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Family Faith Focus

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Dates to Remember

- November 7: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time— 9:00 AM Mass & FCFF Unit 2 Formation Session
- November 10: Memorial of St. Leo the Great
- November 11: Memorial of St. Martin of Tours
- November 12: Memorial of St. Josaphat
- November 13: Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- November 14: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time— Mass at 4:00 PM on Saturday & 9:00 AM on Sunday

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

On November 13 the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first American citizen to be canonized. Born in Lombardy, Italy, in 1850, Saint Frances founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, and was dedicated to caring for poor children in schools and hospitals. In 1889, Pope Leo XIII urged Frances and six other sisters to come to the United States to work among the Italian immigrants. With faith and trust in God, Frances founded orphanages and hospitals in a number of cities across the United States, including Chicago, and in 1909, became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Frances died in Chicago at the age of 67 on December 22, 1917. She was elevated to sainthood by Pope Pius XII in 1946, and is the patroness of immigrants.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 12: 38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents.

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.

For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Helping our Sisters and Brothers in Need



When doing your fall clean-up, remember our Women's Club Coat Drive is **this Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 7**. We will be collecting coats, jackets, sweaters, and warm scarves. Your donation will be greatly appreciated by the Salvation Army and the recipient of your kindness.

The Knights of Columbus...



are helping the Christmas Cheer Foundation by collecting brand new and crocheted hats, gloves and scarves for men, women and children in need to keep them warm this winter. **Bins are located in the vestibule for the collection of these items through Sunday, November 28.**



Sunday Gospel Connection: November 7, 2021

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Mark 12: 38-44

Gospel Background: The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Mark reports some of Jesus' teaching in the Temple area in today's reading and in the preceding verses not included in our Lectionary sequence. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honor and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.



Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.

Family Connection: Today's Gospel leads us to think about our family's financial contributions to our parish community, the diocese, other Church-sponsored organizations, and other charitable organizations. Good stewardship invites us to share our treasure as well as our time and talent. Sometimes, however, decisions about a family's charitable giving are made without our children's knowledge. Yet we teach more when we invite all family members to be aware of how we contribute to our Church and to other charitable organizations.

As you gather as a family, talk about your family's financial contributions to your parish and to other Church activities. If your family supports other charitable organizations, you might talk about these as well. Talk together about why it is important for us to share our resources with these organizations. Read today's Gospel, Mark 12:38-44. Talk about what Jesus observes about the generosity of the poor widow. Talk also about ways in which your family might also make a sacrificial gift to support your parish or other charitable organization. (Perhaps your family might choose not to go out to dinner but to contribute the money to your parish). Invite all family members to participate in the decision about what action you will take and which organization you will support with your contribution. Conclude in prayer together asking God to help your family be generous like the poor widow in today's Gospel. Pray together the [Peace Prayer of St. Francis](#)

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Fill a Bag = Feed a Family

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As Thanksgiving approaches, we reflect with gratitude on our blessings and good fortune. At the same time, let's also remember that many of our neighbors are feeling the pain of need more than ever. During the season of Thanksgiving, many food pantries see an incredible rise in need.

In 2020, with help from all of you, St. Eulalia passed out Thanksgiving Food Boxes to 786 FAMILIES. We're asking for your help once again to address what we know will be another major year of need. Help them by filling a bag of food over the next few weeks.

Here's a list of the items needed:

Stuffing Mix	Hominy (canned) OR Masa	1-2 pound bag of black OR Pinto beans OR black-eyed peas
Cranberry Sauce	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Pie crust (not frozen),
Broth (boxed or canned)	Brown sugar & Marshmallows	pie filling,
Potatoes (boxed)	Whole grain cereal OR oatmeal OR	evaporated milk
Gravy (can/box/packet)	pancake mix & syrup	Cake mix & frosting OR
Corn (canned)	Green beans (canned)	Brownie/cookie mix
Unsweetened applesauce (cups/pouches)	Cream of mushroom soup	
Cornbread mix (like Jiffy) OR Biscuit mix	French Fried Onions	
	1-2 pound bag of plain rice	

Please, NO GLASS JARS, outdated or expired items, open or used items, or homemade items.

The items you see in the picture here fulfill this list. Almost everything was purchased at Aldi for about \$33!

This is the perfect opportunity to get your kids involved and help them learn more about the importance of giving back! Here are a few ways you can make a difference:

1. Shop for the items all at once, put them in a paper grocery store bag, and bring them to the church vestibule.
2. Contribute individual food items. There will be a box in the church vestibule labeled St. Eulalia Thanksgiving Food Drive.
3. Overwhelmed with work, school, kids, and/or just this 2021 life in general?! Just send \$33 (or an amount of your choice), and we will shop/fill a bag in your name!

Monetary donations can be sent to Kacie723@yahoo.com via quickpay or Kacie Bratko via Venmo. If neither of those options work for you, you can leave a contribution at the Rectory, marked for the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

If you are filling your own bag or bringing food items, bring them to the church vestibule no later than Tuesday, November 16. All donations (food and/or monetary) must be received by the end of the day on Tuesday, November 16th.

Thank you for your generous, faithful care of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

