

November 11, 2018

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“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 all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty . . .”

Mark 12: 38-44

DV8 Kitchen: “Life changing food”

If you’re ever in Lexington, Kentucky, stop by DV8 Kitchen. The food is great, especially the cinnamon rolls.

But there’s more to the place than the menu.

Owners Rob and Diane Perez opened the restaurant last fall, but with a specific mission as well as cuisine in mind. Five years ago, at another pub they owned, they found a spoon and ramekin in the trash and realized that their top server was doing heroin in the bathroom. They had already lost their first manager to drugs; she died in jail. A year ago they got a call that a cook would not be coming into work because he had overdosed on opioids; he later died, as well.

The Perezes put the pieces together: they had lost 13 employees in 10 years to addiction – and half the cases were related to opioid drugs.

That led the couple to open DV8 Kitchen. The restaurant not only hires people in treatment for addiction to opioids and other substances, but also created its business model around recovery, using the restaurant setting as a tool for rehabilitation. The restaurant culture has long been steeped in alcohol and drugs: many places offer free shift drinks, and servers earn tips in cash, the common medium for drug transactions. Rob Perez knows that all too well — he began working in the business when he was 19 and struggled with alcohol addiction for a decade; he’s been sober since 1990.

But Rob and Diane also see a restaurant’s unusual potential for helping the addicted recover. Cooking, in particular, is “100 percent therapy,” Rob believes.

DV8 Kitchen is one of four restaurants the Perezes own. They pay 20 percent more per hour than many local-fast food chains. In turn, employees are held to exacting standards. There is no bar. Management maintains a zero-tolerance policy for tardiness. Tips are pooled, then added directly to paychecks, so no cash is exchanged. The couple also hires from and works directly with treatment centers, adding an additional level of accountability for employees. The restaurant is limited to breakfast and lunch, so employees can attend support meetings at night.

After a slow start, DV8 has found its niche in the Lexington restaurant scene — and in the rehab community.

One employee, Dan, has been addicted to pain medications since he was 14; he’s now 30. He struggled for years to hold down a full-time job. DV8 has made him care again.

“In the darkest part of my addiction, I isolated myself. Here, if you withdraw, the guests will notice you aren’t bringing their food or asking how they’re doing. Your co-workers will notice if you don’t have a smile on your face . . . here [I] don’t have to hide [my] past — everything is out in the open.”

What makes the restaurant work is that everyone wants to turn their lives around and everyone — cooks, servers, dish washers, bussers, owners — hold each other accountable.

“We are not certified experts on this, nor do we claim to be,” the Perezes point out. “We are just providing the piece of the puzzle that is giving people a job right away when they are getting clean.”

The inscription on the back of the DV8 Kitchen’s staff shirts says it all: “Life changing food.”

DV8 Kitchen’s success is rooted in the humility that Jesus speaks of in today’s Gospel. Employees are forced to put aside their “robes” of isolation, their arrogance that deceives them into denying their problem, their pride that deludes them into thinking that they can beat their addiction on their own. They find “honor” in admitting their problem to themselves and to one another and calling each other accountable for their recovery. The kingdom of God is realized only in our embracing this idea of servanthood that is central to Jesus’ Gospel: servanthood centered in respect for every one as sons and daughters of God; servanthood that finds fulfillment and satisfaction in the love, compassion and kindness we can extend to others; servanthood that enables us to place the common good and the struggles of others above our own wants and narrow interests. The faithful disciple honors the dignity of the servant above the power of the elite; to follow Jesus is to realize our need for one another and their need for us.

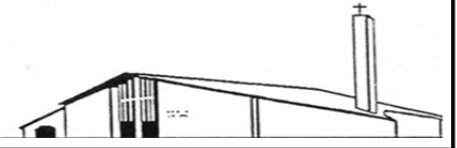
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ST. STEPHEN’S PARISH SCHEDULE

<p>SUNDAY MASSES Saturday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Sunday Morning -10:30 A.M.</p>	<p>ROSARY Saturdays from 1:30 am until 2:30 pm. RECONCILIATION Saturdays at 3:00 P.M.; anytime by request</p>
<p>MARIA REGINA PARISH SCHEDULE</p> <p>SUNDAY MASSES Saturday - 4:30 P.M. Sunday - 9:00 A.M.</p>	<p>REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30 A.M. Thursday Adoration 10 A.M. - 12 NOON 1st Friday - Acadian Village - 2:00 P.M. 3rd Friday - Silverwood Manor - 2:30 P.M.</p>

MARRIAGES. Six months notice is required; a year’s notice is recommended.

BAPTISM PREPARATION. Last Monday of ever month from Sept - May *Please call to register*

MASS FOR THE SICK. Every First Friday of the month

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. The 3rd Sunday of the month beginning at 2:00 P.M. and ending with benediction at 4:00 P.M

PRAYER MEETINGS:

St. Stephen’s Prayer Group — Wednesday at 7:45 P.M. in the Parish Meeting Room.

Word & Spirit Prayer Group — Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. in St. Anne’s Hall.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 am - 4:30 pm,

FRIDAY - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM **CLOSED DAILY 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

RECEIVED WITH THANKS NOV 3 & 4:

Sunday Collection	\$ 2400.75
Capital Repairs	\$ 711.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 105.00
All Souls	\$ 115.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 5.00

SANCTUARY CANDLE: For the intentions of Marcus Benoit as requested by Theresa Gould.

SCENT-FREE : Please be aware that some people have allergic reactions to perfumes and other scents. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!

SPECIAL THANK YOU:

I wish to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their unfailing support of the parish. I am deeply grateful for your kindness, generosity and works of charity. In particular for your donation towards the renovations of the Parish Hall. Your faithful witness to Christ through your charitable works is a shining example to all. My God continue to bless you and your service of others. Be assured of my prayers. Blessings Father Chris.

STEWARDSHIP COFFEE TIME:

Will take place on the following Sunday's after Mass in the downstairs meeting room of St. Stephen's Church. Please join us for a tea or coffee, a sandwich or a cookie as we gather together in Fellowship!
November 18, 2018 December 03, 2018

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed on November 12, 2018 due to Statutory Holiday.

2019 SUNDAY MISSALS : Are now available at the back of the Church or at the office cost is \$5.00.

CHILDREN'S 2019 SUNDAY MISSALS:

Are now available at the office cost is \$10.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

November 2018

Yr 2 **November 19th and 20th** at 6:00pm
Yr 3 **November 26th** at 6:00 pm
Yr 4 **November 22th** at 6:00 pm
Yr 5 & 6 **November 29th** at 6:00 pm

Confirmation Schedule Yr 8
November 14th, 2018 from 6:00 to 7:00

2019 ENVELOPES: Are available for pick up at the back of the Church. If you don't see yours there or would like envelopes please contact the Parish office.

CANCELLATION OF DAILY MASS: With the winter approaching us we want to remind you, as is the practise throughout the diocese and in all parishes, including the cathedral parish, **daily mass will be cancelled on days when schools are closed.** If school is closed for the morning and morning mass has been scheduled, mass too is cancelled. If schools are closed for the afternoon, any evening masses scheduled are also cancelled.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONCERT PRACTICE:

Singers who would like to participate in our annual concert are invited to join the St. Stephen's Choir on Sunday, November 18th at 9:30 A.M. for a practice. Practices will take place at 4 pm in the church on November 24th and December 2nd. All are welcome. For further information, please call Bride at 643-8593.

*Prayer is the key of the morning
and
the bolt of the evening.*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two seemingly poor and helpless widows who show themselves to be faith-filled and generous stewards. In the eyes of the world, particularly in biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations — one in the midst of famine with a child for which to care, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. From where did this strength come? It came from knowing who they are, and *Whose* they are. These women must have known their security would not come from a good life insurance policy or connections to someone with a hidden storehouse of flour. No, their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and from putting their faith in Him. They had no need to panic in the midst of natural disaster or cling desperately to their menial resources. Their faith in God set them free to trust Him when all seemed hopeless. Their faith kept them detached from material possessions. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials. These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed.

ASKED TO ANNOUNCE:

ST. ANNE'S GUILD: Will be having an afternoon tea, Christmas Craft and Bake sale on Sunday November 25 beginning at 2:00 pm, at St. Anne's Hall. Tickets are \$6.00 and can be purchased by calling 643-2695 or 643-2747 or from any member of the Guild. Donations from members of the Parish would be greatly appreciated.

CHASE THE ACE: Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their Chase the Ace fundraiser. This event is held on Sunday with ticket sales starting at 1:00 pm and ending at 3:45 pm with the draw taking place at 4 pm.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL: Is Hosting its 5th Annual Christmas Craft fair on Saturday November 17th, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come on out and check out our awesome selection of local vendors, our cake raffle and our lunch menu of soup, beans, chili and hot dogs. No admission. Its going to be a great day to check a few items off your Christmas list.

FUNDRAISER: There will be a fundraiser movie at Stephenville Cinema on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 3pm "**HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3**" All Ages welcome! The cost is \$5.00 per person. All proceeds of the movie will be in support of Ronald McDonald House. A cash donation will also be accepted. Hope to see you all there!!

THE BAY ST. GEORGE WOMEN'S CENTRE:

We are now planning our Women's Night Out Christmas Social, which will be December 14th. Each year we try to give every participant a Christmas gift. Many of these women would not otherwise receive gifts, as they do not have family or they simply cannot afford it. Last year, the gifts that we received helped ensure that each woman who attended received a gift. The women were very excited and some would not even open their gift until Christmas morning as this was the only gift they would receive. We ask for the support of the Community again this year to ensure another successful Women's Night Out Christmas Social. If anyone has gently used items that can be used as gifts and would like to donate them, we would greatly appreciate it. Any help would be greatly appreciated. We would like to have these items by December 1 to allow us the time to match them with our expected guests. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Sheila at 709-643-4444.