

## Shepherds Thoughts

*God is good, all the time! All the time God is good!*

There is a famous maxim, "time is gold" which means, time flies so fast. We don't want to waste time. We always make sure that everything we do should always be in a proper timing. There is indeed time for everything. Even the mystery of Christ's first coming happened in God's perfect time but with a long period of graceful waiting.

There is always grace in waiting. Because of our too busy schedules and demands from work we tend to keep on rushing. And as a consequence, sometimes, we neglect the most essential. In today's Gospel, the parable of the wise and foolish virgins reminds us of our attitude on how we spend time preciously as gold and how we take advantage of the virtue of waiting to have a perfect timing. Thus, if you keep on rushing, perhaps, you will likely do what those foolish virgins did who came out to meet the bridegroom taking their lamps but brought no extra oil. However, if you consider time as gold, you will surely act like those of the wise virgins who came out to meet the bridegroom brought with them flasks of oil with their lamps and took advantage of waiting.

"Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps."

In the busiest hour of the day when everybody has already set everything for his/herself, there we can always feel a moment that nobody cares for one another, because everyone's attention focuses more on one's personal business. Thus, when the foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise ones replied, "No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves." May this be a lesson for us all that in every situation like this, one has to learn how to be always vigilant at all times and take an extra effort of kindness to always be of help to others who are in need.

We are a synodal church, we should not count this parable as something good only for the wise virgins who were rewarded because of their vigilance and preparedness. It should have been more meritorious if the wise virgins had a helping hand to the foolish virgins. Instead of telling them, "Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves." Why didn't they just let them stay and wait? And take the foolish with them together so they could also have seen and witnessed the coming of the bridegroom. Have you realized that it was really possible to happen? There could have been no foolish virgins if there were no selfish wise virgins. In other words, there could have been no destitute, needy and poor if all people remained generous all the time.

This parable therefore, gives us a good lesson not to be negligent of one's duty and responsibility and learn to be ready and vigilant. Readiness leads to salvation. "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya

**November 12, 2023**

## ***32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time***

### **Mass Intentions**

**+Deceased**

**Saturday, 4:00 PM, Rosiere, Nov 11th, Mass**

+ Cy & Ceil LeCaptain, Tks Lloyd & Pat Everard 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Nov 11th, Mass**

**Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Nov 12th, Mass**

**Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Nov 12th, Mass**

+ Kenny Bader, + Alvin Jorgensen,

+ Gary Vandenhouten

**Tuesday, 8:00AM, Brussels, Nov 14th, Mass**

**Wednesday, 8:00AM, Brussels, Nov 15th, Mass**

**Thursday, 8:00AM, Lincoln, Nov 16th, Mass**

Tks Jim & Mary Beaurain

**Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Nov 17th, Mass**

+ For the People

**Saturday, 4:00 PM, Rosiere, Nov 18th, Mass**

**Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Nov 18th, Mass**

**Saturday, 7:30 PM, Rosiere, Nov 18th, Mass**

+ Andy Barta + Tony & Armaine Kushava,

+ Paul Everard

**Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Nov 19th, Mass**

**Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Nov 19th, Mass**

+ Sylvia Theys, + George & Gladys Paye

**Tuesday, 8:00AM, Brussels, Nov 21st, Mass**

**Wednesday, 8:00AM, Brussels, Nov 22nd, Mass**

**Thursday, 8:00AM, Lincoln, Nov 23rd, Mass**

+ Andrew Nowak

**Thanksgiving**

**Thursday, 10:00AM, Brussels, Nov 23rd, Mass**

**Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Nov 24th, Mass**

+ Karen Pinchart, + John Naze

### **Sanctuary Light**



**Nov 12-18:** Tks Jim & Mary Beaurain

**Nov 12-18:** In mem of Mike & Irene Rank

**Nov 19-25:** In mem of Arlen Wery

### **Sacrificial Offerings**

Oct 26-30, 2023: \$1,063.00



### **St. Peter & St. Hubert Scrip**

Oct 30-Nov 5: \$1860.00

Gross profit: \$96.25

FYTD profit: \$1727.78

*For scrip information, call Sue Havel at 920-493-2789 or email at [Havel27sm@gmail.com](mailto:Havel27sm@gmail.com).*

## Liturgical Ministers:

### November 11th, 4:00pm Rosiere

Lector: Cheryl Lautenbach

Communion Distr: Cheryl Lautenbach, Matt Thayse

Servers: Volunteer

### November 12th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Bill Lohrey

Communion Distr: Dcn. Ray, Jason Jandrin

Servers: Sawyer Ducat & Lainey Barta

### November 18th, 4:00pm Rosiere

Lector: Mark Bader

Communion Distr: Matt Thayse, Volunteer

Servers: Volunteer

### November 18th, 7:30pm Rosiere

Lector: Char Everard

Communion Distr: Jerry & Tammy Barta

Servers: Volunteer

### November 19th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Mary Fameree

Communion Distr: Volunteer

Servers: Clayton & Chase Barta

## Parish News

### Father Rex's Shepherd's Hours in Rosiere:

Father Rex will be available at the Rosiere rectory on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 am – noon except on the fourth Thursday & Friday of each month.

**Religious Education:** Class on Nov 8, 15, 29.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation is Sunday, January 14th at 2 pm at St Mary Church in Luxemburg, and we have nine Confirmation candidates in St Peter & St Hubert. Please consider being a prayer partner to one of these fine young people. There are posters in the entrance of both churches. Take a card and start praying for them as they seek to hear the voice of God. You could also send an encouraging note to let them know you are right beside them in their journey. You can make a difference.

### **Christmas Poinsettia Flower Order Forms:**

Order Forms will be available in the church entrances. To place an order, please fill out an order form and return it with payment in the manila envelopes in both entrances. If unable to pick up an order form, please call Cheryl Bader at 920-639-0407. All orders must be submitted by November 19th! Please make checks payable to St Peter & St Hubert Parish, Thank you!

**Building and Grounds:** A volunteer is needed to help run point/troubleshoot when problems arise with the buildings. Contact the parish office if interested.

**Prayer Requests for those in need:** The Worship & Spiritual Life Committee welcomes prayer requests.

Please contact Julie in the parish office with any prayer requests for those in need.

## Mark your calendars:

- Nov 11: 4 pm mass at Rosiere: Hunter blessing
- Nov 18: 7:30 pm mass at Rosiere: Hunters mass

**Nov 11 Mass:** As we celebrate the feast of St. Hubert on Nov 3rd and look forward to deer hunting season, we want to pray for a safe and prosperous hunt for our hunters. In years past our parish would have a blessing of guns and bows prior to the hunt. Due to the sad occurrences of gun violence in places of worship we have decided to no longer bring hunting weapons into church. We do however very much want to pray for and encourage those involved in hunting. Please join us on Nov. 11th at 4:00 pm at St. Hubert for a special hunters Mass and blessing. The following is a prayer you can pray for a good and safe hunt in the woods and a prosperous hunt for souls!

*Lord, you spoke to Saint Hubert and converted him to you during a stag hunt. You changed him into a hunter of souls, yet you continued to use his skills as a hunter to open minds to your gospel. I ask that you make me into a hunter of souls above all other hunting activities. May I look for the opportunities to speak of you and your salvation. Let the hunting camp itself be a place that uplifts the soul. May my time alone be an opportunity to pray and listen to you. May all the actions of the rest of my life be a constant hunt for you, for the opportunities you give me to evangelize, and to target the souls most in need of your love.*

## Area News

### **Drive-Thru Senior (55+) Mobile Food Pantry:**

Feeding America Eastern WI, Wednesday, Nov 15 from 10am-noon at Holy Name Of Mary Food Pantry, Maplewood. Open to the public, follow directions of posted signs.

**Lincoln Champions 4H Club:** Is looking for new members! Ages K-12 grades. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the basement of St Peter Church, Lincoln. For more information, please call Judy Malcore 920-412-3922 or April LeGrave 920-676-6519.

### **Gospel Readings for Week of November 12th**

**Monday, Nov 13: Luke 17: 1-6 (St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin)**

**Tuesday, Nov 14: Luke 17: 7-10**

**Wednesday, Nov 15: Luke 17: 11-19 (St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor)**

**Thursday, Nov 16: Luke 17: 20-25 (St. Margaret of Scotland; or St. Gertrude, Virgin)**

**Friday, Nov 17: Luke 17: 26-37 (St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious)**

**Saturday, Nov 18: Luke 18: 1-8 (Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin)**