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MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

Special Thanks: I want to thank my St. Dominic Family for their cards, thoughts & prayers. My recovery is improving slowly but surely. ~Bobby Bastin

Our condolences in Christ to Caroline Graves, Tim (Lori) Graves, Cindy (Guy) Griffiths & families, for the passing of their loved-one, Melvin Graves. Please keep the Graves family in your prayers at this most difficult time.

Weekend Masses: Just a reminder to call ahead (Monday through Thursday) if you plan to attend Mass this coming weekend, space is limited due to social distancing requirements. Please contact us in one of the two ways, by calling 859-336-3569 or by email at stdom@bellsouth.net. Please state your mass preference, along with the names of the people in your household that will be attending. Seating charts are finalized on Thursday afternoons. Peace to you all!

Crusade for Children: For those who wish to contribute to Crusade for Children, but didn't have a chance to give on the original collection date of June 6/7, a second collection date has been set for Aug. 1/2. Contributions may be dropped in the collection plate in the back of church before Mass or mailed to the parish office. If giving by check, please make your check payable to St. Dominic Church, with the word "Crusade" in the memo line. - Since 1955, the Archdiocese of Louisville has contributed millions of dollars to the Crusade for Children. This community-wide effort changes the lives of children with special needs, and many families in the Archdiocese have benefited directly from the Crusade as have our schools, which receive grants to assist students with diverse learning needs. Thank you for your generosity.

Substitute Teachers Needed for Catholic Schools: Do you like to work with children and youth? Are you seeking a part-time job that will enrich your life? The Archdiocese of Louisville is seeking substitute teachers for its preschool through grade 12 elementary and secondary schools, located in seven counties of the Archdiocese (Hardin, Jefferson, Marion, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, and Washington counties). While it is not necessary for substitute teachers to have a teaching certificate, candidates should have at least 60 hours of college credit and must submit a resume, college transcript, and two letters of reference. Applicants also must submit proof of attendance at an archdiocesan safe environment training or attend a training before being hired. Training and ongoing formation will be provided to archdiocesan substitute teachers. To apply, go to www.archlou.org/ocs-employment. For questions about subbing in a Catholic school, please email or call Lori Weiter, lweiter@archlou.org or 502-585-3291.

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 he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44



SEEKING WISDOM

If God were to speak to us and tell us to ask for anything we want, what would we say? A financially secure life? Health for ourselves and our families? Safety from all the dangers of the world? To how many of us would it occur to ask for wisdom? We just don't think about it much. We think we know how to run our families, our work, our politics, but how many mistaken ideas do we really have, and how do those work out? Do we treat others, even those we dislike, with kindness and understanding? Solomon asked God for the wisdom to know right from wrong and how to govern God's vast people. God was pleased with this request, and granted it to Solomon in abundance. Can we ask for the same in our lives? Would our lives be happier if we were wiser? "We know that all things work for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:28).

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE . . .

Parables and more parables. What have we to learn about the reign of God from so many parables? The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field. The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea. These parables are not hard to understand, for they all point to something valuable being searched for: a treasure, a pearl, good fish. Those who search for these things give up what they have to acquire these precious things. Those who search are praised for their wisdom in valuing what they find more than what they already have. Even the fishermen can distinguish what is good from what is useless and to be discarded.

The kingdom of heaven is something precious to be sought, even above the good things we have in this world. It is more important than anything we already have and treasure. Jesus says that at the end of the age when the good shall be separated from the bad, the good will enjoy the happiness of the kingdom of heaven.

THE NEW AND THE OLD

It is holy wisdom that allows us to realize how valuable the kingdom is. One more parable ends this reading: "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52). It is like the Church, which knows what to keep from the traditions of the past and what to cherish in the present time. Tradition is something passed down from generation to generation, but not necessarily unchanged. For example, we always have cake to celebrate birthdays. And yet, perhaps in the past that always meant a white or yellow cake with vanilla frosting. Today, it can mean a chocolate cake, an ice cream cake, or even a fruit pie! It can have the number of candles of the birthday person's age, or a candle for each decade and one for each subsequent year, or one big candle. It can even have, as once seen in a catalogue, Roman numeral candles to spell out the years! Traditions can change and still convey the truths they represent. So it is with the Tradition of the Church. The wise leaders bring forth both the new and the old, and seek in the kingdom what is good.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]

July 26, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 2:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: See Mass Schedule & Intentions section of bulletin

CONFESSIONS: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND LITURGY

First Reading: Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm: Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading: All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel: The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

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A SHARE IN GOD'S KINGDOM: Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the Kingdom. The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today's first reading: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you" (1 Kings 3:5). Today's parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, "A share in your kingdom, O God!" Today we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures—the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets, and so much more. Having a share in God's kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

READINGS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (7/27-8/2)

Monday 8:30 AM: Powell & Joyce Boone

Tuesday 5:30 PM: Susan Jaeschke

Wednesday: **NO MASS**

Thursday 5:30 PM: Florine Kelty

Friday 8:30 AM: Ned Borders

Saturday 8:30 AM: Nora Smith & Smith Family

4:30 PM: Rita & Eric Riley

Sunday 8:30 AM: Edgar, Teresa & Terry Mattingly

10:30 AM: Charlie, Christine & Phil Hamilton

2:00 PM (Spanish Mass): For the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekday Lectors: (**Mon.**) Shirley Barber, (**Tues.**) Betty Carol Barber, (**Wed.**)

NO MASS, (**Thurs.**) Perry Carrico, (**Fri.**) Mary Ann Hale, (**Sat.**) Julee Jones.

Weekend Liturgical Roles for August will be sent via email.

ST. D PRAYER LIST:

Coronavirus Pandemic, World Peace, Healthcare Workers, Victims of Abuse, U.S. Military, Unborn & Elderly, Addictions, Ashton Kelly, Kyle Logsdon, Katie Haydon, Edwin Thompson, Jane Rudd Volz, Dennis Newton, Lucille Spalding, Marcie Abell, Mary Devine, Roberta Williams, Jerry Craig, Larry Smith, Tom Miller, Margaret Faye Martin, Charlotte Disponett, Carolyn Greene, Marian & Wade Elliott, Sue Carter, Michael & Jennifer Jarboe, Debbie Hamilton, Buddy & Charlotte Smith, Wheatley Hamilton, Frank Peters, Lisa Hill (of Loretto), John Arnold, Corbin Noel, Geraldine Spalding, Dorothy Mattingly, Colin Walker, Cassie Robinson, Olivia Montgomery, Audrey Edelen, Marilyn Watkins, Sueanna Graves, Helen Parrot, Christy Caldwell & Nancy Hardin. Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church's prayers, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office at 336-3569.