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Many Hands and Giving Souls

Besides the church members who faithfully contribute to the monthly expenses of running the church, we are blessed by those with special gifts and talents.

Last Christmas a small group of women stood admiring the new Nativity set when one exclaimed, "Good heavens, the Baby Jesus is missing!"

Stunned, they stared at the empty crib. All knew that the Nativity set was on loan from the Creator Mundi store in Denver. Suddenly, one said, "Look, the Baby is in the arms of the Virgin!"

Upon closer inspection, the women saw the arms of the Virgin were made so the Child could be placed either there or in the crib. This was certainly, no ordinary Christmas Nativity set.

Indeed, it was made by a convent of cloistered nuns in Southern France who support themselves by making sacred sculptures or objects. The Community of Bethlehem nuns came into being in 1950. Their name comes from the fact that their oratory/convent was located in a remodeled stable in South-

ern France. It reminded them of the first Christmas in Bethlehem.

Spiritual Focus

St. Bruno of Cologne is their spiritual father. St Bruno, a priest, educated in Paris, was born in 1025 and

became the founder of the first Carthusian monastery. The Carthusians are considered one of the most strict orders in the church. This community of nuns must be a branch of the Carthusians because their focus is solitude, silence and penance.

They use a local dolomite stone mixture to create sculptures, jewelry and Nativity sets. Each piece or statue is polished and hand finished by a nun.

Father Vince was pleased that the purchase would financially help the nuns.

The Bridge Club purchased this lovely, unusual set for the Shrine Parish.

Another gift that was donated by a parishioner, Mary Church, is a censer. The censer is suspended on chains in which charcoal and grains of incense

are placed to provide scented smoke.

A wonderful new sound system was given by an anonymous donor. Then, new microphones were purchased by the Bridge Club. These were fine-tuned and adjusted by our electronic genius, Don Lira. Don and his father often volunteer for church projects.

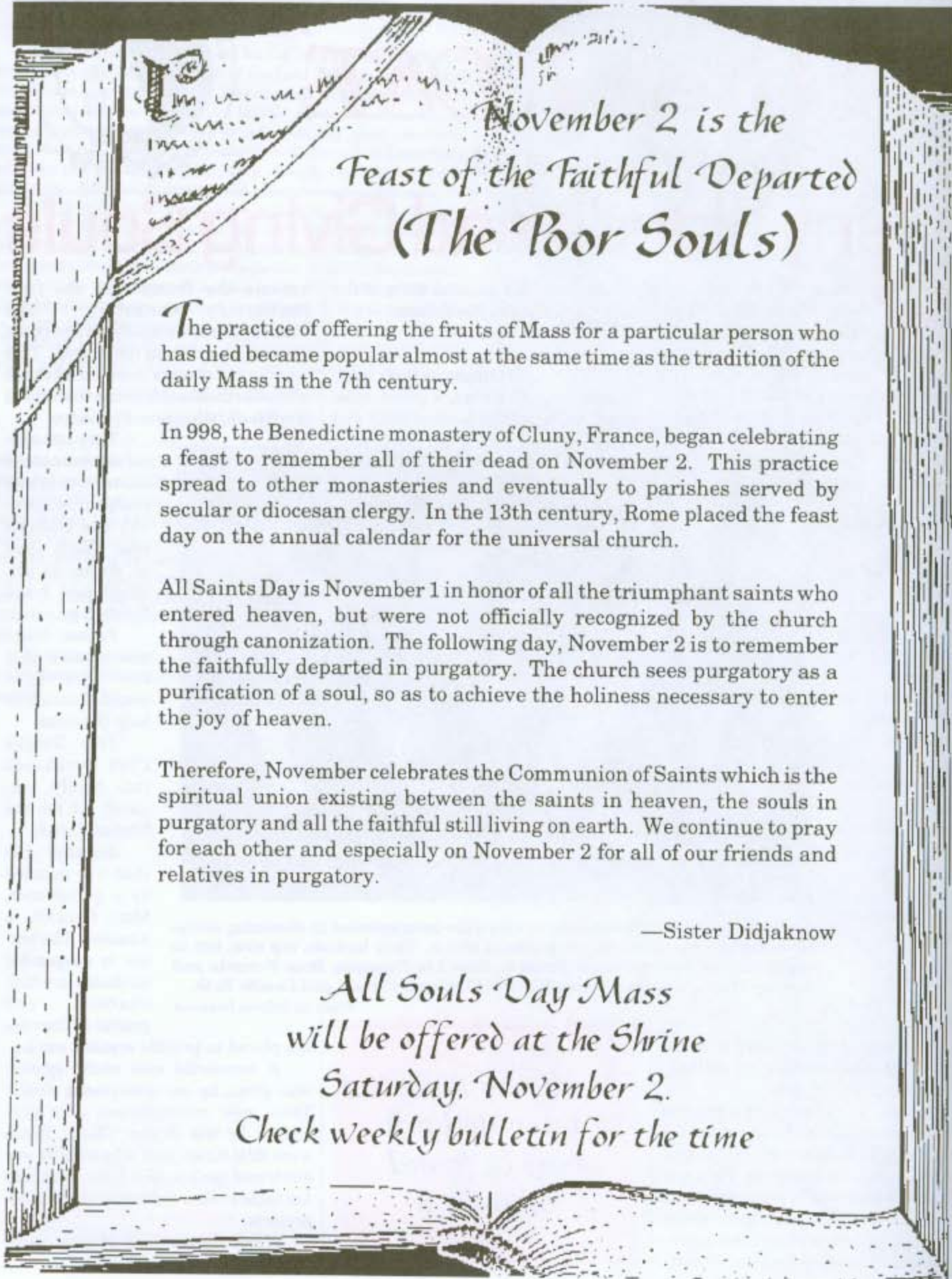
Many hands and giving souls, make this a wonderful year!



Some of the Bridge Club members who were instrumental in obtaining sculptures for the Nativity crib are pictured above. They include, top row, left to right, Shirley Sajbel, Norma Potestio, Rose Lee Fossceco, Rose Potestio and Audrey Murray. Seated: Helen Piastro, Claramae Cribari and Lucille Roth.

Photo by Babette Beauvais

A related picture of a donated gift may be found on page 8



*November 2 is the
Feast of the Faithful Departed
(The Poor Souls)*

The practice of offering the fruits of Mass for a particular person who has died became popular almost at the same time as the tradition of the daily Mass in the 7th century.

In 998, the Benedictine monastery of Cluny, France, began celebrating a feast to remember all of their dead on November 2. This practice spread to other monasteries and eventually to parishes served by secular or diocesan clergy. In the 13th century, Rome placed the feast day on the annual calendar for the universal church.

All Saints Day is November 1 in honor of all the triumphant saints who entered heaven, but were not officially recognized by the church through canonization. The following day, November 2 is to remember the faithfully departed in purgatory. The church sees purgatory as a purification of a soul, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

Therefore, November celebrates the Communion of Saints which is the spiritual union existing between the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory and all the faithful still living on earth. We continue to pray for each other and especially on November 2 for all of our friends and relatives in purgatory.

—Sister Didjknow

*All Souls Day Mass
will be offered at the Shrine
Saturday, November 2.
Check weekly bulletin for the time*



Step Up to Giving

By Joe Hamrick

"...Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver. But let our people, too learn to devote themselves to good works, to supply urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive." — 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

What is stewardship?

Stewardship is a way of life—not a program

Stewardship is putting God first in our lives, not last.

Stewardship is returning thanks to God for all his gifts, not taking all the credit ourselves

Stewardship is a spiritual Way of Life based on the scriptures, not the trumped up idea of a greedy human being.

16 of Christ's major parables relate directly to being a good steward. "In the time of Jesus, a steward was one to whom the owner of a household turned over the responsibility for caring of the property, managing affairs, making resources yield as much as possible, and sharing the resources with others. The position involved trust and accountability.

It may be 2000 years later, but the role of the steward has not changed. God is the owner and he has made each of us stewards by giving us abilities and talents that are uniquely our own. It is our job to use these abilities and talents to carry out the mission of God on earth." *Cornerstones of Stewardship*

Stewardship helps us to be aware that God is the ultimate giver of the gifts we have. Our gift to God should be from the top—not from what may be left over. This is why we have chosen "Step Up to Giving" for this year's campaign theme. No matter where you are on the giving continuum: whether you are sitting in the pew expecting everyone else to support you; or, you have given the same weekly or monthly amount since you began contributing; or, your most recent increase in tithing was in the last century; or, you examine your pledge carefully and prayerfully each year, no one has pulled even with the generosity of God. Nor will we. There are always more steps we can take whether we are referring to our time, our talent, or our treasure.

"Just think about it for a second. **Everything** we have is given to us by God—

- ❖ spiritual gifts like faith, hope and love
- ❖ talents of the body and brain
- ❖ cherished relationships with family and friends
- ❖ our salaries and material goods

- ❖ the achievements of human genius and skill
- ❖ the very world itself"—*Cornerstones of Stewardship*

The challenge is to discover and understand our role—our vocation—and to respond generously to this call from God.

In the United States and other nations, a dominant secular culture contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. It encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures. At times we find it too easy to ignore spiritual realities and to deny religion's role in shaping human and social values. We know what it is to struggle against selfishness and greed and we realize it is harder for many today to accept the challenge of being a Christian Steward.

Parents should discuss with their children how they decide what to give back to the Lord each week—whether it be Time or Talent or Treasure or a combination of the three. All children between the ages of 3 and 17 should receive sacrificial giving envelopes. We have been mailing them from the office to the children we have been able to identify.

What differences will practicing stewardship make in the lives of our children and ourselves?

1. Our focus will change. We will examine our relationship with God and recognize our need to give.
2. Our motivation changes. We give because we want to not because we have to.
3. Our spirituality matures. Our faith is deepened as a result of making a sacrifice and trusting God to take care of us.

What Should I Give?

- Many people donate time and talent through prayer and charitable activities for and through the parish as well as for the larger community.

- The biblical norm for giving of our treasure is a tithe, or a tenth. Our diocese recommends giving 5% to our parish, 1% to the diocese, and the remaining 4% to other charities (including Catholic institutions such as schools).

Members of the Apostolic, Liturgy and Finance Committees have spoken to you of Stewardship in recent weeks. Please give their comments serious consideration. Then pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

"...Wherever your treasure lies, there will be your heart."—*Luke 12:32-48*

Shrine's Young Men in Ministry

Summer vacation has drawn to a close and the school year has arrived with its attendant array of academic, athletic, and social activities. Busy schedules have not, however, interrupted the faithful participation of our youth in the various ministries at the Shrine of St. Therese. Representative of a part of these dedicated youngsters is a group of young men, the majority of whom are attending high schools in the area. They very graciously agreed to be photographed and interviewed for *The Rose*.



Anthony Giordano, 17, Proclaimer of The Word at the Shrine, attends Centennial High School where he is an award-winning participant in both speech and debate.



Not surprisingly, another excellent young Proclaimer of the Word, **Colin Richards, 17**, claims speech and debate at Central High School among his favorite activities.



Colin's younger brother, **Ian Richards, 16**, altar server at the Shrine, also attends Central High and enjoys playing soccer there.



Chris Javornik, 17, is very involved in both theater and drama at Central High in addition to the many hours he devotes as an altar server.



Cantor at the Shrine, **Nick Wertz, 17**, enjoys singing in two choirs at South High School and participating in the District 60 summer musicals.



Johnny Metoyer, 16, and his younger brother, Jacques, are altar servers at the Shrine. Soccer and basketball are his favorite activities at Central High.



Jacques Metoyer, 13, altar server at the Shrine, enjoys playing soccer and basketball at Trinity Lutheran.

Scheduling the individual photographs proved to be a challenge for everyone, but each of the boys arrived promptly without appearing rushed or harried (although a few were "camera shy"). All were easy-going and courteous, pleasant in conversation, and so delightfully earnest about their various ministries and activities. What a refreshing experience it was to meet them personally! These young men and their counterparts at the Shrine "wear many hats" during the course of their busy days. They are all making very positive contributions to our parish and surrounding community. *We "tip our hats" to them!*

—Photos by Babette Beauvais

Mark Galli—A Man of Many Talents

The new employee of the parish is not a new face. Mark Galli was born in Pueblo and raised at the Shrine of St. Therese parish. He plays the guitar and cantors at Sunday Mass so he is familiar to parishioners.

In early summer, he was hired to do maintenance work on the weekends. He sets up tables and chairs, trims bushes and trees, straightens and cleans the church and in general, gives a sense of security to the church grounds.

He even tackled the constant "pigeon problem" above the outside statue of St. Therese. He placed a soft liner on the upper ledge, which the pigeons did not like, causing them to move elsewhere. So, St. Therese is no longer embarrassed by white droppings on her cloak and roses.

Mark is a man of many talents. He is self-employed and works on construction projects. Then, as a professional musician he plays and composes music. He received his training at the Uni-



versity of Southern Colorado.

Con Jefferies, a pianist for the choir, and Mark just completed the composition of a new Mass. With the many nationalities and cultures in the United States today, they have taken melodies from various countries and used them as folk music hymns.

Sister Regina Marie will be teaching their new Kyrie and Gloria Mass parts to the congregation this month. They have approached music publishers for the new Folk Mass.

We give an enthusiastic welcome to Mark in his new job. His love for the parish and sense of giving is an asset to the community. Thank you, Mark.

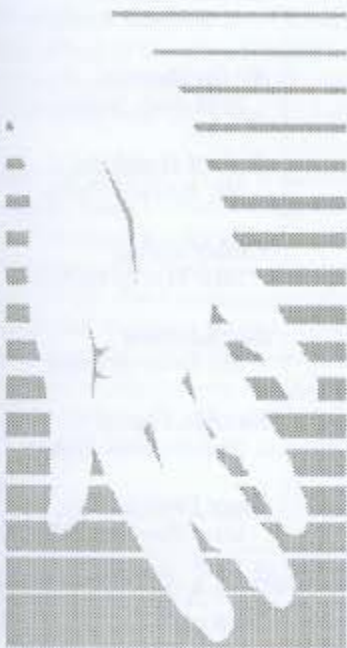
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If you are ill at home or expect to be hospitalized, please notify the parish office, 542-1788, or have a friend or relative call on your behalf. Or if you are homebound and wish to receive communion or a pastoral visit, please call.

Deadline Nearing for Contributions to Churches

Charitable contributions must be made by December 31, 2002 to be deductible on this year's tax return. Contributions do not have to be made in cash. Appreciated stock, which you have owned for more than one year, can be donated to your church or charity. The shares that you give can be deducted at full market value, and you can avoid the capital gains taxes you'd owe if you sold them.

This year more people are concerned with stock market losses. If you want to sell the stock, even at a loss, it can be deducted from your income taxes. It is best to sell your stock outright through your broker and then write a check to your parish, if that is your inclination.





MEMORIALS



Thanks to all who contributed to the Shrine of St. Therese Memorial Fund.
The list includes the months of July-September 2002.

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What
is a
Memorial

A memorial is a monetary contribution given in memory of a deceased friend or family member. Usually the gift starts at \$5.00, but the average gift is \$20.00. These memorials are used by the parish for spiritual enrichment such as missions given by a visiting priest or adult speakers. Parishioner wishing to offer a memorial may contact the Shrine Parish office during business hours.

Two New Seminarians Begin Training

Two new seminarians, both from well-known Catholic families, departed for Conception College Seminary in late August. **Joe Chrisman** comes from St. Mary's Parish in Pueblo and has been attending the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. **Mark Wertin** comes from Lamar, where he attended Lamar Jr. College. His father works at the parish as Deacon Henry Wertin. Both young men come from large families.

Deacon **Vernon Dobelmann**, new Vocation Director for the Diocese of Pueblo and the only deacon to have this position in the United States comes originally from St. Louis, MO, where he received his theological training. He and Bishop Arthur Tafoya will be traveling during October to visit the seminarians in their respective seminaries.

The two new ones are at Conception, MO. **Matt Wertin**, the older brother of Mark, is studying theology at St. Paul's Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

The two men seated in the picture are both studying at Sacred Heart in Hales Corner, Wisconsin.

Don Malin and **Martin Frias** will both be ordained in June 2003 for our Diocese. Don received much of his education in California and was working at Holy Trinity Parish in Trinidad when he decided to enter the seminary. His mother lives in Wyoming. Martin, originally from Mexico, has family in Denver and spent some years with the Theatine Order in San Luis, CO. Not wanting to be a missionary and sent to other countries, he opted to join the Pueblo Diocese and recently completed his pastoral year St. Pius X under Father Bill Huber.

Jonah Revisited . . . by a no-nonsense lady!

There was a Christian lady that had to do a lot of traveling for her business so she did a lot of flying. She always took her Bible with her to read and it helped her relax.

One time she was sitting next to a man. When he saw her pull out her Bible he gave a little chuckle and went back to what he was doing. After awhile he turned to her and asked, "You don't really believe all that stuff in there, do you?"

"Of course I do," the lady replied.

He said, "What about the guy that was swallowed by the whale?"

She replied, "Oh, Jonah. Yes, I believe that, it is in the Bible."

Then he asked, "Well, how do you suppose he survived all that time in the whale?"

The lady said, "Well, I really don't know. I guess when I go to heaven I will ask him."

"What if he isn't in heaven?" the man asked sarcastically.

"Then you can ask him," replied the lady.



Standing, left to right: Joe Chrisman, Matt Wertin, Deacon Vernon Dobelmann, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Pueblo, and Mark Wertin. Seated: Don Malin and Martin Frias. Joe Chrisman and Mark Wertin recently entered Conception College Seminary in Missouri to begin studies for the priesthood.

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The Crèche and St. Francis of Assisi

Feast Day, October 4

The tradition of having some kind of Nativity scene, which is the representation of the Birth of the Lord Jesus in the stable of Bethlehem, also known by the French name (crèche), in churches and homes evolved during the Middle Ages. In churches, its primary purpose was use as a prop for Nativity plays associated with Mass. A crèche is a reproduction of the cave in Bethlehem with the principal characters: Mary, Joseph, the infant Jesus in a manger. Shepherds, angels and animals were added later.

The 3 magi or 3 kings were added in the 14th century. Francis of Assisi's devotion to and love for the Incarnation of Jesus, the Word made Flesh, led him to an appreciation and desire to replicate the humble birth of the Savior. The first live Nativity scene was in the village of Greccio, Italy, 1223, during Francis's Christmas visit to the people of the village. It was so significant to them, that the custom of having a Nativity scene during Christmas became the norm. These scenes constructed from every sort of material spread throughout Christendom.

Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
November 13—Memorial

Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini was born in Lombardy, Italy in 1850. At Codogno, Italy, in the diocese of Lodi, she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in 1880. She established many schools, hospitals and orphanages. With the encouragement of Pope Leo XIII, she set out for the United States in 1889, where, for the next twenty-eight years, she established many schools, hospitals and orphanages. Her missionary zeal also led her to South America where she founded schools in Argentina, Brazil and Nicaragua. Mother Cabrini died in Chicago, December 22, 1917, and on July 7, 1946 she became the first U.S. citizen to be canonized.

Local tradition says she attended Mass at Mt. Carmel parish in the Grove district of Pueblo while traveling to Trinidad to visit miners.

A Gift for Our Church . . .



Parishioner Frank Petrocco, who often serves at Mass, holds a censer recently donated by a parishioner.

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