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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2023



A Christmas Story: The Musical

December 10th, 2023 @ 3pm
Yadkin Arts Council Arts Center
Yadkinville

Cost is \$24 Adults & children
Show Only No Meal Serve

Ticket prices include all taxes & fees

Tickets are non-refundable

Seating is general admission

Available upon request ADA accessible seats

This musical, which received rave reviews on its Broadway run, is based on the movie classic that runs round-the-clock on television every Christmas. Set in the 1940s in the fictional Indiana town, the musical follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker and his quest for the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts, an Official Red Ryder Carbine-action BB gun.

All the iconic scenes from the movie are included in ballads and show-stopping full ensemble pieces.

The Musical will bring an exciting new dimension to its movie-goers and stands on its own for those who haven't.

**Tickets must be purchased by:
September 24 to reserve your seats
Sign up at church**

or contact

Julie Colglazier (336) 353-822

**The venue is small,
so first come, first serve**

Thank
You

...to our faithful church cleaners...
...all who contributed in *any way* to this year's Yard Sale;
special thanks to our *Ladies Guild*...

...to parishioners, Bill Bresse & Tom Cirone,
Wendy & Jason McClamrock,
Judy & Frank Simon, Jane & Rob Worley,
now serving us in our Teller Ministry...
God bless you for your ministry among us!



Our Lady of Protection
Ukrainian Madonna

FEBRUARY 24, 2022
18 months

Ukrainian Catholics dedicate their country
to *Our Lady of Protection*,
interceding to Mary to wrap their country
with her mantle of loving protection.

**With the fast pace of communications these days, it's easy to become
overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage of news.
As Catholic Christians, you realized you are intimately tethered
to every Dear Neighbor locally and globally.
When you're feeling overwhelmed and weary, think of and pray for your
Ukrainian sisters and brothers who are overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage
~ not of news ~
but by daily bombings, death, family separation, and the other forms
of collateral damage of war since February 24, 2022.**

Our Lady of Protection, pray for us!

**U.S.
Mass Shootings**



**WHEN IS ENOUGH,
ENOUGH?**

Tri-C Almsgiving
Thank you so much !!

AUG

Sm. bag flour

SEPT

Sm. bottles of shampoo

The **KIN**dom of Heaven is like...



Morning Church!

The watermark of God's Word today is *Wisdom*. Solomon asked God for a *listening heart* so he could be a compassionate and just leader. The psalmist praises God's Wisdom and declares God's commands are sure guides. Paul says Wisdom is following God's plan of grace.

The trio of parables say Wisdom is evident in what you *value most*. Your values lead you to examine how you spend your time, gifts and resources, and why you make the choices you make.

With God's watermark of Wisdom, as a shadowy presence, you realize the parables offer images that reveal how to make Christ your first priority and make your relationship with him the nexus of every prayer, choice, dream, relationship, and thought. The Wisdom in these parables give you three images on choosing Christ and "selling off" what obstructs your path to ongoing conversion ~ and ultimately, complete surrender to him.

Matthew's community prefaces the parables with The *kindom** of heaven (use of the term *kindom** is intentional. It connotes kinship, *oneness with God and your Neighbor*). The wise find a treasure in the field or the pearl in the shell and sell off whatever is necessary to gain what they valuable most.

This does not mean a *literal* selling off of all your possessions.
That would be *so easy* compared to the parable's spiritual meaning!

Selling off, in the parabolic sense, means digging down deep and divesting yourself of any and all habits, addictions, compulsions or relationships that thwart your path to Christ and his *kindom* today and all the way to eternity. *Selling off* Christ's Way is the wise choice.

Christ knows the external cleaning out a garage and having a yard sale requires *some* work. This is not the same as the *daily demand* of examining the wisdom of your relationships and choices, and sorting out what to keep and what to toss.

Excavating your soul necessitates a willingness to surrender and to doing the inner work that is required to unearth The Treasure of Christ. What you look at, what you love, and what you have, shapes your priorities, presence, and kinship on your faithjourney. This indicates how really wise you are.






God's blessings,

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🌱 HEARTwork ~ Reflecting and Acting on The Word

During your faithjourney, are you willing to be a loving resource for your Dear Neighbor who needs your support, compassion, presence, or guidance?
Are you willing to share the richness of your spiritual treasures with your Dear Neighbor with generosity and joy?

Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

JULY	
30	17th Sun OT
31	Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola
AUGUST	
04	Parents's Baptism prep St. John, 9:00a
 06	18th Sun OT Baptism: Isabella Amelia Kelly
08	Communion Service, 12:15p
13	19th Sun OT
14	Ladies Guild, 5p 
 15	Feast: Assumption of Mary ~ Mass, 7p Our Lady of Mercy Faculty Retreat
16	RCIA, 6:45p
17	Wise Ones Hosts: Dianne & Andy Crawford TBD 
19	Men's Breakfaast, Cracker Barrel 8:30a
20	20th Sun OT 
21	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad 1:30-6:00p
22	Communion Service, 12:15p
27	21st Sun OT
29	Communion Service, 12:15p

☪ Mass Intentions	
30	+Elizabeth Karaffa +Francis Warren Pope Francis & the Jesuit Community
06	Gary McQuade (Birthday)
13	End to violence/gun violence
15	Michael A. Garwood, Jr. (Birthday) Jane Worley (Birthday r/b Rob)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 02 Maria Ledesma | 15 Jane Worley |
| Jorge Lopez | 17 Sergio Hernandez |
| 05 Natalia Lopez | 21 Lucas Garcia |
| 06 Rudy Ardizzola | 23 Judy Berryman |
| Isidro Rodriguez | 24 Gayle Altemueller |
| 07 Mary Blackburn | Evangeline Cancel |
| 09 Ashley Davis | Leo Ouellette |
| Joel Lopez | 25 Luisa Rodriguez |
| 10 Anayeli Bustos | Hannah Treannie |
| Sarahi Crispin | 27 Johnl Rodriguez |
| Fr. John Hanic | 28 Pat Kophamer |
| 13 Nelda Spicer | Peter Volk |
| | 30 Nancy Espino |
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| 05 Janis McQuade, SSJ | 11 Olivia & Isidro Rodriguez |
| 12 Lila & Ty Keller | |



Almsgiving ~ Tri-C Christian Ministries

Aug Small bag of flour



Millie's Mission

This year you are invited to donate **backpacks** for Elkin Elementary & Traphill Elementary students

Children, grades 1-5

Please bring your backpack

Sundays, August 6 or 12

Thank you!



FLOCKNOTE

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is a means to improve St. S & St. J parish communication.

It will be utilized for essential communications via household emails or texts regarding inclement weather policy, changes in scheduled events, invitations to sign up for gatherings, or prayer request announcements for living and deceased parishioners.

Thank you for your willingness to participate in this service which enables all of us to stay informed.

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. He says it is like a buried treasure, that when a man finds it, he sells everything he has and buys the field where it is hidden. He also says it is like a pearl of great price, that when a merchant finds it he sells all he has and buys it.

These parables tell us how precious the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus is explaining that it is more important than anything else in our lives. The men in the parables sold EVERYTHING they had to get the treasures.

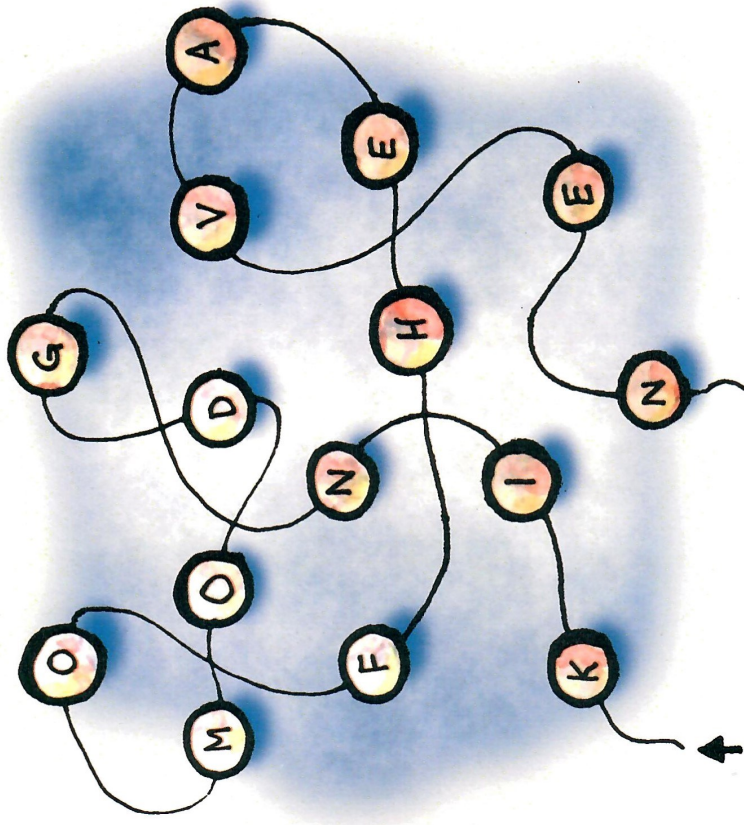
But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it a country with a king and subjects? Well it is, sort of, but you can't see it. Jesus is the King and His people are the people who choose Him as their King. The laws of the kingdom are God's laws, and the enemy is the devil who is trying to take all the souls. Always remember that belonging to God's Kingdom is more important than everything else in your life!



Answers to front page: Kingdom of Heaven
Answers to Cross-word:
across: 2.judge 4.act 6.who 7.wisdom
10.mere 12.wrong 15.God 17.heart
18.servant 22.numbered 24.king
down: 1.how 3.understanding 4.able 5.to
8.man 9.people 11.right 14.govern 16.give
18.serve 19.said 20.Lord 21.ask 23.me

The Kids' Bulletin

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30th, 2023

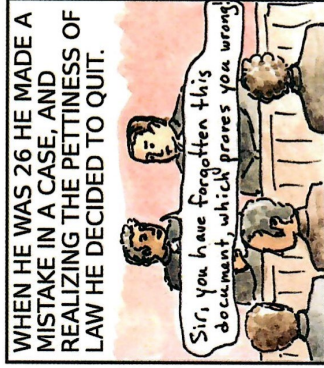
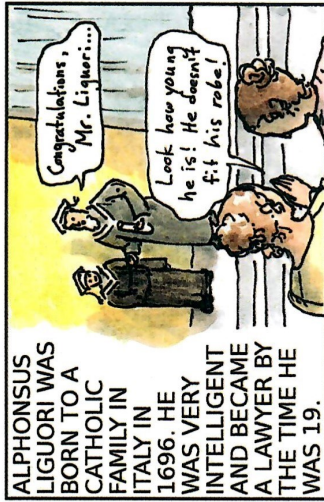


What did Jesus say was like a buried treasure
or a pearl of great price?
Use the letters on the string of pearls
to fill in the blanks and find out!

The _____

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

August 1



Saint Alphonsus used his intelligence to teach the ignorant people in his diocese, and when he was too sick to preach he would write. God has given you gifts that you can use to help teach others about Him. Don't let anything stop you, just like St. Alphonsus didn't!

King Solomon's Dream Cross-Word

God _____ (19d) to the young _____ (24a) Solomon in a dream, " _____ (21d) _____ (23d) for whatever you want me to _____ (16d) you."
 Solomon knew that he was only a young _____ (8d) and couldn't rule God's people without His help. So he said _____ (5d) God, "O _____ (20d), I am a _____ (10a) youth, not knowing _____ (1d) to _____ (4a). I _____ (18d) you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be _____ (22a) or counted. Give your _____ (18a), therefore, an _____ (3d) _____ (17a) to _____ (2a) your people and to distinguish _____ (11d) from _____ (12a). For _____ (6a) is _____ (4d) to _____ (14d) this vast _____ (9d) of yours?"
 _____ (15a) was pleased with Solomon's request and told him that He would grant him _____ (7a) greater than anyone else had ever had or would have.

Use the words from this list to fill in the blanks and figure out the cross-word.

- UNDERSTANDING
- ME NUMBERED
- TO SERVANT
- ASK WISDOM
- ACT GOVERN
- GIVE WRONG
- SAID PEOPLE
- GOD JUDGE
- WHO HEART
- MAN RIGHT
- KING SERVE
- HOW LORD
- ABLE MERE

