She contributed all she had.
November 11, 2018 • Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In First Kings, Elijah meets a widow and immediately makes a request that she promptly fulfills; then he makes another that she resists. His response is not to chastise her lack of charity but instead he says, as Jesus will say repeatedly in the Gospels, “Do not be afraid.” He recognizes that it is not lack of charity that prevents her from giving him a little food, it is fear, fear that she will not have enough for her son and herself given their dire straits. Elijah looks beyond the obvious. He asks something of her and then gives back to her, from God’s abundance, something even greater. The same is true in Hebrews. Christ offers himself, not as the priest does with a life not his own, but as the genuine Son of God. Again in the Gospel, the substantive generosity of the impoverished widow is contrasted with the apparent generosity of the wealthy. The wealthy are found lacking, because it displays a lack of fear about what will happen if she leaves her life entirely in God’s hands. The widow, who lacks material goods, still fears for her welfare and that of her family but both widows, in Mark and in Kings, overcome that fear to place their reliance on God. The wealthy, as we have seen before in the Gospels, have a lot more to give away before they would need to put their reliance entirely on God. Many cannot find the strength and courage to do so. They give big gifts to the temple thinking this will bring them favor, as it does in the world. But God asks more of us than the world does. God asks that we live our lives as if they depended entirely on God and not our own accomplishments. Because they do.

Today’s Readings: 1 Kgs 17:10–16; Ps 146:7, 8–9, 9–10; Heb 9:24–28; Mk 12:38–44 [41–44]

BE NOT AFRAID

It is clear that God prefers the widow’s generosity
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The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.
— Psalm 146:7

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:
11/17 4:00 p.m.  Julie Fecat/L/ Yoho
11/18  8:00 a.m.   T. Wise/ L. Remke
11/18 10:00 a.m.  Loretta Niemiec/ P. Whitwam

Altar Servers:
11/17  4:00 p.m. Volunteer
11/18 8:00 a.m.  Laberdee
11/1810:00 a.m.  Blatt/ Miller

Gift Bearers:
11/17 4:00  p.m.  Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump
11/18 8:00  a.m. Dan & Lori Laberdeee
11/18 10:00  a.m. Carolyn Gordon

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of November 12, 2018
Joe Pavilkey

Greeters:
11/17 4:00 p.m. Dave Evans
11/18 8:00 a.m.  Lottie Durbin/ Bridget Scarbin
11/18 10:00 a.m. Cindy Gunto

Bingo November 16, 2018
Raffle – John & Loretta Niemiec
Kitchen – Daunel Gump & Pam Ryan

COLLECTION: October 28, 2018
Envelopes - $ 2,562.00
Loose Offering - $ 1,051.00
Electronic Giving - $
Building Repairs - $ 105.00
Xavier Hall - $60.00
Memorial Offerings - $ 75.00
Pennies for God - $  15.35
Attendance - 275

Second Collection this weekend is to support Catholic Charities’ recovery efforts related to recent natural disasters that have occurred across the Country.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
November 17 & 18
Second Collection
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Nov. 11 - Concert & Reflection 1:00
Nov. 13 - Five Wishes Presentation 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 15 - Pick up Holiday Baked goods
Nov. 18 - Community Thanksgiving Service
Nov. 22 - THANKSGIVING DAY - Office Closed
Dec. 1 - Christmas Church Cleaning 9 a.m.
Dec. 2 - St. Francis Xavier Feast Day Celebration
Dec. 9 - Communal Penance Service 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 14 - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
Dec. 16 - Decorate Church for Christmas 11:00
Dec. 20 - Pick up Holiday Baked goods
Jan 26 - World Youth Day

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**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**
beside the tabernacle burns this week for
Kathleen Naegle
Requested by
The Harrigan and Laberde Families

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**CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL UPDATE:**

We have reached $16,675 towards our goal of $20,040! There is still time to donate to this year’s campaign. Remember, every penny you donate at this point will come directly back to our parish. Unlike your weekly offerings, the Diocese charges us no assessment on your gift.

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**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**
Sunday, November 18 at 3 p.m.
St. Jude Church
Featuring many local church choirs (including our own St. Francis Xavier Choir) with a special appearance by the “Singing Shepherds”

Hosted by the Moundsville Ministerial Association

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**Afternoon of Reflection**
IGNITING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITHIN YOU
Sunday, November 11th at 1:00
St. Francis Xavier Church
Paul Koleske - Catholic speaker - singer - songwriter - recording artist
Come join us!

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society** is collecting canned goods for the needy in our area. Baskets will be distributed for Christmas. A container for canned donations can be found in the vestibule.

Please be generous!

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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

**Prayer Request:** Ray Wojcicki, Mark Joseph Novel, Joe & Helen Cuchta, Christy Klug, Kimberly Peffley, Patty Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Chris Colby, Richard Timko;

**Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick; **Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Thelma Gutiin, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Joe & Helen Cuchta

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**Calling all children:**
Would you like to join us for Christmas fun? We need lectors, singers, actresses, and actors to help the Parish celebrate Jesus’s Birth. Please call Lottie or the Parish office.
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