

November 11, 2018

From Fr. Jim . . .



Catholic Campaign for Human Development: On November 18, the universal church will recognize the World Day of the Poor, the same weekend as our annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the national, anti-poverty campaign of the U.S. Bishops. CCHD has been an immeasurable blessing for thousands in our Archdiocese over the years. Just this past year, the agencies funded by CCHD have empowered more than 2,500 low-income people to break the cycle of poverty through such feats as finding jobs, responsibly reentering society after prison, educating youth, and securing decent housing and public services for their communities. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr appeals to the faithful this year: "Through the grants we make to well -vetted organizations, CCHD uniquely empowers those in poverty to identify their own needs and to become their own agents of positive change." Please prayerfully and generously consider how you will give on Collection Weekend, November 17 -18. Your dollars are making real change! Visit www.usccb.org/cchd to learn more. Also check out the Archdiocesan CCHD website for more local information: www.catholiccincinnati.org/social action.

Mass on Thanksgiving Day is 10am and immediately after in our church hall, there will be a Thanksgiving Dinner for the whole parish. Our friends from St. Susanna Parish in Mason, Ohio are preparing 25 turkeys with all the side dishes and trimmings. Please plan to join us for Mass in Thanksgiving for God's goodness and generosity. Even if you have plans for thanksgiving, come for Mass and just stop by afterwards for a light snack and especially if you are looking for a place to go for thanksgiving, this is your home and the place to be. We have so much to be thankful for and one blessing is to pray together, share some food and enjoy each other's company. Thanks to St. Susanna for their wonderful generosity and kindness.

About the Gospel: Jesus noticed how some people gave to the temple treasury from their surplus wealth and how a widow gave from her poverty all that she had. Jesus points this out to the disciples as he is journeying to Jerusalem where he was about to sacrifice his all and lay down his life for our salvation. He acclaims the widow to the disciples after he taught them that the greatest commandment is to love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength and to love your neighbor as yourself. There is no greater love than to lay down your life so that others can live. There is no greater love than to love without conditions and to die to selfishness. When I think of the widow's mite in this Gospel, I immediately think of St. Leo's. You have made great sacrifices of your time, talent and treasure to grow this parish, live the Gospel, to work for justice and mercy and to love God and others with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. Many, many thanks.