

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God uses money to illustrate His power.
“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse,
that there may be food in my house.
Test me in this,’ says the Lord Almighty” (Mal. 3:10).

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading

Joseph like a flock; *

shine forth, you that are enthroned upon
the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we
shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, *

how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we
shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so
strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; *

give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we
shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind--just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

✱ As we pray, let us remember Sue; Harriet; Pat; Eloy; Sharyon; Natalie; HT; the Phillips family; Debbie; Nini; Francisco; Anita; Zoey; Alex; Abel, Angelo; the Juanillo family; Tori; the Klamka family, Sue; Joe; Tommy; Alan; Colin; the Austin family; Emily; Haley & Andrew; Joyce; John; Susie; Michael; John; Robert; Scott; Steve; Mike; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira.

Our altar flowers are given by
Steve & Peggy Spoonamore
In celebration of their wedding anniversary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIS BECKER DINING HALL We go to the soup kitchen this afternoon — and this is our biggest day of the year! We take clothing for cold weather such as jackets & sweatshirts, as well as blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, hats — anything to keep the folks warm. New socks and jeans or sweatpants are given out also (and maybe shoes). To get it all done, including serving food and giving chocolate, milk, shampoos, soaps, lotions we need lots of smiling faces. If you can help, let Dan know. Our visit is from about 4-6p.m. We'll give out the remainder of our winter items in January, so please continue bringing items to the church. Thank you so much for all the candy and clothes you have brought in. YOU MAKE THIS MINISTRY POSSIBLE AND YOU ARE WONDERFUL!

ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO LASER TAG AT LASER QUEST TOMORROW, 6:30-8PM. The cost is \$10 — there will be pizza afterwards. Don't forget to bring a friend! For more information, please see Pastor Joel.

GREENING OF THE SANCTUARY This Saturday at 11 AM, we will green and decorate the Sanctuary as a sign that we are in the season of Advent and are anticipating Christmas. It will be a fun event and everyone is invited. Refreshments will be available. Our ministry leaders have already been invited. If you can be there, please sign up at the ministry table in the Parish Hall.

THE STRATEGIC PLANNING MINISTRY MEETS THIS SATURDAY AT 9:30 A.M. IN CHILTON HALL 3. Please remember the earlier start time. We will try to complete the meeting well before 11 a.m. so that anyone who wishes to participate in the Greening of the Sanctuary at 11 AM may do so.

ANGEL TREE UPDATE There are 4 Angel Tree needs on our tree today - 2 young girls, a boy, and a mom. We have just short of 3 weeks left to get them in. Don't be afraid to join a friend to share the cost, shopping, and wrapping. Thanks - Dan B.

OUR POWWOW & FOOD PANTRY MINISTRIES need plastic grocery bags so don't throw used bags out—recycle them with us! Please place them in the wicker basket under the round table in the kitchen. Thanks!

SOUL FOOD SUNDAY We continue sharing the book "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly. We meet 9:10 to 9:55 AM. If you have questions, contact Dan Basche, Mary Grace Gannon, or Rose Hartley.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SIGN UP SHEET

is in the Altar Flower notebook.

Deadline is Sunday, December 17.

We also have a couple of December Sundays in need of dedications — and January also!

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR ST. JOHN'S FAMILY FOR HELPING BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO THE LADIES OF PERRYVILLE WHO ARE SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. We especially appreciate the donations of stamps, Christmas cards and your time in writing these 540 cards! **Our next event:** Signing of January Birthday cards will be between services on Sunday, December 31st. A box in the Parish Hall will be provided for your continued donations of cards, both Christmas and Birthday as well as postage stamps. Happy Holidays!
The Orange Aide Prison Ministry
Jessica Rickerson & Pattie Prosnor (For Cards)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Inquirer's Class (CH3)	11:30 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4:10 PM
Tue.	Faith Through The Arts (L)	4:30 PM
	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Land Use Task Force (CH3)	7 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (MR)	6 PM
Sat.	Strategic Planning Ministry (CH 3)	9:30 AM
	Crafters Ministry (PH)	10 AM
	Greening of the Sanctuary	11 AM
	Altar Guild Meeting (PH)	12 Noon
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	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

FOOD PANTRY

pancake mix, syrup, dried mashed potatoes,
jelly (strawberry & grape), Spam

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
toothbrushes, tooth paste, Gummy Bears,
cookies, Rice Krispie treats