

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018**

**The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Becky Maher)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

**Tuesday, November 13**

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

Weekday(32):

- 9:30 AM—Communion Service followed by coffee
- 6:00 PM—Faith Formation, K-8

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

Weekday; *Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

- 7:00 PM—Finance Council Meeting

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

Weekday; *Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious



"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."  
Mark 12:43

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**

Ti 1:1-9  
Ps 24:1-6  
Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday**

Ti 2:1-8  
Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29  
Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday**

Ti 3:1-7  
Ps 23:1-6  
Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday**

Phlm 7-20  
Ps 146:7-10  
Lk 17:20-25



<b>Friday</b>
2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18 Lk 17:26-37
<b>Saturday</b>
3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-6 Lk 18:1-8
<b>Sunday</b>
Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5, 8-11 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32

**Some Dates to Note**

- Nov. 15—Finance Council Meeting
- Nov. 20—Social Action Committee Meeting
- Nov. 27—Liturgy Committee Meeting
- Nov. 27—Parish Council Meeting



"Learn a lesson from the fig tree."  
Mark 13:28

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Betty Krueger)

**"The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community."**

**Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel)**

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF K-6 GRADE STUDENTS  
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT NEWS**

We are planning to have a Christmas Pageant this year. We'll tell the Christmas Story and sing beloved Christmas songs. Your students should have brought home information about this and a sheet to be completed that indicates whether or not they can participate. The pageant will be held late afternoon on Sunday, Dec. 16, with a meal to follow. We'd love to see lots of our kids involved in this Christmas activity. Please complete and return the participation sheet indicating whether your child(ren) can or can not be part of the program. There are extra forms in the gathering space if you need one. These need to be returned within the next week or so. Let me know if you have any questions. Contact Peggy Dvorak at 515-674-4406 or 515-490-6886. Thanks very much.

**Prayer for Deceased Veterans**

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

We are almost there. We need only \$4,728.00 to meet our goal. We have pledges for \$12,918.00 of our \$17,646.00 goal or 73.21%. You will find fliers and envelopes in the gathering space. To all of those who have contributed—thank you for your generosity. If you have not yet had a chance to make your pledge, please do so soon.



Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

Envelopes .....	\$2,830.00
(\$87.00) in auto tithing)	
All Saints .....	\$5.00
2018 Disasters .....	\$320.38



## FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

(In celebration of National Bible Week, Mary Elizabeth Sperry, associate director for the utilization of the New American Bible at the USCCB, shares 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.)

1. **Bible reading is for Catholics.** The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.  
2. **Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful

people.

3. **Get the whole story!** When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition. A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an imprimatur notice on the back of the title page. An imprimatur indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.

4. **The Bible isn't a book. It's a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.

5. **Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't.** The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.

6. **The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.

7. **The Old relates to the New. The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other.** While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.

8. **You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.

9. **What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?

10. **Reading isn't enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective." (Hebrews 4:12).

God's abundant blessings

Dc. Joe



## Coffee and Donuts

Thank you to Bud and Paula, Claire and Kathy for hosting donuts and coffee this morning. If you would like to host in the future, please let Dc. Joe know.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Margaret of Scotland: c. 1045–1093

Feast Day—November 16

Margaret may have been born in Hungary of a German mother. She was the granddaughter of an English king and was brought to England when she was a youth. After the Norman conquest of England, she took refuge in Scotland. In 1070, Margaret married Malcolm III, the king of Scotland. They had two daughters and six sons. Deeply religious, Margaret used her influence to bring the Scottish Church in line with Rome and was also noted for caring for orphans and the poor. Three of their sons became kings, one of whom was considered a saint for building up the Church in Scotland, following in his mother's footsteps. She died four days after her husband and a son were killed in battle. She was buried at Dunfermline Abbey. Margaret is the patron saint of Scotland. . Copyright ©2018 Catholic News Service–United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



## Colfax-Mingo Community Christmas Adopt-a-Family. Applications are now available

A ministry of the Communities of Colfax and Mingo is the Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program. For many years the churches, school groups and individuals have reach out to families in need, and assisted them with gifts for the children of those families during the Christmas Season. It is that time of year again. We are asking if you know of a family that is struggling and could benefit from this program, please direct them to pick up an application at one of the following locations or simply take them one. Thank you for sharing in this ministry.

Applications are available at the following locations: Colfax City Hall, First National Bank and all the area churches. They must be back to the Howard Street Christian Church, 101 N Locust, Colfax, IA 50054 by **Monday, November 12, 2018**, in order to assure adoption of the family.

**November 11, 2018—11:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Brad Hagarty

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Irma Bell, Susan Heggen, Claire Williams, & Sharon Jones

**Altar Servers:** Dane Owens & Rita Krueger

**Greeters:** Wood Family

**November 18, 2018—11:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Sharon Jones & Mary Dell Flattery

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Bussan, Mackenzie Bussan, Elizabeth Birkenholtz, & Rita Krueger

**Altar Servers:** Abiel Erickson & Meta Hill

**Greeters:** Claire Williams & Bud Wilson



## Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Diane Wood

Julia Jorensen, niece of Mary May

Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum)

Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood

James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan



## Winter Gear Drive

Social Action will again be collecting winter clothes for St. Mary's in Des Moines. If you have coats, hats, gloves, scarfs, etc. that are in good shape but no longer needed, you can drop them in the box in the gathering space. Social Action will see that they get delivered to St. Mary's Shelter.



## Faith Formation News

Classes will meet at the regular time on Wednesday, November 14—6:30 PM.

## DIOCESAN PRAYER:

### Vision 20/20 - From Pentecost to Pentecost

As you know from the article above, Bishop Zinkula has a new initiative, Vision 20/20. Prayer for the success of this initiative is so very important. Please consider praying the following prayer daily for the success of Vision 20/20

Send your Spirit, O God

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly your gifts and blessings,  
Past and present,  
And so be filled with gratitude.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly where we have failed to proclaim  
The Good News and welcome the stranger,  
And so be moved to ongoing conversion.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly the signs of the times  
And where your Christ lies hidden at the margins,  
And so see where and how we are being called to serve.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly the vision that you, O God,  
have for us, The Diocese of Davenport,  
And so answer your summons into a future together.

Yes, O God, send us your Spirit in a new Pentecost:

Renew our hearts

Renew our Church

Renew our world.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing." Psalm 2:4  
Psalm 2:4

### Sister Patience

A phone-order operator for a mail-order catalogue was having a very busy day. The switchboard was jammed with calls, and most people were having to be put on hold. When she took one person off hold, she heard the person muttering mild curses into the phone. The operator laughed good-naturedly and said, "What may I help you with today?"

The sheepish voice on the other line said, "I'm sorry. I want to place an order."

"Alright," the operator said, "Now, I need your name first."

"Oh, dear," she said, "how embarrassing. My name is Sister Patience."

## Prayer for Vocations

Compassionate God, You speak your word to us through prophets of long ago and you continue to reveal your message of love today. With great expectation we look to your Spirit empowering us to serve you as Jesus did.

May we listen for your word and respond generously to your call. Renew in us the grace of our baptism. Strengthen married couples, single men and women, deacons, priests, sisters, and brothers as they seek to serve you by sharing their love and compassion.

Grant wisdom to those who are discerning their call. With gratitude we proclaim the Good News of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©2006NCCV [www.nccv-vocations.org](http://www.nccv-vocations.org)

## A Stewardship Moment

### Nov. 11—The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus points out to his disciples the poor widow who has just dropped two simple copper coins into the temple treasury. He then delivers a teaching on stewardship. Despite her poverty, the poor widow in today's Gospel does not refuse God her generosity. Out of her desperately impoverished life she contributes to an earthly institution to give God glory and praise. It is not the monetary value of the gift that was important, but the love, trust and gratitude expressed through the gift. The Gospel asks us similarly compelling stewardship questions: What do we value? In what or whom do we place our trust? How do our own contributions to our community of faith reflect our generosity toward God?

## Wounded by Abortion?

### Project Rachel Can Help:

Project Rachel understands the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; [vac@diodav.org](mailto:vac@diodav.org) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; [vac@diodav.org](mailto:vac@diodav.org) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.