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# Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | November 6, 2022

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# HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

**Opening Prayer:** When the Lord Jesus Christ appears in His glory at the end of time, those who have placed their trust and hope in him and have allowed Him to occupy a central place in their lives will share the glory of Christ.

Motivated by Faith in God, Hope in Him and in the Resurrection from the Dead: If we intend to see God face to face we must then have faith in God, hope in him and look up to him as the one who will raise us up from the dead. The Sadducees who denied there is no resurrection, angels or spirits understood everything in terms of what they could see with their naked eyes and could not conceive of heaven beyond. They failed to recognize spiritual realities because they tried to make heaven into an earthly image. Their religion was literally grounded on an earthly image of heaven. The Sadducees who related the story of the seven brothers who all died after marrying the same woman tried to prove that there is no life after death but failed in their attempt to do so. While the Sadducees among other things denied there is no resurrection, in the First Reading, faith and hope in God and hope in the resurrection to eternal life with God motivated a mother and her seven sons to endure torture and death. Inspired by the everlasting life that comes with resurrection, which is provided by God, the first son boldly told his torturers: "What do you expect to learn by questioning us? We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors" (2 Maccabees 7: 2). In his turn, the second son said: "You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to live again forever, because we are dying for his laws" (2 Maccabees 7: 9). After him the third son bravely held out his hands, as he spoke these noble words: "It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disregard them; from him I hope to receive them again" (2 Maccabees 7: 11). When the fourth son was near death, he said: "It is my choice to die at the hands of mortals with the hope that God will restore me to life; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life" (2 Maccabees 7: 14). These brothers and their mother choose the harder way. Together with their mother they were not ready to give up their faith. Their obedient faith in God made them to endure suffering and accept martyrdom. Their faith in God, hope in God as well as their hope of resurrection they chose to put up with death at the hands of their persecutors. They allowed God to be the first and most important person in their lives. Today's heroic story of the mother and her seven sons encourages us to put our faith and hope in a greater course-God, His Son our Lord Jesus Christ and our resurrection to eternal life. So, how is our life on earth pitched? Towards heaven or the world? In order words, how is our life oriented? What are the things that shape our lives as Christians? Is our life here on earth-geared towards heaven or it is earthly? Do we look up to God with faith, hope, trust and confidence like the seven brothers in the First Reading who were ready to die and save their lives or we are more preoccupied with worldly things like marrying and giving in marriage as the story related by the Sadducees has it?

Seeking the Glory of God in Prayer and other Things we Do: In all that we do we are to seek the glory of God and not our own. As the story of the seven brothers and their mother presents us with how we can seek the glory of God and not our own, St. Paul also invites us to seek the glory of God when we pray. Our Second Reading today therefore presents us with a practical lesson on how we are to pray and even more still, work and live for the glory of God. St. Paul asks us to pray for two things which can be tied into one. First, while focusing on the glory of God, he asks us to pray: "... So that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified, as it did among you" (2 Thessalonians 3: 1). Second, while still emphasizing on the glory of God, St. Paul appeals that we pray: "that we may be delivered from perverse and wicked people, for not all have faith" (2 Thessalonians 3: 2). In both prayers, the emphasis is on the word of God to be glorified. Even the second part of the prayer (that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people), is offered so that there will be more opportunity for the word of God to spread, which will then cause the Lord's name to be glorified. St. Paul's requests that we seek the glory of God when we pray and the mother and her seven sons also gave glory to God in the face of torture and death. Despite torture and even death the mother and her sons because of their faith in God were moved by the desire to die for God and their salvation. Their personal interest did not matter but what was important for them is the glory and honor due to God. The focus with regard not just prayer but even good work should be God and not our personal interest. When we pray and carry out our good works as Christians, the glory of God should come first and then our personal welfare. We exist for the glory, praise, adoration and honour of God. God should not exist exists for our glory. Jesus taught us to pray for the glory of God before our personal interests: "This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done" (Matthew 6: 9-10; Luke 11: 2). Let us today resolve to pray, to work and to live as Jesus and St. Paul taught us by putting God, His will and His glory ahead of all our needs of soul and body. Let us also follow the example of the seven children who were motivated by life after death and their faith in God and so were ready to die and give glory to God instead of possessing their lives and perishing before God.

**Closing Prayer:** As we pass through this life may we be motivated not just by faith in God and the hope of the resurrection from the dead but may we allow God to be the first in our lives and may we give God glory, honour and praise in all we do.

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31 Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

	<u>St. Anne</u>	St. Catherine	St. Raphael	St. Gabriel
Needed Each Week:	\$2,467.41	\$2,807.70	\$815.76	\$533.66
Needed Year-to-Date:	44,413.38	50,538.60	14,683.68	9,072.14
Actual Year-to-Date:	45,302.20	45,750.04	13,297.41	9,975.90
Date: Oct. 30, 2022:	2,060.33	2,642.60	642.00	512.00
Other Collections:	767.00	350.00	239.00	20.00
Oct. Online Collection:	3,484.98	1,428.44	133.28	96.20

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

#### Saturday, November 5, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael
(For the Parishioners of St. Anne,
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(Oliver De Rocher)

#### Sunday, November 6, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (William Kramer) 11:00am Mass at St. Anne (Bob & Andrea Mills)

#### Monday, November 7, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne
(For our faithful departed)
4:15pm St. Raphael Sodality Meeting
7:00pm KofC Meeting at St. Catherine
for Ossineke Council

#### Tuesday, November 8, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne(For the protection of unborn babies)9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

#### Wednesday, November 9, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(For all the lonely and forgotten)
5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration and Reconciliation
at St. Catherine

# Thursday, November 10, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(For our Government)
9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

# Friday, November 11, 2022

No Mass Today

# Saturday, November 12, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael
(For the Parishioners of St. Anne,
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(Joel Swendsen)

#### Sunday, November 13, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine *(Phyllis Tessmer)* 11:00am Mass at St. Anne *(Sharon O'Callaghan)* 

# **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Carolyn Lenhard, Joan Youngblood, Beverly Aube, Betty Keen, Charles Carriveau, Karl Miltz Sr., Carol Antkowiak, Carl Skwirsk

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- St. Raphael Sodality Meeting November 7th at 4:15pm: Mark your calendar, Regular Meeting time is on Mondays at 4:15pm, at St. Raphael Church in Mikado. We welcome all ladies to join us!
- St Gabriel men's club will not meet in Nov. next meeting will be Dec 8th at 7pm.
- SAVE THE DATE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022, ST. RAPHAEL SODALITY ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS PARTY—ALL LADIES ARE INVITED! More information will follow soon.
- ATTENTION ST CATHERINE AND ST GABRIEL PARISHIONERS: The Ossineke Council of Knights
  of Columbus #6851 have placed kiosks in the main entrance of St. Catherine and St. Gabriel
  churches. The kiosks contain fifteen different booklets focusing on Building the Domestic
  Church. A variety of interesting and informational topics are covered. Stop by the kiosks and
  have a look at what is available. Booklets are yours to keep and are free.
- COFFEE & DONUTS ~ A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SOCIAL TIME WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS!
  - St. Catherine: The next Coffee & Donuts will be Sunday, November 20th following mass.
  - **St. Anne:** Coffee & Donuts will be after mass on Sundays!
  - St. Raphael: Refreshments will be after mass on Saturdays!
- Volunteer Cleaners needed for each month of 2023 for St. Anne Church.
- MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

For The Week (Year C)

#### **SUNDAY:**

2 MC 7:1-2, 9-14, 2 THES 2:16-3:5, LK 20:27-38

#### **MONDAY:**

TI 1:1-9, LK 17:1-6

#### **TUESDAY:**

TI 2:1-8, 11-14, LK 17:7-10

#### **WEDNESDAY:**

EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 COR 3:9C-11, 16-17, JN 2:13-22

#### **THURSDAY:**

PHMN 7-20, LK 17:20-25

#### **FRIDAY:**

2 JN 4-9, LK 17:26-37

# **SATURDAY:**

3 JN 5-8, LK 18:1-8

# PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

#### Sunday:

Rev. Artur Duchnowicz

#### Monday:

Rev. Wayne Dziekan

#### **Tuesday:**

**Deceased Priests** 

### Wednesday:

Rev. Peter Eke

# Thursday:

Rev. James Fitzpatrick

#### Friday:

Rev. Matthew Furgiuele

#### Saturday:

Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PARISHES OF THE RESURRECTION:**

**CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL 2022:** As of Monday, October 31, 2022:

St. Anne has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$18,380 which is 78.6% of our goal. We need an additional \$5,012. To date, 46 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 28% of our members. St. Catherine has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$27,045.00 which is 96% of our goal. We need an additional \$1,059.00. To date 65 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 65% of our members. St. Gabriel & St. Raphael have both reached there CSA goal in contributions but not in participation. If you have not already contributed or pledged, please do so soon! It is imperative that we reach our goal. Thank you to all who have responded so far!



**HUNTER'S BAKE SALE AT ST. RAPHAEL - SATURDAY 11/12** 

St Raphael will be holding a hunters bake sale next Saturday Nov 12th after mass. Please plan on baking and or buying a scrumptious treat. Proceeds go to pay for refreshments after mass and other special events.

THANK YOU AGAIN TO OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS PAST FALL AND SUMMER WITH ALL OF OUR PARISH EVENTS! THESE SPECIAL MOMENTS, SUCH AS WELCOMING BISHOP WALSH, WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU!!

[IMAGES ARE FROM THE RECEPTION FOR BISHOP WALSH AT MARIA HALL AT ST. ANNE.]











#### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **AQUINAS COLLEGE OPENHOUSE | NOV. 12:**

Aquinas College welcomes any high school students and families to our Fall Open House on **Sat, November 12**! Choose your own path throughout the day to get the inside scoop on academics, athletics and scholarships, as well as our Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community and service! Details and registration information can be found at aquinas.edu/openhouse.

#### **KOFC ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: 11/11 - 11/20**

Knights of Columbus Ossineke Council 6851 annual Thanksgiving food drive will take place from November 11 to November 20, 2022. Drop off non-perishable food at St. Catherine and St Gabriel parish halls. Food will be delivered to St Vincent DePaul in Mikado.



#### 'FIGHT LIKE HEAVEN' AND JOIN CAMPAIGN TO PRAY AND FAST FOR DEFEAT OF PROPOSAL 3

Catholics know the battle to defeat Proposal 3 must also be waged on the spiritual front. That's why the faithful across the state are invited to join a 54-day Rosary Novena that will cover the entire campaign season leading up to Election Day on November 8 to pray for the defeat of Proposal 3. **The novena began this past Thursday, but sign-ups are still welcome. To do so, text the phrase "FightLikeHeaven" to 84576 to receive text alerts and daily prompts.** The prayer campaign was initiated by Bishop Boyea of the Diocese of Lansing, but the invitation to pray and fast is extended to every Michigander and beyond.

**Prayer for Life and Right Laws:** Almighty ever-living God, you bestow the gift of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb. Look on our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart reverence for life. Protect our state from unjust laws. In your Name, bring to defeat every attack against the sacredness of life. Safeguard the rights of parents, whom you have entrusted with the care and formation of their children. Help all who believe in Jesus to proclaim the Gospel of Life to their neighbors. Dispel every anxiety and fear. Strengthen the bond between parents and their unborn child. May mothers and fathers accept and nurture the gift of life made in your image and likeness. Our Lady, Queen of the Family, pray for us! St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!