

MASS INTENTIONS: August 26th to Sept.3rd

Saturday-5pm †Charles VanMieghem (C VanMieghem, Jerry & Kathy Taylor)
Sunday- 8am †John Treiber (Carl & Donna Treiber)
 10am People of St Patricks Parish
Monday 8:00am †Isabella Gudde (John & Sonja Schibi)
Tuesday 5:30pm †Gary Dodds (Jeanine Dodds)

Wed- 8am †Jane Moriarty (Joe Dwyer)
Thursday-8am †Thressa Volmer (Carl & Donna Trieber)
Friday- 8am Jim & Sue Smith (Family) 50th Wedding Anniv.
Next Weekends Intentions:
Saturday-5pm Dr.Tony & Meda Diaz (Bill&Mary Fuentez, Bill&Margaret George)
Sunday- 8am People of The Parish
 10am †Socorro Asebedo (Joe Asebedo)

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

Mon Aug 28 *Rosary in the Church 7:30am
 *Mass 5:30pm
 Tue Aug 29 *Rosary in the Church 5:00pm
 *Mass 5:30pm
 *Cursillo Group Meets 5:30pm
 *Parish Council (Parish hall) 6:30pm
 *K of C Meeting (Knights Hall) 7pm
 Wed Aug 30 *Rosary in the Church 7:30am
 *Mass 8 am
 *Cursillo Group Meets 5:15pm
 *VIRTUS class (Parish Hall) 7pm
 Thur Aug 31 *Rosary in the Church 7:30am
 *Mass 8am
 Fri Sept.1 *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 7:30pm
 *First Friday Mass 8 am
 Sat Sept.2 *Rosary in the Church 6:30am
 *Cursillo Group Meets 7:00 am
 *First Saturday Confessions 7:30 am
 *First Saturday Mass 8 am

Next Weekend

Altar Servers:
 Sept. 2 —5pm K.Nance, Z Collins, L. Wheat
 Sept. 3 —8am A.Nibarger, E.Hess, M.Bogner
 10am J.Schibi, J Cervantes, I.Mann
Extraordinary Ministers:
 Sept. 2 —5pm Bill Wheat
 Sept. 3 — 8am Jane Alexander
 10am Harry Heppler
Lector:
 Sept. 2 —5pm Sheila Simmons
 Sept. 3 —8am Amanda Archambault
 10am Nick Pfeifer
Offertory Gifts:
 Sept. 2 —5pm Steve & Ruth Farrell
 Sept. 3 -8am Bob & Pam Burzinski
 10am Rikki James Family
Ushers:
 Sept. 2 -5pm T&B Westhoff /C VanMieghem/W Cupp
 Sept. 3 -8am R&E Montee / Charles& Regina Sprague
 10 am V&M Schibi / L. Schibi/ J Alexander
Money Counters:
 Sept.2 & 3 David & Jane Dick - Steve & Ruth Farrell

OUR LORD LONGS TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH YOU!

Hours Available To Be Filled:

WED 11P-12A
 FRI 10-11AM
 FRI 2-3AM
 SAT 2-3AM
 SUN 5-6AM
 SUN 10-11AM
 SUN 7-8PM

COACH WRISTLET GIVE-A-WAY—This is a new item/game at the St. Patrick's Catholic School Dinner and Auction! On Saturday, September 17th, during the live auction, five Coach wristlets will be raffled off. You will have the opportunity to buy a chance for \$50 that evening. If your number is called, you get to pick the wristlet of your choice. There will also be a cash prize in each wristlet. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:

AUGUST 19th-20th

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$10,666.00

AUCTION COMMITTEE

The Auction Committee is still looking for large bulb garden/patio string lights to assist with decorating. If you can help us out with lights please call the school or rectory.

PARISH NEWS

Stewardship Reflection
 21st Sunday of Ordinary Times
 August 27, 2017

In last week's Gospel, we heard the story of the Canaanite woman (a Gentile) who appealed to Jesus for help, and her prayer and plea were answered. Part of the message of that is that the Kingdom of God is open to and offered to all peoples.

This week we hear Jesus say to St. Peter in the Gospel from Matthew, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." An important part of the Vatican flag is two keys. Those keys, of course, represent the keys to the kingdom to which Jesus makes reference. Were you aware that one key is gold and the other silver.

Interpretation is that the gold key represents spiritual power and the silver key represents worldly power. We are also fond of images and more showing Saint Peter at the gates of Heaven deciding who is admitted and who is not. Nevertheless, the keys are reinforced in the Acts of the Apostles, and it is perhaps not that Peter opens the gates of Heaven, but Peter (and Paul as well) through his ministry and explanations make it clear that heaven (the kingdom) is available to all, Jews and Gentiles.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1023) states, "Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God forever, for they 'see him as he is,' face to face." Pope Francis has spoken on this more than once. Recently, he stated, "The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us with the Blood of Christ. However, we must meet one another doing good." Our call is clear.

Annual SPCS Apparel Sale

Now is the time to purchase these items. This is our only yearly order. The t-shirts will be red with the Our Father printed on the back. The jackets and sweatshirts will be blue with the Our Father printed on the back. Orders are being taken at the website: <https://stpats17.itemorder.com/sale> until September 10. If anyone needs assistance with ordering, they can contact the school at 421-0710.

PSR & EDGE registration after Mass today!

From the Principal's Desk "Thus says the Lord..." WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!! Ha, obviously that is not what the Lord said to us in the scripture readings this week. The religion teacher in me wants to write about how the Prime Minister in David's kingdom would rule the castle while the king was away (see first reading). And how the King of kings made Peter His prime minister to work in His place once he had ascended into Heaven (see Gospel reading). But, the principal in me feels obliged to write about how exciting it is to finish our first full week of school, thank all the parents and teachers for the work they do with our kids, and brag about the 2nd graders being the most polite in the lunch line!!! Anyway, we are off to a great start and there are a lot of exciting things we will get to show off throughout the year. God Bless, Emilio Aita

Please pray for: Kaylene Carter McCullough



HOW TO TITHE

When I tithe, should I be calculating it on my gross or net income? When striving to give a tithe, you should calculate the amount you give back to God based on your gross income. The reason for this is stewardship calls us to give back to God first, before we take care of any of our own wants, needs or obligations – including our obligation to our government. After all, God should come before Uncle Sam, shouldn't He? By placing God first – above all other financial obligations – we show how much we love and trust Him. Some people may never be able to reach a full tithe. Others reach this goal and keep giving; knowing in reality it all belongs to God.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce; then will your barns be filled with grain, with new wine your vats will overflow." - Proverbs 3:9-10

With our current financial obligations, I don't know how it would be possible for us to convert to giving away a full 10%. Are there any other options? Yes! It is important to begin with some percentage. Begin by committing to giving a gift which is planned, proportionate and sacrificial. Most Catholics do not realize what percentage they currently are giving. When they take the time to calculate the amount, they are often surprised and uncomfortable. We often think we are very generous yet despite the strong urging throughout sacred scripture to give back 10% the average US Catholic today gives less than 1%.

The first step in working towards a tithe is to determine what percentage you are currently giving. Then see if you can increase the percentage by at least a small percent. If you increase your giving every year by at least 1/2 percent or more, you will eventually reach a full tithe of 10%. It is usually suggested that you give 8% to your parish and 2% combined to any other charities which touch your heart.

Input from the entire family is beneficial in finding ways you can tighten the budget so more can be given upfront to God. A legalistic approach to a certain percentage really is not as important as developing an overall grateful and generous way of life. Many who begin on this type of stewardship journey eventually find they feel called to increase their giving even beyond the 10% level.

'Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.' - Luke 12:48

RCIA Informational meeting at 521 Barton ave. at a 6:30 pm. **RCIA** Classes beginning soon–If you are thinking of asking someone please do so soon. Any questions can be directed to the rectory.