



Please Pray For: *Juanita Wilkerson*

PARISH NEWS

**Stewardship Bulletin Reflection:
November 19th, 2017**

We may long to hear the Lord say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant," as He does with the first two servants mentioned in the Parable of the Talents in today's Gospel from Matthew. However, although the third servant did not squander or waste the gifts (talents) he had received, the Master's reaction was not the same.

As we have often stated, stewardship is an active way of life. There is nothing passive about it. The Lord expects us to do things, to take the gifts we receive and to share them and multiply them, as was the case in the first two servants cited in the parable.

If we really wish to hear the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant" to us when we are finally judged, we need to do something to earn that praise. The key word in that sentence is "do." There is nothing spiritual or abstract about being ready for Jesus' return and judgment of us. God has gifted us in a multitude of ways. We need to recognize those gifts; acknowledge those gifts; be grateful for those gifts; and most of all use those gifts to benefit the Church and others.

What have we done with our time, our money, and our abilities? In our Church we recognize and point to sins of omission — that is, things we did not do, but should have. Like the first two servants in the parable, it is not just a case of preserving what God has given us, it is a case of using it, increasing it, and returning it to the Lord.

St. Patrick's Youth Religious Article Sale
Wednesday, Nov. 29th
8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Hosted by:
St. Patricks PTO

Sale runs ALL day and during PSR. Students can shop, and have their gift items wrapped and ready for Christmas.

REMINDER—

Please mail or drop your Stewardship packets in the collection plate at your earliest convenience!
Thanks so much ..

PTO officers for the Catholic School, decided to reopen shirt orders for one week, if you would like to order. The store is open from Nov 18 to Nov 25th. Please order online at www.stpatsstore.com. These will make wonderful Christmas gifts.

St.Vincent de Paul;
Is in need of large papers sacks with handles (e.g Braumsbag)
Please, drop off at St.Vincent's, 1122 Main St, Parsons, KS
Between: 10am - 12am and 2pm - 4pm. Thank You

"Jesus Make Me Resemble You"

Since my arrival here at St. Patrick's, until recently, I had been a bit puzzled by the statue of St. Therese of Lisieux that we have here in the Church (it is the one in the North West corner by the confessional). What puzzled me was the presence of the cloth of the Holy Face of Jesus, which hangs upon the cross of that statue. I wondered what was the connection between St. Therese and the Holy Face, that was until my spiritual retreat two weeks ago.

While I was on retreat I discovered that St. Therese had a deep devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, which was the image of the face of Jesus that was left upon the veil of St. Veronica after she wiped His bloody face during the way of the Cross. It was a devotion that came into popularity in France in the mid-1800s, which is how St. Therese encountered it and grew to love this devotion. I further learned of a short and beautiful prayer that St. Therese would always pray before this image of the Holy Face of Jesus. It was simply, "Jesus make me resemble you." This is a bold prayer in that it is an imperative, a command, "Jesus make me...". It is saying, Jesus do to me whatever is necessary to make me like you.

Remember this was in relation to the Holy Face of Jesus, His face during His suffering. Her prayer was saying even if it means suffering entering my life in order to make me resemble you, then so be it.

Of course, for this prayer to have an effect in her life meant that she had to be humble and docile to what Jesus wanted to do to her and with her in order to make her resemble Him. And certainly she allowed Jesus to make her resemble Him, which is why we call her a saint. Now think how different we, our parish, our families would be if we all earnestly prayed, "Jesus make me resemble you" and were docile and humble enough to accept His will in fulfilling this prayer within us. Whether it be through accepting and uniting our sufferings with Him, or being more charitable and merciful like Him, or more faithful like Him, etc., what a difference this prayer could make.

Soon we will begin the Season of Advent, which is a new liturgical year for the Church, and I would like to suggest that we as a parish take this prayer as our own for the coming year. That each day (perhaps in the morning), each and every one of us pray, "Jesus make me resemble you" and then strive to allow Him to do His work within us, transforming us to be more like Him. If we all earnestly do this, just think how much better and holy not only ourselves, but our parish and our families can become throughout the year. "Jesus make me resemble you".

Parish Religious Articles Sale;
Hosted by: The Catholic Culture Committee
Religious Items will be available for sale after the Masses on the weekend of December 9th and 10th, in the Parish Hall. Perfect Christmas gifts.

Wed.	8am	† Michael S. Patterson (Family)
Thur	8am	† Isabella Gudde (Joe Dwyer)
Friday	8am	Living&Deceased Eck Family (Mary Brown)
Next Weekends Intentions:		
Saturday	5pm	† Deceased members of the Negrete Family (Julie and Joe Ponce)
Sunday	8am	Troy Brown (Mary Brown)
Sunday	10am	The People of St. Patrick's Parish

MASS INTENTIONS: Nov 18th to Nov 26th

Saturday	5pm	†Rayond and Betty Colchin(Joe Dwyer)
Sunday	8am	The People of St. Patricks Parish
	10am	†Ed &Brant Laforge (Family)
Mon	8am	†Jim Groff (Joe Dwyer)
Tues	5:30pm	Mothers Day Novena

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PATRICK'S THIS WEEK:

Sun Nov 19	*RCIA	8am
Mon Nov 20	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Mass	8am
Tue Nov 21	*Rosary in the Church	5pm
	* Mass	5:30pm
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:30pm
	*Stewardship Meeting	6:30pm
Wed Nov 22	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Mass	8am
Thur Nov 23	*Rosary	7:30am
	*Parish Offices Closed	
	*Mass	8am
Fri Nov 24	*Day of Penance: abstinence from meat,prayer and works of mercy, reading of the Sacred Scripture for an outpouring of God's mercy and the Holy Spirit gifts of holiness and strength upon the Church.	
	* Parish Offices Closed	
	* Kapuan's Men	5:30am
	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Mass	8am
Sat Nov 25	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Cursillo Group	7am
	*Confessions	3:30 -4:30pm
	*Mass	5pm
Sun Nov 26	*RCIA	8am

Next Week

Altar Servers:		
Nov 25	5:30pm	K Nance, D Ortiz, T Martinez
Nov 26	8am	E Wheat, B Johnston, C Snider
	10am	B Brungardt, J Schibi, C Manners
Extraordinary Ministers:		
Nov 25	5:00pm	Bill Wheat
Nov 26	8am	Jane Alexander
	10am	Tracy Holzem
Lector:		
Nov 25	5:00pm	Nick Pfeifer
Nov 26	8am	John Schibi
	10am	Daniel Schibi
Offertory Gifts:		
Nov 25	5pm	Rick & Toni Martinez
Nov 26	8am	Mike & Janice Duloherly
	10am	Keith & Leslie Keller
Ushers:		
Nov 25	5pm	R&D Fleming/ M McKinney/CVanMieghem
Nov 26	8am	C&S Johnson/Crabtree/Simon
	10am	G&Karen Haynes/ Mark &Fatima Mall
Money Counters:		
Nov 26		Doug & Tracy Holzem & Lori Nolting

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:
NOV.11TH - NOV.12TH
NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$21,313.00

ADORATION

OUR LORD LONGS TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH YOU!
Looking for help to fill these hours of Adoration.
Thur 12-1am
Thur 9 -10am
Thur 11am- 12:pm
Thur 3-4pm
Fri 1-2am
FRI 2-3AM
SAT 2-3AM
SUN 5-6AM

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

We would like to invite everyone to join us on December 2nd at 6pm in the Parish Hall for the St. Patrick's Christmas Dinner. Homemade turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, Rolls and delicious homemade desserts. Once again the Knights of Columbus and Altar Society have come together to offer a Parish dinner. I think it is a great blessing when the different organizations of the Parish come together and work together to serve the people of the Parish.

New Church Directory
Save your spot for your family photos (Nov17-30)

(except the 29th) by going to:
1) www.stpatricksparsons.org
2) Facebook (St. Patrick's Catholic Church)
3) Each household will receive a FREE directory and 8 x 10 photo. Delivery will be before Christmas, background color for the directory photos will be caramel. Any Questions, or you need help with the website, please call or text Dana @ 423-4140.

ADOPT-A-MOM;
St. Patrick's Pro-Life Committee;

We are adopting one mom from Hannah's Promise for Christmas this year. We will also be adopting two families from our Parish. A Christmas tree will be up and decorated in the vestibule of the church, by the end of the week. Once you pick a gift — buy it, wrap it, tape the tag to the outside, and put it under the tree, by December 17th.