Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 15, 2026
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6
Matthew 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

Be Not Afraid

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

So close to Thanksgiving Day, a parable that seems to champion the Puritan work ethic feels fitting. The parable in today's gospel appears to celebrate sincere, positive efforts, while at the same time, it does not look kindly on lackluster attempts. But, as with all of Jesus' parables, we need to take a closer look.

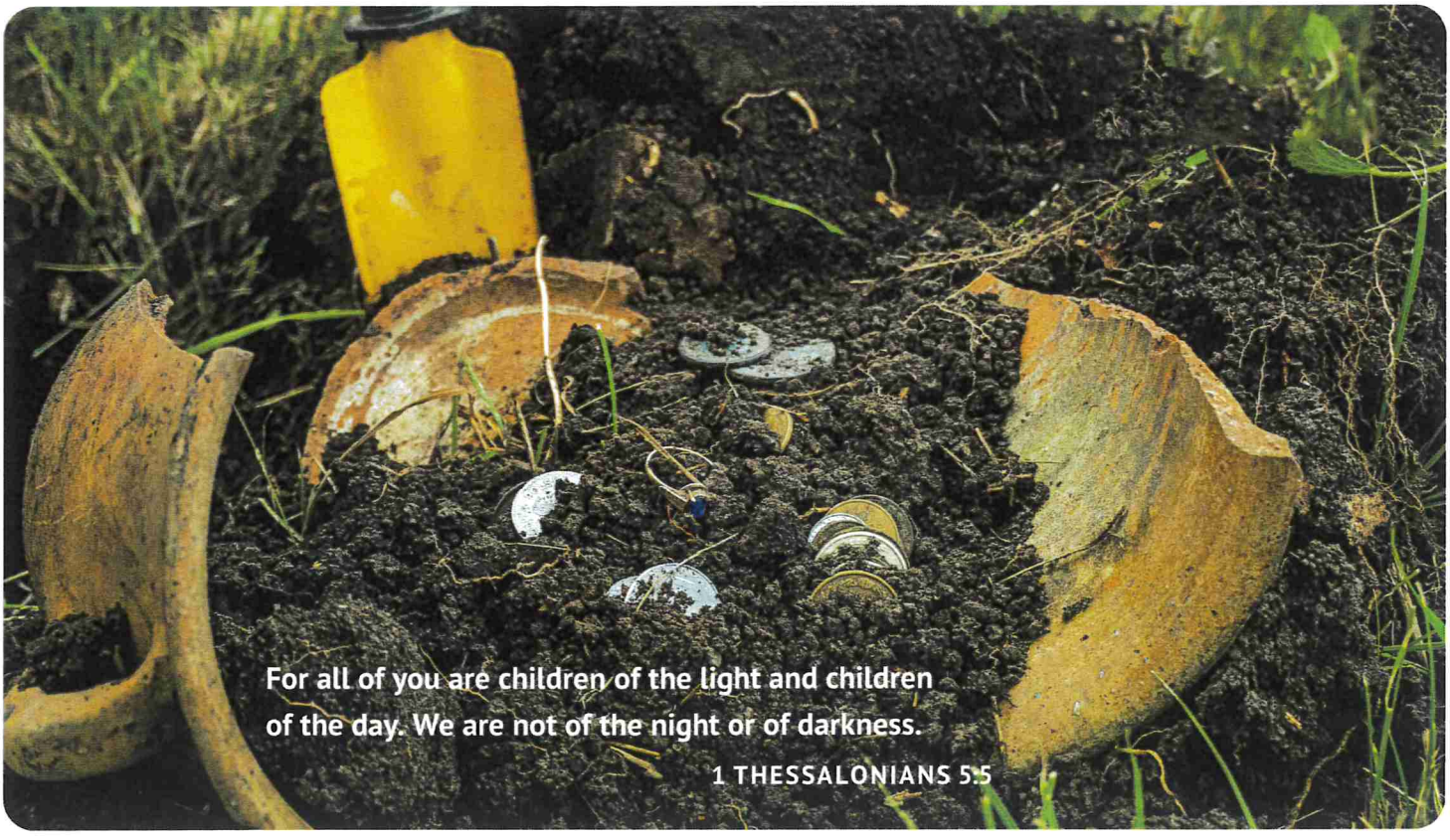
In this instance, the third servant deserves examination. His situation seems to be not so much about work as it is about fear and hopelessness. It is not that he is unable to produce or to take the action needed; rather, he is bound and limited by fear and his perception of what the master requires. His fear makes it impossible for him to do what is required of him, so he does not respond.

We do not know how the master would have reacted if the servant had tried and failed. We do not know if an honest effort on the servant's part would have been enough. We do know that the master rejects fear as an excuse for inaction, and for this reason, the servant is singled out and punished. His fear not only made it impossible for him to work but also prompted the exact circumstance he was trying to avoid: displeasing the master. From the viewpoint of the parable, the servant's decision was not a good one. ●

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

Reflect

When has fear kept me from doing right or refraining from doing wrong?



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St. Anselm
Anselmo, NE

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sargent, NE

St. Joseph
Broken Bow, NE

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Fr. Joe Hannappel, Pastor
Keegan Clark, Office Manager
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Directors or Religious Education
Linly Schmidt - Anselmo
Jill Thompson - Anselmo
Laura Kipp - Sargent
Molly Ryan - Broken Bow

Weekend Schedule

Saturday
3:00-3:30 pm *Reconciliation*
Broken Bow or by appointment
4:00 pm Broken Bow
6:00 pm Sargent

Sunday
8:30 am Anselmo
10:30 am Broken Bow

Mass Schedule: Nov. 16th - Nov. 22nd		**Mass Intentions**
Mon.	**5:00 pm Mass at Anselmo**	Kathleen Christen †
Tues.	**9:00 am Mass at Broken Bow**	Maxine Hannappel
Wed.	**5:00 pm Mass at Sargent**	Fr. Joe Abele †
Thur.	**9:00 am Mass at Broken Bow**	Carol Christen †
Fri.	**No Mass**	
Sat.	3:00-3:30 pm Reconciliation at Broken Bow	
	4:00 pm Mass at Broken Bow *Servers: Kaleb B. & Lily F.*	Audrey Clark †
	6:00 pm Mass at Sargent	Justin Young †
Sun.	**8:30 am Mass at Anselmo** *Servers: Trevin & Kaden K.* Bible Study after Mass	Mark Wells †
	10:30 am Mass at Broken Bow *Servers: Chyann T. & Frederick F.*	People of the Parishes

Adult Journey in the Catholic Faith

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone that might be interested in joining our Church? If so, please invite them or share their name with Fr. Joe. Are you baptized in the Catholic Faith and in need of other sacraments? Would you like to refresh your knowledge of the Bible & Catholic Teaching? If so, please contact Fr. Joe about Christian Initiation and Adult Faith Formation or call the parish office at (308) 872-5809.

Classes begin this Sunday: November 15, 2026.

SHOUT TO THE LORD!

The Broken Bow Ministerial Association invites you to join us for a service of *"Thanksgiving and Praise".*

Sunday, November 22nd 7:00 pm
Broken Bow United Methodist Church
Message by Father Joe Hannappel
Pie will be served following the service!

Events This Week

November 15th
12:00pm Santa Cop Lunch in P. Ctr.
3:00pm Christian Initiation in P. Ctr.

November 16th
1:30pm Divine Mercy Cenacle Prayer Group
7:00pm St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting in P. Ctr.

November 18th
Religious Education
6:30pm Anselmo
6:30pm Sargent
7:00pm Broken Bow

November 19th
6:30am Broken Bow Men's Bible Study in P. Ctr.
9:30am St. Joseph PCCW Meeting in P. Ctr.

November 22nd
3:00pm Christian Initiation in P. Ctr.
7:00pm "Thanksgiving & Praise" Service at Broken Bow United Methodist Church

November 8th Collection

St. Joseph
Regular: $4,102.11
All Saints: $60.00
Parking Lot: $1,000.00
Playground: $1,000.00
Mission Fund: $20.00

St. Anselm
Regular: $990.00
Sister Parish: $126.00

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Regular: $726.00
All Saints: $20.00



St. Joseph
Parish Goal: $18,446.00
Total Raised: $9,025.00

St. Anselm
Parish Goal: $6,799.00
Total Raised: $1,565.00

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Parish Goal: $5,103.00
Total Raised: $2,740.00

Thank you for your generosity!

November 14-15, 2026
GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP

This week, Stewardship Renewal Forms were mailed to all of our parishioners. Please prayerfully consider the multiple ways in which our Christian stewardship is lived out in our parishes. Think about the time and talents you have and are willing to offer in stewardship of the time, talent and treasure that God has given you to share.

Please fill in the form and return it at the offering time at Mass, or mail to the parish office. You are a vital part of the Body of Christ, and we are blessed by your presence and your willingness to serve in whatever way God is calling you to serve.

If you don't receive a letter from the parish this week, please email, call or visit the office. We may need to update the information we need on parish registration.

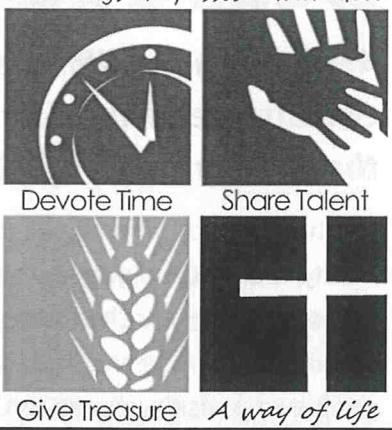
I trust you will join our effort to be a parish of "good and faithful stewards"— visibly committed to prayer, ministry to others, and ongoing financial support. God will bless you abundantly as your commitments reflect your life as a disciple of Jesus.

I AM Joseph your brother!

A Vision for Stewardship:

We strive to make stewardship a way of life. We are abundantly blessed by our God. We desire to receive God's gifts gratefully, cherish and tend these gifts in a responsible and accountable manner, share our gifts in justice and love with others, and finally to return them with increase to the Lord. We encourage each other to use our time, talents and treasure in the manner of a good steward.

Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. (1 Corinthians 4:1)



A Stewardship Prayer

I pray that you give me the wisdom to guide me on this Faith Journey of Stewardship. Help me to understand that everything I have is a gift from you. Open up my heart and my mind so that I may use these marvelous gifts to give back to my Lord that you welcome me into your Kingdom at every stage of my life and that you are pleased with what I am doing with all your gifts. Amen.

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope, (440-461)

Equal in the love within their hearts

The love that we owe both God and others is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention. The angels sang: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace.

The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts.

Book of Remembrance

Every November we remember our beloved faithful departed "who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith".

You are encouraged to write the names of family and friends who have died in the Book of Remembrance at the entrance of the church.

11/8/2026

St. Joseph

Sidewalk / Parking Lot Replacement

$25,914 Cost

- $3,165 Donations

$1,000 New Donation on 11/8/2026

$21,749 Donations/Building Fund

St. Joseph Playground

$30,338 Cost

- $27,543 Donations

$1,000 New Donation on 11/8/2026

$1,795 Donations/Building Fund

You're Invited to a Hearty Community Meal

Sunday Turkey Dinner

Sunday, November 22,

11:00AM - 1:00PM

at the Prairie Pioneer Center

1314 South B St, Broken Bow.

The Dinner is free-will donation.

Reservations are appreciated.

Call (308) 872-6121 to reserve.

Everyone is welcome to attend this community event!

STEWARDSHIP:

If we give ourselves to God and let the Lord use our talents to serve others, we will be amazed by the results.

Not only will our lives be changed, but so will the lives of others.

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
for November

Gracious and loving God,

As the autumn season continues its transformation;
and the days become shorter, the earth cooler;
as we anticipate joining family and friends
in joyful celebration on Thanksgiving Day,
we pause to give You thanks and praise
for the abundant blessings You have bestowed upon us:

For life and health, safety and comfort,
food and nourishment, we are sincerely grateful.
Through your Spirit, open our hearts
so that we may be even better stewards
of these rich and unmerited gifts.

Show us how to be a blessing for the poor,
sick, lonely and all who suffer.

And help us nurture the gift of faith,
revealed to us by your Son, Jesus Christ,
our greatest gift,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.

Amen.



Transform November into a Month of Thanksgiving

Very soon Americans will celebrate the Thanksgiving holidays; a time where so much is devoted to sumptuous meals highlighted by turkey and pumpkin pie, traveling to and from the ancestral home, enjoying family, feasting on leftovers, seeing a Thanksgiving Day parade and watching football.

For many of us, Thanksgiving Day is so full of activity that there is a tendency to forget what's at the heart of Thanksgiving, offering our thanks to God for the many gifts that have been bestowed upon us. Although sometimes the reason for the holiday is forgotten in our secular culture today, good stewards of their life and faith recognize that Thanksgiving should be directed primarily in God's direction.



Take part of a day and walk or hike down a woodland path. Express your gratitude for the beauty of God's autumn creation.

Because the "busyness" of Thanksgiving Day can easily distract us from slowing down to a pace more suitable to adequately expressing our gratitude to God, perhaps this November we might allow Thanksgiving to permeate our lives for more than just a day. How about the entire month? Expressing gratitude is at the heart of good stewardship.

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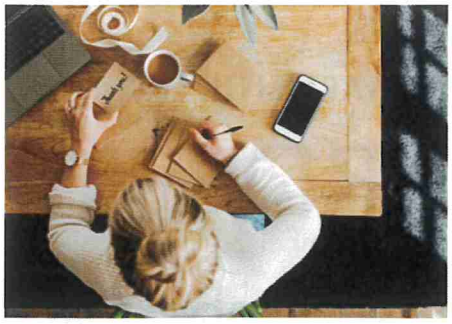


So, let's dedicate a little time each day in November to giving thanks for our blessings.

Begin with November 1 and 2, All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Spend a few minutes each of those days thanking God for all the people in your life who have gone before you. Then, each day thereafter, set aside a few minutes to remember all that God has given you and say "Thank you."

Take part of a day and walk or hike down a woodland path. Express your gratitude for the beauty of God's autumn creation.

Take a minute each day to thank the people in your life who matter to you. Tell them you're thankful for them. Drop someone a note, place a short phone call or even text them! Telling people you're thankful for them will enrich your life as well as theirs.

Make a point to attend at least one Mass outside the regular weekend Masses. Going to Mass on Thanksgiving morning is an excellent way to enrich that holiday. As a community of faith, we know that giving glory to God in this way is an important aspect of our communal life of faith.

Transform the month of November into a month of Thanksgiving. If you do, you will find your celebration of Thanksgiving Day a more richer and fuller experience than you could have imagined. In fact, you might just discover that your overall happiness with life improves. May this month of Thanksgiving be a time when we not only say "Thank You" to God, family and neighbor, but a time when our hearts draw us much closer to the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP SAINT for November

St. Martin of Tours

St. Martin of Tours was born around 316 in a territory that is now part of Hungary. His father, an officer in the Roman army, conscripted Martin into military service at the age of fifteen.

While Martin was still a soldier, there occurred the famous incident memorialized by many artists. One day while at the gates of the city of Amiens he saw a scantily clad beggar. Martin cut his own military cloak in half and shared it with the beggar. That night Martin dreamed that Jesus was wearing that same half-cloak he had given away. Martin had for some time considered becoming a Christian. He was promptly baptized and made the decision to dedicate his life to Christ.



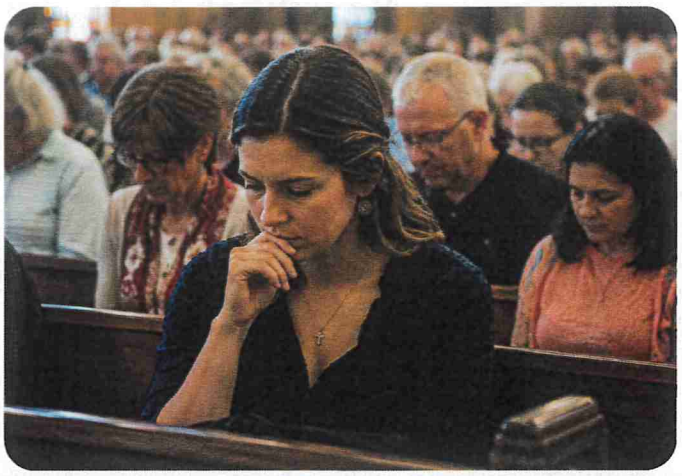
Martin was well-known for his evangelizing, personal holiness, healing ministry and compassion toward the poor.

Martin became a follower of St. Hilary of Poitiers (January 13) who gave him land where the first monastery in Gaul (present-day France) was established. It is the first monastery known to be established north of the Alps. Christianity was largely confined to urban areas, and Martin saw monasteries as rural spiritual centers from which evangelization in the countryside could take place. He was zealous in bringing people to Christ.

In 371, a time when bishops were chosen by the faithful, Martin was tricked into coming to Tours to be elected bishop. He was well-known for his evangelizing, personal holiness, healing ministry and compassion toward the poor. It was also well-known that Martin would never agree to be a bishop. A man from the city came to Martin and begged him to visit his sick wife. When the kindhearted Martin got to Tours crowds of people came out of hiding and surrounded him. Unable to escape, he was swept into the city and, overwhelmed by the will of the crowds, became their bishop.

Martin maintained his lifestyle as a monk and exercised stewardship of the diocese on foot, horseback and by boat. His profound personal witness met with great success in an area that was largely pagan. Martin died on November 8, 397, and his feast is November 11, the day he was buried in Tours. He is a patron saint of France.

Dear Padre,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At Mass, I have difficulty communing with God after receiving Communion because of the noise and activity. Why not more silence?

During Mass, communal silence is called for within the Penitential Act, for people to recollect themselves; at the end of a reading or the homily, so all can meditate briefly on what they've heard; and then after Communion, for people to praise and pray to God in their hearts. (See *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 45.) In other words, there is a silence that reflects our contrition before God; a silence that reflects our need to ponder his word; and a deep silence before God that reflects awe and incapacity for words after receiving the Body and Blood of Christ!

After Communion, a period of communal silence for personal prayer is intended before other activities, such as a second collection or announcements. Also, a psalm, canticle of praise, or hymn may be sung. (See *GIRM* 88, 164.) "Liturgical silence is indispensable to the rhythm of a balanced celebration. Without it, the celebration can become perfunctory in its haste or burdensome in its unrelieved sound and song" (*Introduction to the Order of Mass*, 48, USCCB, 2003). As St. Alphonsus wrote in *The Holy Eucharist*: "There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion."

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

To those who seek to alleviate the conditions of the poorest, I express my gratitude.... You know well that the question of the poor leads back to the essence of our faith, for they are the very flesh of Christ.... "Where the world sees threats, [the Church] sees children; where walls are built, [the Church] builds bridges."

HOMILY, ROME, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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Monday
November 16
Weekday
Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5
Lk 18:35–43

Tuesday
November 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Rv 3:1–6, 14–22
Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday
November 18
Weekday
Rv 4:1–11
Lk 19:11–28

Thursday
November 19
Weekday
Rv 5:1–10
Lk 19:41–44

Friday
November 20
Weekday
Rv 10:8–11
Lk 19:45–48

Saturday
November 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:4–12
Lk 20:27–40

Sunday
November 22
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ez 34:11–12, 15–17
1 Cor 15:20–26, 28
Mt 25:31–46

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