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SAT-SUN, JUL 20-21, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Pt 4:10).

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure.

The life of a Christian steward should model the life of Jesus. We should receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards.

(taken from the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship)



Colossians 2:12-14 THE BEST POLICY

Our society makes fun of lawyers, but there are times when we need them, and a good one is priceless. If you have been wrongly accused, you need help to clear the record. If you have a traffic ticket, you want someone to present your side. If you are guilty, and you know it, and you do not want to get out of it, you just want to admit it, to bring peace to yourself and your neighbor - a good lawyer can help you make courageous steps to a new and rewarding life.

Whenever we sin, we are tempted to lie about it, and to get someone to lie with us. Facing the truth

seems so horrible, that we would rather cover it up.

But that is not freedom. That is slavery to falsehood. Freedom is admitting our wrong, accepting the consequences, and realizing who we are and what we believe.

The Letter to the Colossians says that Christ has taken care of our transgressions. He has forgiven them, "obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us." Christ did more than a typical lawyer could do. He is lawyer, victim, and judge. He is the one against whom we have sinned, the one who advocates on our behalf, and the one who can decide the punishment. With all that power, Christ chooses forgiveness.

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Bishop Malesic invites all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2019 to a special GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on SUN, SEP 22 at 3pm. Please call the DeVivo or Brady Centres by FRI, AUG 2 to register. Couples will receive a scroll signed by the Bishop, commemorating their special anniversary, even if they cannot attend the Mass.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

TUE: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43

WED: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

THU: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53

FRI: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

SAT: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

SUN: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



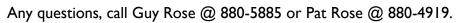
St. John's 125th Anniversary Committee will meet TUE, JUL 30 in Moravek Hall at 6:30pm. If you cannot attend the meeting but are interested in working on the committee, please call Toni or Stephanie at 628-8878.

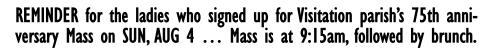
St. Rita Christian Mothers will attend the 4pm Mass on SAT, AUG 3, as a group, at St. Rita. There will be NO meeting on FRI, AUG 2.

If you're going on the SAT, AUG 10 bus trip to see "Jesus" at Sight and Sound Theatres, these couple details are important!

- ◆5:30am pick up at the Polish Club (Cvlle City parking lot).

 PLEASE BE THERE SHARP!
- ♦8pm arrive back in Cvlle.





MON, AUG 12 IS THE LAST DAY TO HAVE PICTURES TAKEN FOR THE FIRST-EVER OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE YOUGH PHOTO DIRECTORY. SLOTS ARE AVAILABLE EVERY 10 MINUTES FROM 2-8:30PM AT ST. RITA'S BUCCI HALL. PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP SO THE PHOTO COMPANY DOES NOT ELIMINATE THIS DAY FOR US! You may sign up online at the website ucdir.com - just click on "online scheduling". Our code is PA824 and the password is photo.

Or call Sr. Donna at the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840.

REMEMBER, families who have their picture taken will receive a FREE 8x10 photo plus a FREE directory!



As part of their 150th Anniversary celebration, Bishop Malesic will have a 5pm Mass at IC on SUN, SEP 8. Following Mass there will be a special Anniversary Dinner at Fountain Mills Event Center in Scottdale.

Watch the bulletin for full details.

There will also be some upcoming sales after masses.

Dates will be announced soon!

St. Al's FRI morning Bible Study needs a flat screen TV to watch teaching videos.



There are usually about 15 in attendance. Please call the Brady Centre at 277-4236 if you can help.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover 12-20 miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

Did you know Conn-Area Catholic School has a Robotics program that engages our students in engineering principles? Even our preschoolers and kindergarten students begin

early science exploration, as they "play" through guided instruction with pulley systems, catapults, gears and more. First-sixth graders are introduced to coding and building

robots through standard-aligned activities. For more info or to set up an appointment you may call Ceal Solan at 628-5090 or email her at csolan@connareacatholic.org.



The deadline to submit your personal ad/picture for IC's keepsake anniversary book has been extended JUST A BIT. Forms are available at the back of IC Church and at the DeVivo Centre. You can submit a hard copy or email directly to Stefano Printing at the address shown on the form, but you must do so NOW.

This is NOT the church directory!

Any questions, call Mary at 628-1764.

Nar-Anon will meet on WED, JUL 31 in St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.



St. Pius in Mt. Pleasant will hold a Flea Market in their social Hall, on FRI, AUG 9, from 9am-noon and 6-8pm, plus a Bag Sale on SAT, AUG 10, from 9am-noon.

Bishop Malesic will lead a celebration of the diocese's patronal feast, the Feast of the Assumption, THU, AUG 15 at the Christ Our Shepherd Center near Greensburg. The bishop will celebrate Mass at 7pm in St. Joseph Chapel then lead an outdoor candlelight procession with recitation of the rosary in multiple languages.

Visitation Christian Mothers will be holding a Clothing Sale at their community center on FRI, AUG 16, from 9am-noon and 6-8pm, plus a Bag Sale on SAT, AUG 17, from 9-11am.

St. Pius will hold an After Parish Festival Turkey Dinner on SUN, AUG 18, 11:30am-2pm, catered by Leo and Sons Grille 31. Adults \$12/children 10 & under \$5. Tickets will be sold at the door.

St. Vincent Basilica in Latrobe will hold a 12-session Catholic Divorce Support Group on WEDs from 7-9pm beginning SEP 18 for those who are currently going through a divorce or already divorced. They will use Surviving Divorce videos and workbooks from Ascension Press, a

trusted Catholic publisher. Some of the topics covered will include how to deal with depression, anger, money, family, forgiveness as well as church teachings on dating, annulment and remarriage. A modest registration fee covers all materials. Find help and hope through



hearing from and sharing with others in similar circumstances. For more information or to register, contact Teri Pomerleau at 539-8629, x15 or tpomerleau@stvincent.edu.

When God tells Abraham He plans to destroy the sinful city of Sodom, he asked God if there were 50 righteous



people there, would He still destroy the city? God responded that he would spare the city. Abraham, then went further, reducing the test number, finally to 10. God continued to insist that he would spare the city for such a small number of righteous persons. Then the back-and-forth ends.

Sometimes we find *ourselves* in a tug-o-war with the Almighty, trying to reserve a bit of our personal preferences and ideas in the context of our relationship with him.

Is this wrong? In fact God wants us to think things through and struggle over points and ask him questions. It shows that we're really listening.

At the end of the day, however, our best path is to yield to him, to trust him, and to believe in him like Abraham did.

Thank you will never be enough to the extraordinary team that made Vacation Bible School ROAR happen!

Every year VBS seems to get BIGGER and BETTER...and this year was NO EXCEPTION! With over 120 participants and 50 youth and adult volunteers, we definitely made a mighty ROAR for Jesus last week! We were also absolutely BLESSED this year to have the addition of many Saint Aloysius children and volunteers, as we joined forces for the first time.

Thanks to an EXTREMELY generous anonymous donation made by a parishioner, we were able to keep VBS completely FREE of cost! We also received donations from other parishioners, and even a \$2,000 grant from the Diocese of Greensburg through the Francis Fund. Thank you! Vacation Bible School truly is an opportunity for a child to experience the LOVE of Jesus, and YOU may have given a child that gift for the VERY first time thanks to your donation.

Geibel Catholic and Conn-Area were gracious enough once again to allow us to use their building for the week. Thank you for being SO accommodating to us! Honestly, we TAKE OVER their space for the week and they are MORE than willing to help and work with us in any way whatsoever. We simply could not do what we do without this space. Thank you.

Because we had the extra help from Saint Aloysius, we were able to create a separate Preschool and Kindergarten learning area. This gave us the ability to have more leaders and fewer kids in each station. Thank you to ALL of our adult station leaders who stepped up and created a fun, interactive space for our young people to discover lesus' love for them:

AJ CASINI GAMES BRIANNA CASINI Music PATRICK CALINAO IMAGINATION STATION, GRADES 1-5 KATHY GRENALDO BIBLE, GRADES 1-5 **NIKKI HOLONICH** Café MELISSA PIECZYNSKI IMAGINATION STATION, PREK-K TONY POULIOT **TECHNOLOGY** BETH SHEEHAN KID VID CINEMA **IOY WALLACE** BIBLE, PREK-K



These station leaders had other adults and youth assisting them throughout the week. Thank YOU for helping your station leader. Thank you also to the adults and youth that volunteered their time throughout the week helping to lead each group to their various stations. They formed real relationships with the kids; leading by example through service and love. A very special thank you also goes to the staff, especially Lisa Andursky who kept everything organized and our 3 priests who spent meaningful time with our children throughout the week.

Lastly, thank you to each and every parent who made Vacation Bible School a priority this week for their child. Your children are an absolute JOY. Thank YOU for putting a relationship with Christ and His Church at the center of your child's life.

> Christ's peace and our Mother Mary's love, Mary Sampey



The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Scripture encourages us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need.

What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things.

Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it.

In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers.





our prayer list.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of BEATRICE BABURA and FRANCESCO RUSSO, who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

MINISTERS: Please call/email Chris Sparks with any dates you are UNable to serve in SEP/OCT. 366-0677 or crsparks1@zoominternet.net





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MON, JUL	29	St. Martha	
8:00am	St. Rita	Juanita Stasia (Nick, Cathy & Bob)	
8:30am	St. Al	Pat Zelmore (Ron & Janet Cole)	
TUE, JUL 30		ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP & DR. OF THE CHURCH	
8:00am	St. John	Mickey Grego (Pam & Denny Lowe)	
8:30am	St. Al	Msgr. J. Edward McCullough (Pam & Carl Neighbors)	
WED, JUL	31	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	
8:00am	St. Rita	Ray Finfrock (Tina Molinaro & Diana Paschke)	
8:30am	St. Rita	, ,	
THU, AUC	3 l	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Dr. of the Church	
8:00am	IC	Irene & Edward Pieczynski (Alan Pieczynski)	
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions	
8:30am	St. Al	Esther Watson (Don & Mary Jane D'Amico)	
FRI, AUG	2	ST. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, BISHOP & ST. PETER JULIAN	
		EYMARD, PRIEST	
8:00am	St. Rita	Canada & Quinn Families (Jennifer & Bob Miller)	
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
8:30am	St. Al	Fr. Micah Kozoil (Pat & Ann Trimbath)	
2:00pm	IC	Wedding of Rachel Whittaker & Andrew Crabtree	
SAT, AUG 3			
11:30am	St. John	Confession	
		VIGIL	
4:00pm	St. Rita	Andrew Hornick (Rose Hornick)	
5:00pm	St. Al	Stephen Mullaney (Mom, Jim & Baba)	
6:00pm	IC	Pro Populo	
SUN, AUG	i 4	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00am	St. Rita	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
9:00am	St. Al	Eugene & Jackie Baker (Sandra Lincoln)	
9:30am	IC	Terry Soldano (Mother, Connie & Family)	
11:30am	St. John	Anthony (Barney) Kostelnik (Stephanie & Antoinette)	

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUG 3			MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUG 4				
	SR-4PM	St. Al-5pm	IC-6PM	St. Rita-8am	St. Al-9am	IC-9:30am	St. John-11:30am
ACOLYTES/	S Harbaugh	C Tabaj	M Grimm	T Barrett	A Mongell	C Jones	D Piasecki
Servers	K Daniels	0 Tabaj	K Lizza	G Joseph	N Mongell	J Sapola	L Colland
Extraordinary	D Grenaldo	P Herron	E Aquino	L Kozel	J Laurion	M Lazor	E Smith
MINISTERS	K Grenaldo	S Smith	D Calinao	B Bielecki	T Nedrow	P Akers	J Kosinski
	M Sabatula	J Goodwin	A Shroyer	N Stasia	A Trimbath	S Reagan	N Holonich
CROSS BEARERS	H Specht	J Trimbath	O Spotto	R Lewandowski	F Vinoverski	A Silbaugh	N Gaudiello
LECTORS	B Sheehan	J Dunaway	V McDowell	T Kezmarsky	T Szepesi	R Lazor	M Hood
Rosary		Volunteer			C Johnston		



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SESQUICENTENNIAL FESTIVAL, FINAL REPORT: Wow is all I can say! We exceeded all expectations! So with out further ado - DRUM ROLL PLEASE! - the festival netted a \$23,582.68 profit!!! My heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers, sponsors, and festival-goers that made this event a great success.

And as we are getting ready to replace louvres in the bell tower (hopefully the LAST major project we will need to undertake for a **LONG** time, but I am probably deluding myself) those extra \$\$\$ will come in handy. I would have rather just socked the cash away in our GROWING endowment (more on THAT subject in the coming months) but alas and alack ... EXTRAORDINARY expenses require the help of EXTRAORDINARY income.

PEWS FOR SALE! We have four pews from the Saint Rita Convent Chapel that we are offering for sale. The proceeds will go towards the renovation of the school building. Two are 62 inches long and two are



77 inches long. If you are interested contact the office. They will be sold to the highest bidder as long as the bid is reasonable. (Born Again Pews, a manufacturer of church furniture, suggests \$45/foot.) We are not simply going to give them away!

FATHER DAN THE IDEA MAN! My first few weeks working with the former Fr. Dan 2.0 (NOW he has the privilege of just being "Fr. Dan"!) have been a delight. His young, fresh, hot-out-of-seminary mind is just EXPLODING with ideas! Seemingly every day brings a new insight.

He recently suggested adjusting the Saturday evening Mass rotation. Currently with three priests and three Masses normally we each do ONE Mass. He proposed that one priest do the Saint Rita (4pm) and Immaculate Conception (6pm) Masses and another do the Saint Aloysius (5pm) Mass. The advantage of this would be that every third week one of us would be "free" on Saturdays evening. I use that term loosely, as with all the weddings (and other events) going on in our community (and commitments we occasionally have elsewhere), we often would simply being "freed up" to spend the evening in another aspect of our work. (People may think that going to receptions, anniversary parties, etc. etc. etc. isn't "work" but a priest is attending not as just any ol' guest; he is always "on" and thus even in those social settings he IS working. Imagine how many people at a reception, after a few drinks, want to engage Father in some deep theological discussion! Or worse yet, unload about all the issues THEY have with "the church"! It CAN be exhausting! Not that one DOESN'T have fun as well. But at the end of the day the priest is "on the clock" and not simply there to enjoy himself.)

Eventually we will go down to just two Saturday evening Masses; the numbers don't justify three. This spring Pastoral Council discussed a plan to do just that. However the discussion was predicated on Father Dan 1.0 NOT being replaced. Since he WAS replaced the plan was tabled for the time being. At SOME point in the future it WILL be necessary to implement such a change. And before people start speculating WHO was "gonna lose" in such a scheme let me just say that we discussed a creative, "outside-the-box" idea that affected ALL the parishes. It was an effort to be TOTALLY, COMPLETELY, 100% FAIR.

Inevitably - and you'd think I'd have learnt my lesson by now! - when I speak thusly about "the future" people start running around like Chicken Little thinking that changes are going to be implemented YESTERDAY. And NOTHING I can say will change the Chicken-Littles in our community. But FOR THE RECORD I am simply stating that our community will **NOT** be able to support THREE Saturday weekend Masses until the Lord Jesus comes again in glory! I am not, I repeat NOT, and I repeat a third time **NOT** saying this is something that is just around the corner. So CHILL OUT!!!

COVER PHOTO: Last night (Monday, 22 July) was the first night of our annual Vacation Bible School. Once again we had a FANTASTIC turnout - over 120 children and PLENTY of adult and youth volunteers. What a blessing that this faith community is able to come together as ONE for such an awesome event! THANKS to everyone who participated. I hope EVERYONE from the preschoolers to the grandmas and grandpas who took part have GROWN in their faith and their appreciation for the Word of God, the Bible - "Basic Instructions **Before Leaving Earth"!**