

July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Wising Up

There are various kinds of wisdom: the kind you get by watching carefully to discover how something works, or by learning from a mistake; the wisdom in taking advice from someone and not making the mistake he made; the political, social, or religious wisdom learned by those who work in these vocations. There is also wisdom that is just beyond our reach, the kind that is found only in God.

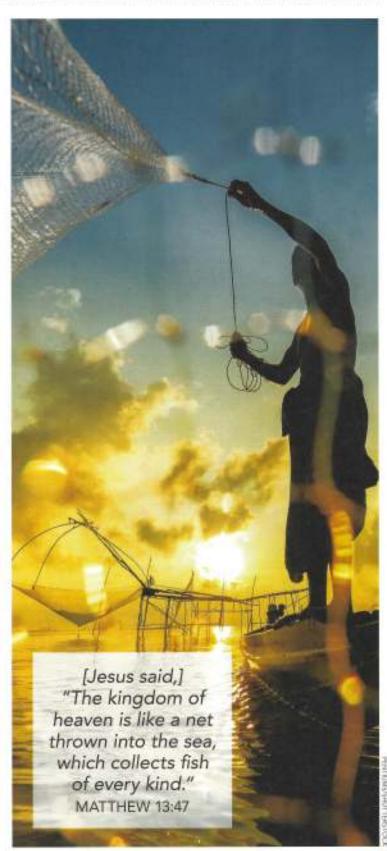
This Sunday's readings discuss various kinds of wisdom. King Solomon asks for "a listening heart" (1 Kings 3:9), the knowledge needed to rule his people wisely. He is told he can ask for anything: long life, riches, security from his enemies, all blessings that would certainly benefit him. Instead he asks for something to benefit his people. It seems he is wise enough to know he needs such wisdom. The psalm response praises the law, the religious tradition that provides instruction for living a life of holiness and thus reaping the rewards of such a life.

The parable in the Gospel describes various life situations in which decisions have to be made. In the first two instances, a question is posed: What is the kingdom of heaven worth to you? What are you willing to give up in order to attain it? The third depicts fishing with a net, a very strenuous task. A question here might be: Are you willing to work hard at this? Are you discerning in separating good actions from bad? It takes real wisdom to answer such questions.

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * Do you recognize the true value of our religious tradition? How do you show that?
- * Who are the wise people in your life? How did they get their wisdom?





Holy Trinity Catholic Church



St. Thomas More Catholic Church



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Tuesday 12:15pm and Thursday - 8:30am Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM or by appointment Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

*Pastor of the Three Churches

Fr. Patrick Fixsen Email: frpat.fixsen@gmail.com

Upcoming Events At Church

All Events On Hold

Saturday:

Sunday:

Emergency Phone For All Three Churches 815-664-8241

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St. Dalzell, IL 61320 Phone: (815) 663-6201 Email: StTMoreDalzell32@gmail.com

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -Wednesday & Friday - 8:00AM Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM Sunday (Last Chance) Mass-5:30 PM

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Friday 8AM-8PM Saturday & Sunday -8AM Until After 5:30PM Mass

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

Upcoming Events At Church All Events On Hold

St. Patrick Church (Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St. Arlington, IL 61312 Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

*3 Churches Pastoral Assistant

Julie Hollinger Email: JulieHTC@outlook.com

Office Hours

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri. - 9AM-12PM St. Thomas More -Wed - 9AM - 12PM

**Facebook: Use Link on Home Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

Upcoming Events At Church

All Events On Hold

Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of July 27, 2020

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5"30PMHT Monday **www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT Tuesday

Wednesday **Facebook Link - 9:00AM**SP

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AMHT Thursday

**Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM Friday

Offered For

† No Mass

Penelope & Family

† Barb Hild

Mass of Thanksgiving † Purgatorial Society

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of August 1-2, 2020

**Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM

Offered For

† Dennis & Lori Domkuski

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AMHT † For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM † No Mass

**St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion) † No Mass

(Just Holy Communion)

On-Line Giving Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$3235.00

St. Patrick - \$1475.00

St. Thomas More - \$1145.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm Saturday 3pm - 5pm (Re-Opened Again)

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM - 7

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

7 827

Mass Intentions

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

Recurring Special Church Events

Wednesday's - Rosary - 6PM (On Website) (Rotates Between 3 Churches)

<u>Friday's</u> - Divine Mercy Chaplet - <u>Suspended</u> 3PM - St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

Third Monday of the Month -

Mass for Reparation of Sins & Rosary -5:30PM (No Wednesday Rosary ThatWeek)

Where We Are With Churches Reopening

Our first requirement to reopening the churches was to have some volunteers to help to ensure we adhered to social distancing guidelines. As of now, we have 3 to help at St. Thomas More and at least 2 at Holy Trinity. And, as of now we have one at St. Patrick's. The volunteers also have been asked to be 65 or under and not have any health conditions. It would be great if we could have at least 2 people at each Mass.

Again, if anybody can help with this need, please let the office know so we can send a link to you to watch an instructional video. After this we can be certified to re-open.

At this time we still don't have approval for 50% occupancy in our churches. The increase in infections probably slowed that process down.

Even when we do reopen, the dispensation from attending Mass will still be in place for the older generation and those with health conditions.

When we do return to the churches for Masses and people attending them, we will be just going to one Mass at each church. Right now, the plan is to have the 4PM Mass at St. Thomas More, the 9AM at Holy Trinity and, eventually, an 11AM at St. Patrick. So far of the churches in our area that have opened, attendance has been way down and understandably. The return of the Last Chance Mass will come when needed! In the meantime, Father is doing a 6PM Last Chance Holy Communion in the St. Thomas More parking lot in Dalzell. Thank you!

Our Masses can be watched on our website or on the Facebook page "Bureau Catholic Churches".

Confessions

Our first requirement to St. Thomas More in parking lot on Saturday, August 8th from 11solunteers to help to ensure 11:45am.

This Week's Update

As I begin my fourteenth year of my priesthood, I have been fortunate to have spent some time with Bishop Jenky who has always been fair with me. When you have someone that you are used to dealing with it is hard to imagine dealing with somebody new. And there is a lot of uncertainty in what could come about in the future. Especially in a church today whose teachings have not remained wedded to God's and Jesus' teachings.

This week with the installation of Bishop Louis Tylka as our coadjutor Bishop. Bishop Tylka will take over when Bishop Jenky retires. And so we need to keep both of our Bishop's in our prayers.

This week we celebrate the 17th week of Ordinary Time. The parable this week is about the search for the pearl. Last week, we heard about the separation of the good seed from the weeds. And part two of the parable, this week, is the separation of good fish from the bad fish. Both the good fish and the good seed have to contend in an environment with bad fish, weeds or evil that are trying to ruin us from the goodness God has given us.

What we do, and what the Bishops do, always has to be under the guidance of God. When that happens we will always be seen in good light by God, our Lord Jesus Christ, because of the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING HARD this world is about to make a terrible turn towards a large loss of life! May God always protect us and be with us!

Dear Padre,

Should we send our child to a Catholic school? Luckily, we can afford it. But what are the advantages?

In a Catholic school your child will be exposed to faith development and to religious, moral, and disciplinary values that some public schools can't impart. This is in addition to a high-quality general education. A 2019 study by the National Center for Education Statistics shows that the all-important math and reading assessments for Catholic school fourth- and eighth-graders surpassed those of their public school cohorts.

A well-run Catholic school can offer your child an educational experience and life formation based on the message, values, and principles of Jesus Christ. These are the preeminent reasons to choose a Catholic school. You want your child to hear the story of Jesus, to know and admire him, to grow up as one of his devoted friends and disciples.

Children need to see the message of Jesus lived out enthusiastically by their parents, teachers, and the adult faith community, of which the school is a part. Catholic schools will teach a value system clearly rooted in Jesus' gospel message. The children will discover that God's creation is good, to



be respected and cared for. The children will sense and appreciate their own intrinsic worth as human beings and the dignity of everyone. They will develop sensitivity to the poor and less fortunate. In short, children need the faith formation that a Catholic school offers.

> -Fr. Joseph Morin, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

How nice it is to feel that our school, or the places where we gather, are a second home....School then ends up being one big family. A family where, together with our mothers and fathers, our grandparents, our teachers and friends, we learn to help one another, to share our good qualities, to give the best of ourselves.

> -OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS SCHOOL, HARLEM, NY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

Calendar

Monday

JULY 27

Weekday Jer 13:1-11

Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

JULY 28

Weekday

Jer 14:17-22

Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

JULY 29

St. Martha

Jer 15:10, 16-21

Jn 11:19-27

or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday

JULY 30

Weekday

Jer 18:1-6

Mt 13:47-53

Friday

JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola,

Priest

Jer 26:1-9

Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Liquori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer 26:11-16, 24

Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

AUGUST 2

Eighteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-3

Rom 8:35, 37-39

Mt 14:13-21

