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November 12, 2023

THIRTY-SECOND-SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

SECOND READING: Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

GOSPEL: Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it. Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM Lector	<u>Saturday Nov 18th</u> Linda Lopez	9:00AM Lector:	<u>Sunday Nov 19th</u> Pat Wess
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (November 13th– November 19th)

MON	11/13 7:00AM. . . . Intention Dantis
TUES	11/14 7:00AM . . + Frank Karmanocky – (Neo Catechumenal Way Community)
WED	11/15 7:00AM . . + Kathleen Charney – (Larry & Monica Fuller)
THURS	11/16 7:00AM . . + Rich Poplinski – (Dodie Baumgardner)
FRI	11/17 7:00AM. . . . Intention Dantis
SAT	11/18 5:30PM . . + Agnes Kral Horner – (Son, Richard)
SUN	11/19 9:00AM . . + Holy Souls of Purgatory – (Bob Kuhns)



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Stewardship Reflections:

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and it is key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Jesus makes a very clear point in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life – with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talent and Treasure – is the "oil" that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS **Nov 4th & Nov 5th, 2023**

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,413.06
Monthly	\$ 157.00
All Saints	\$ 150.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Fuel	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 53.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish!
Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners
and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!*

Christian Mothers Meeting – will be held **today, Sunday, Nov 12th**. **Everyone is welcome to stop down and join in the meeting.**



Coffee & Cake... will be served **next weekend, Nov 18th & 19th** after each Mass in the Church Hall to celebrate with everyone in the Parish who has a birthday this month! Be sure to stop down to enjoy a sweet treat.

Hope to see you there!
All are welcome!

Families and the Gospel (MT 25: 1 - 13)
The bridesmaids in today's gospel were considered "foolish" because they let their lamps go out. Do not be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts necessary to keep the flame alive in all your relationships.

Christ Is Risen! Come and Listen!!

Are you Lonely?

Do you know the Meaning of your Life?

Do you want to have a deeper relationship with Christ

Come and Listen!

Catechesis for Adults

And Youth (12 and up)

Free Babysitting provided

Beginning Oct 3rd Sundays & Tuesdays

7:00PM

In St. Anne's Church Basement

Our Catholic Ministries Drive - Together We Serve-

Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! As of Oct 31st we have pledges and donations of **\$4,330 towards our \$7,682.00 goal**. Please consider making a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until Dec 31st 2023 to pay your pledge in full.

Parish Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner – A good time was had by all who attended on October 29. If you weren't able to attend you missed a delicious Spaghetti Dinner with all the trimmings and an afternoon of fellowship! Many thanks to everyone who helped for a job well done!! God bless.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Catholic Charities' mission is to provide service to people in need, advocate for justice in social structures, and call the entire church and other people of good will to do the same. We live out our Catholic identity by providing support and social services so people and families can build a better future story. Please donate to your local Catholic Charities today. Your donation stays within our Diocese, making a difference for our neighbors in need.

Community News & Events

Mark Your Calendars: St. Therese will be making piroghis on **Thursday, Nov 16th**.

To order:

Sign-up sheets: If you haven't already, be sure to place your order after Mass **this weekend, Saturday & Sunday, Nov 11th & 12th**

Pick up orders in the Social Hall:
Friday November 17th, 10-12PM