

MASS INTENTIONS—July 22nd–July 30th

Saturday—5pm Norene McIntosh (Carol Hanvey)
Sunday— 8am †Rose Dwyer (Joe Dwyer)
10am People of St. Patrick's Parish
Monday 8am †Therese Flynn (Bernice LaForge)
Tuesday 8am Carter Roberts (Tom & Beth Westhoff)
Wednesday— 8am †Donald Gouvion (Carolyn Gouvion)

Thursday— 8am †Raymond Gouvion (Carolyn Gouvion)
Friday— 8am †Joaquin Ramirez (Family)

Next Weekends Intentions:

Saturday—5pm †Norene McIntosh (Carol Hanvey)
Sunday— 8am People of St. Patrick's Parish
10am †Bob Vernon (Charlotte Stottmann)

Stewardship Reflection
16th Sunday of Ordinary Times
July 23, 2017

Today's readings remind us of the fact that it is God who guides us, and it is God who influences our decisions through the Holy Spirit. Today's Gospel is again a series of parables shared by our Lord Jesus to teach us and to explain Holy Scripture.

Jesus tells the Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat, which is relatively clear to us in terms of the facts. However, there is an important point within it that we must acknowledge. When the decision is made to allow the weeds to grow with the wheat, it is clear the separation will occur later, not at that moment. When the decision is made as to what will be harvested and kept and what will be destroyed, that is a decision made by God.

It is somewhat a reflection of another point made in scripture. Today's Gospel comes to us from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 13; however, in just a few chapters prior to that (Chapter 7) we are told "Stop judging, that you may not be judged...for as you judge, so will you be judged." There is no question that there are "weeds" among the flock, but it is not our place to identify them and sort them out. That is the work of God.

As Catholics and Christians we must take care not to be self righteous and judgmental. Before we call into question someone else's walk with God, we need to scrutinize and take care of our own. Stewardship is what we do, not what we necessarily think others should do.

AUCTION MEETING: Tuesday, July 24th @ 7 pm;
 rosary at 6:30 to pray for the success of our auction.

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week
 July 23rd-29^h, 2017

COMMON NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING MYTH #5:

MYTH: There is no difference between NFP and contraception.

REALITY: NFP methods are different from and better than contraception.

NFP Methods:

- ★ Have no harmful side effects
- ★ Are environmentally friendly
- ★ Are virtually cost free
- ★ Cooperate with, rather than suppress, a couple's fertility
- ★ Can be used both to achieve/avoid pregnancy
- ★ Call for shared responsibility and cooperation by husband and wife
- ★ Require mutual communication
- ★ Foster respect for & acceptance of total person
- ★ Encourage maturity and the virtue of chastity
- ★ Value the child
- ★ Honor and safeguard the unitive and procreative meanings of married love

In other words, there is a big difference between NFP & contraception. NFP, as opposed to contraception, does not deliberately frustrate the procreative potential of sex. So, NFP is morally acceptable while contraception is actually sinful & never morally right. NFP is unique because it enables its users to work with the body rather than against it. Fertility is viewed as a gift & reality to live, not a problem to be solved. Ultimately, NFP respects God's design for married love.



Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, Lois Bevans of this parish; and John Trieber, brother to Mary Greenough and Carl Trieber (Donna). Let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen

WHAT IS TITHING?

So what is tithing? Tithing, the setting aside a tenth of one's income to return to the Lord, is a very ancient practice of worship.

It was established in the Old Testament five centuries before the Law of Moses, by Abraham and a mysterious man named Melchizedek (Genesis 14: 18-20). Originally a tithe was given in the form of produce or livestock but as society shifted from a barter-based system of trade to a monetary exchange system, the tithe began to be paid in currency. For faithful Jews, there were three separate tithes: an annual tithe (Num. 18: 21-24), an annual feast tithe (Dt. 14:22-27), and a third year tithe (Dt. 26:12f). Added up, these three tithes might exceed 1/3 of a person's income, not 10%!

How one tithed was not as important as understanding a tithe is part of one's grateful response to a generous God. For a tithe was not given based on the needs of the priests, Temple, or the poor; it was given in recognition and gratitude for the blessings God had bestowed. Thus, every believer had a need to tithe to God, and it was first and foremost an act of worship, not merely a duty.

"Stewardship is a decision of the will not a feeling, although good feelings often follow. We can't wait for our attitudes regarding stewardship to change our behavior. By changing our behavior our attitudes will change to match the gospel way of life."

Bishop Emeritus Eugene J. Gerber

"The tithes of the herd and the flock shall be determined by ceding to the Lord as sacred every tenth animal as they are counted by the herdsman's rod." - Leviticus 27:32

Thank You!

Dear Ones: Thank you for the Mass offered for me as well as for all your prayers, cards, good wishes, and gifts for my jubilee and birthday celebrations. All has added to making the day a very special and wonderful one. May God bless each of you in many ways. Your are in my thoughts and prayers.

*With love and prayers,
 Sister Bertina*

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

Mon Jul 24	*Rosary in the Church *Mass	7:30am 8 am
Tue Jul 25	*Rosary in the Church *Mass *Auction Committee Meeting *Knights of Columbus Meeting (Knight Hall)	7:30am 8 am 7pm 7pm
Wed Jul 26	*Rosary in the Church *Mass *Parker Uniform Day (Parish Hall)	7:30am 8am 3-6 pm
Thur Jul 27	*Rosary in the Church *Mass	7:30am 8am
Fri Jul 28	*Day of Penance: abstinence from meat, prayer and works of mercy, reading of Sacred Scripture for an outpouring of God's mercy and the Holy Spirit's gifts of holiness and strength upon the Church. *Rosary in the Church *Mass	7:30am 8am
Sat July 29	*Rosary in the Church *Cursillo Group Meets *Confessions	6:30am 7:00am 3:30pm

Next Weekend

Altar Servers:
 July 29—5pm L Wolgamott/Z Collins/L Gilmore
 July 30—8am I Reitemeier/A Nibarger/B Johnston
 10am J Schibi/A Farris/E Hess/I Mann

Extraordinary Ministers:
 July 29—5pm Deacon Isaac Coulter
 July 30—8am Deacon Isaac Coulter
 10am Deacon Isaac Coulter

Lector:
 July 29—5pm Mike Carson
 July 30—8am Amanda Archambault
 10am Allison Colson

Offertory Gifts:
 July 29—5pm Steve & Shelia Ramsey
 July 30—8am Jeff Perez & Jim Simon
 10am Terry & LeeAnn Hunter

Ushers:
 July 29—5pm T&B Westhoff/I Ritz/W Cupp
 July 30 -8am Robert Barger Family/O'Hara Family
 10am Vincent & Mary Schibi/L Schibi/J Alexander

Money Counters:
 July 29 & 30 Zach & Stephanie Reitemeier/Ryan Templeton

PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:

JULY 15th-16th

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$8,949.50

OUR LORD LONGS TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH YOU!

These Hours Need To Be Filled:

WED 11P-12A
 THUR 9-10AM
 FRI 8-9AM
 FRI 2-3AM
 SAT 2-3AM
 SUN 5-6 AM

Parish and School Work Day

School is just around the corner and it's time to freshen up paint on the playground and church! CYM & Knights of Columbus are teaming up to complete this mission. Paint supplies will be provided. Projects include:

- Hand railings (church & school)
- Flag pole
- Metal playground equipment
- Bike racks
- Four-square lines/handicap parking lines at gym
- Benches

Saturday, August 5th, 7am

CYM will provide hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served for lunch. EVERYONE is welcome to help! Call/text Peter Kendrick to sign up at 620-423-1822

Prayer and Action

Please remember to pray for these young people who are diligently working in Parsons to complete a number of tasks for residents in need of assistance on their homes. This will be their final week. Any donations of food or snack items is always appreciated. May our Lord bless these energetic examples of charity among us.