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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2019

From: Fr. Christian Adike

President Xi Jing Peng of China said: As a small child, I was very selfish always grabbing the best for myself. Slowly, everyone left me and I had no friends. I didn't think it was my fault and I criticized others. But my father gave me three sentences to help me in life.

One day, my father cooked two bowls of noodles and put them on the table. One had an egg on top while the other bowl had none on top. Then he asked me to choose a bowl of noodles. Because eggs were hard to come by those days, I chose the bowl with egg! I was congratulating myself on my wise choice/decision and decided to **choose** the egg. To my surprise, I saw that my father's bowl of noodles had two eggs at the bottom beneath the noodles! With much regret, I scolded myself for being too hasty in my decision. My father smiled and taught me to remember that **\*what your eyes see may not be true\***. He added that, **\*If you make a habit of taking advantage of people, you will end up losing\***.

The next day, my father again cooked two bowls of noodles: one bowl with an egg on top and the other bowl with no egg on top. Again, he asked to choose the bowl I wanted. This time, I felt smarter so I chose the bowl without any **an** egg on top. Hmmmmmm to my surprise, there was not even a single egg at the bottom of the bowl! Again, my father smiled and said to me, **\*My child, you must not always rely on experiences because sometimes, life can cheat you or play tricks on you\***. Never be too annoyed or sad, with situations, **\*just treat experience as a learning lesson that cannot be gotten from any textbooks\***.

The third day, my father again cooked two bowls of noodles, one bowl with an egg on top and the other with no egg on top. He asked me to choose the bowl I wanted. But this time, I told my father, **\*Dad, you choose first. You are the head of the family and you contribute the most to the family\***. My father was very happy and he chose for me. He chose the bowl with one egg on top. But as I ate my bowl of noodles, to my surprise, there were **\*two\*** eggs at the bottom of the bowl. My father smiled at me with love in his eyes. He said, **\*my child, you must remember that when you think for the good of others, good things will always naturally happen to you\***.

I always remember these 3 sentences of my father. (copied)

My dear brothers and sisters, to be fulfilled in life always think for the good of others. Don't be selfish, put others first and your joy will be completed. The President when he was eating with his father was selfish; his interest was in eating the eggs without considering his father. Some times we don't consider others and only preoccupy ourselves with what we get. Worst still, we take what is meant for others. As a leader, CEO of a company, head of family and even as an individual don't always surround yourself with those that always agree with your opinions; these people will not give you enough feedback you needed to be better, they will always try not to hurt you by telling you what you would like hear from them but always rely on the constructive criticisms of your critics; they will always provide you with enough feedback to be better. HOW CAN ONE BE BETTER IF HE OR SHE FAILS TO ACCEPT PROPER EVALUATION OF HIMSELF OR HERSELF FROM PEOPLE? The secret of the success of one of the greatest Princes of the Church lies in the fact that he surrounded himself with people that told him truth about his decisions. Greater number of our decisions are self centered but with the help of critics one can modify his or her decisions towards the common good. Remember the Biblical Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Matthew 7:12). Treat others as you would like to be treated. Today China is growing geometrically in all spheres of life because greater number of Chinese including their President are after the common good. Wish you a fruitful reflection of this piece. Fr Christian Adike.



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**BAPTISM**

Contact your parish office to set an appointment for class and baptism.

**MARRIAGE**

Contact the parish office at least nine months before intended marriage.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING**

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**PRAYER NETWORK**

Contact Bev Passe  
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**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY—November 10**

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Mc 7:1-2,9-14(156C), 2 Thes 2:16-3:5;  
Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27,34-38

- 8 AM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*  
d. Robert Taylor
- 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Sunday School - PRE-K
- 9:30 AM Mass – *St. Catherine*  
d. Tom Jones
- Coffee & Rolls - CCW
- 10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*  
l & d members of John Knott family
- 4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

**MONDAY – November 11**  
**St. Martin of Tours, Bishop**

Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6  
No Mass  
7 PM Baptism Class-SC

**TUESDAY - November 12**  
**St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**

Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10  
5:15 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*  
d. Jim Heiling

6 PM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*  
Forgotten Souls

6 PM CCW Mtg-SC  
7 PM Adult Ed # 7 - *St. Anne*  
7 PM KC Mtg - SC

**WEDNESDAY – November 13**  
**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19  
8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*  
l & d members of Tom Ochs family

8 AM Mass - *Our Lady of Victory - Lucan*  
d. Marcella & Lawrence Plaetz

10 AM Mass - *Heritage-Wabasso*  
d. Deb Mathiowetz

5:30-6:30 PM RE GR 1-6  
7-8 PM RE-GR 7-12  
7-8 PM Adoration - SC & SA  
8-8:45 PM Youth Group-SC & SA

**THURSDAY - November 14**

Wis 7:22b-8:1; Lk 17:20-25  
8:30 AM Mass - *St. Anne*  
d. Frank, Anna, Pat Goblirsch & siblings

9 AM-6 PM Adoration/12 Rosary-SC  
10 AM Mass - *Wood Dale*  
d. Dorothy Caven

4:45 PM Worship Mtg-SC  
6:30 PM E & C Mtg-SA  
7 PM Choir-SC

**FRIDAY – November 15**  
**St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37  
5:45 AM -7 AM This Man is you - SA  
8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*  
d. Joe E. Swoboda

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*  
d. Bernard & Loretta Jenniges

**SATURDAY – November 16**

**St. Margaret of Scotland**  
**St. Gertrude, Virgin**

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8  
9-10 AM Confessions - SC  
9:30-10:30 AM—Confessions & Adoration-SA  
5 PM Mass – *St. Catherine*  
d. Charlotte Backman

5 PM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*  
People of our Parishes

7 PM Mass - *Our Lady of Victory - Lucan*  
d. LaVern Honetschlager

**SUNDAY—November 17**  
**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mal 3:19-20a (159C), 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19  
8 AM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*  
d. Angeline Bergen

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Sunday School - PRE-K  
9:30 AM Mass – *St. Catherine*  
d. Norman Rudenick

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*  
d. Harry & Jerry Frericks  
4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

**MASS SERVERS: NOVEMBER 16/17, 2019**

**5:00 PM Saturday**

Griffin Evans  
Michael Balko  
Cadence Pope

**9:30 AM Sunday**

Isaac Louwagie  
Ethan Louwagie  
Jack Frank

**Our Gifts to God and to His Church**

|                    |          |                |           |
|--------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|
| Adult Contribution | 4,424.00 | Adult for Week | 4,424.00  |
| Students           | 26.00    | Adult Budget   | 4,808.00  |
| Maintenance        | 480.00   |                |           |
| Loose Plate        | 485.07   |                |           |
| All Saints         | 1,019.00 |                |           |
| World Mission      | 20.00    |                |           |
| Military Service   | 35.00    | YTD Actual     | 74,497.11 |
| Total              | 6,489.07 | YTD Budget     | 86,544.00 |

**Diocesan Ministries Appeal**

This past week the 2019 Diocesan Ministries Appeal letter was mailed to all homes in the diocese. This year's theme is, "Forward with Faith." The DMA offers us an opportunity to do our part to support the ministries that help to build the Church right here in the Diocese of New Ulm - ministries and services that no single parish could provide. Each one of us has been blessed by God's generosity and we have a spiritual need to return some of that blessing to God. Next weekend we will see the DMA video. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure and no other.



**Flags of Honor Ceremony**

You are invited to attend the 'Flags of Honor' Ceremony held on Sunday, November 10th at 12:00PM at the Redwood Falls Cemetery. The ceremony is meant to honor local veterans and civil service individuals who are buried in the Redwood Falls Cemetery. Valley Blazers 4-H Club has coordinated this project over the last year and they will be raising for the first time 16 flags down the main road of the cemetery. Come and enjoy a short patriotic program and refreshments.



**May God Bless all Veterans.**  
**Thank you for serving!**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Religious Education Classes November, 2019

Sunday, November 10

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, November 13

- 5:30-6:30 PM GR 1-6

- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group

Sunday, November 17

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, November 20

- 5:30-6:30 PM GR 1-6

- 7-8 PM GR 7-12-no Adoration & no youth group-SC

Sunday, November 24

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, November 27

- No Religion Classes - AFC youth group



### "Religious Education Prayer Ministry Opportunity:



Join us on Wednesday's at St. Catherine and St. Anne Churches from 7-8pm for Adoration in the Church. During this hour, we invite all those who feel called to pray on behalf of our students, teachers, families, and for a general openness to God's grace for us all. We invite all parents to stop in for adoration, anyone in the parish to join in praying for our young people, or become a part of our prayer ministry for Religious Ed.

### FORMED-THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

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**The new adult study is offered on Formed. Search "Divine Mercy" and you can follow along or watch if you miss a session.**

### Cor Jesu

On December 8th at St. Anne's Church in Wabasso starting at 7:15 PM join us for the sound of Gregorian chant filling the air as incense rises in a candlelit church. After the Gospel and a short sermon, there will be an hour or adoration with sounds of sacred music. For more information visit: [www.dnu.org/cor-jesu](http://www.dnu.org/cor-jesu).

### Prayer Network & Care Team

If you would like to be part of the prayer chain network or part of the Care Team for our parish, please call the parish office at 644-2278 to sign-up or to learn more about these ministries.

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS SCHEDULE

There is a one hour class for any person asking for a baptism. Call the parish office to sign-up for baptism class. Contact your Priest or Deacon and the parish office to schedule a baptism. The next classes are scheduled for:

Nov. 11 - St. Catherine's Dec. 9 - St. Anne's

### You are Invited!

....Church of the Japanese Martyrs in Leavenworth, MN Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 10th from 9:30AM-12:30PM.

....Annual Soup N' Sandwich Luncheon Craft & Bake Sale at First United Methodist Church on Tues, Nov. 12th from 11AM-1PM.

....Spaghetti Dinner on Wed., Nov. 20th from 5-7 PM at St. Raphael School. Also available are take & bake pies at St. Raphael School or Advent calendars call 723-4135.

....St. Mary's in Bird Island, MN Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 17th from 10AM-12:30PM.

....24th Annual Lutheran Men in Mission Lutefisk & Meatball Supper at Gloria Dei on Thurs., Nov. 21st from 4:30-6:30 PM.

....Scout Troop 42 Chili Feed at Minnwest Bank in Redwood Falls on Friday, Nov. 22nd serving 5-7PM.

...."Taste of Bechyn" Supper & Raffle on Wed., Dec. 4th at the Olivia American Legion. Czech meal served from 4:30-7PM. To purchase a \$50 ticket contact Char at 507-644-3842. Proceed used for repairs to St. Mary's in Bechyn.

### Meals on Wheels



St. Catherine's is doing Meals on Wheels for December, please sign-up in the Gathering Space if you can help deliver meals on one or more days. Also, sign-up for Salvation Army bell ringing at Tersteeg's or Running's in the Gathering Space.



### Prayer Service for Hope and Healing

Prayer Service for hope & healing on Friday, Dec. 6th at 7 PM at Church of St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye. Presided over by Bishop John M. LeVair.

Eucharistic Adoration with opportunities for healing prayer, Confession, spiritual counsel.



KC Turkey Bingo  
Sunday, November 24th at 1:30 PM  
at St. Catherine's Church  
\$6.00 FOR 20 Games

### Bus Drivers & Helpers Needed

We have a ministry to get Garnette Garden residents to the Saturday 5 PM Mass. We now have some great drivers and helpers, but could use some more. All that is required is a valid drivers license and a short training. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 644-2278.

### DONATIONS FOR LOCAL FOOD SHELF!



Our local food shelf is in need!! Please place your donation in the shopping cart in the Gathering Space. You can drop your cash donations in the offertory in an envelope marked "food shelf", or drop off at the Parish office. God bless you!

### This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winners:

Nov 4 \$25 Russ Welsch      Nov 8 \$25 Kris Garman  
Nov 5 \$25 Joseph Goblish      Nov 9 \$25 Arlene Woelfel  
Nov 6 \$25 Mary Ann Sullivan      Nov 10 \$50 Evelyn Gewerth  
Nov 7 \$25 Lanna Phelps

Checks will be mailed out to the address on ticket stub.  
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Jeremiah 29:11

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