



October 3, 2021

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Mass Schedule

Wednesday Noon

Friday Noon

Saturday 4:15pm

Sunday 10:00

Office hours are Tuesday-Friday

8:00 to 4:00

St. Stanislaus Kostka



Sunday October 10th, 2021

2021 John Deere Gator 560E - \$9,250

\$2,650 3S Texas Outdoor

\$2,000 In memory of Father James Moore

\$1,000 Mark & Bridget Kelley

\$500 Loop Self Storage

\$500 Serres & Son Plumbing

\$500 David & Jesslyn Borski

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Home Depot Gift Card - \$500 Glenn & Doris Michalak

\$10.00 per ticket (need not be present to win)

Tickets courtesy of the First National Bank of Anderson, Member FDIC

We are asking for partial or full donations for the prizes, your support is very much appreciated.

We are collecting items the follow booths for this year's bazaar.
Items can be dropped off at the office.

Outdoor Booth

\$15 to \$20 NEW Items

Fishing ~ Hunting

Camo ~ Coolers ~Sports Items

Baked Goods Booth

Kolaches, Cakes, Pies, Breads

Cookies, Spicy crackers, etc.

(Foil pans will be available in church)

Babusha's Porch

Handmade and Homemade Items

Jelly, jams, pickles, crafts.

(Foil pans available)

Restaurant Booth

(New booth to St. Stanislaus)

Donations of restaurant

gift cards. \$10 min value

- Bazaar workday October 9th starting at 8:30
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- **This year we are adding homemade coleslaw to the dinner.**
Prep day Friday October 8th at 6:00pm. Volunteers needed.
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- Ladies of the parish, we are requesting homemade desserts to sever with meals & for the Baked Goods Booth. Foil pans available.

St. Stanislaus 2021 Bazaar “Bar-B-Q Benefactors”

**The following have generously donated a total of \$8,000 toward
the cost of our meat this year:**

- Anonymous
- Anonymous
- Anonymous
- Eugene Burzynski Family
- Deacon Walter & Francell Busa
 - Floyd, Wayne & John Busa
 - D & R Specialties, Inc.
- In Memory of Sylvester Karonka
 - Jeffery & Larra Ketkoski
 - Leon Jr. & Kelly Ketkoski
- In Memory of Monica Krause
- Lindley-Robertson-Holt Funeral Home
 - In Memory of Marcella Reaves
 - In Memory of Bill Thomas
 - Tom & Jeanette Upton
 - Mark & Bridget Kelley

**A huge “THANK YOU” FROM Fr. Eli and all the St. Stanislaus
Parishioners!**



Announcing the 104th Anniversary 2021

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

The world is at a crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God." Yes, we must listen to Our Lady's re-quest and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're doing the 2021 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

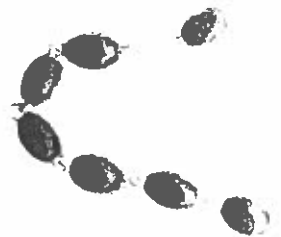
In The Secret of the Rosary, Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

JOIN THE 2021 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE TODAY!

What: ***THE HOLY ROSARY***

Where: St. Stanislaus Catholic Church - Anderson

When: October 16th at noon



For more information, contact:

Name: Joe Vitanza

Phone Number: 713-504-8183



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A Suitable Partner

In the story of the creation of the first woman, the Hebrew word *ezer* is used to describe her relationship with the first man. Many Bibles translate that word as “helper” or “helpmate,” thus making the woman an addition to the man. The *Lectionary* translates the word as “suitable partner,” emphasizing mutuality rather than subservience. Since the word is generally used for divine assistance, it certainly does not imply inferiority.

Another important Hebrew word is *bad*, usually translated as “alone.” A common meaning is “separated from,” implying incompleteness in a relationship. This incompleteness is remedied when the man is given a suitable partner, one who is as intimate a companion to him as are his bones.

The intimacy of this relationship of mutuality is found in the Gospel passage as well. There the focus is

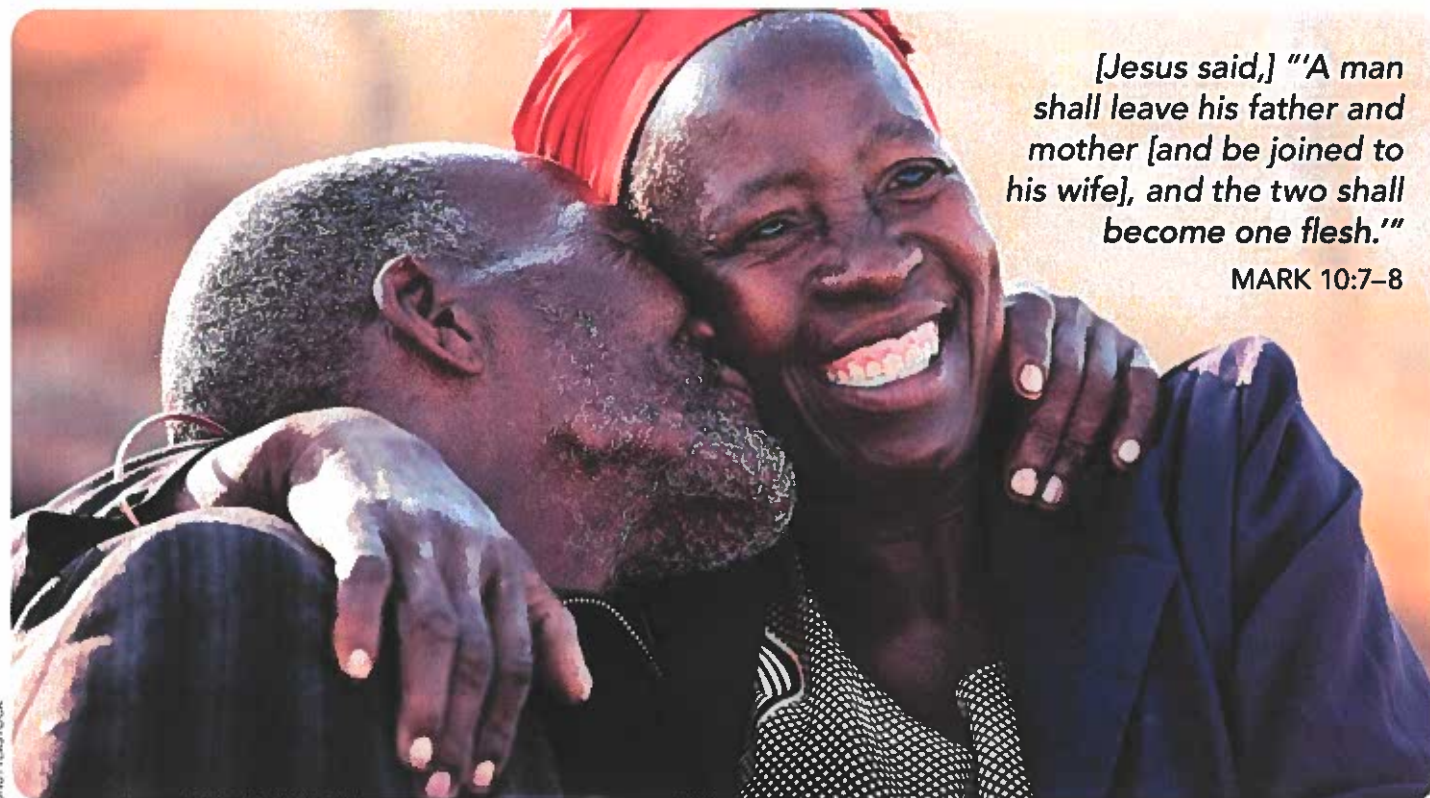
on the endurance of the relationship. Jesus insists that the bond that joins the couple together must not be severed. Many today might find this ruling too rigid. Things can happen in intimate relationships; partners can grow apart; staying together could become dangerous. While these are valid concerns today, women in the patriarchal society of the time would see Jesus’ interpretation of the law as protecting them. By law only men could divorce their wives, and reasons for doing so could be as trivial as poor cooking.

Today’s readings remind us of our need for intimate relationships of mutuality. They further underscore how important it is to cherish such relationships and to nurture them by respecting our partners.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Do you consider yourself a “suitable partner”?
- ★ Are you nurturing and respectful?



[Jesus said,] “A man shall leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two shall become one flesh.”

MARK 10:7–8

Dear Padre,

I just got my new driver's license, and my wife is encouraging me to sign up to be an organ donor. Are organ transplants permitted by the Catholic Church?

Yes, under certain conditions. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms that "organ transplants are in conformity with the moral law if the physical and psychological dangers and risks to the donor are proportionate to the good that is sought for the recipient" (CCC 2296).

Organ transplants from a dead person to a living person must fulfill two additional criteria: First, the donor must give free and informed consent prior to death, or those who legitimately speak on the donor's behalf must do so at the time of death. And second, the donor must be dead before the tissue can be harvested—in other words, the donor must not be declared dead prematurely, nor may the donor's death be hastened just to use the organs. The *Catechism* adds, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity."

The transplantation of organs from a living donor must fulfill two criteria: First, the removal of the organ must not seriously impair the donor's health or bodily function. Second, the donor must make an informed and free decision recognizing the potential risks involved.



SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. David Louch, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In the first reading we also hear that God was pained by Adam's loneliness....God did not create us to live in sorrow or to be alone. He made men and women for happiness, to share their journey with someone who complements them, to live the wondrous experience of love.

HOMILY, OCTOBER 4, 2015

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11

Lk 10:25—37

Tuesday

OCTOBER 5

Weekday

Jon 3:1—10

Lk 10:38—42

Wednesday

OCTOBER 6

Weekday

Jon 4:1—11

Lk 11:1—4

Thursday

OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Mal 3:13—20b

Lk 11:5—13

Friday

OCTOBER 8

Weekday

Jl 1:13—15; 2:1—2

Lk 11:15—26

Saturday

OCTOBER 9

Weekday

Jl 4:12—21

Lk 11:27—28

Sunday

OCTOBER 10

Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7—11

Heb 4:12—13

Mk 10:17—30

or 10:17—27

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.



October 3, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24 | Heb 2:9-11 | Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Social media certainly has its downsides, but it's a wonderful way to keep up with friends and family. Lately, I've noticed a number of wedding day snapshots – with couples finally able to celebrate their “big day” as pandemic restrictions have eased. Today's readings bring these beautiful images to mind. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about marriage: “God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” While the readings focus on the relationship between man and woman, we are reminded that God created all of us – no matter our state in life – to love one another as he loves us. The capacity to love is in our DNA. Jesus invites us to be companions on life's journey, reflecting to others Christ's love for the Church.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each year in October, our diocese invites married couples to a “Wedding Anniversary Mass.” Friends and family are invited to join them as they celebrate milestone anniversaries – whether it be 5 years or 50. Just as we celebrate newlyweds, it's nice to recognize these couples – and the love that has endured well after the honeymoon ended. Just as they witnessed their love for one another on their wedding day, they have continued to do so through the ensuing years by their example. Despite the inevitable hardships, they cling to one another; through disagreements and quarrels, they find a way back to each other – and I suspect they laugh together too. By sharing their stories we, too, can witness to others a love that endures through thick and thin. In doing so, we help build up our families, our communities, and our Church.

WITNESS You may have heard of *The Moth*, a popular storytelling platform. Each of us has a story to tell, and recording family “love stories” can be a fun way to witness to our children and grandchildren what good relationships look like. Take some time to interview your parents or others in your extended family about how they met, how they've overcome the challenges they have faced as a couple, and how they have kept God at the center.

Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Please contact the parish office if you wish to become a member register 936-873-2291

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions October

Intention for Evangelization:-Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Announcements



Wednesday Devotional Group

Called to Grow. Meeting each Wednesday at 10:30 am at St. Stanislaus CCE building.

Children Welcome. Studying the book The Lamb's Supper by Scott Hahn.



Next Sunday October 10th



Please remember our
neighbors in need with
your food and cash donations to
our local St. Vincent de Paul

When we bring our questions, doubts, and concerns to God, even when we try to challenge him with the letter of the law, he responds in love, by revealing his plan of salvation. This plan is lived out in the sacrament of marriage, and in joining ourselves in faith and love to God no matter our state in life.

October 2021

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November '21
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Altar Society: Meets the first Thursday September to May. The next meeting will be Thursday October 7th at 6:00 in the rectory. All Catholic ladies are welcome.

Baptism: Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: On the 1st weekend of every month Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month following each Mass.

Cemetery Guidelines: If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the cemetery, please contact Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done you must call Charles Posinski first.

Choir Practice: Choir practice is on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:15pm in the church. Contact Leo Hock at 713-435-9949 for more information.

Counseling: Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values and traditions of the Church. Their closest office is near The Woodlands, but counselors are also available by video session. For more information, see their website at www.gratiaplenacounseling.org or call (832) 532-0129, or email info@gratiaplenacounseling.org

Divine Mercy: Every Friday after the noon Mass . Everyone is welcome to join us.

Gabriel Project: Pregnant. Scared. Need to talk! Gabriel Project offer assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances. Please call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 or St. Mary's Catholic Church 936-894-2223

Knights of Columbus: KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome. **Next blood drive November 14th**
Contact Deen Miller 936-524-1700 for membership information.
And James Moran 936-825-7866 for rental information .

Marriage: There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church.

RCIA & RCIC: Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Children or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291 RCIA classes to start in September.

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before Wednesday & Friday Masses (Please call ahead to let the Priest know) and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

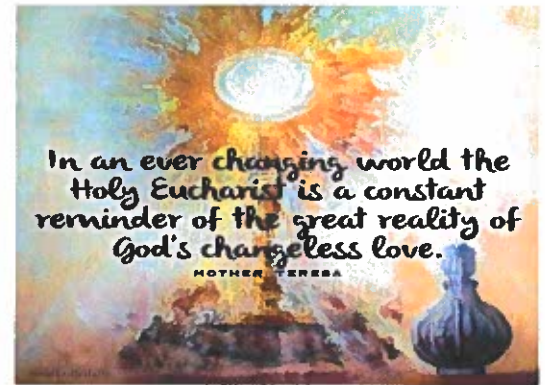
St. Vincent de Paul: The 3rd Wednesday of the month (October 13th) 5:00 p.m. *at Knights of Columbus Hall Anderson.*

12 Hour Adoration: Our church is open every Monday 8 am to 8 pm. September 13th to end of May. Everyone is welcome to join in the worship with the scheduled persons.

October 3, 2021

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*

**God has joined us to one
another and to himself.**



In the first reading, God creates a suitable partner for the man – a woman. The man calls her *bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh*. In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author writes of the one who, *"for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone*. In the Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus about the law regarding divorce. Jesus answers, *what God has joined together, no human being must separate*.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday October 6th noon

Deacon Anton & Geneva Sicinski,
Daniel Sicinski & Deaven Szymanski

Friday October 8th noon

Eugene Burzynski

Saturday October 9th 4:15pm

Patrick Busa, Felix & Rose Kimich

Sunday October 10th 10:00 am

Larry Sechelski Sr.

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our past,
Securing
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future!*

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule



Saturday October 9th 4:15 pm

Lectors:

Carolyn Kimich

Rosary:

Dorothy Pasket

Altar Servers:

Jillian Wisnoski, Wyatt Marek, Zoey Smith

Ushers:

Michael Wisnoski, Danny Pasket, Stephen Pasket, Johnny Pasket Jr.

Sunday October 10th 10:00 am

Lectors:

Brain Burzynski & Ian Campbell

Rosary:

Rosanna Molina

Altar Servers:

Kyle Buenger, Ryan Buenger, Morgan Moriarty

Ushers:

Ben Leman, Ed Marek, Gary Klodzinski, Daniel Klawinsky

If you cannot be present, please find a replacement

Stewardship

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

October 2021

May I speak of money? I own no money, nor do you, simply because God insists that all things ... even money ... belong to him. In God's Word we read, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord Almighty" (Haggai 2:8). This claim of God presents a confusing situation at first glance. After all, I do have money in my possession. I speak of it as mine.

The very practical question arises, "Is the money I have God's or mine?"

Actually, there is no confusion. Scripture tells me God owns all things. God places material things in my possession. These are not gifts. Rather God entrusts what is his to my care to use in God's service. It follows then that I am not the owner, but a manager or steward of God's property.

God entrusts his property

Yet, I am not frustrated that I am deprived of ownership. Can I be deprived of something I never owned? Instead, I am honored that God entrusts his property to my keeping, that God deigns to make me a steward of what is his; that God depends on me to administer it honestly.

Honest administration immediately obligates me to place all God has entrusted to me to his service. But this doesn't mean I must give every cent to the church. God has entrusted to me a body, soul and mind. God has entrusted to me a wife and children, similarly endowed. He has given me the responsibility of caring for them. Therefore, when I take a portion of the money God has

entrusted to me to provide food, clothing, shelter, education, recreation and other necessities of life and health for these, then I am a steward who is fulfilling God's trust.

Of course, I provide for these things in proper proportion. I would hardly be a good steward if I spent a large sum on some luxury while a basic need was left unmet. "In proper proportion" is a primary rule in my administration.



In proper proportion

"In proper proportion" is the rule that also applies when I prepare to make my offering to God and through the church.

Think of time as a priceless gift; develop an awareness of its incomparable value and examine your conscience in this light. Are you using your time according to God's plan, or are you throwing it away?

If tomorrow were never to dawn, what would you do for God today?



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A Mere Colt

I have so much to offer God," my pride calls from within. I can see a vision of what God can do with me, with my life, and I am excited. Day after day, I have waited in expectation. Surely the time has come for me to be of great service. I have heard the Lord will be passing this way today. So, patiently, I wait a little longer. And then I see two men nearing. I stand a little taller because I know these men are sent from God. But as I stand there, they bypass me and go to my donkey ... a mere colt.

"Why are you doing this?" I ask.

"The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly," the men answer. Then they walk away.

"My donkey?" I mutter. God wants to use my donkey? What about my talents? My abilities? My availability? What about that, Lord?

Then, I see a crowd forming. Many are waving palm branches and crying out, "Hosanna in the highest!"

I squeeze my way through the jumble of arms and branches, and I see him! There is my Lord! My eyes tear. There is my donkey. The Lord is riding on my donkey.

I drop to my knees. "Dear Jesus," my soul cries. "Forgive my pride. You have used what I have considered least, yet you are elevated. May this always be so."

"Continue to use me, Lord," I pray. "What I consider my best, may not be what you need from me at all. But now I understand, Jesus. What you need most is my open arms, and my willingness to serve in any way you ask."

I look up from my place on the crowded road, and I look into his eyes

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Deacon Dave on stewardship



"Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality."

2 Corinthians 8:13

Paul held up the generosity of the Macedonian churches to those in Corinth (2 Corinthians 8). It seemed his desire was that they show some kind of proof for their appreciation of the Lord's blessing and sustaining power to them. He urged them, therefore to bring to completion the great work begun earlier in their ministry. It seemed apparent they had forgotten, like we often do, with what fervor and fire they had started to serve the Lord with.

We, too, could use this urging of Paul's periodically. He wanted to bring the churches in Corinth from their relaxed attitude toward giving and sharing, and found it necessary to remind them of their oneness in the body of Christ. The Corinthians had begun to take pleasure in what others were doing for God's kingdom and the sustaining of the earthly churches, and had forgotten their own part.

Strive For Equality

"Strive for equality" was Paul's urging to the Corinthians. Since Christ bore the total weight of our salvation

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To be a good steward is to be conscious that all things we have on earth are generous gifts from God. Stewardship is to care, to have concern, and to give thanks by giving of what has been given to us.



Through the Stained Glass...

For the past few years, we have been preoccupied on the subject of what is wrong with the church, generally there has been a negative approach. In so expending our best energies, we have lost something. Not only have we tended to splinter, but the church has appeared to have had less impact on its communicants. It is certainly easier to be defensive and negative about something in which we do not invest of ourselves; on the other hand, we tend to work creatively where our investments are!

I know of no way to help turn the tide more effectively than by investing the best of ourselves in the church, thereby giving evidence of our positive belief in God. If God's church is to have meaning to us or to others, then our commitment must be clear and decisive and, I might say, it must cost us something. It has been said that there is no "cheap grace."

Pledging to the church is one very specific way in which we give ourselves or prove our belief. If the investment is made grudgingly and represents only that which can be worked in conveniently, then this tells the story of our faith in God's primary instrument for his life and work on this earth, namely, his church. If it costs something worthwhile, then the investment is clearly a weighed and weighty one.

A new sense of commitment through giving (and the trust it represents) is

crucial to us all, not because of the dollars represented, but because it will be a creative conversion movement for your church and for you. ☩

God bless you in your giving.

What I want my church to be!

My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

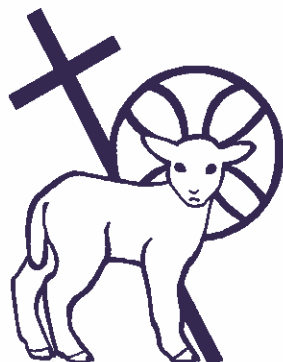
It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.



God desires that first of all you give him yourself. When you do this, you will find a certain satisfaction.

God then wants you to use your time, talent, and treasure for his purposes. This means total commitment of what you have to God. That's a hard step to take, but it will bring complete happiness and satisfaction in serving God.



"Dear Jesus," my soul cries. "Forgive my pride. You have used what I have considered least, yet you are elevated. May this always be so."

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May I speak of money...


As the owner of all things, God requests offerings in many instances. As God's steward, can I disobey?

Yet, I do not bring my offering because of a command from God. Would a command be necessary? When I think of the tremendous blessings God has deluged upon me ... blessings that serve me now and that will endure forever ... could I possibly deny God an offering? Could my offering be only a pittance?

Motivated by love and gratitude, I first separate God's portion whenever I receive income. I make that portion of a size that will give adequate evidence of my love and gratitude. This separated portion I then dedicate to God's specific service and administer it in a way that God would have me do.


With this done, the remainder, understand, is still devoted to God's service. I use that remainder, as God would wish, to provide for the needs of my life and for the needs of those God has committed to my care. In God's name and to his service is my guiding principle.

So, as a steward of money, I recognize that God owns all things. I recognize that

I am God's manager of what he places in my charge. To be a good and faithful steward ... that is my aim. 


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A Mere Colt...

as he passes by. It is then I know that my small gift is monumental, historical. 

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Deacon Dave...

on himself, could we not at least share in the earthly ministry as a body so that *"He who gathered much does not have too much and he who gathered little does not have too little?"* (2 Corinthians 8:15) 



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**"Everything
comes from
You, and we
have given
You only what
comes from
Your hand."**

1 Chronicles 29:14

Over-Spending, Over-Saving, and Under-Giving Our Money

God has provided the members of this congregation with more than enough resources to carry out the Lord's Great Commission to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ. Compared with most of the world we are rich!

So why are we often short of the finances we need for our church's mission and ministry? The answer is: because of three problems.

- † Some of us **Over-Spend**. We escalate luxuries into necessities. We don't "live within our harvest" (Persian proverb.) Living beyond our means is poor stewardship of God-given resources. It leads to financial disaster and many other resultant sins and problems. Overspending, often through credit cards, also limits our ability to share. Someone once said, "To become a person of means, one has to live within one's means."
- † Others of us **Over-Save**. We're so afraid of material insecurity that we hoard vast sums

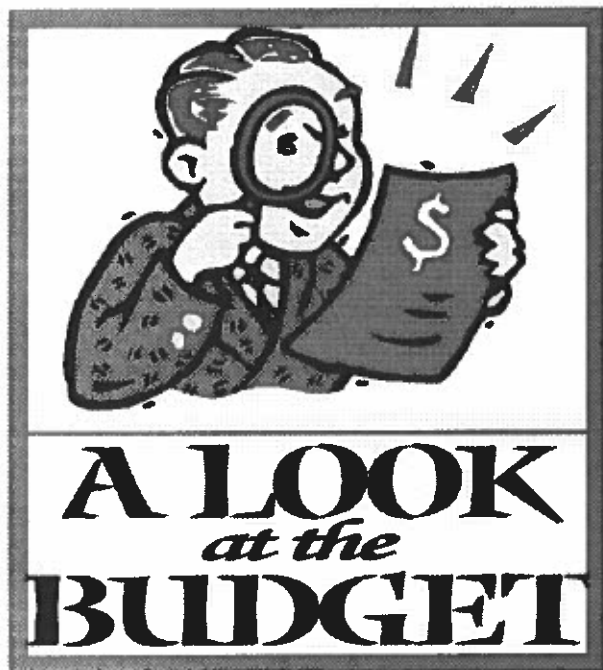
of money and hate to part with it. If we save only for the purpose of amassing money, we resemble the "Rich Fool" of Luke 12. When saving becomes an end rather than a means to reach our financial goals, our money will not be spent for the purpose for which God gives it to use in the first place, which is to use in service to him as a means to help those in need and extend his kingdom.

- † Those two problems lead to **Under-Giving**, and God's work languishes from lack of funds. It's a good thing God does not under-give. We are saved for all eternity because he "*loved the world so much that he gave his only Son . . .*" (John 3:16.) When we give money away, we break its power over us, meet the needs of others, and glorify God. We can be certain that we cannot be fulfilled unless we are giving of our time, talent, and treasure. We were designed by God to give as he gives, and he is more willing to give us what he can give through us.

God's Word addresses the problems of Over-Spending, Over-Saving and Under-Giving!

Over-Spending

- † "*In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has*" (Proverbs 21:20).
- † "*The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.*" (Proverbs 22:7)
- † "*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal*" (Matthew 6:19).
- † "*Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions*" (Luke 12:15).



Over-Saving

† *"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.*

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs" (1 Timothy 6:6-10).

† *"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth . . ." (1 Timothy 6:17)*

Under-Giving

† *"'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My House. Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough to contain it' "* (Malachi 3:10).

† Jesus said, *"Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8).*

† *"But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2 Corinthians 8:7).*

On the Lighter Side

After starting a new diet I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and as I approached, there in the window were a host of goodies.

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"Lord It's up to you, if you want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery." And sure enough, on the eighth time around the block, there it was! God is so good!

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