



DON'T BE FOOLISH

What is foolish? What is wise? Most of us could name an occasion or two in which we have done something foolish. We did not stop to consider the consequences of our actions and regretted them in the end. The sort of foolishness we are considering here, however, is more than simple impulsive behavior and has eternal consequences. To be foolish in the eyes of God is to ignore the ways in which we know we are called to behave—toward God, others, and ourselves. The five foolish bridesmaids did not fail in their duties through their actions, but rather through inaction. Like them, we may fail to be ready to meet our Lord, through inaction as much as through our actions. In these final weeks of the liturgical year, we are urged to take stock. How are we, or are we not, living as people whose faith directs our lives? Are we foolish through sinful action or inaction? Do we care for others and for ourselves, as we know we ought? Or do we act instead as though we have all the time in the world in which to embrace Christ's way of mercy, forgiveness, justice, love, and peace? Do we fail to recognize that Christian discipleship is a way of life?

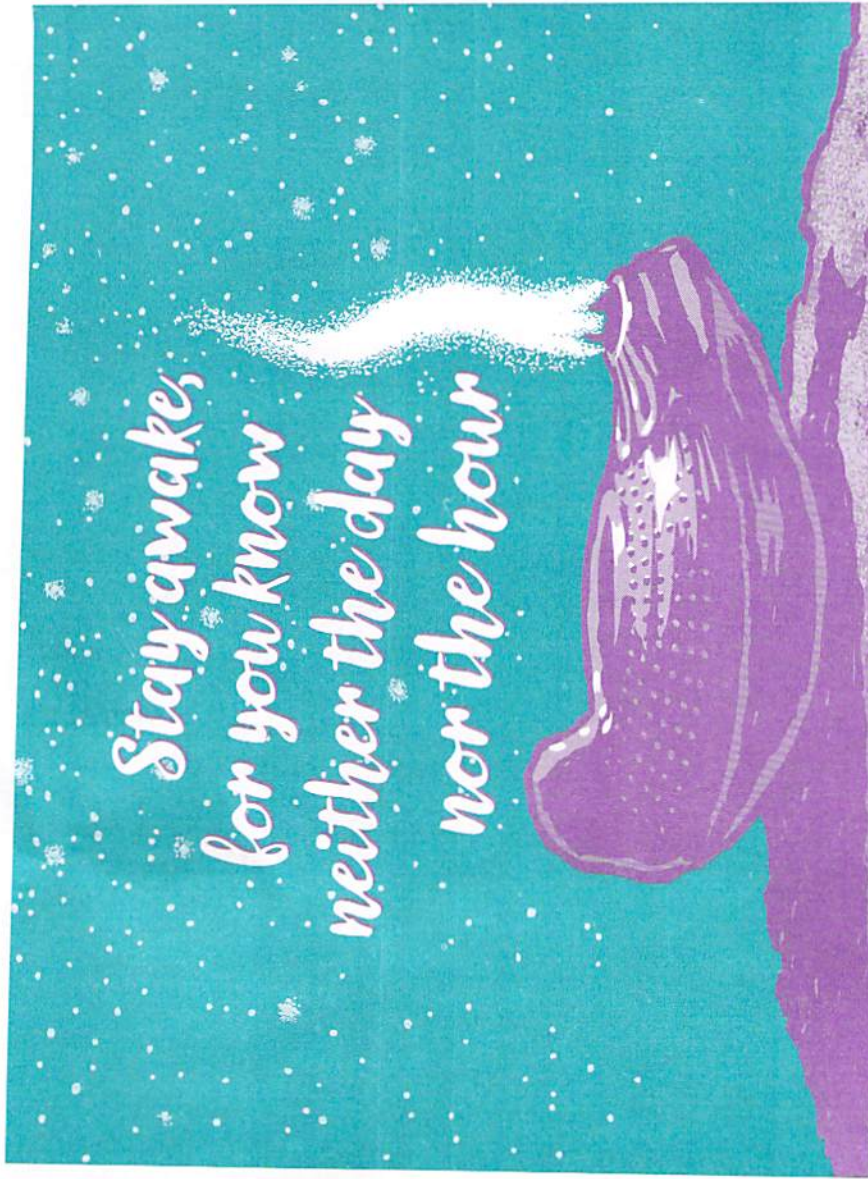
BE WISE, BE READY

This urging to be ready for Christ's return is not intended to frighten us, but rather to focus our attention on the things that matter. Wisdom lies in seeking God in all things. With the Psalmist, the wise person prays, "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God" (Psalm 63:2b). Christ's way is not hidden from us, as though we are playing a game of hide and seek. It is "readily perceived" (Wisdom 6:12) by all who love God. We know the way through the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, Christ's great command to wash one another's feet, to love and serve with glad hearts. To act accordingly is to be wise, and those who are wise will be ready.

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

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In Jesus' parable of the ten bridesmaids, only the bridesmaids who brought oil with them had enough to light their lamps. By being prepared, they were welcomed into the wedding feast, while the unprepared ones found the door locked on their return. We may hear Jesus' parable of the bridesmaids who did not take oil for their lamps with them to the wedding, and think, "I would not be so

shortsighted. You never know what is going to happen." Yet, are we really prepared to meet our Lord at the moment of our death or in the second coming of Christ? Are we, people who profess faith in Jesus, ready for the bridegroom who is Christ our Lord? Or are we more like the foolish bridesmaids than we want to admit? We know neither the day nor the hour. We must be ready.

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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
NOVEMBER 12, 2017

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH

7105 Cass Ave. DENTON, NE 68339

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8am, 10am, 12 noon

◆ Daily Mass: 8:00 am

Confession: ½ hour before weekend Masses
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LITURGY PLANS— Nov. 18/Nov. 19

5pm	8am	10am	
Clements	Jurgens	Coppersmith	music
Gabriel	Baum	D Shinaut	read
Aschoff	Chapman	Voboril	acite
Griffin	Riley	Ashenbach	ushr
	Topil	Urbach	ushr
Emmert	Kraenzel	Ellerbee	gifts
	Chapman	Voboril	svr
		Fraley	svr

12 noon – unassigned

MASSES INTENTIONS 11/13/17 – 11/19/17

Mon - 8am - Lorin Martin

Tues - 8am - Pickel family

Wed - 8am - Ernie Hejl

Thurs - 8am - Msgr. Plekac

Fri - 8am - Harold Ullsperger

Sat - 8am - Kevin Bartels

5pm - Emmert/Woodring family & friends

Sun - 8am - Simone Rezac

10am - all people

12 noon - Mary Jo Gross

SCRIPTURE GATHERING: Tuesday Nov. 14th 6:45-8pm Msgr. Huber will read and facilitate discussion on the letters of St. Peter & if there time, Revelation.

PARISH THINGS: Nov. 20th KC meeting 7pm // Nov. 23rd 9am Thanksgiving Mass // Dec. 1st 1st Friday adoration // Dec. 8th Holy Day Masses 6pm vigil; 8am & 7pm; Dec. 9th 7-8am Holy Hour // Dec. 13th 6pm Nativity play & cookies, activities afterward // Dec. 24th 4, 6 and 10pm, Dec. 25th 9am Christmas Masses //

BOYSTOWN: The altar society is hosting a November 18th visit Boys Town; please rsvp by email gmbhouse@gmail.com or call 865-399-7617 by Nov. 13th, please see previous email for details.

CHURCH CLEANING: Nov: Cyndi Ojeda, Karen Kugler, Jamie Louch, Denice Sears, Deena Whitford, Johnna Gandara, Mary Slepicka, Brenda Clark, Deb Kobza.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: 11-05-17
Tithe: \$5,120.00; Loose Plate: \$83.60; Votive: \$7;
Mission Sunday: \$100; All Sts.: \$820.00

FOOD DRIVE: Will be held through November.

WORKS OF MERCY: Corporal: Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, visit those in prison, Bury the dead **Spiritual:** Instruct the ignorant, Counsel the doubtful, Warn the sinner, Bear wrongs patiently, Forgive offenses willingly, Comfort the afflicted, Pray for the living & the dead.

ACT OF FAITH: O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because You have revealed them Who are eternal truth and wisdom, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

NEARBY EVENTS: // retreats, 402-786-2705 or see www.goodcounselretreat.com, Fr. Thomlison Nov. 17-19 on the "Seven Sorrows of Mary" // Nov. 13th is the 7th in 12 Monday sessions 7-9pm for those seeking healing after a divorce, at John 23rd center, registration limited, call 473-0620 // Nov. 18th Mass for 10th anniversary of Schoenstatt Shrine at 11am // Nov. 19th relics of St. John Paul II at Cathedral 6pm and on the 20th relics at Sacred Heart Church, Crete 5:30 pm // NFP intro sessions Nov. 28th 7pm at John 23rd Cntr, register @ www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp // Nov. 12 2-4:30 Mother-daughter chastity program \$20/child or \$30/family jmdavis17@gmail.com // Nov. 12th 7-8:30 Vern Steiner speaking at St. Gianna's // Teens Encounter Christ retreat in McCook Nov. 17-19 call 402-473-0625 // Nov. 18th Schoenstatt 10th anniversary Mass // Nov. 19th Visitor Sunday 1:30-4:30 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary // Nov. 26th 2pm Mass at Cathedral for School Sisters of Christ the King becoming a diocesan right order. //

FOODNET: Volunteers serve at Denton Comm. Center, 5pm Mondays. If you could assist preparing meals at 3:30pm, picking up food from different locations on Mondays 1-3, serving, or cleaning up later contact John Hetcko or Mary Coulter.

PRAYER LINE: parishioners willing to pray for your intentions. If you have requests please forward to Boots, bootswailes@aol.com or 402-328-9730.

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE: Type in "diocese of lincoln"; for events/ opportunities. For study from home go to "Education", under religious education there are good materials.

POPE'S INTENTIONS: That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

VOCATIONS: O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant, we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, St. Joseph, her spouse, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for Your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

John Paul II: Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible to himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it. It is Christ the Redeemer who fully reveals man to himself.