



Catholic MUSKEGON PAGE

November 11, 2018 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 12:38-44) ~ A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The widow in today's Gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes, there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize those moments!



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS
Office of the Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ:

Every November, the bishops of the United States gather to discuss pending business and decisions which will affect the Catholic Church of the United States over the next year. This year we will be meeting from November 12 through 14. As we gather we are reminded of the sin and scandal which plague our Catholic Church because of the clergy sexual abuse crisis.

During this meeting we will be making critical decisions in response to this crisis and we need an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to help guide our decisions. Therefore, I will be joining with the other U.S. Bishops in dedicating myself to seven days of intensified prayer and fasting, from Monday, November 5, to Sunday, November 11, leading up to this meeting. The intentions for this period of prayer and sacrifice are three-fold:

- *For the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse.*
- *For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse.*
- *For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading our sheep from all harm.*

This call to prayer and sacrifice is specifically for the bishops; however, I welcome you to join me if you feel called to do so. I would be grateful for any prayers you wish to offer up for me and my brother bishops.

We continue to pray for the survivors of sexual abuse, for just punishment of those who have committed this sin and those who helped to cover it up, and the restoration of hope in our beautiful Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

David J. Walkowiak

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

BISHOP DAVID J. WALKOWIAK ASKS US TO PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Loving God,
Raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians of our Diocese who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us to encourage and support them as they strive to become priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

On Sunday, November 4 marked the beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week. The annual observance runs through Saturday, November 10.

The office of Vocations in the Diocese of Grand Rapids is offering many resources to help encourage vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and consecrated religious life.

If you would like to learn more about vocations, please find out more from one or all of these resources:

- locally from the Serra Club member
- Our Diocese http://dioceseofgrandrapids.org/multimedia/Pages/Vocation_Awareness_Week_National.aspx#.W-HC0ZNKiU1
- Nationally at USCCB ~ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm>

For questions, you can also call Fr. Ron or Fr. Stephen at the Diocese of Grand Rapids (616) 288-0910.

Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM) (231)726-5341 or www.ccwestmi.org

- **Food Pantry current needs** are peanut butter, canned meats, canned fruits, all toiletries and any non-perishable food items.
- **Muskegon Food & Baby Pantry are in need of volunteers** to shop with clients in the food and/or Baby pantry on **Tuesday, Thursdays and/or Fridays from 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.** For more information, contact Holly Salas, Volunteer Coordinator 726-4735 or hsalas@ccwestmi.org
- **Baby Pantry is in URGENT need of winter clothes (new or gently used) for boys and girls size 24 months—6, socks, and boots.** Other needs include: children's books, baby wash, baby lotion, wipes, diapers LARGE SIZES 4-6, all size pull ups, baby food all stages, and baby formula. ****WE CANNOT accept adult clothing or Baby/Toddler car seats.****

•**Kelly Catholic Center** is having a ***GIANT BOOK SALE*** for the month of November! All gently used religious books are \$1 each. Stop by M-F 10 am—6 pm at 2100 Henry Street.

•The Lord said, “*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and the rest will be added unto you.*” Do you find your mind wandering during Holy Mass? Join us at St. Michael’s for the viewing of **The Testimony of Catalina** on Tuesday, November 27 at 6:30 pm in the school building and see what you have been missing.

•**Sacred Heart Parish 100 Years Reminisce Dinners:** We will be hosting Reminisce dinners for small groups of similar age to share stories of Sacred Heart. Anyone with memories of Sacred Heart is welcome--parishioner & non-parishioner alike. Please consider joining us for lunch or dinner (no charge) and go to our website at sacredheartmuskegon.org.

•**St. Mary’s Cemetery news:** Have you made pre-need arrangements? No interest payment options available. Call us for your burial needs at (231) 722-3956.

•**Family Promise “Supermarket Sweep” fundraiser!** A \$10 ticket has the chance to give you five minutes ~ just you and a cart at Great Lakes Market (1663 Sherman Blvd). Drawing November 12; you don’t have to be present to win. Contact Pat McKeown for tickets or to learn more (231) 755-4986.

•**Free Community Matthew Meal** will be held on Wednesday, November 14 from 5-6:15 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church (3225 Roosevelt Rd). All are welcome.

•**Kids' Food Basket** currently provides sack suppers to 5 area elementary schools, feeding 1,100 students every school day. During Christmas vacation we provide the students with 'break bags'. Break bags are gallon size zip-loc bags filled with nonperishable food items to provide nutrition to the students during vacation. We are asking participating parishes to help by donating the 1 ounce size of individual raisin packs to fit in these break bags, by Dec. 2. Look for drop boxes at your parish. Contact Sue Allore 231-578-1622 for more information.