



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 9 - The  
Dedication of the Lateran  
Basilica in Rome  
8:00 Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 10 - St. Leo  
the Great  
8:00 Faithful Departed

Wednesday, November 11 - St.  
Martin of Tours  
5:30 Wladyslaw Kaus SP4 - KIA  
Vietnam by Ron Konieczny

Thursday, November 12 - St.  
Josaphat  
8:00 Daniel and Frances  
Springer - 60th  
Anniversary by family

Friday, November 13 - St. Frances  
Xavier Cabrini  
8:00 Michael Kelly by Lee Coyle

Saturday, November 14  
9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 Sophie Schoenwetter by  
Jeff, Kelly, Mallory and  
Austin Schoenwetter

Sunday, November 15 - 33rd  
Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 Bernie Badding - Birthday  
Remembrance by wife  
10:15 Sally Shimmel - 1st  
Anniversary by family



### Scripture Readings for the Week

**Monday** - Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-  
11, 16-17; John 2:13-22; **Tuesday**  
- Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10;  
**Wednesday** - Wisdom 6:1-11;  
Luke 17:11-19; **Thursday** -  
Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25;  
**Friday** - Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke  
17:26-37; **Saturday** - Wisdom  
18:14-16, 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8;  
**Next Sunday** - Daniel 12:1-3;  
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark  
13:24-32

Today's Second Collection is  
for Catholic University. Please  
try to be generous!



### PASTORAL SHARINGS

But Jesus focuses our attention on the widow and her coins because in her Jesus must see something of His own life. At the end of the parable we hear Jesus say, "She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." Other translations put it more bluntly and accurately. "She has given her whole life." And that is where Jesus sees a reflection of Himself in this woman's gift.

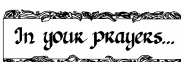
As the Gospel of Mark tells this story, today's gospel reading takes place in the middle of Holy Week. A couple of days from now, Jesus Himself will give His whole life on the cross. Jesus turns our attention to the woman not because she shows us how to run a giving campaign. Rather, when she opens her hand and the two coins slip out, she has given away her life. In the same way, on the cross Jesus opens up His own hands and life slips from them. Her giving is total just as, on the cross, Jesus will give completely of Himself.

In her and in our Lord we see that the kingdom of God is found not where people hold on tight to their riches or when they demand respect. Life is found not in holding on to what we have, but in letting go. As Jesus has said over and over, "Those who want to save their life will lose it. And those who lose their life for my sake and the gospel will find it."

In her giving this widow gives us a glimpse of our Lord Jesus. She gave her very life. So does He. Another place in the New Testament adds to the picture. In Philippians Saint Paul says, "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God something to be grasped, but He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant" (Philippians 2:5-7), and He died on the cross. This widow gives us a glimpse of the life of Jesus—hands open, giving away life. In turn, we will find what she has found, that our own life comes only from God.

Mark Strobel

**Our Special Prayer Request for the Week:** That the Lord will look with compassion on those suffering from the loss of a loved one and that their sadness and sorrow may turn into the light and peace of God's love; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Thomas Brennan, Irene Michalak, Alexis Bruno, Jason Krear, Sara Milani, Julie Conschafter, Loretta Varo, Julie Carlo, Dolores Totaro, Rita Matynka and William Suszka, Jr. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.



Plenty of photos were taken following the Confirmation Mass on October 18th. We would like to use some of your photos in the upcoming issue of the Teresean Times, Your parish newsletter. If you wish to share some of your pictures of Bishop Grosz or family members, please e-mail them in jpeg format, by December 1st, to our parish e-mail address, which is stteresasofakron@verizon.net.



**Religious Items:** St. Teresa's Women's Guild will have religious items available before and after all Masses this weekend in the Parish Hall. Complimentary refreshments will be served. This is an opportune time to buy or order Christmas gifts or purchase something for yourself. There will be some new items, including a "Forget Me Not" rosary, an auto rosary and a 19-piece magnet Nativity scene for children. Even if you special order an item from the catalog, your order will be in by early December.



**Thanksgiving Baskets** - A festive container for food donations will be out in the vestibule of the Church starting this weekend until November 22nd. We are in need of traditional Thanksgiving Dinner food items such as cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, stuffing mix, canned gravy, potatoes, garden squash, canned pumpkin, evaporated/condensed milk, flour, sugar, etc. If you know of a parishioner in need of a basket or you would like to donate a turkey, please contact Melissa at the Rectory any weekday. Donations are also being accepted to help defray the cost of turkeys.

### Parish Outreach

Volunteers are needed to deliver a plant and Thanksgiving card to our shut-ins and parishioners in nursing homes. This project has become a tradition with our Salt and Light core group. If you can help, please come on Saturday, November 14th at 12:30 pm to the school building. Also, please sign the clip board on the table in the church. Thank you!

**Notre Dame High School Entrance Exam:** Saturday, November 14 at 8:00 am at the school, 73 Union Street, Batavia, NY. Required for all 8th grade students interested in attending Notre Dame High School next September. Pre-registration is required. Please call 585-343-2783, ext. 137 to register or for more information.



### A Prayer For Our Troops

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the lives and service of our men and women in the Armed Forces. Strengthen them and give them guidance as they stand in harm's way to protect our nation and way of life. May they face each day of their service the same way Your Son Jesus did; with courage, dignity and faith. And if it be Your will, when their work is through, bring them safely home. Lord, please also bless the families of our troops. Reward them generously, for their loved ones are so far from home. And may we never forget those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom and safety; those who have died in the service of our country. May they rest in peace forever with You in Your kingdom. Amen.



Walter gets pulled over after a high-speed car chase. "I'm going to help you out," says the police officer. "Give me a good excuse and I won't write you a ticket." "Three weeks ago, my wife left me for a cop," Vlad explains. "So when I saw your car coming, I thought you were trying to bring her back."



- \* Sunday, November 8 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- \* Wednesday, November 11 - No Religious Education Classes - Veteran's Day Holiday!
- \* Saturday, November 14 - Monthly Visitation to the Erie County Home - cars leave the parking lot at 1:15 pm - cookies are needed!
- \* Weekend of November 14-15 - Blood Pressure Screenings after each Mass in the Library of the Church
- \* Sunday, November 15 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

### November Prayer

**For all the Faithful Departed**  
 God, creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your servants and handmaids the forgiveness of all their sins. Through our devout prayers may they obtain the pardon which they have always desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, hear our prayers; in your mercy, bring us to your place of peace and light the soul(s) of your servant(s) [Name(s)], whom you have summoned from this world. Call him/her to be numbered in the fellowship of your saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BOTTOM LINE:

Let the will of God be achieved in your life!