

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

## NOVEMBER 8, 2009

*"Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty." Mark 12: 38-44*

### **God's Footprint**

Before creation, our own sense of entitled honor fades; caught up in the love of God, our sense of self diminishes. Humility is to recognize the "footprint" of God in our midst; such as Jesus-like humility is the heart of discipleship. The kingdom of God is realized only in our embracing Christ's spirit of humble servanthood - servanthood that finds fulfillment in the love, compassion and kindness we can extend to others, servanthood that puts the common good before self interest and profit, servanthood that compels us to place the needs of others less fortunate than ourselves above our own wants and narrow interests. The faithful disciple of Jesus honors the dignity of the servant over the power of the rich, canonizes generous humility over cynical celebrity, and finds inspiration in the total generosity of the widow rather than the empty gestures of the scribe. May we seek to lead and follow in the spirit of Jesus, to reveal the "footprint" of God's compassion in our own seeking of reconciliation rather than vengeance, justice rather than convention, selflessness rather than self-interest.



### **Scripture Readings for the Week**

Monday: Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17  
Jn 2: 13-22  
Tuesday: Wis 2: 23 - 3: 9; Lk 17: 7-10  
Wednesday: Wis 6: 1-11; Lk 17: 11-19  
Thursday: Wis 7: 22 - 8: 1; Lk 17: 20-25  
Friday: Wis 13: 1-9; Lk 17: 26-37  
Saturday: Wis 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9; Lk 18: 1-8  
Sunday: Dn 12: 1-3; Heb 10: 11-14, 18;  
Mk 13: 24-32

### **Thanksgiving Raffle**

It's time for the Thanksgiving Raffle, and one lucky person will win \$10,000! The monies raised in our major fund raiser will help us to support and continue on the mission and ministry of our church here at St. Clement. We ask that you do your best in selling, buying and returning tickets for us. Everyone is asked to participate so that the mission/ministry of the Church is shouldered by the many and not just the few. Ticket pick-up and returns can be made after all masses in the Gathering Area. The raffle will be held after the potluck dinner on November 22nd. Buy your tickets now - you could be the winner!

### **Coffee and Donuts**

Join the parish family for coffee, donuts, and conversation after all Sunday Masses.

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Monday, November 9 - Dedication of Lateran Basilica  
5:15 PM Barbara Dunlap  
Tuesday, November 10 - Leo the Great, pope  
8:00 AM Frances Cooper  
Wednesday, November 11 - Martin of Tours, bishop  
5:15 PM Frank Mraz  
Thursday, November 12 - Josaphat, bishop  
8:00 AM Mary Jane Lambroschino  
Friday, November 13 - Frances Xavier Cabrini  
5:15 PM Michael Prusak  
Saturday, November 14 - Weekday  
8:00 AM Theresa Kutcher  
5:15 PM Stephen & Wilma Vasarhely  
Unexpected changes in the schedule may cause Masses to be cancelled and Mass intentions to be moved to the first available date open. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### **First Reconciliation Parent Meeting**

Parents of children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to attend an informational meeting tonight - Sunday, November 8th at 7:00 PM in the church hall. If you are unable to attend, please call Colleen at the rectory at 226-5116.

### **Pot of Gold Winners**

(\$25) Keely Birsic, Tyler Rush,  
Mary Harder, Brian Cleary,  
Toni VandeKerkhoff, Mary Lynn Rogers



### *From the Pastor*

Thank you for the warm and gracious welcome I have received from all the St. Clement parishioners I have met! I am very happy and grateful to be appointed your Pastor. I look forward to many years of praying with you, working with you and gathering with all of you. I look forward to sharing more of my story with you and, more importantly, I look forward to listening to you and learning about the life of St. Clement Parish. I have been welcomed most warmly by the people I have met at daily Mass and in the Rectory Office. The Parish Staff & Council Members, and those involved with Lakewood Catholic Academy have all been very helpful in sharing the life of St. Clement Parish of which they are very proud. You are in my prayers daily.

Reverend David A. Novak  
Pastor, St. Clement Parish

### **Food for the Poor**

The Rev. Lou Papes will be here next weekend, Nov. 14 & 15th, to speak at all Masses regarding *Food for the Poor*. Founded in 1982, *Food for the Poor*, works to end the suffering of the poor in the Caribbean and Latin America. A special collection will be taken up for this ministry. Please give generously.

### **West Side Catholic Center Gala**

The West Side Catholic Center's annual gala, *Warm Hearts Winter Nights: A Roman Holiday*, will be held Saturday, November 14th at the Marriott Cleveland Key Center. The celebration includes dinner, dancing and a raffle for a trip for two to Italy. Sr. Donna Hawk, CSJ, is the 2009 Honoree and Recipient of the Sr. Kathleen Kilbane, CSJ, "Walk in Faith Award." For tickets or further information, please contact Susan Ertle at 216-631-4741 ext. 132 or log onto [sertle@wsccenter.org](mailto:sertle@wsccenter.org).

### **What's Happening this Week in the Parish**

Sunday, November 8: Parent Meeting for First  
Reconciliation - 7 PM - Hall

Monday, November 9: Family PSR 7 PM - Hall

Tuesday, November 10:

Wednesday, November 11: RCIA - 7 PM - Hall

Thursday, November 12: Scripture Treats 10:45 AM  
Senior Clementines Social  
1 - 3 PM - Hall

Bible Study 7 PM - Hall

Friday, November 13: Portrait Setting - School Bldg.  
2:30 - 8:00 PM

AA Gratitude Group  
7 PM - Hall

Saturday, November 14: Portrait Setting - School Bldg  
3 - 8 PM

### **Finance Corner:**

Collection for weekend of November 1 - \$6,370.00

Envelopes used - 201

All Saints - \$529.00

St. Augustine Hunger Center - \$492.36

Weekly budget to meet November 2009 expenses -  
\$9,096.00

### **Saint Joseph Academy Fall Production**

Saint Joseph Academy invites you to attend their Fall Musical, *Seussical The Musical*, which will be held at the St. Joseph Auditorium on November 13, 14, 20 and 21st at 7:30 PM, and November 15 and 22nd at 2 PM. Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting the school at 216-251-6788, or at the door.

### **LCA Night at the Races**

Please join the Lakewood Catholic Academy Organization of Families and Teachers for a Night at the Races in the LCA gymnasium on Friday, November 20th. Doors open at 6:30 PM, the first races begin at 7:30 PM. Order forms for tickets, horses, super sideboards and advertising are located in the back of the church. Please return all order forms with payment to LCA school office at 14808 Lake Road. All proceeds will benefit the families and teachers of Lakewood Catholic Academy. For any questions regarding ticket or horse sales, please call Jenny Reali at 226-9001, or Leslie Andrews at 227-1729.

### **'Ragtime' Comes to Magnificat High School**

The Performing Arts Department of Magnificat High School presents *Ragtime*, the popular, early 1900's themed Broadway musical, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 20-22 and 27-29. Pre-sale tickets are available now through November 19th for the reduced prices of \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for students. For further information, call 440-331-1572 ext. 277, or long onto [www.ticketspigot.com](http://www.ticketspigot.com).

### **Natural Family Planning**

Natural Family Planning classes will begin Monday, November 16th, at University Hospitals, Westlake Medical Building. NFP is marriage building and effective. Register online at [www.celi.org](http://www.celi.org). For further information, call Tim & Mary Ellen Jakubisin at 440-779-5793

### **Catholic Cemeteries Association**

The Catholic Cemeteries Bereavement Ministry invites you to spend some special time sharing your grief with others next week. A bereavement support group session will be held next Sunday, November 15th, from 3 - 4 PM. Please contact the cemetery nearest you for further details.