

# St. Mary of the Angels PSR Newsletter

November 7, 2021

Thanks to the Pennington family for providing snack this morning. November 21st will be the Burch family. If your family would like to provide snack one Sunday, let me know and I will get you scheduled.

Thanks to all who helped with Mass this morning. Everyone did a great job... we must remember we are all new at this and the kids are really going with the flow.

The St. Jude Breakfast will be this Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> serving from 7:30 to 11 am. There will be two different work shifts... 6:30-9 am and 9-11:30 am. The breakfast will take the place of class that day and we need all the help we can get. **PLEASE RESPOND BACK WITH THE TIME THAT WORKS BEST FOR YOUR FAMILY TO HELP ASAP. THANK YOU! Thanks to those who have let me know so far.**

The St. Jude Breakfast counts as class this coming Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday, November 21 will be PSR Mass for 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grades:

Servers: Scout Gooch, Eric Noll, and Mason Bixenman

Lectors: Natalee Pennington and Hannah Vanderpool

Ushers: Caleb Stallo, Dane Dorrell, Bennet Philips, Maddie Dorrell, and Mason Meagher

Greeter: Whitney Pennington

Offertory: Ryder Gooch

**CONFIRMATION\*\*** Those Confirmation students need to be researching Saints. They will need to pick their favorite and that Saint's name will be their Confirmation name.

In today's Gospel from Mark (Mk 12:38-44) Jesus was observing the treasury as the rich put in large amounts of donations. There was a poor widow who put in just a few cents. Jesus said to his disciples, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood. We as human beings tend to look to those who make large donations with high regard, but we tend to lose sight of the big picture. God does not see as we see or think as we think. Most people who make large donations are very rich and are only giving a small percentage of their wealth, therefore they really are not sacrificing anything. There are many who give what they really can't afford, and they are making the real sacrifice even though they might just give a few dollars. They don't have surplus and may be going without meals or other necessities in order to donate.

Those who have less and give more tend to be happier. It is a good feeling knowing you helped someone in need no matter how much or little you were able to give. We should never throw ourselves a "pity party" because no matter how bad our situation seems, if we just look around us, we will always find someone who has a worse situation than our own. I am reminded of one of my favorite quotes from St. Theresa of Calcutta, "We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great Love."

God is Love. God offers each of us his Love, but Love must be given freely and without reserve. We cannot keep that Love, or we will not receive any more. We must freely share God's Love and Mercy with others. Everything we do should be with our hearts full of Love. Just remember, we reap what we sow and if we sow Love, it will come back to us in abundance. If we choose to turn away from God and

sow evil and hatred, we will in turn receive evil and hatred. I pray every decision we make is out of Love of God and our neighbor. We can all change the world one heart at a time, starting with our own.

St. Joseph, pray for us!