

November 10, 2024

"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"



STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

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OUR VISION

To expand and strengthen the Christian Community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is demonstrated and fulfilled.

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

1st Saturday 10am: SPP Saturday 5pm: SPP Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's 11am: SPP

WEEKDAYS

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

HOLY DAYS

Vigil 7pm: SPP Holy Day 9am: Sт. Joseph's Noon: SPP

Youth Mass

Last Sunday of the Month

CONFESSION

1st Saturday 9:00am: SPP Saturday 4pm: SPP Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office to schedule Communion



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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." - Mk 12:42-43

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 62001, 1998, 1970 CCD:

CLP

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Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org



Whether you are a visitor, new to our parish, interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or an active member of our parish, we are pleased that you have come.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/

Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/

Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19 Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25 Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8 Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/

Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day

Tuesday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr Wednesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Thursday:

Friday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor: Don & Eileen

Tyler

In Memory of: Bob

McCann

ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor: Don & Eileen

Tyler

In Memory of:

Bob McCann



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor: Don & Eileen Tyler

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In Memory of:Bob McCann



Or have a Mass said for a loved one. Contact the office for availability.



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 10, 2024

"Do not fear; go, do as you have said." Let the reassuring words of Christ lead you. If you are being called to be a priest or religious brother or sister, courageously say "Yes!" Talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations 804.359.5661

Or via email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



Fluvanna Christian Service Society (FCSS) once again is sponsoring its annual Happy Face Party. Once qualifying families are identified, they will participate in a program to celebrate Jesus" birth. Each child will pick out a toy, books, games, and a stuffed animal, and will receive a winter coat and a pair of pajamas. Each family also will receive a food voucher.

Please help us make the party a big success by donating new toys valued at \$15 - \$30 (no guns or weapons). Suggestions -- fitness watches, wireless ear buds, Bluetooth speakers, Stanley tumblers (Target), makeup kits, scooters, or a donation to Sts. Peter & Paul with "Happy Face" on the memo line of your check. You may drop these in the Poor Box for the month of November.

You can drop off your gifts in the Happy Face box in the entrance of the Church. Deadline for gifts and checks is December 1st.



Everyday Stewardship

What does sacrifice look like? I think of those who serve in the Armed Forces. They have sacrificed much for my freedom and to work towards real peace in our world. I think of those in service to our Church: priests, deacons, and religious. Their lives are dedicated to prayer and good works so that the Good News might not only be preached but be seen in the love they display toward God and their fellow brothers and sisters. I think of parents who stay up long nights with sick children and then one day find themselves staying up even longer as they wait for them to return home. I think of teachers who work hard to educate the next generation of citizens with low salaries and little respect.

I can see sacrifice all around me. I think you can see it, too, if you look. However, I also see too many seeking to get ahead at the expense of others. I see those who have so much and only crave for more. I see those caught up in themselves to the point where families fall apart, friendships disappear, and people literally die from a lack of compassion. I see many who have forgotten where all their gifts in this world came from, if they even knew in the first place.

I think of all those who sacrifice and see all those who do the opposite. May our eyes see more of those who are generous. May we never focus on those who have forsaken others more than those who have given freely to others. May the witness of true sacrifice show us the way to the Father and to a world full of His love. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#IGIVECATHOLIC/GIVING TUESDAY IS COMING TO SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ON DECEMBER 3RD



Advance giving begins on November 18, and all donations received during advance giving, including offline donations, will count toward our December 3, 2024 event.

Proceeds from #IGiveCatholic/Giving Tuesday, offline donations made between November 18 and December 10, and any donations we receive in person or by mail will be added to the funds

already raised (\$28,649) to continue to build an emergency reserve dedicated to keeping our parish in good repair for years to come.

We are going to make our Giving Tuesday, December 3rd a festive day to stop by St. Francis Hall to celebrate with volunteers between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 pm.

https://richmond.igivecatholic.org/organizations/saints-peter-paul-catholic-church

PARISHIONER UPDATES:

If you move, change your email or phone number, no longer need envelopes, etc., let us know. We don't want you to miss anything!

Call: 434.589.5201 | Email: office@saintspeterpaul.org Come in: 4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway (Parish Hall)

PARISH YOUTH





NO CCD this Sunday,

November 10th. Please join the special Youth Mass at 11am.



Combined St. Joseph and Sts. Peter & Paul
Youth Mass 11:00 am
November 10 at Saints Peter & Paul

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to quietly give you the best of all that you have given me. Amen.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

God wants us to be humble, and he wants us to share our blessings. So many people Jesus met were proud, and they thought they deserved special treatment. Other people were rich, but they took what they wanted first and gave God what was left. The poor widow in today's Gospel got it right. She quietly gave to God all she had.



JOIN SCOUTING!

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 11 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign him or her up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:
Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys):
Chuck Palmer

charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com 571.212.4445

The sacrament of <u>Baptism</u> will normally occur on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the 11:00am Mass.

Please contact Celeste at <u>religioused@saintspeterpaul.org</u> for registration and prep information.



INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 9 - NOVEMBER 17, 2024

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	11/9	5pm	Anne Ayuso	D	The Ayuso Family	
Sunday	11/10	9am*	Misa Pro Populo			
Sunday	11/10	11am	Sal Barcia	D	Mary Ann Barcia	
Wednesday	11/13	9am	Lew Mason	D	Mary Ann Mason	
Thursday	11/14	9am	Jonathan Duran	D	Kosierowski & Cruz families	
Friday	11/15	9am	Donna Horan	D	Tim & Eileen Monahan	
Saturday	11/16	5pm*	Misa Pro Populo			
Sunday	11/17	9am*	George Barrows	D	Debbie Blackburn	
Sunday	11/17	11am	Stanislawa Sowinska-birthday	1	The Witkowski family	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .



Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Connor Dobbins, Katie Marron, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Damien LaForenza, Russ Marron, Adam Warren, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Joseph Ayuso, Joe and Sophia Murphy, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Alex Ostrowski, and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Peter & Philomena Alonso, Michael Amato, Jean & Mary Louise Bernard, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jim Cullinan, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Carol Donohue, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Frank Feliciano, David & Pat Garner, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Michael Gross, Phyllis Guthrie, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Zachary W. Mayo II, Art & Judy Menard, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Margaret Reilly, Douglas Robinson, Carol Scampoli, Kathy Seroskie, Carol Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Rob Toepfert, Jr. Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters, and Walter Welham

Please call the office at **434.589.5201** to request homebound or hospital visits.



This Thanksgiving we are expecting an unprecedented number of people throughout our community to turn to us for food, warmth and shelter. No one in need should be turned away, which is why we are reaching out to our parishioners. Your generous online donations now will help sustain Thanksgiving ministries that reflect God's love. As you can imagine, our ministries are feeling the effects of rising costs and empty shelves. We must prepare as early as possible this year to do our best to help those in need. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249 or call 866.507.8757.





EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat 125 Sun 157	October 26 & 27	
First Offering	\$ 3,724	
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,475	
Total	\$ 6,199	
OCT MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 3,251	

The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

DECEMBER 7 & 8

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is <u>Dec. 7 & 8</u> after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thanks!

Chesterton Academy Prospective Student Events: Ultimate Frisbee Nov. 17th, Game Night Dec. 13th!

Rising 9th graders and current high schoolers are invited to have some fun on the field and learn about this high school with a higher purpose! Come enjoy Ultimate Frisbee at Pen Park on Nov. 17th, 4-6 pm. On Dec. 13th, come take a tour of the school and then let the board games and ping pong tournament begin! CASJE is an affordable classical high school in the Catholic tradition. Shadow Days are also available for prospective students. For event details and registration, visit ChestertonSJE.org/ events or contact us at info@ChestertonSJE.org

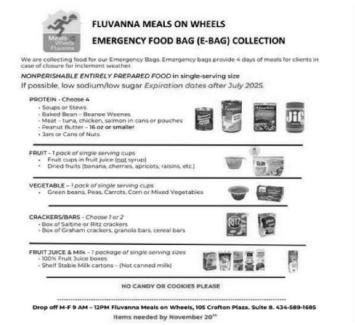
Prayer of Generosity

Oh God, whose generosity cannot be outgiven, mold my heart to mimic Yours. Teach me what it means to be giving, knowing that whatever I have is a gift, from Your abundance. Blessed be Your name.

CALL FOR GOOD SHEPHERDS:

Occasionally we might have a parishioner who needs a temporary helping hand or can no longer drive. Can you make time to help with a ride to a doctor's appointment, church, bank or to the grocery store? This is what the "Good Shepherd "ministry is about. With your name in my call file, you might be asked to be a temporary good Samaritan (Shepherd). To learn more about Good Shepherds ministry, please contact:

Patricia Travers 434-953-5432



If you'd like to help, stop by the office to pick up bags with the specific list of food items needed, or items can be donated in grocery bags.

Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm. 105 Crofton Plaza, Suite 8, Palmyra, VA 22963

*Please leave a note of your name and # of bags dropped off

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "100 CLUB" OCTOBER WINNERS:

10/02	#10_	Patricia Amato
10/09	#08	Carole Fernandez (Harry)
10/16	#67	Lisa Thackston
10/23	#35	Teddy Tokarz
10/30	#52	OPEN

Congratulations to all winners and thanks for playing!

UPCOMING EVENTS



ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

includes RCIA,
offering
instruction to
unbaptized and
non-Catholic
persons with an
interest in being
members of the
Catholic faith.

Sundays 9:30am



BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm *Room 123* ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	9-Nov	Craft Fair	8:00a	E/F
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	10-Nov	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		SPP & SJ Youth Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	11-Nov	Bible Study	1:00p	123
Tues	12-Nov	Funeral Mass	11:00a	Church
		Parish Council	7:00p	123
	13-Nov	Mass	9:00a	Church
Wed		Scouts	6:30p	F
		Finance Council	7:00p	123
Thurs	14-Nov	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Yoga	11:00a	F
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
	15-Nov	Mass	9:00a	Church
Fri		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	16-Nov	Confessions	4:00p	Church
Sat		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	17-Nov	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	Church
		CCD	10:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		Grand Ultreya	1:00p	E/F

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

Wednesday, December 18 10:00 am, Commons

November is the month of Thanksgiving. Please share with us something you are grateful for. Bring a photo that shows this, if possible.

SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS Our Chapel is OPEN!

Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm

Block schedule for those who want a regular weekly adoration time is posted on the wall in the hall across from the Religious Store.

Any Questions?

Contact: Denise Minor - dminor92@gmail.com



PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE

APRIL 24 - MAY 4, 2025 \$5,449

For further information, please contact: Alba Kim:

Phone: (804) 298-4035 Email: tours@albastours.com Website: albastours.com

*Register by December 2nd, 2024 to ensure your spot on this very special journey.

EYE GLASSES FOR UGANDA

Do you have old eye glasses that aren't helpful any more? Are they just piling up? Wondering what you can do with them? There is a collection box in the entrance of the church to deposit any unused, or even brand new eye glasses, which will



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

QUESTION: How old does someone need to be to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

Answer: : 14819

The KoC Helps Santa

The Knights of Columbus are working with Santa Claus to help our two parishes and our families. Things get a little tight for us all sometimes, and Christmas time is no exception. If you find yourself this Christmas season in need of a little help putting toys under the tree for your children please contact us so we can talk to Santa. Discretion will be of the utmost importance. Only one Knight will be directly involved with those who call, and he will speak directly to Santa. Please Contact David Cauffield for more information and assistance 814.525.0594

SAVE THE DATES: November 21 -23

PARISH MISSION

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: Year of Mission

Come to hear Deacon Kevin Hogan, permanent deacon at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Richmond, and his wife of 42 years, Adria, share their love of their faith as it relates to this year's theme. Morning and evening talks scheduled.

STS. PETER & PAUL Religious Store religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org

HOURS:
SATURDAY
Baby items
Figurines

Rosaries
Graphic Tees

6:00 - 6:45pm
Gifts for the home
Books
And more

We're celebrating our 1st year!

Thank You for your support!

For the month of November, receive a FREE Rosary with every purchase.

The store will be closed on November 16-17th.

OPEN HOUSE

Friday, November 29th 12pm - 3pm 25% off everything in store

The KoC Toy Drive

The Knights of Columbus are collecting brand new, in the box and tagged toys for Santa to deliver to those in our two parishes that need a little help bringing joy to the children this Christmas. Toys for boys and girls of all age groups are needed. Please place unwrapped toys under the Knights table at the back of the commons. Thank you so much for your generosity. We truly cannot make with happen without donations from our parishioners.

Catholic Q & A

QUESTION:

Our prayer group has been reading the lives of some saints, and we were struck by how some of them thought they were such sinners. Why would such holy people think they had such serious sin?

ANSWER:

Professional athletes practice the fundamentals of their sport over and over again, reaching for better form, consistency, and better performance. They focus on the basics, review past performances, and visualize greater success. Practice makes better, if not perfect!

Spiritual masters such as the saints also looked for perfection. They practiced their faith in the search for holiness, grace, and virtue. Through sacraments, prayer, study, good works, and penance, they raised their level of awareness, their sensitivity to the presence of God, the demands of the Gospel, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. They examined their consciences daily, reviewing the day for moments of failure and times that they could have been more virtuous in one way or another. They resolved to do better, be more attentive and alert!

Therefore, anything that would distract them or interfere with their relationship with God would be like a small black spot on a bright white wall — you can't miss it! The great saints were aware of sin and the presence of evil because they were so tuned in to the struggle between good and evil that was fought in their own lives, hearts, and souls. We must guard against becoming desensitized to sin in our lives and unaware of the harm it causes us. A goal of any spiritual practice is to become more aware of our sinfulness so what we seek God's forgiving and healing love.



The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a **Diocesan Synod Program Manager** as it prepares for the 2025 Jubilee Year. For the full job description and how to apply, please copy and paste https://bit.ly/4f2q5Jj

Saint Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School (grades PreK-8) located in Hampton, Virginia, is seeking candidates for the position of **principal**. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste https://bit.ly/3Y0PzPU

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking an **Administrative Assistant** to support the Office for Evangelization. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste https://bit.ly/3XIiBTZ

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Full Time **Information Technology Specialist** to work in the Christiansburg area. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste https://bit.ly/4dJh1rV.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a **Coordinator of Campus Ministry** to serve the Catholic Campus Ministry at Roanoke College in Salem, VA. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste https://bit.ly/3zMgVAK.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a full time **Accounting Manager** for the Office of Finance. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste https://bit.ly/4eSK7Wh.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond seeks a **Director of Development for Catholic Campus Ministry at William & Mary**in Williamsburg, VA. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste https://bit.ly/4eM6IJH

For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

FISH FRY 2025

In a few months the Knights will be starting the Fish Frys. This year we need help in the following areas:

- ⇒ Kitchen Manager
- ⇒ Ordering & Inventory every week

The Knights will be splitting the funds with the parish so I am reaching out to all Knights and beyond to anyone interested in fulfilling these **key** roles in this undertaking. This is a 6 week commitment. Help will be provided to get you going.

If no one steps up to fill these roles then the Fish Fry is at risk of being canceled.

Please contact Grand
Knight Bob Maher 540.717.2241



PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Ellen Agolia * Bradford Barrows * David Carbocci * Maria Correa * Nona Dooley * Bob Fermoyle * Alice Galvez-Sobral * Mauricio Granados * Andy Mallory * India Martin * Angelica Motta * Odila Motta * Oscar Motta * Thelma Motta * Denise Pillar * John Stewart * Jordan Watkins * Diane Wolfe *

If you have pictures or ministry information to be added to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at: kenneymg@gmail.com

If you would like to honor a loved one by having a Mass said for them, contact the office at Sts. Peter and Paul at 434.589.5201 to arrange an available date at least 6 months out.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Look

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you're out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows you're out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar.

We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and shows us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just moments before.

Sometimes, we all have "the look" when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. "I'm out, God! I can't do any more! Can't give any more. Can't take any more. It's all gone." But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty.

See, we don't know how much we are capable of loving. We don't know how much we are capable of serving. We don't know how much we are capable of hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation.

Do you ever make the mistake of telling God "I'm done"? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He's far from finished working.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

No CCD this Sunday; Youth Mass at SPP 11:00 AM

OFFERTORY

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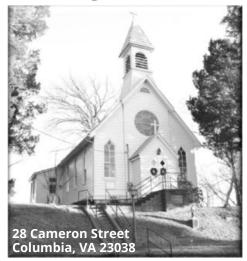
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Thank you for your generosity!



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INTROSPECTIVE

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Giving From Abundance

If you're like me, and you're far, far below the "having buildings named after you" tax bracket, you might just think that today's Gospel has nothing to do with you.

You might kick back and relax, thinking of all the poor, rich suckers sitting in the pews, shifting uncomfortably as Jesus praises the meager gift of the widow and disdains those who only give from abundance, those whose charity results in admiration and praise and all manner of temporal reward.

"In this economy, every gift I give is from my poverty," you might think to yourself with a chuckle.

But you — and let me be clear, I'm talking mostly to myself here — would be wrong. Because we all have an abundance of something, even if it isn't money.

What I've come to realize about myself is that I find plenty of ways to give only from my abundance. For instance, if I answer any request with the words, "Sure, I can, but..." chances are high that I'm about to work out a way to give, but only in a way that doesn't really impact me.

I'm willing to help. I just don't want to feel it.

But here's the thing about Jesus: he cares what's in our hearts as well as what's in our hands. A good deed, an act of charity? That's great! But what's the story behind it? Because a world full of moral actions and selfish hearts doesn't do anyone any good.

When we give from our poverty — our poverty of money, our poverty of time, our poverty of patience — we are giving the gift of the widow.

Youth Activities		
Lessons & Carols	December 15 at Sts. Peter & Paul 2:00 - 4:00pm	

All youth are invited to create a Nativity scene to be displayed during Lessons and Carols on December 15. All scenes must be 3D, no drawings or paintings. Use any materials you have on hand, for example: clay/play dough, Popsicle sticks, cardboard boxes and tubes, building blocks/Legos, natural materials (rocks, sticks, grass). All nativity scenes need to be turned in by December 9 to Celeste.





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