

BULLETIN: 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 31, 2021

Please pray for those who are ill & in need of our continued prayer: Bob Yoder, Christopher Endicott, Luke Barden, Joe Kranz, Doug Jones, Trang & Ann Treber, Eddy Messer, Scott Weaver, Foster Sauter, Steve Wilmes, Erin Palmer, Keagan Sanders, Rylan Losh & Tara Young & Shirley Schaffer.

DAILY EVENTS & MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, November 5th	
7:15 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30 a.m.	Mass: + Chris Schaffer
7:00 p.m.	Youth Spanish Choir Practice
Saturday, November 6th	
8:30 a.m.	Mass: + Souls of OLP Parishioners
5:00 p.m.	Mass: Matthew & Danielle Sherer
7:30 p.m.	Mass: Neocatechumenal Way
Sunday, November 7th	
8:15 a.m.	Confessions
9:00 a.m.	Mass: + Richard Gomez
10:10 a.m.	K-8 Religious Education
10:15 a.m.	Altar & Rosary Meeting (New House)
11:30 a.m.	Mass: People of Our Lady of the Plains
Monday, November 8th	
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
9:30 a.m.	Lectio Divina
7:00 p.m.	In Ipso: (Prayer: Going Deeper)
Tuesday, November 9th	
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, November 10th	
6:30 p.m.	No Mass: OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY! ENDOW (Women's Study)
Thursday, November 11th	
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, November 12th	
7:15 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
7:00 p.m.	Youth Spanish Choir Practice
Saturday, November 13th	
7:00 a.m.	That Man Is You
5:00 p.m.	Mass: + Rose Unrien
7:30 p.m.	Mass: Neocatechumenal Way
Sunday, November 14th	
8:15 a.m.	Confessions
9:00 a.m.	Mass: Caitlin & Dylan Swanson
10:10 a.m.	K-8 Religious Education
11:30 a.m.	Mass: People of Our Lady of the Plains

REFLECTION

Readings:
[1 Kings 17:10-16](#)
[Psalm 146:7-10](#)
[Hebrews 9:24-28](#)
[Mark 12:41-44](#)

We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving. That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy. The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family. The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple. In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the Cross.

Again, in today's Epistle, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. On the Cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take away our sin and bring us to salvation. And again, we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged, not by how much we give—for the scribes and the wealthy contribute far more than the widow. Rather, we will be judged by whether our gifts reflect our livelihood, our whole beings, all our heart and soul, mind and strength. Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love.

Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, as He sustains the widow. Today, let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry.

[\(ONLINE SOURCE, ST. PAUL CENTER\)](#)



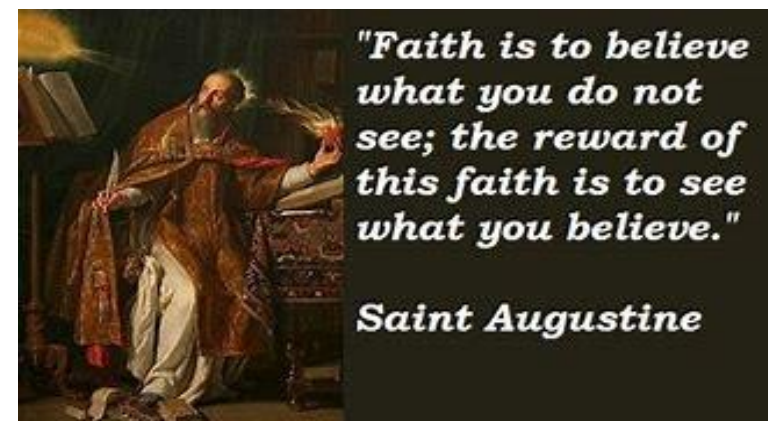
OFFERTORY

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\$4,883.37

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ *****NEW*** ANNUAL SEMINARY APPEAL***:** There will be a 2nd collection, responding to our Lord's command to go and make disciples of all nations, Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary educate and form men to serve as our future priests. Once ordained, these priests will sow God's love, mercy, and compassion in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Denver. The average annual cost to educate one seminarian is \$60,000. Currently, 110 seminarians are on path to become priests. Upon ordination, each priest will serve the faithful for nearly 50 years. To make a donation online, please click the link. Thank you in advance, God bless!
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- ❖ *****NEW*** FR. JOHN YEARLY PRIEST RETREAT:** Father John will be away this week attending the annual priestly retreat through the Archdiocese. Please either contact Deacon John, Deacon Jason or the closest parish. **11/8, 11/9, 11/11 & 11/12 will be Communion services.** He will return Friday for confessions & Mass.
- ❖ *****SAVE THE DATE***: Winter on the Plains.** An event led by parishioners Steve & Alice Linnebur and the Altar and Rosary Society. There will be a live auction & all donated craft proceeds will go to the Altar & Rosary Society who provide many things for our parish and the people of our community. This money will help buy toys for many children & families in need for Christmas. More details are coming but save the date, 12/19/21.
- ❖ *****NEW*** LOST & FOUND:** We started to accumulate random things on the table inside the church, there is now a wicker picnic basket in the cry room labeled, "Lost & Found." Please place items there so we can keep the tables clear of clutter. Thank you.
- ❖ *****REMINDER*** DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE:** We are pleased to announce **Doug Jones** will be overseeing all maintenance within the church, rectory & rental. Fr. John and Doug will be working closely together to help ensure things stay in tip top shape. Thank you, Doug! **If you have an issue or question concerning maintenance, please contact Doug at 720-514-1844.**



RELIGIOUS ED. EVENTS & UPDATES

- ❖ *****REMINDER*** RCIC (KIDS 11-17 NEEDING SACRAMENTS):** Our 3rd & 4th grade class was at capacity; we added a class Sunday's at 10:10 for kids 11-17 needing Sacraments. Same time, different room, and teacher.
- ❖ *****REMINDER*** K & 1ST ARE NOW TOGETHER:** We had to move some teachers around, Andy Linnebur is teaching all k & 1st grade in the parish hall classroom (not the cry room).
- ❖ *****REMINDER*** K-6TH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** For those needing Sacrament's registration has closed. You can still register grades (K, 1st, 4TH, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th)
- ❖ *****REMINDER*** 7TH, 8TH GRADE "THEOLOGY OF THE BODY":** Calling ALL 7th & 8th graders to Religious Education with Michelle Earl, class is in the rectory basement are welcome!
- ❖ *****REMINDER*** LOOKING AHEAD:** There are three Sundays OF THE 2021- 2022 year which ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is cancelled so that everyone can spend time with their families. Please mark the cancellations in your calendar. Cancellations are **SUNDAY DECEMBER 26TH, SUNDAY JANUARY 2ND & SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20TH.**
- ❖ *****REMINDER*** CHILDREN'S MINISTRY***:** You can print the attachments (digital bulletin) or find paper copies inside both entrances of the church. For ages (3-6) and (7-10)
- ❖ *****NEW*** FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK: (RCIC) 8-WEEK SERIES, "THE SEARCH" Episode 2, "Who are you?"**



<https://watch.formed.org/the-search-1/season:1/videos/theseach-ep2>

ALTAR & ROSARY

- ❖ *****REMINDER*** A&R MEETING:** This Sunday, November 7, after the 9:00 am Mass in the basement of the new house, all women are welcome to attend!
- ❖ *****NEW*** ACCEPTING GENTLY WORN CLOTHES:** For the Toy Shop which will take place 12/4/21. Please be picky about the clothes you donate; we want to avoid a Goodwill trip!
- ❖ *****NEW*** WINTER ON THE PLAINS:** Will be held 12/19/21, please start your crafts if you haven't already, this is a huge fundraiser for the Altar & Rosary Society. More info coming soon.

YOUTH GROUP

NEXT YOUTH GROUP COMING SOON