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"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it" (Matt 13:44-46).

The lesson of these two parables is as true for us today, as it was for those Palestinians to whom Christ spoke. All Christians are called on to imitate the two wise men, and surrender all their earthly possessions if necessary in order to gain eternal life. Does this "giving all" mean that we are all expected to abandon the world and take on the religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience? There are many who do just this. But it is not the only way, nor the normal way, to purchase the eternal treasure. Heaven is within the reach of all, who follow the ordinary vocations of life and partake of this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's commandments, but never lose sight of the goal toward which they are moving.

Keeping within the framework of God's commandments is the difficulty. We need not have a vow of obedience, but we must obey all legitimate authority. We may possess the goods of this world, but only such goods as we lawfully and justly acquire. Nor may we withhold all of these from a fellow man who is in



need. We do not have to take a vow of chastity, but yet we must be chaste, we must use the gifts and the pleasure of sex only within the limits set down by God's wise laws.

All of this is not easy for human nature. But we are not relying on weak human nature, we have within our reach in the Church all the spiritual and supernatural aids we need. Our twentieth century, it is true, is so engrossed in chasing after the earthly comforts and pleasures of the body, and so devoid of any spiritual or other-worldly outlook, that even those who know and believe that there is an eternity after death, find it hard to allow their faith and convictions to govern and direct their daily actions. Yet, the evil example of others will never justify our wrong-doing. The commandments of God are still binding, even though they are openly and flagrantly violated by individuals and whole nations today.

Remember this: we shall not be asked at the judgment, "What did your neighbor do?", but "what did you do?" If we lose the pearl of great price in the eternity of happiness God has offered to us—it will not be the fault of others. The fault will be ours and ours only. We refused to pay the price. We did not think it worth the "paltry all" which we possessed in this life.

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- Those who are sick: Amelia Krafft (Ruby) Nathan Fisher, Greg Walker, Kinley Weaver, Robert Fealy, Scotty McCartney, Jim Bohan, Nick Bakas, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Luanne Cunningham, Larry Dodson, Rose Determan, Mary Ann Edwards, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver’s step-dad), Marsha Garton, Chuck Gildein (Jim Gildein’s father), Mary Groover, Bobby Gill, Jim Kerrigan, Shelly Kraus, Jeff Linger, Mary Ann Murray, Betty Reed, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart
- Those who have died: May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- All Military Personnel: Rob Snuffer, Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton

Diaper Drive for Diaper Need



What is Diaper Need?

*DIAPER NEED IS THE STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE BABIES WITH CLEAN, DRY DIAPERS.

1 in 3 families in America struggles to afford diapers for their children.

Diapers cost \$18 per week, or \$936 per year, on average per child; Babies need 6-10 diapers a day.

An inadequate supply of diapers forces many parents to leave their child in a soiled diaper longer than is appropriate, which frequently leads to diaper rash, and may cause staph infections and urinary tract infections.

You Can Help!

We will be collecting diapers after Mass on Aug. 5-6, and Aug. 12-13. A collection box will be in the vestibule. These diapers will be taken to the FRN and given to those in need. Sizes 3, 4, and 5, are in high demand, but ALL sizes are appreciated.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed at the church office to answer and transfer calls, answer the door, run errands etc.

We need someone at all times when the office is open. We do not expect you to volunteer your whole day. The times are Mon and Tues: 9-1 and 1-4, Wed. and Friday: 9-1, Thursday: 1-5 and 5-8.

We do have some shifts covered but need names of those wishing to come in when the scheduled volunteer is unable to make it.

Email or call the parish office to sign up.

- 304-269-3048
- secretary@spchurchweston.net

Please include your name, phone number, and all the days/times you are available to volunteer.

Pope Francis “Tweets” @ Pontifex

When we need help, let us turn to the Father who always looks on us with love and never abandons us.

Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend

Saturday, August 5, 2017

Servers: Hayden Barnette, Drew Moodispaw
Reader: Debbie Rittenhouse
EMHC: Luanne Bowers, Valerie Corley, Tom Ruppert
Cantor: Bob Thompson

Sunday, August 6, 2017

Servers: Ethan Mehr, Lily Garton, Jayna Jerden
Reader: Jim Mehr
EMHC: Jenny Garton, Paul Derico, Betty Hill
Cantor: Jeremy Garton

August Linens: Luanne Bowers
July & August Funeral Greeters: Carol Castillo

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday:	89
Sunday:	161
Latin Mass:	20
General:	\$2773
Loan:	\$625
School:	\$206
Latin	\$417

Upcoming Collections and Appeals
August 19 & 20: Catholic Volunteer Network
(You will not have an envelope for this collection!)

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

3 Thu: 6pm, Pastoral Council meeting
8 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore
14 Mon: 6pm, Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
15 Tue: Noon & 6pm, Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
21 Mon: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, budget meeting, parish meeting room
22 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore

This Week’s Liturgical Calendar

Saturday— July 29

Saint Martha
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †James Blake by family
RDGS: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sunday — July 30

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for † Sarah T. Rowgh
RDGS: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52
11:45a Confessions
12:30p Mass (Latin) for People of the Parish
8th Sunday after Pentecost

Monday — July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
8:15a Mass for †Mary Margaret McLaughlin by Joe, Jack and John McLaughlin
RDGS: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday — August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
8:15a Mass for †Alice Murray by Luke White family
RDGS: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday — August 2

Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
5:00p Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:05p Confessions
5:30p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena
5:45p Benediction
6:00p Mass for †James Blake by Dale & Micki Snyder
RDGS: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday — August 3

Thursday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time
8:15 Mass for †Charles Garton by Deborah K. Garton
RDGS: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6, 8-11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday — August 4

Saint John Vianney, Priest
8:15a Mass for †Isabelle Nutter
RDGS: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday— August 5

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for Nathan Fisher
RDGS: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2:3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday — August 6

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish
RDGS: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
11:45a Confessions
12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Repose of the soul of Theresa Ritley
Transfiguration of Our Lord

MASS INTENTIONS: Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions.

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.,
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Latin)

Reconciliation:
Wednesday and Saturday, 5:00pm,
Sunday, 8:45 & 11:45 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

M, T, Th, F, 8:15 a.m. Wed., 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.

(See Weekly Schedule for any changes to times or location!)

Parish Office Hours:

- Sunday, 10:30 - 12:30
- Monday, 9 - 4
- Tuesday, 9 - 4
- Wednesday, 9 - 1
- Thursday, 1 - 8
- Friday, 9 - 1

Prayer Chain:

Micki Snyder, 304 269-3688
or 304 476-8819

St. Patrick Catholic School

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Commentary for the Readings in
the Extraordinary Form:

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



"There was a certain rich man who had a steward,. . .reported. . .as squandering his counting of thy stewardship,. . .thou canst be steward no longer" (Gospel)

As children we have access to our Father's "possessions" (Gospel). "By virtue" of our Baptism, "we (all) cry, . . .Father! unto our God (Epistle). In the business of salvation the Father has appointed us as "stewards" over human goods and Divine graces, to use, not to abuse them. The Introit recalls that even though we now receive "mercy," yet one day we must stand before "Justice." The meaning of this Gospel story is: "Act prudently," you children of God; use material treasures so as to make eternal friends; exercise your talents in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Those whom you help to save, will help save you.

Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Liturgical Calendar for the
Traditional Latin Mass
During the Week

07/31	St. Ignatius of Loyola, <i>confessor</i>
08/01	Holy Machabees, <i>Martyrs</i>
08/02	St. Alphonsus Liguori, <i>Bishop, Confessor, Doctor</i>
08/03	Finding of the Body of St. Stephen, <i>Protomartyr</i>
08/04	St. Dominic, <i>Confessor</i>
08/05	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

God Treats Us With
Respect

"God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others. . . . No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly—everyone should be cherished and protected!"

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan



In the Footsteps of Jesus
A Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
May 14 - 24, 2018

Father DeViese invites you to journey with him to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and his early disciples. The Holy Land is often referred to as a 5th Gospel, a land where the people, places and events of the scriptures come to life. Much of the land is as it was centuries ago making it easy to imagine walking along the shores of the Sea of Galilee listening to Jesus and his early disciples. The narrow streets of Old Jerusalem where Jesus carried the cross to his passion make a fitting place to prayerfully walk our own Stations of the Cross. Father DeViese will open our eyes to the scriptures in the very places where the stories took place – with liturgy in historic chapels such as the Mt. of Beatitudes, the Grotto of the Annunciation, the Holy Sepulchre and Dominus Flevit. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the place where our faith heritage began and where so much history has occurred. In addition to visiting historical religious sites we will have a chance to meet people of different cultural and religious heritage, visit local artisans, and sample great food. We will travel during a time when crowds are thinner and sites are more conducive to relaxed and reflective visits! Our program includes upscale 4-star hotels in central locations. Come join us!

For more info, go to: <http://www.travelillumine.com/trc/lpa>

Registrations are now being accepted!
Go to the above link and sign up today to reserve your spot!

Kids' Corner Catechesis

St. Peter Chrysologus
Feast Day: July 30
Born: 406 - Died: 450

Peter was born in the small town of Imola in Italy. He studied under the guidance of Bishop Cornelius of Imola and was converted to Christianity. When he was ready, he was ordained as a deacon. Even as a boy, Peter understood that a person is truly great only if he can control his passions and put on the spirit of Christ.

In 433, when the archbishop of Ravenna, Italy, died, Pope St. Leo the Great appointed Peter to take his pace. St. Peter did a very good job as a priest and bishop. He worked hard to get rid of the belief in false gods and false teachings that were still practiced by some pagans in his diocese. And he helped his people grow in faith.

St. Peter soon became a very famous preacher and he was given the name "Chrysologus" which means "golden word." His sermons or homilies were all short. He was afraid his audience would get bored. These sermons were not especially unusual but his beautiful explanations of the Incarnation, the Creed, the place of Mary and John the Baptist in the great plan of salvation etc. led him to be named Doctor of the Church.

His messages were more valuable than gold. He preached with such enthusiasm and fire that people listened to him breathlessly. In his sermons, St. Peter urged everyone to receive Jesus often in Holy Communion. He wanted people to understand that the Body of Christ should be the daily food for their souls.

This good archbishop also worked for the unity of all the members of the Catholic Church. He kept the peace by helping people understand what Catholics believe. St. Peter Chrysologus died on December 2, 450, in his hometown of Imola, Italy.

Reflection: *We pray today that our hearts may always be open to listen to and understand the Word of God.*

Pastoral Notes & Ramblings

Semper Reformanda,
Semper Renovanda

The "dog days" of summer are completely upon us as we approach the middle of the season. Temperatures seem to vary between 'miserably hot' and 'completely unbearable.' Of course, when we think that six months from now we will probably be begging God for a day above freezing, I suppose it is inappropriate to dwell too long on the current heat. After all, as I often tell people: Better to roast in this life than in the next!

It seems that our summer seasons get shorter and shorter every year. Vacations get curtailed, school starts earlier, and what should be a time for relaxation and refreshment for most instead turns into a season of rushing around and exhausting ourselves. I wish I could say that we have at least slowed down here on the parish level, but that is far from true.

During the Second Vatican Council, a phrase was often heard: *ecclesia semper reformanda, semper renovanda* (a Church always reforming, always being renewed). It is a phrase that I find myself continually muttering to myself as I encounter stagnation and hesitation in various aspects of parish life—and even within myself! As the pilgrim Church, we never stop—we are always progressing. So, too, it is with the life of a parish, which never really takes a break. Sure, there are times of the year that are busier than others, but the work of salvation never stops.

This summer has been inordinately busy, as we have taken to making a number of improvements around the property, especially in the old Convent building. Most who pass through our parish offices have seen the tired state of this building that, for many years, was home to our beloved Sisters of Saint Joseph. It is amazing to see what a few carpet squares and some fresh paint can do to a place! Along with giving our offices a bit of a cosmetic facelift, we have also been working hard at organizing our storage spaces, making room for better organized archives and record-keeping, and we are in the beginning stages of assembling a parish resource library, which will be available to all for research, reference, and general self-catechesis.

It may seem, at first glance, that fresh

coats of paint and shelving units have little to do with salvation. Perhaps that is so. Or so it seems. Over the past year much has been written in our bulletin about the nature of *stewardship*. Christian Stewardship is a life-style which acknowledges accountability and responsibility before God. Becoming a Steward begins when we say we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust. We affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewards are motivated as recipients of God's abundant love, to respond by participating and supporting His plan of salvation and the ministries of the Church, which make salvation possible for them and for others. In the Bible, the Steward is depicted as a person who is given the responsibility of managing something that belongs to the Owner, God.

As God has been generous to us, He expects us to be generous toward the work of Christ and His Church. Our Stewardship Commitment is the tool of ministry, salvation and healing for us and for others. Christian Stewardship is the privilege and honor of directly supporting God's work on earth through the Church. Sometimes, however, that work is of a more mundane nature—painting, cleaning, etc. But those works are no less important than the Sacramental life of the parish, through which people are offered the means to Salvation. True stewardship can be compared to a river, which overflows into many tributaries and reaches out in many directions to share with others our rich and profound spiritual inheritance.

Ultimately, what may seem to be cosmetic or organizational is fundamental to the life of a parish. Our menial works are less a matter of taste and more the manifestation of a deeply-held philosophy that the care we give in this life will bear fruit in the next. Just as we are motivated to acts of charity and kindness for the sake of growing in virtue, so, too, must we be inspired by that spirit of reform and renewal within ourselves and within our parish as a way of combatting the decay of stagnation and sterility that serves neither to inspire nor to invite.

WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN
DINNER

St. Boniface Church
Saturday, August 5
4:30 TO 7pm
Adults-\$10.00, Kids 6-12-\$4.00 and under 6 free
Mass at 4:30
MENU: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cole-slaw, Home-made bread, Desserts, Iced Tea, and Coffee

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St. Patrick School Has
Openings

St Patrick School has a few openings in Pre-K for the 2017-2018 school year. We are accepting students in K through 8th grade as well. For more information, visit our website at www.stpatswv.org or call the school office at 269-5547.

Need Help? Get Help!

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat.,
8pm school basement.

Narcotics Anonymous

NA - Mon., 8pm school basement

Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA meetings.

Save the Date

The Annual St. Bernard's homecoming has been scheduled for **Sunday October 8, 2017**. Mass will be at 2:00 p.m. followed by a covered dish dinner at 3:00 p.m. More information to follow.