. Thank You, in particular, for our family and friends, for our homes, for our food and drink, and for our jobs and co-workers. Thank You, too, for all the other countless gifts that grace our lives and continually delight and surprise us. We give You thanks on this Thanksgiving Day in union with all Your people throughout the world. We join our song of praise as well with all Your Angels and Saints. O Great and Holy God of all, we give You heartfelt thanks this day. Amen

Lord,
 You have the words of everlasting life.
 Touch my heart today."

A NOEL CELEBRATION
Sounds and Stories of Christmas

The Cambridge Springs Community Choir will perform Christmas Cantata by Lloyd Larson on Saturday, November 25 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Sunday, November 26 at 7:00 pm at Cambridge Springs First United Methodist Church. All are invited.

WORSHIP

Monday, November 20
8:00 am + David & Christine Ochs Family

Tuesday, November 21
8:00 am + Stephanie Ann Metzler (Judy Metzler)

Wednesday, November 22
8:00 am + NO MASS

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day
9:00 am + In Thanksgiving for all our Blessings

Friday, November 24
8:00 am + Joseph Parlak
(Fredric & Christina Thomas)

Saturday, November 25
4:30 pm + Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, November 26
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
Lottie Woika (John & Kay Weagraff)
9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
Arlindo Santos Ferreira (Ana Maria Leandro)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, November 20
5:00 pm - Doors open for BINGO

Tuesday, November 21
After Mass - St. Anthony Novena

Saturday, November 25
3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession

Sunday, November 26
AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
Before Mass - Confession
AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
After Mass - Confession

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, November 25 - 4:30 pm
Payton Leandro

Sunday, November 26 - 9:30 am
Max Marteeny

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$699.00
Maintenance	100.00
World Mission	50.00
All Saints	5.00
Candles	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$954.00

CALENDAR LOTTERY FUNDRAISER

All ticket stubs for the December Calendar Lottery Fundraiser are due today, along with any unsold tickets. If you don't have them ready for the collection basket today, please drop them at the parish office Mon, Tues, Thurs or Fri between 9am and 3pm. If that is not possible, please return the tickets next weekend in the collection basket. Thank you.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money, rather than abilities or skills. It is a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn't want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them, to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ's Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

We consider our homes to be safe places for our children, but in the U.S. up to 2.5 million youth experience homelessness every year. Each year up to 50,000 youth sleep on the streets for six months or more. One of the main causes of youth homelessness is family instability, which includes child abuse and/or neglect, domestic violence, parental substance abuse and family conflict. The website of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (www.nctsn.org) offers information on a range of child safety topics. For additional resources on recognizing and reporting child abuse visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$860.00
Maintenance	307.00
Donations for Boiler Room	300.00
Candles	43.00
CSA	164.00
Catholic Campaign	15.00
All Saints	31.00
Calendar Lottery	<u>595.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,315.00

Catholic Services Appeal
Pledged: \$31,683.33 Paid: \$32,519.33

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
