

THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 13, 2022



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Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM
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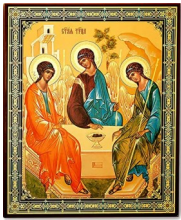
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Partners in Faith & Mission



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Many make it their life's ambition to determine precisely when the world will end. By reading the signs of the times, consulting scripture, or looking to prophetic predictions that are sometimes centuries old, they claim a certain credibility in being able to do so. Is all that necessary to know? Even when his disciples pointedly ask him this question, Jesus does not directly answer. While the end will inevitably come, Jesus points out that there is a lot we need to do first: remain faithful, face persecution, endure suffering, face wars and insurrections, and give testimony. Human beings tend to focus their energies on the wrong kingdom. Consumed with all of the things we have built and seeking to preserve them, we forget that we belong to a different kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

All of the "stuff" we have constructed will be taken away. All that will remain is God's kingdom. Which kingdom do we prefer? We answer that question by honestly looking at where we invest most of our time and energy. What matters to us as we embrace a new moment or day in our lives? If our relationship with God, the strength and integrity of our souls, and the steadfastness of our character are of utmost importance, then it matters little when the physical end will come. We will have what we need to persevere, endure, and confront whatever comes our way. Jesus cautions that we do not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed or overly terrified by the agonies and disappointments of the world. Although we may be apprehensive and uncertain when faced with complex challenges, God is with us. We will receive the inspiration we need to forge ahead.

God is a God of salvation and new beginnings. Whether we consider the daily unfolding of our earthly lives or our eternal ones to come, God never leaves us with dead ends. There is always hope, and there is always something new to come. As Julian of Norwich reminds us, "God made us, God loves us and God keeps us." This wisdom holds true whether life is stable and profitable or challenging and uncertain. If we remember this simple truth, we will be ready regardless of the day or the hour.

Readings for the week of November 13, 2022

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1-9/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452.3395) from St. Stanislaus, or Kathy (392-8974) at Holy Trinity.

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Sue (450-2987).

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray (882-1032).

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Nov. 14th - Private Intention
 Tues., Nov. 15th - Joan & John Oldenski (Helen Zimmerman)
 Wed., Nov. 16th - James Bradley (Tom & Sharon Zielinski)
 Thurs., Nov. 17th - Christine Sieruta (The Murray Family)
 Fri., Nov. 18th - Ed Chalupczynski (St. Stan's Class of '69)
 Sat., Nov. 19th, 4:00PM - Anna Mae & Howard Meyers (K. & J. Ciecierski)
 Sun., Nov. 20th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **SOPHIA FRANCIS STANKAVICH**, as gifted by the family.



"A TASTE OF POLAND" FINAL REPORT

INCOME

Grand Raffle Tickets	= \$4,737
Dinner Sales	= \$7,371
Czarnina Sales	= \$691
Pierogi Sales	= \$1,815
Bake Sale	= \$1,969
Chinese Auction	= \$1,320
50/50 Raffle	= \$262
Special Awards	= \$1,490
Envelopes	= \$508
Misc.	= \$435
Total	= \$20,598

EXPENSES

Cash Awards	= \$2000
Dinner Expenses	= \$1,962
Misc.	= \$737

TOTAL NET PROFIT = \$15,898

Thank
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for
your help

Thanks
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SSJ DINNER: NOVEMBER 21st

The dinner the sisters will be serving on November 21st will be a Thanksgiving Dinner. It will be served as a sit-down meal. The sisters are asking for about 25 pies that day. If you want to donate a frozen pie, please bake it at home first (then, they can be refrozen and later thawed on the morning of the 21st). Homemade fruit or cream pies are appreciated, too. You can bring them to church on the weekend of November 19-20th, or bring them to the Nazareth Center between 2-3:00PM on the 21st.

The Associates of the Sisters of Nazareth will meet on Saturday, November 19th, at 1:30PM in the Naz Center.

WEEKLY OFFERING (NOVEMBER 6TH, 2022)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$78,964.00
Amount Received	\$2,766.00	\$47,306.00
Net over/under	(\$1,390.00)	(\$31,658.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 48; 9:00AM = 58
 Envelopes: 65/168



EYES ON YOUR OWN PAPER

"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place." Looking at these words, I have to wonder. Am I reading the Bible or today's newspaper headline? It's never easier to despair than when you glance up and take a good look at what's going on in the world: disasters, natural and contrived, wars, resentments, rivalries, and divisions. It is almost too much sometimes, isn't it? The twenty-four-hour news cycle doesn't help. Add social media and it's enough to push anyone into a nervous breakdown. When you find yourself in this place of despair, remember Paul's admonishment in his letter to the Thessalonians. Work quietly and eat your own food. It's not so different from the old "keep-your-eyes-on-your-own-paper" rule of the classroom. Poking our noses into other people's business, we may think we are getting a shortcut to the right answer, but we're really just getting distracted. When we become too preoccupied with events that we cannot control — whether they are happening in our neighborhood or half-a-world away — we are tempted to leave off the very specific work God has given us in our own lives. We are easily lured into anger, bitterness, and anxiety. What is the work that God has called you to? Is it your career? Your family? Your community? What is your food — what nourishes you, sustains you, connects you to something real, powerful, and life-giving? This is what you should be concerned with. This is where your thoughts and your efforts should be. Work quietly and eat your own food.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

I believe that part of Eucharistic Revival is to enhance our liturgical celebrations. To that end, I am asking all of our parishioners to *prayerfully discern* if God may be calling you to serve our community as a Lector or a Eucharistic Minister. We will be hosting a brief "ministry formation" event on **November 20th**, following the 9:00AM Mass for anyone interested in assuming these ministries. I would like to incorporate all of our current and potential new ministers into the next ministry schedule, which will begin on the First Sunday of Advent (November 27th).

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in honor of **THE SCHULTZ & PHILLIPS FAMILIES**, as gifted by Shirley & Nancy.



11/16 - Nora Sebastian
11/19 - Father Jason

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Nov. 14th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
Tues., Nov. 15th - John Figurski (Luniewski Family)
Wed., Nov. 16th - All Souls
Thurs., Nov. 17th - Anna Marie Neimeic (Jack & Sandy Kempisty)
Fri., Nov. 18th - All Deceased Fathers
Sat., Nov. 19th, 5:15PM - Deacon Tom Matusiak
Sun., Nov. 20th, 10:30AM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings offer a sober reminder that this life is not our aim and that God's justice will triumph in the end. Now is the time to get our priorities in order, putting God above all else as his faithful stewards. Our Lord brings home the urgency of right priorities in our Gospel passage from Luke, reminding the people around him who were looking at the temple nearby, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Our Lord reminds us that all in this world is passing. We must keep our focus on eternity. Yet before the eternal bliss of heaven, we should expect to be tried and tested. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name." Sounds scary. But if you are living a stewardship way of life, there is nothing to fear. You have a plan in place. All you need to do is stick with it. Put our Lord first in your time, with your talents, and through your use of treasure. This way of life is not easy. But Jesus promises it will lead to eternal salvation and the joy of union with Him. "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance, you will secure your lives." Onward Christian stewards, the struggle is worth the joy that awaits!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – DEACON MARTIN EISERT

Holy Trinity Parishioners send a belated congratulations to Deacon Marty who celebrated his silver jubilee of his ordination to the permanent diaconate on June 7, 2007. In 2000, he was appointed deacon to our parish of Holy Trinity and three years later he was named administrator, putting his business skills to effective use by re-invigorating many temporal and spiritual aspects of our parish life. He retired from active parish ministry in 2009. He enjoyed many happy years here at Holy Trinity. We enjoy his presence at our annual celebration of Zabawa. He came out of retirement again in 2015, when the Diocese of Erie launched pastoral planning in 2015 and he remains in that position today. Somehow, we missed posting on the internet our congratulations to the jubilarians in 2022. So to Deacon Marty thank you for your faithful service – while later you are never forgotten here at Holy Trinity! Sto Lat!



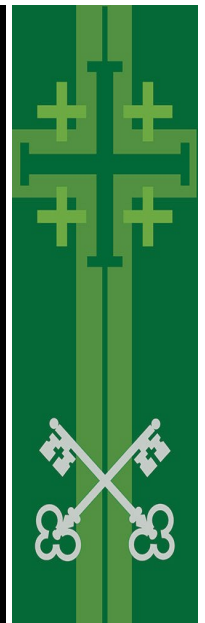
Signs of the End of the Age

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He also has become my salvation. Isaiah 12:2
The puzzle is based on Luke 21:5-28 (NIV).



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HEAR	BEAUTIFUL	WARS	FAMINE	PARENTS
REVOLUTIONS	NATION	HEAVEN	FRIGHTENED	TEMPLE
PRISON	DISCIPLES	TIME	SIGNS	FRIENDS
EARTHQUAKES	WATCH	RELATIVES	WORRY	BROTHERS
NEAR	STONES	KINGDOM	LIFE	GIFTS



WEEKLY OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Regular Offering: \$2,936.00 (31/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$70,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$40,800.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,936.00	\$42,171.00
Net (over/under):	\$536.00	\$1,371.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 36; 10:30AM = 55

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

- Luke 22:19

News for Our Partnership

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL LADIES' GUILD

... will once again hold a Christmas Bake Sale. You can order and pay online at www.olmc-erie.org, call your order in to the parish office at 814-825-7313, or drop off/mail your order. Order sheets can be printed from the website. All orders must be pre-paid. The deadline for ordering is Tuesday, November 15 at Noon and pick-up will be in Scheffner Hall on Saturday, December 10 from 3-5PM and Sunday, December 11 from 8:30AM-Noon. Questions? Call Diane at 814-456-1183 after 4PM.

FEATHER PARTY

The 62nd Annual Our Lady of Mount Carmel FEATHER PARTY will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2022, which is the Saturday before Thanksgiving. We will resume our IN PERSON event to be held in the OLMC Scheffner Hall, 1531 East Grandview Blvd (@ Davison Avenue). Doors will open immediately following the 4:15pm Mass and the festivities will run from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. Admission is free. The enjoyable evening out will feature free refreshments, tips, instant, bottle raffles (new), a wine booth, fruit basket raffles, and, of course, the opportunity to win your Thanksgiving turkey. 100 turkeys will be shared! The evening will conclude with a CASH RAFFLE with three prizes awarded: \$1500, \$250, and \$100. There will be snack food and munchies available for purchase. Please come and join in the fun and fellowship! For more information, you can visit www.OLMC-erie.org or contact the OLMC Parish Office @ SBerdis@olmc-erie.org or 825-7313.

CONGRATULATIONS

National President of the Polish Falcons, Tim Kuzma, presented Nest Member, Robert J. Sulecki, with a Certificate of Appreciation Award for all that Druh does for Polonia. This award was presented due to Bobby's dedication as a Historian and Researcher, along with his promotion of the Polish culture, faith and traditions. Congratulations, Bobby! We are proud of your work!



The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is facilitating the November 29th, 2022 #iGiveCatholic Giving Day to celebrate and support the charitable, educational, and spiritual ministries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie. This year marks the eighth annual national #iGiveCatholic Giving Day and the fourth year the Catholic Foundation has facilitated this initiative for the Catholic parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries in northwest Pennsylvania. In 2021, 1653 donors gave \$340,054 in support of 95 Catholic organizations in northwest Pennsylvania. Support for #iGive Catholic has continued to rapidly grow since joining the campaign in 2019. With your participation, we look forward to another banner year in 2022! Stay tuned for more information...

CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Know the Warning Signs of a Predator: Perpetrators are not waiting on the street to snatch kids; only 10% of sexually abused children are abused by strangers. 90% are abused by someone known and trusted by the child/child's family. Perpetrators integrate themselves into everyone's life, not just the child. They build relationships so that they are trusted to be alone with the child. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with a child in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows a child to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. Visit www.eriescd.org/childprotection/ for more information and resources.

"There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place." (Luke 21:11) Sometimes scripture sounds like it is being written for our times. It can be scary for kids. One antidote is to let your children see you acting to relieve the suffering of others. Include them when possible.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

11/14) Julie Slomski & Katherine Krainski; 11/15) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, Nancy & Art Kujawinski, & Carol Clark; 11/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki, Kay Stankiewicz, & Richard Valahovic; 11/17) Ed Korytowski & Barbara Tuszynski; 11/18) Pearl Wisniewski; 11/19) Bill Dyakon, Rob Lintleman, & Fr. Jason Glover; 11/20) Ed Korytowski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

11/14) Fr. James Campbell; 11/15) Fr. Rich Toohey; 11/16) Fr. Jason Feigh; 11/17) Fr. Brandon Kleckner; 11/18) Msgr. Dan Magrew; 11/19) Fr. Jason Glover; 11/20) Fr. Tom Fialkowski

Sunday, Nov 13, 2022

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Malachi 3:19-20a; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

"There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues..."

Apocalypse soon?

The approaching end of the church year brings a cascade of dreadful-sounding biblical images in many of the scripture readings. Should we be packing our bags for a mad dash to the end-times? As Malachi says, "Lo, the day is coming"—and of course it is. This is why we're regularly reminded to stay "sober and alert," "awake," and "watchful." The threats are real: climate change, global disease, catastrophes, and random violence. Live each day with purpose.

Monday, Nov 14, 2022

Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43

"Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!"

Call upon his names

We often call people close to us by special names: Sweetheart, Honey, Angel. The names both describe the person and reveal how we feel about them. The same goes for our names for God and Jesus in particular. We call him Christ, Messiah, Son of David, Son of God as well as Prince of Peace. Say a Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus today to ponder the meaning of his names. In the end, remember his birth name, Jesus, means, "God saves."

Tuesday, Nov 15, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ALBERT THE GREAT, DOMINICAN, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10

"Because you are lukewarm... I will spit you out of my mouth."

With passion, pursue the good

You could say Saint Albert the Great was a real renaissance man, even though he died in 1289, before the Renaissance flourished. He was an astute professor of philosophy, mentoring his famous pupil Thomas Aquinas and thus laying the groundwork for scholasticism. But Albert also wrote on other subjects he was passionate about: chemistry, physics, biology, astronomy, and geography—and served as bishop and theologian to the pope. "Knowledge of divine things is imprinted on our minds by union with God, who is Wisdom itself," said Albert. Thank God for the good things you are passionate about, using them wisely to honor our Creator.

Wednesday, Nov 16, 2022

Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28

"He called ten of his servants and gave them ten gold coins and told them, 'Engage in trade with these until I return.'"

Demonstrate a mother's love

On this day 160 years ago, one of America's most influential nuns died in her hometown of New Orleans. A Creole, Venerable Henriette DeLille—founder of the Sisters of the Holy Family and their first mother superior—toiled for decades in education and philanthropy on behalf of the region's black community. She founded her convent in 1834 as a place where black women with a religious calling could serve the community. Following her death, DeLille's reputation for holiness resulted in her cause for canonization being opened in 1997, the first for a U.S.-born African American. May her spirit of indefatigable service inspire us all to grow in sanctity and serve the forgotten in a country where racism continues to damage church and society. Mother Henriette, pray for us!

Thursday, Nov 17, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, QUEEN, THIRD ORDER FRANCISCAN

Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44

"If this day you only knew what makes for peace."

Carry on the healing tradition

Christianity has always elevated care for the sick as a key virtue. From Jesus' focus on healing to modern medical systems built by religious orders, helping the ill has been central from day one. Today's saint, Queen Elizabeth of Hungary, built two hospitals. After she lost her fortune, she gave hands-on care to the sick, the aged, and the poor. The next time you shoulder extra work for a sick co-worker or make a late-night run for medicine for a family member, think of it as an opportunity to practice your faith.

Friday, Nov 18, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, SACRED HEART MISSIONARY

Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48

"My house shall be a house of prayer; you have made it a den of thieves"

Learn the language

Making Jesus known to others is a gospel imperative. Saint Philippine Duchesne, R.S.C.J. possessed that evangelizing spirit when she left Paris for New Orleans to serve the French-speaking people in U.S. territories. As a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart, her mission was education. She not only taught people to read and write, but she watched as newly baptized adults, particularly members of the Potawatomie tribe, began spreading the gospel in their own language. As you play your own part in making Jesus known, remember to start with the language of love. That is always an attention getter.

Saturday, Nov 19, 2022

Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40

"Teacher, you have answered well."

Make men whole

International Men's Day is a little-known commemoration held today that needs more notice. Wounded (some would say toxic) masculinity—a distorted and often violence-oriented view of "what it means to be a man"—is manifest in so many ills in our society, starting with what Father Richard Rohr calls the "father wound." Rohr tells a story from when he was a prison chaplain: He found great demand among the imprisoned men for Mother's Day cards to send. When he offered them cards to send on Father's Day, however, he had no takers. Real men can be strong without violence, kind without coercion. Help the men in your life (men, this starts with you!) to heal their wounded masculinity.



*Lord, thank you for walking with us
through the seasons of our lives.
For the winter, when we are held safe
in your arms through the darkness.
For the hope of spring,
as we are filled with new promise and life.
For summer time,
full of warmth and colour
And for autumn days
as leaves fall to seed new growth.

You are always with us.*