

## The Work of the People

*The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

As we move into November, we move toward the end of the Liturgical Year. We have this Sunday and two others before we begin the Season of Advent. Traditionally, the readings focus on the Second Coming of Christ and the coming of God's Kingdom in its fullness. We are living in an "already" and "not yet" time. The Kingdom has broken into our time and space and we are already living in God's reign but not yet in the fullest sense. God provides what we need to live in this tension.

In the Reading from the book of Maccabees the graphic details surrounding the physical torture and death of the seven brothers help to emphasize their religious commitment to the law that forbids the eating of pork. The resolve of each of them to be faithful to their tradition is a teaching about the Resurrection. Their steadfast belief impresses the king and his attendants; but their faith is in another King who will raise them up to live forever.

Today's passage from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians is in three parts. In the first Paul calls down a blessing upon "brothers and sisters" that they will be encouraged and strengthened in "every good deed and word." Then he asks them to pray for his mission among the unbelievers. Finally, he proclaims that God is faithful and it is God who will direct them in the way of love.

The Gospel presents a teaching on the Resurrection; there is an obvious connection here to the First Reading. The context is the rather ridiculous situation of seven brothers who married the same woman but all died without any offspring. Jesus instructs the Sadducees that the identity and relationships of those who rise from the dead are very different from the ones they have on earth.

The reflection for this Sunday is from *The Violence of Love* by Archbishop Oscar Romero (1917-1980) who became archbishop of San Salvador in 1977. He gained renown as a prophetic voice of the poor and was ultimately martyred at the altar while celebrating Mass.

This is the beauty of prayer and of Christian life:

coming to understand that a God  
who converses with humans  
has created them  
and has lifted them up,  
with the capacity of saying

What would we give to have such power  
as to create a friend to our taste  
and with a breath of our own life  
to make that friend able to understand us  
and be understood by us  
and converse intimately—

to know our friend as truly another self?

That is what God has done;

human beings are God's other self.

He has lifted us up

so that he can talk with us and share his joys,  
his generosity,  
his grandeur.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11

Monday: Wis. 1:1-7/Ps. 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk. 17:1-6  
Tuesday: Wis. 2:23; 3:9/Ps. 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/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, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/  
Lk. 17:20-25  
Friday: Wis. 13:1-9/Ps. 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk. 17:26-37  
Saturday: Wis. 18: 14-16; 19:6-9/Ps. 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/  
Lk. 18:1-8  
Sunday: Mal. 3:19-20a/Ps. 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes. 3:7-12/  
Lk. 21:5-19

### #iGIVE CATHOLIC

Again, the #iGiveCatholic takes place on Tuesday, December 3 from 12:00 am to 11:59 pm CST. The advanced giving period is Nov. 18 - Dec. 2. Please consider this first-ever online giving day created to celebrate our unique Catholic heritage. You can access St. Anthony of Padua on line at <https://erie.igivecatholic.org/>. And remember the donations given will go for the roof repair.

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus reminds us that the day will come for 'the children of God' where the complications of our earthly life will no longer matter. Parents know the sound of their children's voices. When you call out "Lord", will God say "Who's there?"

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"We are ready to die..." (2 Maccabees 7:2) As certain as death is, are we ever really ready to die? This may not be a happy conversation to have with one's beloved, but periodically we should share what would help each of us be ready to die.

*"Lord, I thank you for all you have done in my life."*

**WORSHIP**

Monday, November 11  
8:00 am + Leona Auer  
Tuesday, November 12  
8:00 am + Mike & Vicki Graczyk (daughter Jeanne Miller)  
Wednesday, November 13  
8:00 am + NO MASS  
Thursday, November 14  
8:00 am + NO MASS  
Friday, November 15  
8:00 am + John Auer  
Saturday, November 16  
4:30 pm + Andrew & Stella Bialobocki (Wanda Pilarczyk & family)  
Sunday, November 17  
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE  
Thomas Brunot (Joseph & Alice Johnson)  
9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY  
Living & Deceased Parishioners

**PUMPKIN ROLLS**  
The sing-up sheets to order Pumpkin Rolls are on the bulletin boards at both entrances to the church. Price is \$10/roll. Final days to order are Nov. 16 & 17 with pick-up the weekend of Nov. 23 & 14.

**ST. ANTHONY  
CASH GIVEAWAY AND GAME NIGHT**  
Cash Giveaway and Game Night tickets will be distributed after weekend masses. This event will take place on Jan. 25, 2020. Ticket prices are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Ticket monies are to be returned no later than Jan. 11, 2020 and can be placed in the collection baskets. Your assistance will make this annual fundraiser event successful, so please pick up your tickets.

**PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR**

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE  
(Except Holy Days)  
7:00 am - Communion Service  
Tuesday, November 12  
After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena  
Saturday, November 16  
3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions  
Sunday, November 17  
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE  
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY  
10:30 am - Religious Education Classes for both St. Anthony and St. Bernadette  
**NOTE:** Latin Mass will be the last Sunday of every month at 12:30 pm

**TRANSITIONS**  
The Transitions ministry for individuals who are widowed, divorced or separated will host its annual "Coping with the Holidays after Loss" gathering on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at St. Mark Catholic Center from 2pm - 4pm. If you would like more information call 814 824-1265 or visit [eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/transitions.html](http://eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/transitions.html).

Please check the lost and found on the table in the gathering space for personal articles that may have been left behind.

*"Father, help me to keep in mind just how great and wonderful you are!"*

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - 4:30 PM**  
Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Hbson/Judy Kindston/Shawn Pflieger  
Lector: Kathleen Lipkovich  
Altar Servers: Sophia Mott/Sydney Zilhaver  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - 9:30 AM**  
Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Larry Douglas/  
Theresa Douglas/Barb Milligan  
Lector: Marie Marteeny  
Altar Servers: Max Marteeny/Andrea Walker  
**ST. BERNADETTE'S**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - 8:00 AM**  
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Sada/J. Weagraff/K. Weagraff  
Lector: J. Drda  
Ushers: S. Sada, Sr.  
Altar Servers: I. Levis

**BINGO** - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, November 18. Early Bird BINGO starts at 6:00 pm and the regular BINGO starts at 6:30 pm. Doors and kitchen open at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

Congratulations to Julie Nowak, mother of Elyanna Leigh Zirkle who was baptized on Sunday, Nov. 3 at St. Bernadette Mission.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S**  
Sun, Nov. 17 - 10:30 am - Religious Ed. Classes at St. Anthony

**STEWARDSHIP**

11/30/19	
Offertory	\$726.00
Votives	6.00
All Saints	178.00
CCD	5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$915.00</b>

CSA: Pledged—\$9,225  
Paid—\$8,395

**STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory	\$1,287.00
Maintenance	366.00
Rental	75.00
Candles	39.00
All Saints	245.00
All Souls	195.00
World Mission	10.00
CSA	260.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,477.00</b>

Catholic Services Appeal  
Pledged: \$23,867 Paid: \$22,422

**CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA**

**CHURCH NO.:**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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