

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2015

Thank You!

The youth group heading to the National Catholic Youth Conference would like to send a great big 'Thank you' to the following people for donating items for our pancake breakfast on October 25:

The **Walton McDonald's** restaurant~ for donating a case of sausage;
The **Delhi McDonald's** restaurant~ for donating a large sum of eggs;
The **Oneonta BJs** store~ for donating a large sum of eggs;
The **Walton Club Royale**~ for allowing us to hold our breakfast at their location and for their support of members attending the breakfast.

The donations from these groups and our community's support in our fundraising efforts show the true benefits of living in these communities.

Thank you everyone!

☞ **Walton Food Bank Volunteers** ☞

The sign-up sheet for Walton Food Bank volunteers for next month is at the back of the Church if you are able to give some time to our community food bank.

☞ **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** ☞

If you are able to volunteer for setting up, serving, and/or clean-up for Delhi Community Thanksgiving Dinner on the 26th, please sign-up soon.

☞ **O'Connor Hospital Holiday Parade** ☞

The 17th Annual O'Connor Hospital Holiday Parade will be held Saturday, December 5 at 11 am. If you would be interested in entering a St. Peter's float, please call the office.

OFFERINGS

	Offertory	Fuel
St. John:	\$1,893	\$582
Holy Family:	295	121
St. Peter:	1,636	619

Gospel Reflection

Mark 12:41-44: Here is a story of another widow who gave generously. Many rich people gave far more; she gave only two small copper coins not worth very much. But Jesus was moved by what she did and praised her to His disciples. She gave **all** that she had to live on.

God loves generosity. Nothing is more moving to the heart of Jesus than our willingness to give of ourselves to help others. How generous are we?

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

The woman 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 the moments.

Faith Formation

'Mass & a Meal' Family Celebration*

All religious education students and their families are invited to the "Mass and a Meal" family celebration next Sunday, November 15, beginning at 4 pm with Mass at St. John the Baptist. Dinner will be at 5 pm followed by a Christmas project at 6 pm.

* This celebration takes the place of November 15 faith formation classes. Please plan and make every effort to attend. It was a wonderful and well-attended event the last couple years!

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, remember the first time you met your beloved's family. Our family of origin greatly influences our behavior - for good or for ill. Honor the good in your beloved's family of origin, and let go of harping on the bad.

☞ **Medical Equipment Exchange** ☞

Free of charge loan of canes, wheelchairs, walkers, lift chairs, hospital beds, etc. are available from Durable Medical Equipment Exchange at First Congregational Church in Walton. For more information or if you have items to donate, please call 865.4420.

☞ **Walton Food Bank** ☞

Thanksgiving & Christmas baskets (320+) will be distributed -- like to donate money for these two important events? Put your check made out to 'Walton Ministerial Association' in an envelope marked 'Holiday Basket' and place in offertory basket.

Help stock those shelves at our Food Bank: spaghetti & sauces, pasta (elbows, ziti, shells, etc.), tuna fish in water, egg noodles; soups: vegetable, chicken noodle, tomato, cream of mushroom or chicken, Ramen noodle etc.; saltines, canned fruit (peaches, fruit cocktail, applesauce); mac 'n cheese; peanut butter; cold & hot cereal; canned vegetables: corn, peas, green beans, pork 'n beans; Jell-O, pudding; Knorr rice/noodles; and cake mixes for Christmas. (No out-of-date items, please.)

St. John's volunteer month: December.

God does all things justly, wisely, & beautifully.

~ Saint Augustine

☞ **Christmas Gift Ideas** ☞

Picking the perfect gift for someone who has everything can be a challenge, and Food for the Poor has gift ideas that will be meaningful, life sustaining, and unique! Gifts such as cows, goats, beehives, or pigs give impoverished families the ability to feed their children as well as earn an income. Following are some gifts Food for the Poor offers:

\$10- fruit tree, \$20- school supplies,
\$25- 20 chicks, \$31- clothing for orphan,
\$43- year of food for a child, \$90- goat,
\$100- three pigs

A catalog with a multitude of gift ideas is in literature rack or go to: FoodForThePoor.org/gift.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors... Mark 12:43

Our faith (and common decency) calls us to share our resources with those who have less. BUT, how much is a fair amount to give? A 10% tithe is easier for a person of wealth than a person who is poor. Review with your children how your family donates money & time. Between now and Thanksgiving, how will you be generous?

☞ **RCIA Class** ☞

Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith or as a Catholic you did not receive all of your sacraments, RCIA can answer your questions; call the office.

Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169

November 20-22: *Valuing Self as a Spiritual Practice* ~ Come share, woman → woman, heart → heart. Sr. Carol Davis, OP Cost: \$195.