

MASS INTENTIONS—July 29th—August 6

Saturday—5pm †Norene O'Connor McIntosh (Carol Hanvey)
Sunday— 8am People of St. Patrick's Parish
 10am †Bob Vernon (Charlotte Stottmann)
Monday 8am †Dick Volmer (Corky & Alice Beachner)
Tuesday 5:30pm †Thressa Volmer (Steve & Shelia Ramsey)
Wednesday— 8am †Lois Bevans (Garry & Beth Eckert)

Thursday— 8am †Harold Severt (Bill & Brenda Ozier)
Friday— 8am †Lawrence Dick (Dick Family)
Next Weekends Intentions:
Saturday—5pm †Charles Van Mieghem Sr. (Charlie Van Mieghem; Cathy & Jerry Taylor)
Sunday— 8am †Max Every, Jr (Bob & Cathy Bartelli)
 10am People of St. Patrick's Parish

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

Mon Jul 31	*Rosary in the Church *Mass	7:30am 8am
Tue Aug 1	*Rosary in the Church *Mass *Cursillo Group Meets	5 pm 5:30 pm 5:30pm
Wed Aug 2	*Rosary in the Church *Mass *Cursillo Group Meets	7:30am 8 am 5:15pm
Thur Aug 3	*Rosary in the Church *Mass	7:30am 8am
Fri Aug 4	*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 * First Friday Mass	7:30 8am
Sat Aug 5	*Rosary in the Church *Cursillo Group Meets	6:30am 7:00am

**Stewardship Reflection
17th Sunday of Ordinary Times
July 30, 2017**

Jesus presents us with more parables in today's Gospel from St. Matthew. He opens the first one with "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." According to most biblical scholars and theologians who study and draw conclusions on Jesus' teachings, in this particular parable, and those which follow, the field is the world. The man who values the treasure is not any of us because we do not have anything with which to purchase this treasure. The Man Who gave all to buy this field was Jesus Himself. And it is with joy that He gives all to buy the field, to save the world and each of us. What makes the treasure so wonderful that the Lord would give all, His very life? Each of us. In other words, each of you! Jesus gave everything to redeem the whole world to preserve a treasure it contains. He gave all because we His people are the treasure. Do we understand that? Do we consider that every time we approach the gift of the Eucharist? We should. St. Paul may have put it best in his letter to the Romans: "You are loved more than you will ever know, by someone who died to know you." (Romans 5:8)

Next Weekend

Altar Servers:
 Aug 5—5pm J O'Hara/M Bogner/A Wheat
 Aug 6—8am R Barger/C Westhoff/B Johnston
 10am J Schibi/C Manners/Kyle W/C Snider

Extraordinary Ministers:
 Aug 5—5pm Deacon Isaac Coulter
 Aug 6—8am Deacon Isaac Coulter
 10am Deacon Isaac Coulter

Lector:
 Aug 5—5pm Scotty Zollars
 Aug 6—8am Jeff Perez
 10am Emma Fees

Offertory Gifts:
 Aug 5—5pm Tom & Beth Westhoff
 Aug 6—8am Zach & Stephanie Reitemeier
 10am Emilio & Janie Aita

Ushers:
 Aug 5—5pm C VanMieghem/M McKinney/I Ritz
 Aug 6 -8am David & Karen Wheat/John & Maggie Keene
 10 am Richard & MaryJo Fitzwater/ J Heppler

Money Counters:
 Aug 5 & 6 Lou Jones & Marjorie Troy/Jody & Joan Thompson

Congratulations Sister Bertina

On the Solemnity of the Assumption (15 August) Sister will celebrate her 75th Jubilee of Religious Life. Isn't that AMAZING!!! So, if you would be so kind as to remember Sister in your prayers as she celebrates. If you would like to send her a congratulatory note, you can send it to:
 Sr. M. Bertina Korphage, C.S.J.
 3700 E. Lincoln St.
 Wichita, KS 67218

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:
 JULY 22nd-23rd
 NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$9,220**

GOT EXTRA LIGHTS?

The Auction Committee is looking for white string lights to assist with decorating. If you can help us out with lights please call the school or rectory. Many Thanks!

PARISH NEWS

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

OUR LORD LONGS TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH YOU!

Hours Available To Be Filled:

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

Midwest Family Conference

This will be the 18th Annual conference held in Wichita. August 4th thru 6th at the Century II Convention Center. There are outstanding speakers like Scott Hahn, Raymond Arroyo and Tim Staples among others. You will find programing suitable for teens, young adults, children as well as for yourself. Mass, concert music and comedy programs. You can attend one day or all three, registration is accepted at the door as well as advanced. For more information, check Facebook for Catholic Family Conference, the web at catholicfamilyconference.org or call the rectory for specific information. Many from our parish have attended in past years and none of them have come back disappointed.

PARISH OPENINGS: We are currently accepting applications for the positions of Parish/School Custodian/Maintenance (closing Monday July 31st) and part-time Parish Secretary. Applications are available on the website under the Home Tab under Forms. Please return to the Rectory.



Eternal Rest grant unto him O, Lord, Ernesto Mercado, father of Phil (Cathy), and grandfather of Danielle, Tyler & Ben. Let perpetual light shine on him. May he rest in peace. Amen

WHAT IS THE PRINCIPLE OF TITHING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

It would be silly to think God "needs" our tithe. "For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains, And the wild beasts of the field are Mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness" (Psalm 50:10-12). It is "we" who need to tithe.

Our Lord spoke little about the "practice" of tithing in the Gospels, but He had much to say about the spirit of giving which formed the basis of the Old Testament system of tithing. Jesus had much to say about the stewardship of our gifts, especially money. Jesus saw the grateful sharing of our gifts as the means of joy, inspiring Saint Paul to write, "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

With only a small collection of passages about tithing in the New Testament, Jesus in fact called his followers to a standard of giving going far beyond the tithe. He called us to give up everything and follow Him, not just 10%.

Hence the supreme model of giving in the New Testament was not based on a 10% tithe, but on a one hundred-percent commitment of personal resources.

Jesus is the example of this 100% giving. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9; see also Philippians 2:5-8). Perhaps this is why our Lord praised the widow in Jerusalem for placing two small copper coins into the Temple treasury (Luke 21:4), and why early Christians sold ALL they had and gave it to the church (Acts 4:34-35).

Finally, the principle of the New Testament of giving is the principle of wise stewardship and concern for the needs of others. St. Paul praises the Philippian believers for recognizing and receiving his apostolic ministry, and willingness to share in love of God and neighbor. "When I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities" (Philippians 4:15-16). A few verses later, he calls their financial gifts "a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God." This beautiful imagery confirms the Mosaic understanding of tithing and giving as an act of worship.