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The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Wisdom 6:12-16 and cites watchfulness as the key to a faithful religion and understanding of wisdom.

The second reading is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18 where he addresses a practical and doctrinal problem faced by the community. Paul had preached to them and left them with the impression that the second coming of Christ was immi-Some nent. died before the paruosia and their concern is what has happened to them. Paul states firmly and categorically that what matters is that they interpret these events because of their faith and hope in the Lord.

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 25:1-13. Although commentators and writers have found difficulty in explaining many of the details in this parable, the general lesson is clear enough. Our Lord described an incident that happened or could have happened at a wedding festival in order to bring home to his listeners the need for being ever vigilant and ready in his service if they wish to avoid the calamity of being excluded from the heavenly and eternal nuptials on the last day. In the other parable in which our Lord uses a wedding feast to describe his kingdom, the lesson concerns those who refused the invitation and will not come to the wedding. Here it concerns those who gladly

The ten bridesmaids, or maidens, in the parable represent all Christians. On receiving the sacrament of baptism, the Christian starts on the road to heaven: he gets his invitation to the heavenly nuptials but this is only the beginning. From the moment he comes to the use of reason he is expected to prepare himself, by living according to the law of God, for the great moment when the call will go forth: Behold the bridegroom! Come to meet him. This moment will be, first, at the hour of death for each individual when each one's eternal fate will be decided, and again at the general judgment of the human race. During their lifetime all are invited to the heavenly wedding, and all have the necessary means to get ready. But, like the foolish bridesmaids, many will fail to make use of these means and will realize their folly when it is too late. Sad,

but true.

Commentary on the Readings for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



"When Jesus came to the ruler's house, and saw th players and the crowd making a din, He said, 'Beg the girl is asleep, not dead.' And they laughed Him scorn. But when the crowd had been put out, He w and took her by the hand; and the girl arose" (Gos

Notice the small flute-playing figures at the left. They represent the crowd of people who laugh their Creator to scorn.

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accepted the invitation.

A certain number of those for whom Christ died on the cross, and to whom he gave the gift of his revelation and offered all the helps they needed, will never reach heaven because they exchanged their heavenly birthright for a mess of earthly pottage. That the foolish bridesmaids in the parable lost a golden opportunity through their negligence is evident and we can all sympathize with them up to a point, but the



thoughts of very few will turn to the bride and groom who were so seriously insulted by this act of negligence on the part of chosen friends.

So too, every Christian lost is a grievous insult to the God who created and redeemed him. Christians have received the fullness of God's revelation, and have been offered a special place in his marriage festival; they have received a privileged invitation not given to others. Is it not a serious and deliberate insult to God not to comply with the conditions of that generous offer?

Providing themselves with oil was the obligation imposed on the bridesmaids in the parable. It was surely a trivial condition when compared with

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Yet how often we move among them, enjoying what we call "life," even though we may be spiritually dead. The trumpet-blowing angel at the right, summoning the dead to life, represents how Jesus, after the crowd has been put out by us, raises His Hand over us in absolution, extends His Hand to us in Holv Communion.

St. Paul, too, warns us against these ;enemies of the cross of Christ whose end is ruin, whose god is the belly."

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Excerpted from Mv Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

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the reward offered them: a very special place at the marriage feast. The obligations imposed on us Christians are surely trivial too when compared with the reward offered us in return: an eternity of happiness in heaven. It seems incredible that there are many among us this very day who, like the foolish bridesmaids, doze and sleep contentedly holding empty lamps in their hands, while at any moment they may be awakened by: Behold, the bridegroom comes! Go forth to meet him. It will be too late then to do anything; even their best friends cannot help them. Each one must stand before the judge just as he is: there can be no borrowing of the oil of merit from others and there will be no time to buy any.

Now is the time for all of us to say "Lord, Lord, open to us." open to us the doors of your mercy and kindness. Open to us the eyes of our understanding that we may see our defects and remedy them while there well. is yet time.

It is up to us now to decide, aided by God's grace, where we shall be found on the last day—with the wise bridesmaids or with the foolish.

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

No Parking

Due to insurance purposes, please do not park in the empty lot next to the old "Danser Hardware" building This is not church property and the owner has asked us to share this information with our parishioners.

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Announcements for the Catholic times must be submitted by 4pm on Tuesday. Email submissions to: secretary@spchurchweston.org.

Remembering the Dead

Throughout the month of Novemberand indeed throughout the entire year—we are called to remember our deceased loved ones and all who have gone before us marked with the sign of Faith. This is why the Church teaches us that Praying for the Dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy and an excellent (and easy) form of charity.

Around the parish are many opportunities both to remember your loved ones as well as to invite others to pray for them as

The best way to do this is by having Mass offered for the intention of your deceased loved ones, which assists them as they are cleaned in Purgatory and moves them more speedily to their Heavenly home.

Memorializations are also an important reminder to pray for the deceased. If you look around our church you will see brass plaques on all the stained glass windows, telling us whom they are dedicated to, and calling us to pray for them. While most items in the church have been given in memory of someone already, it is possible to purchase flowers and the sanctuary lamp in honor of your loved ones, and have their name featured in our bulletin that others will remember to pray for them.

If you wish to have members of the Faithful Departed remembered in these ways, please contact the parish office for details.

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St. Patrick **Catholic Church**

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Pastor:

Rev. James R. DeViese, Jr., J.C.L. pastor@spchurchweston.net

Secretary: Sandra Mick, Parish Secretary secretary@spchurchweston.net

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. Friday, 9:00 to 9:30a.m.

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

Religious Education

CCD and Sacramental Prep Sunday, 8:30-9:15, school Introduction to Catholicism/RCIA Sunday, 8:30–9:15, parish office

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

Volunteers Needed

Our parish is in need of volunteers to serve in the following capacities:

- Sacristans responsible for setting up for Masses and other liturgies, caring for sacred vessels and maintaining proper order in the sacristy
- <u>Pew straighteners</u> responsible for straightening up the pews after weekend Masses, ensuring that stray bulletins are collected, books are placed in racks, waste is disposed of, etc.
- <u>**Receptionists</u>** responsible for answering phones in the</u> office during normal office hours, receiving packages, and some other light office work as needed.

Please contact the office for more information and to give a bit of your time to ensure the well-ordered maintenance of our parish community.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to raise money for Our Christmas **Food Baskets**

November 12 11-2 \$10. adult \$5. children Menu: spaghetti, meatballs. salad, bread, dessert and drink

Take out available.

Join us on November 12 for a delicious home cooked meal to raise money for our Christmas food baskets. If you would like to make a donation to the food baskets, please make your check payable to CDA and note food baskets in the memo line. Last year, 22 families received baskets from St. Patrick Parish and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. The names of the recipients were provided to us from members of the CDA, St. Patrick Church and faculty and staff of St. Patrick School. Recipients of the baskets are confidential

Liturgical Calendar for the **Traditional Latin Mass During the Week**

- 11/13St. Didacus, Confessor
- St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr 11/14
- 11/15 St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor
- 11/16 St. Gertrude the Great, Virgin
- St. Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop and Confessor 11/17
- 11/18Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul



This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday	— Nov	ember 11		
Saint Mar				
5	5:00p	Confessions		
		Anticipated Sunday Mass for All Veterans		
Sunday –				
		unday in Ordinary Time		
		Confessions		
9	9:30a	Mass for †Davita Kisner by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph		
		Tiano		
		Confessions		
1	2:30p	Mass (Latin) for Mass for People of the Parish		
		23rd Sunday after Pentecost		
Monday -				
		vier Cabrini, Virgin		
		Mass for †		
Tuesday ·				
		nirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time		
		Mass for †Alice Morrison by Dan and Sandra Mick		
	•	ovember 15		
		Breat, Bishop and Doctor of the Church		
		Confessions		
		Mass for †James Blake by family		
Thursday — November 16				
Saint Mar	-	Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin		
~		Mass for Mass for †Rev. John McBride		
Friday —				
		f Hungary, Religious		
	-	Mass for		
Saturday				
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles;				
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin				
5	5:00p	Confessions		
		Anticipated Sunday Mass for		
Sunday — November 19				
	hird Su	nday in Ordinary Time		
~	3:45a	Confessions		
):30a	Mass for People of the Parish		
		Confessions		
1		Mass (Latin) for Mass for †Edna Broschart		
Resumed 6th Sunday after Epiphany				

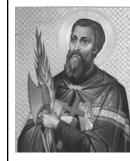
Weekly Devotions

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament				
Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena				
Benediction				
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament				
Benediction				

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

Kids' Corner Catechesis



Feast Day: November 12 **Born**: 1580 Died: 1623

St. Josaphat

Josaphat was born in Lithuania, Ukraine and baptized John in 1580. His father was a municipal counselor and his mother a pious woman. A merchant at Vilna trained him to do business. Later the merchant offered to make John his partner and asked him to marry his daughter.

But John felt that God was calling him to serve and he respectfully refused both the offers. He became a monk in the order of St. Basil and chose the name Josaphat.

He was a self-sacrificing, brave man and because of his many natural qualities, he was chosen to lead the people.

Josaphat became an apostle of ecumenism and preached unity among the Christian churches of the Ukraine. There were three main categories of Christians: the Latin Church united with the pope, the Orthodox Greek Church and the Greek Catholic Church.

Josaphat became the bishop of Polotsk in 1617. He spent the next ten years helping the people know and love their Catholic faith better. He organized celebrations of prayer and religion classes.

He called clergy meetings and worked with the priests to put into effect rules that helped the people live closer to Jesus Archbishop Josaphat had a very good influence on people. He was a dynamic leader, which is why some people feared him

People who were against the unity of the Churches formed a big mob and came to attack him. Josaphat tried to make sure hi servants were all safe before fleeing himself but was not able to get out in time. He was killed and his body was thrown into a local river. Josaphat died on November 12, 1623.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- 11 & 12: Second collection for Community Thanksgiving dinner 12 Sun: 11-2, Spaghetti dinner to raise money for the Christmas food baskets, cafeteria 12 Sun: 6pm, NET Retreat for High
- School students 14 Tue 6pm, SoulCore, cafeteria
- 16 Thu: 6pm, Pastoral Council meeting, parish meeting room
- 23&24: Parish Office closed 23 Thu: 12:30, Thanksgiving dinner, cafeteria
- 28 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore, cafeteria

December

11 Mon: 7pm, Advent Penance service 12 Tue: Angel Tree gifts deadline 14 & 15: St. Patrick parishioners ringing t Salvation Army Christmas Bell a CVS

Backpack Food Program

Donations for the back food program can be made at any time. You can purchase food and bring to the parish office or you can make a monetary donation through the church. To receive tax credit for your donation, please include your name, address and phone number with your donation.

Our local coordinator is working with the Lewis County Family Resource Network to purchase food items at a reduced cost so we get more "bang for our buck." This year, we are supplying 67 bags to students at Robert Bland Middle School.

Over the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, more food is packed so that children will not go hungry while they are away from school.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this program.

Parish Membership & Benefits:

To be considered an "active" member of the parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the "Catholic tuition" rate at St. Patrick's School), the parish takes into account family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries, and Mass attendance. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

Ministry Schedule Saturday, November 18, 2017 Servers: Makenna West, Payton and Jordyn Aman Reader: Brenda Rilev EMHC: Anna Lee and Mike Determan, Tom Ruppert Cantor Brenda Reed Sunday, November 19, 2017 Servers: Erin and Morgan Turner, Lily Davis Reader: Danielle Mick EMHC: Butch Cain, Judy Foster, Betty Hill Cantor: Lisa Marlow November Linens: Kathy Boyle Nov. & Dec. Funeral Greeters: Mary Wagoner and Mary Ellen Rittenhouse Weekly Attendance & Collection

	Saturday:	124	
	Sunday:	177	
the	Latin Mass:	30	
at			
	General:	\$4711	
	Loan:	\$665	
	School:	\$595	
	Latin Mass:	\$405	
	Arch Diocese of Military Services: \$766		

Upcoming Second and Special Collections

- Nov. 11 & 12: Second collection for Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov. 18 & 19: Campaign for Human Development

NET Retreat

Fully Alive

Sunday, Nov. 12 6pm

9th - 12 grades

St. Patrick Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Patrick Church will host a Community Thanksgiving lunch in the school cafeteria Thursday, November 23 @ 12:30.

We will have a second collection on Nov. 11 and 12 to raise money for groceries and supplies for the dinner.

Last year, close to 200 people were served. We need volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, cooking, serving etc.

Volunteers are NEEDED! Please call Judy Foster at 304 884-8192 to volunteer. Thank you.

Saturday Altar Servers Needed

We need more servers for Saturday evening Masses. The recent schedule rotated all servers between Saturday and Sunday. This has not been effective as it has resulted in having the same substitute servers every Saturday. We are very appreciative of these young men for always stepping up but we do not want them to get "server burn out" If you are able to be put on the schedule to serve at Saturday Mass, please call the parish office. Those who serve on Saturday verses Sunday usually serve more often.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Festival Orchestra And Chorus Friday, Dec. 29, 2017 Tickets \$11 Lyell B. Clay Center, Morgantown, WV Transportation available!

FOR TELEPHONE TICKET SALES/ORDERS-Call Brad/304-904-4735 or Jim/304-269-4307 during day and early evening. If no answer, leave message with name and phone number and call will be returned. Checks are to be made to KOC Council 1415/Weston.

FOR TRANSPORTATION RESERVATIONS-This can be provided from St. Patrick Church to WVU by contacting Rob/304-439 -4825 or Suzi/304-884-7658 or Judy/304-517-9127. Leave your name, email, and/or phone number and this will be coordinated.

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION-Call 304-924-5610 or the Church Office-304-269-3048.

COME CELEBRATE the BIRTH of CHRIST!

When calling the parish office, you will be instructed to press 9 to complete the call. This has eliminated the huge number of "robocalls" we received on a daily basis.

The most important feature of the new phone system is the option for Sacramental Emergencies. If you press 7, you will be directly routed to Fr. DeViese or another on-call priest. This option is for those who are dying, are being taken to the hospital or otherwise have an emergency that requires a priest for absolution, Anointing of the Sick, or Last Rites. Please use this option if you or your loved one are to be hospitalized or are dying! Father is both able and willing to provide Sacramental ministry to those who require it.

Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ◆ Those who are sick: Roberta King, Ed Hubbs (Ruby), Dr. Frank Swisher (UHC), Amanda Smith Burcham, Cathy Snuffer, Jimmy Butcher, Robert Fealy, Seth Fishbaugh (Laura Determan's cousin), Bob Fultineer, Anita Droppleman, Gerry Donaldson, Nick Bakas, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Larry Dodson, Rose Determan, Nathan Fisher, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's step-dad), Marsha Garton, Mary Groover, Bobby Gill, Mandy Heater, Jim Kerrigan, Shelly Kraus, Jeff Linger, Matt McCauley, Mary Ann Murray, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, Kinley Weaver, Jane White
- Those who have died: Evelyn DeViese (Fr. DeViese's aunt) 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: Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton, Fred Turner

Scripture Readings

Nov. 13 - 19

Monday (13) Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday (14) Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2 -3: Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday (15) Rom Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday (16) Wis 7:22b—8:1: Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday (17) Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday (18) Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43: Lk 18:1-8

Sunday (19) Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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