

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.” - Mk 12:43

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Parish Stewardship	
Offertory collection for 10/27/24	\$2,009.00
Offertory collection for 11/03/24	\$3,255.00
Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024	\$3,365.00
CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024	\$31,134.00
CSA Pledges to date	\$28,210.00



Michelle Duppong
A young person on her way to sainthood

During this month of November, I will continue to share with you great Christian examples of holy people who are saintly and those who are actually on their way to sainthood by being canonized a saint by the pope. One such person who is on her way to becoming a saint is Michelle Duppong.

Michelle was born in Haymarsh, North Dakota, where she was raised on her family farm. From a young age, her life was plowing, gardening, and canning. She has five siblings who, along with Michelle, were taught by their parents to work hard, but to also enjoy life. Michelle did indeed live life to the fullest. The greatest gift her parents taught her and her siblings is to love Jesus our Lord and their Catholic faith.

Michele loved her farming background so much that she majored in horticulture when she went to school at North Dakota State University. Michelle was an excellent student and always gave 100% in her studies and toward the people in her life, as well as in the service activities that she belongs to. The ministry outreach missionary program that Michelle joined during her junior year at the university is FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students).

After she graduated, she worked as a missionary with FOCUS and inspired many young people in their life's vocation. She was also instrumental in bringing students to embrace the Catholic faith. A friend of Michelle, who worked with her in FOCUS, said of her that she always made time to be with people who were in great need of someone to talk to and be present to them. She enjoyed meeting new people and inviting them into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Michelle eventually became the director of adult faith formation in the Diocese of Bismarck, ND.

In 2014, Michelle was diagnosed with cancer, and passed away on Christmas Day, 2015, at the age of 31. Friends of Michelle and others have been asking for her intercessory prayers. She wrote a letter to Jesus our Lord a few months before she died, thanking Him for His Mercy. She wrote; "if you take me home soon, please fill my family and friends, along with the multitudes who have been lifting me up in prayer, with joy and peace, knowing that Your Love wins in the end." (Columbia Magazine April 2024 page 12)

Bishop Kagan, of that diocese, said that "what I remember best of Michelle was her abiding love for the Mass." He also said that, "wherever she went around our diocese, she wanted only to help others love Jesus and the Church, and in it, to find their true home." (Columbia Magazine April 2024 page 13)

On November 16, 2022, in Baltimore, the US Bishops voted to allow the cause for canonization of Michelle Duppong to advance. In this process, Michelle's title at the present time is Servant of God.

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Pope's Intention for November
For the Pope
We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

"Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world."
 Join us in St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Classes
 November 26 7:00 pm St. Marys Church 814-781-1019
 *this is the final class for 2024

The 2025 Mass Book is open for scheduling Masses. You can come into the office M-Th between 9am & 4pm, call the office at 814-787-4151 x3, drop your request into the collection basket, or mail your request.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)
 There will be a collection on the weekend of November 16/17 for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Your support in this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments
Bullying is defined as any unwanted aggressive behavior by another youth or group of youths that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of youth ages 12-18 experience bullying. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that bullying is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being bullied or is a bully. Parents should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Encourage your child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community, visit www.stopbullying.org. For additional resources, visit www.eriesd.org/childprotection

A Family Perspective The widow in today's Gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes, there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize these moments.

Our two Fall fish/shrimp dinners were a great success!
Thank you to ALL of the volunteers who helped in some way to make them successful. So much time goes into the advanced planning and preparation of the meals, cooking, serving, seating people, taking orders, delivering orders, clean-up, and purchasing dinners to support our Church and it is so appreciated!
 Thank you, again, to everyone who helped in any way!

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 11, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass VETERANS DAY	Germaine Olewnik	Cindy & Dale Duell	Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop	Ti 1: 1-9 Lk 17: 1-6 (491)
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Eddie Levenduski 59th wedding anniversary	wife-Janice	Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	Ti 2: 1-8, 11-14 Lk 17: 7-10 (492)
Wednesday, November 13, 2024 No Mass			Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin	Ti 3: 1-7 Lk 17: 11-19 (493)
Thursday, November 14, 2024 No Mass			Weekday	Phlm 7-20 Lk 17: 20-25 (494)
Friday, November 15, 2024 No Mass			Weekday Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	2 Jn 4-9 Lk 17: 26-37 (495)
Saturday, November 16, 2024 No Mass			Weekday Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin; BVM	3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18: 1-8 (496)
Saturday, November 16, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, November 17, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Tom Winkler	wife-Chris	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Dn 12: 1-3 Heb 10: 11-14, 18 Mk 13: 24-32 (158)

Church Hours: St. Joseph Church: Sun. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8 am—4 pm Sat. 9:00 am —7:00 pm

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

My own thoughts of Michelle:

My brothers and sisters, my own thoughts about this story of Michelle Duppong, are the inspiring events in her life which led others to Christ. But, most inspiring to me, is how Michelle and others like her, who are on their way to sainthood, have accepted with a positive attitude and a deep faith, that can move mountains in their suffering that was leading them to their death. This is the common denominator of all the lives of the saints, past and present, of whom I have thus far studied. God is calling each of us to follow His Son, Jesus, in our own unique and creative ways, like Michelle, and become holy, strong, faith filled people in the midst of the good and not so good situations of our lives. Our personal prayers, service to others, and love for the celebration of Mass, as Michelle did, will equip each of us to do and be what Jesus wants of us and will get us into Heaven some wonderful day.

(The information I have written about Michelle comes from Patti Armstrong’s article entitled “She Lives with Him” which appears in the April 2024 issue of the Knights of Columbus Columbia Magazine.)

God Bless,
 Father Mark

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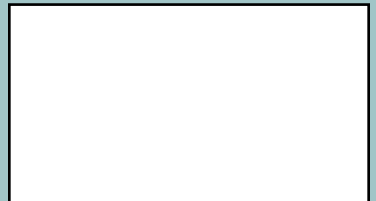


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