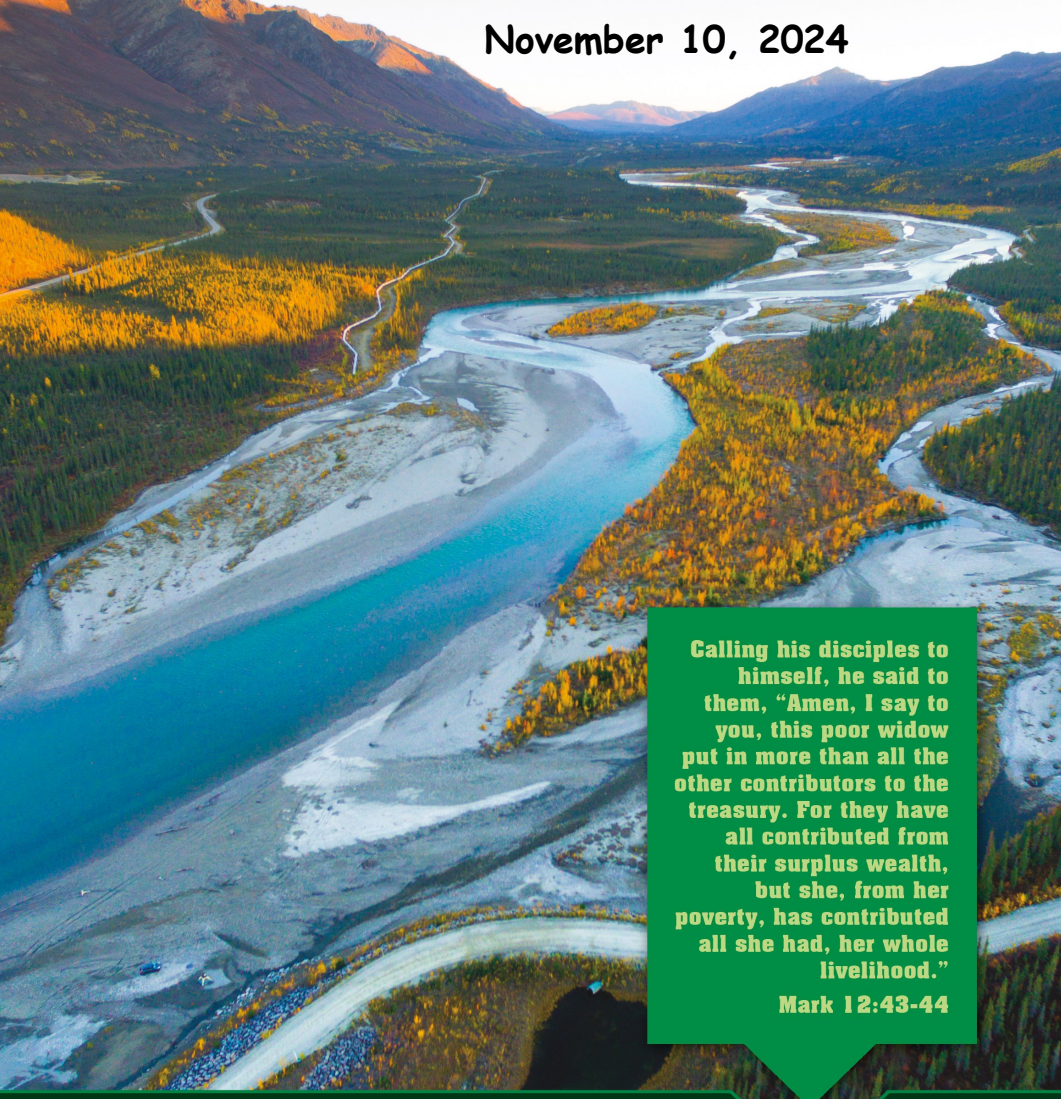


Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 8 :00 am and 11:00 am
Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am, Wednesday 6:30 pm
First Saturday of the Month..9:00 am
(Only During the College Fall and Spring semesters: Weekday Mass: Mon. 9PM & every Sat. 9AM)

November 10, 2024



Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "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."

Mark 12:43-44

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Closed Holy Days & Holidays

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ORDINARY
TIME

Rosary:

Tuesday—Friday 8:00am

Morning Prayer:

Wednesday..... 8:30am

Adoration of the Most

Blessed Sacrament:

1st Fri. of the Month...

7:30am—8:20 am

Fridays.....9:00am—7:00 pm

Wednesdays...5:30pm-6:20pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays.....3:30— 4:30 pm

Wednesdays.... 5:30- 6:20 pm

1st Fri. of the Month....

7:30—8:20 am

1st Sat. of the Month....

8:00—8:45 am

(Only During the College Fall and

Spring semesters: **Sacrament of**

Penance: Mon. 8:30PM- 8:50PM & every Sat. 8-8:50AM)

VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



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The Final Blessing at Mass –

Does the priest Bless me, or someone else?

As we come to the very end of the Mass, the last few little parts of the Mass are lumped together and called the concluding rites. I will put a little outline below to help you visualize where we have come from and where we are going in these last few little articles to help us understand the Catholic Mass more fully (and hopefully pray more deeply and experience Christ love for us more dynamically when we come to Mass as well). The last main aspect of the Mass has at least two distinct parts to it, which would be considered the (1) Greeting/Final Blessing as well as (2) the Dismissal. We will reflect on the dismissal next week, but for now, we think for a moment about the final blessing.

First of all, why would the priest say once again (as he has said multiple times already during the Mass) “The Lord be with you,” and the people respond “And with your spirit” before the blessing? Isn’t this just a strange repetition? After all we just received holy communion, so the Lord is truly with us! What is the priest trying to say by repeating that line again?!actually, there is no need to be confused here, because the priest is simply helping us remember and bring to the forefront of our minds what is already true (I’m sure none of you have every zoned out or drifted off in thought minutes after receiving holy communion, and failed to reflect deeply on Jesus presence within our souls....right?...). In addition, we should remember that this phrase is actually to prepare us for something important coming up in the near future. As we said at the very beginning of the Mass, the scriptural phrase “The Lord be with you” is almost always directed towards people being sent out on a mission or going through some trial or something similar in the near future. I’ll reflect on this more next week, but that is exactly the case at the end of Mass and being sent back out into our broken world!

Finally, the blessing that is given “May Almighty God Bless you, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” from the Catholic priest is meaning to be a very solemn and impactful moment. Whenever a priest gives the blessing, who is really doing the blessing? Of course, it is not the priest by himself with good feelings or good vibes sending them your way. We truly believe and understand that it is Jesus Christ Himself, who becomes present in and through the priest. Jesus is the one who is blessing you in that moment and trying to continue to send His grace into your hearts and confirm what has just occurred throughout the Mass. May we thank God for this blessing, and ask Him to help us open our hearts to receive it fully each and every Mass!

OPENING RITES

- Greeting, Penitential Rite, Gloria
- Collect Prayer

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

- First reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, Alleluia, Gospel
- Homily, Creed, General Intercessions (Universal Prayer)

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- OFFERTORY
- THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:
- THE COMMUNION RITE

CONCLUDING RITES

- Greeting, Final Blessing, Dismissal

Nov. 2-3, 2024 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$5,054.00
Building Improvements:	\$311.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$25.00
Social Outreach:	\$71.00
All Saints:	\$472.00
All Souls:	\$504.00
Matthew 25:	\$120.00
Hurricane Relief:	\$120.00
Votives/Donut Hour	\$69.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$6,746.00



If you would like to give to

the Sunday collection online either with an individual gift or with a recurring donation of your choice, please visit olvshippens-burg.weshareonline.org

The online giving total for October was \$7,038.96

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The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children



What does it mean to be generous?

In Jesus' time, a woman who did not have a father or a husband to care for her would end up poor. She was not allowed to work, to earn money or own property.

In the first reading, Elijah asks a widow for something to drink and some bread. The widow explains that she only has a small amount of oil and

flour. Elijah insists that she make him some bread before she and her son eat. The widow does as she is asked, and a miracle occurs. The flour and the oil never go empty.

In the Gospel, many people are putting their money into the temple treasury, a donation to the church. Some people donate large sums of money. Jesus does not comment on this. Instead, he points out a widow's donation of a couple pennies. He says that the widow donated more than everyone else put together because she gave everything she had. Everyone else gave out what was extra.

Why did Jesus say that the widow gave more than everyone else put together? What does Jesus want to teach us about generosity?

In the Gospel, Jesus is challenging us to be both generous like the widow and to care for the poor. We generously give of ourselves when we offer a kind word to someone, play with someone who is alone on the playground, make time for grandparents or help at home.

Living our Faith: What are two things you will do this week to be generous like the widows?

Book of the Month

November and December 2024

Fr. Mike Schmitz

**A World
UNDONE**

*Finding God When
Life Doesn't Make Sense*

The Book of the Month for both November and December of 2024 will be **A World UNDONE:**

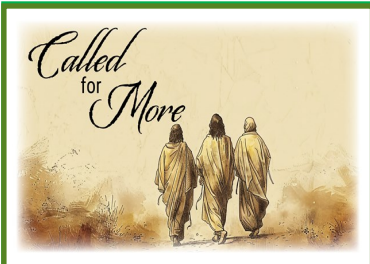
Finding God When Life Doesn't Make Sense by Fr. Mike Schmitz.

This book is definitely the shortest book we've ever had for Book of the Month here at Our Lady of the Visitation, but it

should not be underestimated in value in its lowly 64 pages of length. Fr. Mike Schmitz, who has become very popular through his online YouTube videos and longer talks at retreats or conferences, delivers an insightful and meaning-filled little book that will not only make you think and pray, but packs a punch of raw honesty about our faith and the hard questions we need to grapple with every day. Please consider joining others in our parish in either reading this book over these two months as we approach the end of the Church year (the liturgical year) as well as during the beginning of the next Church year with Advent and heading into Christmas. You will have to purchase the book online yourself for these two months, and if you can't read it for any reason, please still come to our discussion meeting, which will be held on **Wednesday, January 8th from 7:30 – 8:30 pm** in the social hall. I will do my best to summarize my favorite parts and try to help everyone engage in some good discussion into the room as well. Thank you again, and God Bless you.



If you would like to be part of a prayer group to help the Poor Souls in Purgatory through prayer, please call Michelle at 717-552-7252.



New Parish Survey: For Each & Every Person!!

Disciple Maker Index (FOR BOTH ADULTS AND YOUTH)

NOW IS THE TIME TO TELL US HOW YOU ARE BEING CALLED

The Disciple Maker Index survey is now live and will be open until Nov. 24th. It is open and we need to hear from you! Complete the 10-to-15-minute survey as soon as possible in one of the following ways:

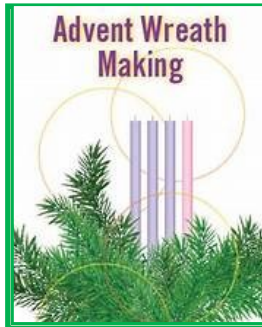
1. **Online** - go to <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b7p6t5> Select our parish name from the list.
2. **Paper** - Obtain a paper copy by contacting the parish office at 717-532-2912. Please return the paper copy to the parish office by November 24, 2024.
3. **Or scan the QR Code**



The information gathered will be used to plan for the future so we can become a more faith-filled, vibrant community. The greater the participation, the more reliable the information will be for effective decision-making. All responses will be confidential. Thanks for your help with this important request!



November is National Adoption Month. There are many kids in foster care looking for their forever family. Please contact Catholic Charities Adoption and Specialized Foster Care at (717) 564-7115 or gpfeifer@cchbg.org for more information on how you can help children and youth in our community through fostering and adoption.



Please join us in making either a fresh Christmas or Advent wreath on **November 23rd at 10:00am in the social hall.** Please sign up in the church lobby by Nov. 15th.



You may sign up for a weekend to have flowers placed at the tabernacle in honor or in memory of someone. The flowers cost 40.00. The flowers will be ordered and delivered from Fishers Florist. The sign up sheet is in the lobby of the church. Envelopes are provided near the sign up sheet for payment that you may put in the collection bin. Please contact Sue German at 717-816-0552 with questions.



Ladies, mark your calendars
Advent By Candlelight
Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024 5 to 7 pm.
For more information and/or to volunteer as a hostess contact Mary Poffenbarger 301-639-3297 or missmary@lockfarm.net

Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection!!



The 4th grade Religious Education class is collecting Thanksgiving food donations for distribution to local families in need. The following items are being collected: canned vegetables, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, cake mixes and icing. However, any non-perishable food items will be gladly accepted. Donations can be placed in the boxes at the back of the church. **All donations should be in by Sun., Nov. 17th**, if possible, but will continue to be collected throughout the month of November. Thank you in advance for your generous support during this time of thanks.



Please submit a couple of your family favorite recipes for the 75th anniversary cookbook please put the category, your name and phone number. You can put the recipe in the box in the back of the church or submit to tiprecipe@yahoo.com. Please contact Tammy Polifka at polifka.t@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Thank you!



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next KofC meeting is **Thursday, December 5th at 7 pm** in the parish hall. Please see Pat Shay at 732--319-6132 for more information on the KOC.

The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting is **Wednesday, December 4th at 2pm** in the social hall. For more info. on the Ladies Aux. please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.

CHURCH

Potluck

The next potluck will be Sun. Nov. 17th

Immediately following the 11am Mass. Please bring a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided!

YOUTH GROUP News

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next **Youth Group Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 23rd from 6-8pm** in the social hall. **Feel free to invite your friends!!**



Run with a Priest! (...or walk or bike!) Every 1st & 3rd Saturday we will meet outside the social hall around 9:45am. Take a short run (walk or bike) on the Rails to Trails. **The next run will be Saturday Nov. 16th**



Knitting Group All are welcome to join us in Mary's Kitchen after the **6:30pm Mass on Wednesday evenings** and in the social hall after the **8:30am Mass on Thursday mornings**.



Interested in Becoming Catholic ? Please join us for the next RCIA meeting on **Tuesday, November 12th** from 7pm-8:15pm in the social hall. All are welcome to attend!



The next choir practice will be **Wednesday, November 13th** from 7:15pm-8:30pm.

Host Coffee Hour

Please join us for **Coffee Hour on Nov. 10th** in Mary's Kitchen following the 8am Mass. **All are welcome!** If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the church lobby.



For All Men 18 Years or Older SCHEDULE:

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 7:30am Presentation (Video)
- 8:00am Small Group
- 8:30am Closing Prayer and Dismissal

Next meeting will be **Saturday, Nov. 16th** in the social hall.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm	November 9 In Memory of Jim & Trudy Johnson Intentions of Bishop Ronald Gainer
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	November 10 In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family People of the Parish
Monday, 9:00pm	November 11 Private Intentions
Tuesday, 8:30am	November 12 (NO PUBLIC MASS) In Memory of Frederick and Marie Huffner
Wednesday, 6:30pm	November 13 In Memory of Stephanie & Rodney Smith
Thursday, 8:30am	November 14 In Memory of Marion Ransbottom
Friday, 8:30am	November 15 In Memory of Harry Lutz
Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm	November 16 Intentions of the Zigerell Family In Memory of Tina Weiland
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	November 17 People of the Parish Intentions of Tom Bradley



The flowers at the tabernacle are placed in Memory of Clyde & Marg Myers



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 15th from 4pm-6pm



PARISH Christmas Party

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



The gift sharing Angel Tree will be in the church lobby the weekend of Nov. 23-24 for anyone who would like to purchase gifts for needy children in our area. We have a large number of families with children that need help with Christmas. Information regarding age, gender, sizes, and gift ideas are on the angels. Please bring your WRAPPED GIFTS WITH ANGELS ATTACHED SECURELY to church and put them near the tree. Gifts may be placed in the church lobby anytime, but must be received by 12 noon on Sunday, December 22, so they can be delivered that day. HELP WILL ALSO BE NEEDED ON December 22 at 12 noon to sort and deliver gifts. If you have any questions or would like to help sort and deliver gifts, contact Bob or Sue Kiley at 717-423-6297.

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