

Faith on Fire

Family Guide

Week of Oct. 31, 2021

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Weekly dated Nov. 7)

Opening Prayer



+God of life,

we are in awe of your Creation
and understand our
responsibility to look out for one
another.

Today we pray especially for
those we know who need your
help..... (each person says
someone's name and the rest
respond "Lord, hear our prayer.")

In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen +

The Poor Widow's Gift - Mark 12:38-44

(Overview for Adult Leader)

Both the Gospel and Old Testament reading this Sunday call us to share not only from our *excess* but from what we *need* to sustain us. In Sunday's Gospel, a poor widow gives all she has to the Temple treasury. Jesus contrasts her gift with the showy gifts given by some teachers of the Law, who are paid from the Temple treasury to which the widow contributes. The scribes live, in part, off her minimal livelihood. The widow with her small but wholehearted gift is the exemplary believer, rather than the scribes. The Gospel calls us to be generous in the giving of ourselves to others.

QUICK CONNECT (10 min)

Begin by each child completing the front cover of *their* Gospel Weekly (3 min)

DO ALL TOGETHER - READ THE OPENING STORY This is a quick opportunity for everyone to listen to ONE story which will prepare them for the Gospel. (If you have students in different levels, pick just one story.) Promise story found at [Pflaumweeklies/parent-teaching-guide](https://www.pflaumweeklies.com/parent-teaching-guide)



Do the Know/Think questions (pick appropriate question for each child's age **OR** if you are short on time, skip the story & pick from the optional questions below to make a quick connection with family members & move to the Gospel Reading.

OPTIONAL Starter Questions: Pick 1 or 2 that apply to your child(ren) (Listed from easy to advanced)

- What do you do that says "I love you"?
- What can you share with others?
- What makes you happy?
- How do you share your wealth? (Think: Time, talent, and treasure) at home? at school? in your church?

Catholic Faith Word: A great way to start your Scripture time together is to do hangman with the Catholic Faith Word. Choose one word if you have multiple children or if time permits do multiple words!



Discover the Gospel TOGETHER - 20 min

(Overview for Adult Leader) Mark's Gospel follows up Jesus' teaching of the Great Commandment with the story of the poor widow. It is essential that we understand that the two commandments (Love God and love your neighbor) are truly one and the same, since loving God with our whole self demands that we express that love by loving our neighbor and selflessly give out of our love for Christ. This Scripture story reminds us of the mission of the church: To take care of ALL her members.

Read the Gospel (find in their Bible) OR read/act out the Gospel Play from ONE of the printed Pflaum Weeklies - Mark 12:38-44



TOGETHER do the Gospel Reflection Questions found in your child's Weekly (in yellow boxes) & most explained below.

Why did Jesus say the poor widow put in more than the others? *She didn't just give extra money; she gave all the money she had even though it wasn't much.*

How is the widow different from the scribes? *She gives freely even though she has little. She is humble and full of faith.*

How is the widow in the Gospel like the widow who provided for Elijah? How is she like Jesus? *Both widows give what little they have. Jesus gave everything, including his life, because it was what God asked of him.*

What can we learn from the widow? *Everything we have is a gift from God. The widow shows us how to trust God and be grateful to God for all that we have been given. She shows us how to be generous.*

How can you be more generous? *Allow for all their answers.*

What gifts can you give to God? *Love, attention, prayer, kindness to others, obedience to parents.*

For what action does Jesus criticize the scribes in the Gospel? *Jesus criticizes the scribes for acting religious when they really have little faith. He says they dress up to gain respect, take the places of honor at the synagogues and banquets, and pray publicly so everyone will notice.*

When do we give to God at Sunday Mass? *Offertory collection - This money is used to run our parish who in turn helps others.*

How are our gifts presented to the priest? *Offertory procession*

What is presented along with our gifts of money? *Bread and wine that will become Jesus' Body & Blood.*

Have each child work on **their** pages in What the Church Believes & Teaches (WCBT)

Each child will work individually in their book as they may not be covering the same content.



Promise students will look at Saints pray for us (p. 24); Holy Days & Feasts (p. 19)

Good News students will look at the New Commandment: The Law of Love (p. 32);

Venture students: Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching (p. 51)

Visions students will look at the The Mass, The Offertory (p. 4); God's Law, Grace (p. 32)



Go Live It!! (10 min)

Focus on how

Our choices + Our actions = Our values
Really pay attention to the choices you make this week. What do they say about what you value?

Closing Prayer:

+Loving God, You have created each person out of your love and for the purpose of love. Please help us this week to give of ourselves generously. We thank you for ...and we ask your help with... Amen. "+



Show us what you've learned or how you've lived your faith this week!

Due Next Sunday

Find the Assignment Form [HERE](#)

Encouraging our students/families to be actively involved in growing their faith is one of our goals this year. You will notice our homework options include many different experiences. Together, let's take one step closer to God!

Car Rides Review Questions!

Can you tell me what the Gospel was about?
Why do you think this story is in the Bible?
What did we learn from the Gospel?

INTERESTED IN A LITTLE MORE ADVENTURE?! CHECK OUT THESE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES!!



To receive weekly tips from Pflaum Weekly click [here](#)

Song from our Family Faith Gathering: [Love God with all your heart, soul, mind & strength song](#)

Saint of the Week

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Learn about the Eucharist

"When we work hard, we must eat well. What a joy, that you can receive Holy Communion often! It's our life and support in this life. Receive Communion often, and Jesus will change you into himself." ~St. Peter Julian Eymard

Click for a very short powerful way to help you explain the true presence of the Eucharist

Discover God's Love

How or what do you give to others? Do you give out of your abundance or out of your need? How do you take care of the poor? What would Jesus say about how generously you give.

Younger Students

- The Poor Widow's Offering.video (3 min)
- The Bible Bag Poor Widow story (8 min)
- The Ten Commandments (4 min) A great way to remember them

Older Students

- CRS: Rights & Responsibilities (3 min) Explore what we are called to as Catholic Christians
- The Mass-Liturgy of the Eucharist-Offertory (3 min)

Adults

- Parts of the Mass (3 min) Excellent!
- All Saints' Day explained (3 min)
- All Souls' Day explained (3 min)

