



Finding Buried Treasure

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Much like still-fishing, which is when the fish ultimately find the one sitting quietly waiting for the fish, most of the really treasured aspects of life somehow find us when we're not looking. Consider falling in love or discovering a friend; the job you enjoy so much that you'd almost do it for free; a hobby that gives you so much satisfaction; creative gifts you never knew you had until you stumbled upon them later in life. To say nothing of happiness for which so many go looking and never seem to find, while others are happy without ever seeking it out.

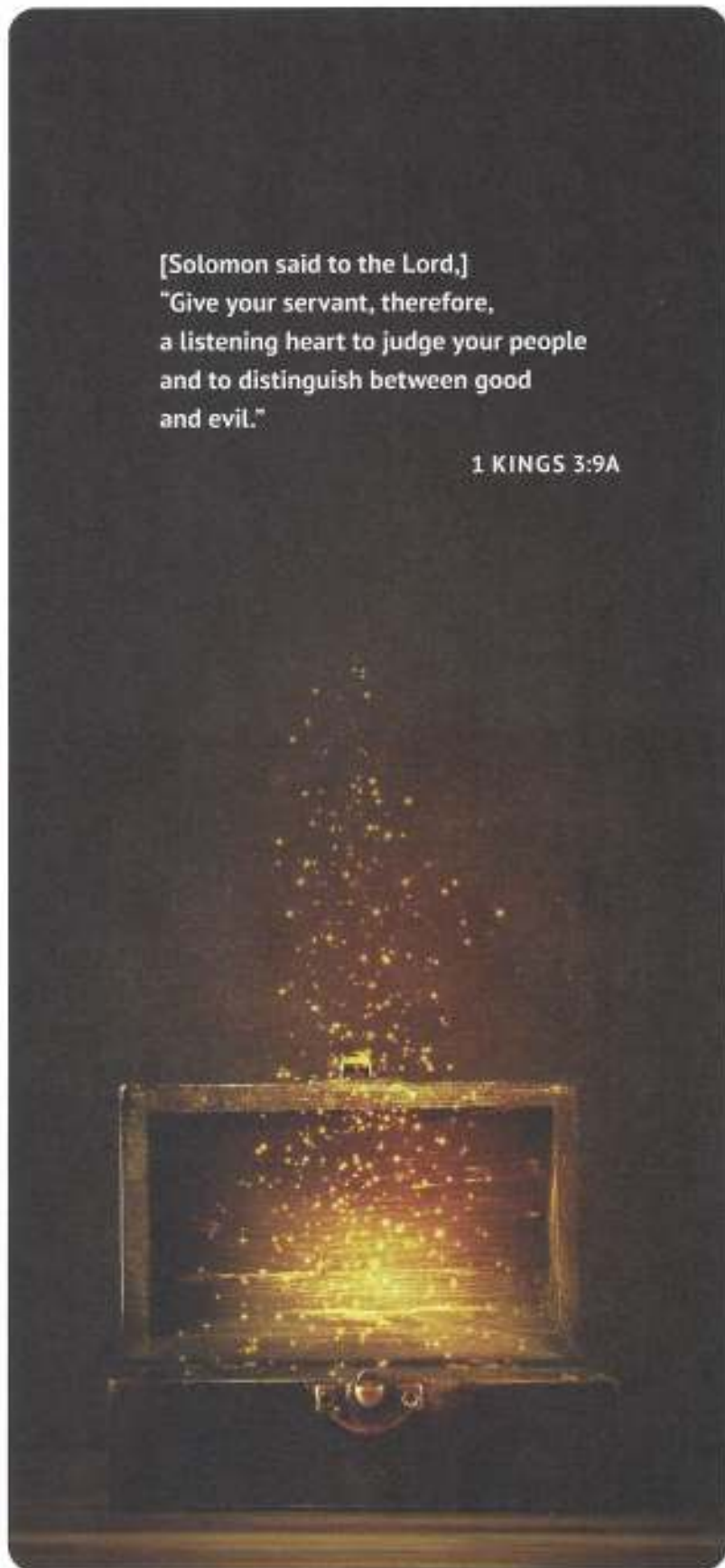
Wisdom, the gift Solomon asked for, is much like all of that. It seems to find us. Common sense, the stepchild of wisdom, is something most parents want their children to have, and, for some parents, it may be a source of great frustration as they try to make sure their children have it and use it. Wisdom is certainly a hint of the kingdom of heaven, but then so too is finding love and experiencing joy and living with a peace that refuses to be unsettled by the storms of life. All of those are the buried treasures of which the Gospel speaks, just as for others it is the pearl of great price for which they look and look until it finds them, not unlike still-fishing. All are buried treasures, hidden pearls, and tastes of eternal life. ●

[Solomon said to the Lord,]
"Give your servant, therefore,
a listening heart to judge your people
and to distinguish between good
and evil."

1 KINGS 3:9A

Reflect

*Is there a treasure in your life
that ultimately found you?*





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STM Ravioli/Tortellacci Group will begin taking orders on August 1st. However, orders will not be filled until they start up again in September. You may place your order by calling 815-252-2215. Please be sure to leave your name and phone number along with your order. You will receive a confirmation call. Ravs/Tort are \$8.00 per bag. Volunteers are always welcome to help on Mondays and Wednesdays from approx 8:30 am-11:30 am.

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of July 31, 2023

Monday	7/31			+ No Mass
Tuesday	8/1	9:00 am	STM	+ Clifford Sondgeroth
Wednesday	8/2	5:30 pm	HT	+ Charlie & Hazel Keutzer
Thursday	8/3	9:00 am	HT	+ Jack & Therese McCallum
Friday	8/4	9:00 am	STM	+ Darlene Krueger

Mass Intentions for the weekend of August 5-6, 2023

Saturday	8/5	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Special Intention
Sunday	8/6	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Gladys & Ivan Hassler
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ Christopher Taylor
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ For All Parishioners

World Youth Day 2023

What is World Youth Day?

World Youth Day is an international gathering of young people, ages 16 to 35, with the Pope. It takes place every two to three years in different cities all over the globe. It has a strong Catholic identity and includes a celebration of Mass with the Pope, but it's open to all.



In addition to celebrating young people, World Youth Day is an "expression of the universal Church and a powerful moment of evangelization for the world of youth." Thousands and thousands of young people gather together for several days with accommodations ranging from camping to lodging in churches. More than 400,000 young people have officially registered to attend and take part in the 2023 International World Youth Day celebration in Lisbon, Portugal.

The most highly-attended WYD was in Manila in 1995, with more than 5 million people in attendance. After celebrating Mass, Pope John Paul II had to take a helicopter to get through the crowds, trading in the popemobile.

Again, this year's World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, beginning on Tuesday, August 1, and concluding on Sunday, August 6.

"Young people of 'World Youth Day', the Church asks you to go, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to those who are near and those who are far away. Share with them the freedom you have found in Christ. People thirst for genuine inner freedom. They yearn for the Life which Christ came to give in abundance ... May you, the Catholic young people of the world, not fail him. In your hands, carry the Cross of Christ. On your lips, the words of Life. In your hearts, the saving grace of the Lord."

St. Pope John Paul II, 1993 WYD in Denver, Colorado

Religious Education Volunteers Needed

As a new Religious Education year is about to start for all our 3 churches, we are looking for volunteer teachers and helpers. If interested please contact Michelle Bickett, the new Religious Education Director by phone: 815-751-2656; by email: holytrinitycherry@gmail.com; or contact the church office.

Holy Trinity Maintenance

As many of the HT parishioners may have known, the interior of the church has shown its age, such as cracks in the wall, paint chipping away and water damage to the interior wall and carpet, etc... Therefore, we are now taking bids to fix the above problems. If you know of any interested contractors, please let either one of our two trustees, Jeff Pinter and Carol Lauer, know.

LATEST OFFERING'S

JULY 23RD WEEKEND

HT - \$832.00
SP - \$524.00
STM - \$1,066.00

When you are going through difficulty
and wonder where GOD is,
remember that the teacher
is always quiet during the test.

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CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS
WILL BE SAT. AUG 5TH
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT
ST PATRICK
IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

What is spiritual Communion?

Saint Thomas Aquinas said spiritual Communion is "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament"...and to lovingly embrace "Him as if we had actually received Him." It is the practice of desiring union with Christ in the Eucharist by those who cannot receive holy Communion for valid cause, such as an infirmity or an irregular marriage. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis also said the practice is "highly recommended when it is not possible to receive the sacrament."

A prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori is ideal for those unable to receive holy Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Saint John Paul II wrote, "It is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of 'spiritual Communion,' which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints....Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: 'When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual Communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you'" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 34). ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are asked to summon the courage and the intelligence to resolve today's many geopolitical and economic crises. Even in the developed world, the effects of unjust structures and actions are all too apparent. Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples.

ADDRESS TO US CONGRESS,
WASHINGTON, DC, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

MONDAY

July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34

Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY

August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop

and Doctor of the Church

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28

Mt 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY

August 2

Weekday

Ex 34:29-35

Mt 13:44-46

THURSDAY

August 3

Weekday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38

Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY

August 4

St. John Vianney, Priest

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27,

34b-37

Mt 13:54-58

SATURDAY

August 5

Weekday

Lv 25:1, 8-17

Mt 14:1-12

SUNDAY

August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9



CHRISTIAN MARRAS

