



July 3, 2022

***St. Stanislaus
Kostka
Catholic Church***

*1511 Hwy 90 South
Anderson, TX 77830
936-873-2291
Established 1866*

*Archdiocese of
Galveston-Houston*

Mass Schedule

Wednesday Noon

Friday Noon

Saturday 4:15

Sunday 10:00

Office hours

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 to 4:00

***Pastor Rev.
Giovanni Hung Nguyen***

Permanent Deacons

Grant Holt

Russell Pasket

Garry Janota

Secretary / Bookkeeper

Carol Serres

Altar Society President

Delores Posinski

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Thomas Sechelski, Crocket Womack

Chad & Theresa Guidry

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Charles Posinski, Vanessa Burzynski, Susie Homeyer

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Kirby Borski

Finance Council

David Borski President, Russell Pasket

Susan Wisnoski, Susie Homeyer,

Ben Leman, Larry Sechelski Jr.

Music Coordinator

Leo Hock

Pastoral Leadership Team

Jerome Klawinsky, Daniel Otto,

Russell Pasket, Marcus Reaves,

Thomas Sechelski, Gail Sowell

Linda Toler, Dana Wagner

RCIA / RCIC

Kim Ritchie / Dana Wagner

July 3, 2022

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

Our encounter with Christ transforms
us for the sake of the world.

*My Soul
is thirsting
for you,
O Lord
my God.*



Isaiah prophesies the wealth and prosperity that Jerusalem will once again have. In the second reading, Paul states that he has nothing to boast about except the cross of Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus sends out the disciples in his name with a mission of healing and Good News.

Mass Time & Intentions

Wednesday July 6th noon

Adam & Margaret Szymczak

Friday July 8th noon

Living & deceased members of the
Lee & Hattie Pavlock family

Saturday July 9th 4:15

Sam & Billy Busa

Sunday July 10th 10:00

Deacon Anton & Geneva Sicinski
Daniel Sicinski & Deaven Szymanski

*Building
on
our past,
Securing
our
future!*

**Father Giovanni
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Liturgical Ministers Schedule



Saturday July 9th 4:15 pm

Lectors:

Susan Wisnoski & Shirley Hesse

Rosary:

Susan Wisnoski

Altar Servers:

Jacob Borski, Evan Borski, Claire Borski

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

Sunday July 10th 10:00 am

Lectors:

Margaret McClosky & Christi Leman

Rosary:

Rosanna Molina

Altar Servers:

Owen Otto, Evan Otto, Nolan Womack

Ushers:

James Busa, Stan Sechelski, Jerome Klawinski, Ian Campbell

If you cannot be present, please find a replacement

2nd Collections

July 10th St. Vincent de Paul-Black Bag

August 14th Infirm Priest

Collections

June 25 & 26 \$4,285

Online June \$4,720

DSF 2022

Goal \$22,575

Paid \$14,730



Please pray for those in active military duty

Andrew Anderson, Austin Barnes, Andrew Burzynski, Lukas Diorio, Don Fontaine, Travis Hayes, Cody Klawinsky, Travis Klawinsky, Stash Kurten, Joe A. Lopez, Matthew Macejewski, John McKnight, Shelby Seale, Phillip Walkoviak, Travis Watson



Please pray for our parish family who are ill and/or homebound

Andrea Barnett, Sam Bova, Patricia Dobyanski, Donna Emmette, Margaret Fann, John Faust, Marilyn Frenzel, Dolores Holler, Walt Jones, Arlie Muegge, Thomas Nobles, Henry Ostermann, Adam Pasket, Charlie Pasket, Tina Pasket, Avery Russell, Charles Russell, LaNell Szymczak, Melissa Vargas, Estelle Vitanza, Bettie Wroblewski

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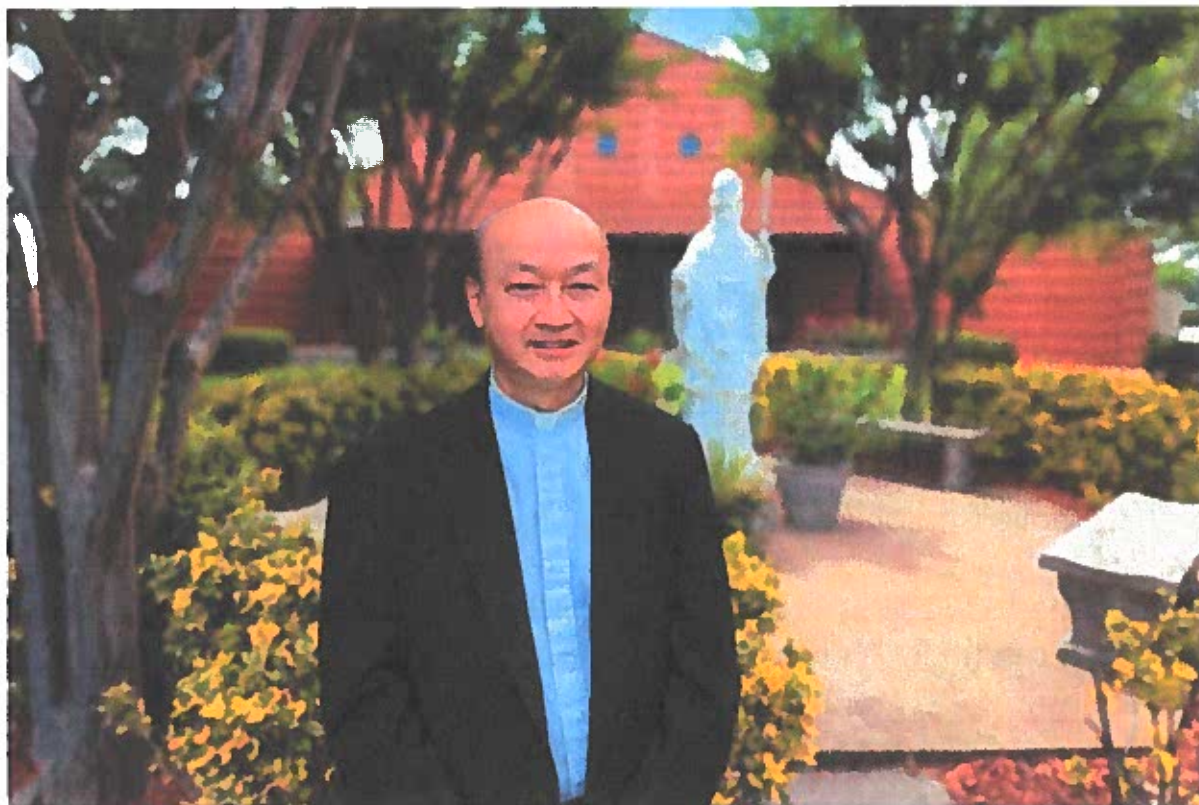
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Anderson, Tx 77830

Our Church is open for daily prayer during office hours.

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 to 4:00



A message from your new pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Giovanni Hung Nguyen. DOB: January 25, 1959, in Saigon, Southern Vietnam. My Father, Mr. Boniface Huy Nguyen passed away 20 years ago, and My Mother, Mrs. Therese Hong Nguyen passed away 12 years ago in Vietnam. I am the third child in a family of ten children. Five females and five males. The youngest brother died at birth. I have a younger brother who lives in the Tomball area with his family. The youngest sister lives in Australia with her family. And my seven siblings are living in Saigon Southern Vietnam with their families.

I joined the Vietnamese Dominican Order from 1975 to 2010. I left Vietnam in 1998 to study. I was ordained into the priesthood on October 14, 2000, by Dominican Order in Napoli, Italy. And I went to Rome to study Canon Law at Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas – Angelicum from 2000 to 2004.

Before joining the Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston in 2009, I was a priest belonging to the Dominican Order, Province of Vietnam. When joining the Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston, I was immediately and officially accepted into the diocese without having to go through a probation period. My first assignment was parochial vicar at Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, located at 10610 Kings point Rd, Houston, Texas 77075. (From April 2010 to August 2014)

My second assignment was parochial vicar at St. Michael The Archangel Roman Catholic Church in Lake Jackson, Texas; from August 2014 to June 2017.

I attended the New Priest Training Program at St. Mary Seminary which contains six modules. The program ended in May 2017.

My third assignment was as parochial vicar at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Houston, from July 2017 to December 2018. My fourth assignment was as parochial vicar at Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, from December 2018 until now. (*Second term at the same Church*)

Presently, I just accepted a new assignment at Christ Our Light Catholic Church in Navasota and St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Anderson as an administrator appointed by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

I am looking forward to meeting all the brothers and sisters of the two parishes where I am going to come for service as a minister of Christ's love and yours.

May Jesus, Christ Our Light lead us with the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Saint Stanislaus Kostka bless you all.

Sincerely Yours,
Rev. Giovanni Hung Nguyen



July 3, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Is 66:10-14c | Gal 6:14-18 | Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

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

So what comes to mind when you imagine your dream road trip? A well-planned route with scenic stops, nice hotels, good restaurants and quirky sights along the way? Jesus may be my copilot, but given his words in today's Gospel I'm not sure I'd want him to be my travel agent! As he sends the 72 ahead of him, he gives them no illusions about the mission that lies ahead: "Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals." Settle for the first house that welcomes you, regardless of the amenities. Eat and drink whatever they offer. Give those you encounter a greeting of peace and remind them the kingdom of God is at hand. As always, Jesus gives these travelers all they will need to share the Good News with others. They return rejoicing! The early disciples refute my "travel agent" doubts, as they show us by example to place our trust in God and take nothing for the journey except our faith and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, we can rest assured that our "names are written in heaven."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm a planner. When we went to Disney World, my sons split off from me after I unveiled an app that would show us exactly which ride or attraction to hit based on crowd numbers, time of day and other variables. I loved that app! So had I been one of the 72 we read about today appointed by Jesus to spread the Gospel in pairs, hopefully my companion would not have abandoned me because of my insistence on planning. Ultimately, our journey of faith – as we share it with others and walk toward the kingdom ourselves – is not something we can choreograph. The more we plan and the more baggage we carry, the less likely we are to hear God's voice cutting through the noise. By stripping away the nonessentials, we can place our trust in the Lord, who will show us the right path. When we place our lives in the service of the Lord, the harvest will be abundant.

PRAY Many U.S. dioceses will be welcoming newly ordained priests this month. Pray for them as they begin their ministry, and pray for more vocations.

Fall Bazaar



St. Stanislaus Catholic Church Annual Homecoming and Bazaar

Sunday October 9, 2022

Anderson, TX

Raffle Prizes

1. 2021 John Deere Gator 560E - \$11,250
2. Visa Gift Card - \$1,500
3. Visa Gift Card - \$500
4. Outdoor Furniture Set – Donated by Buckner's Jewelry
5. Wal-Mart Gift Card - \$500
6. Lowe's Gift Card - \$500
7. Academy Gift Card - \$500
8. Home Depot Gift Card - \$500
9. Wal-Mart Gift Card - \$300
10. Visa Gift Card - \$200

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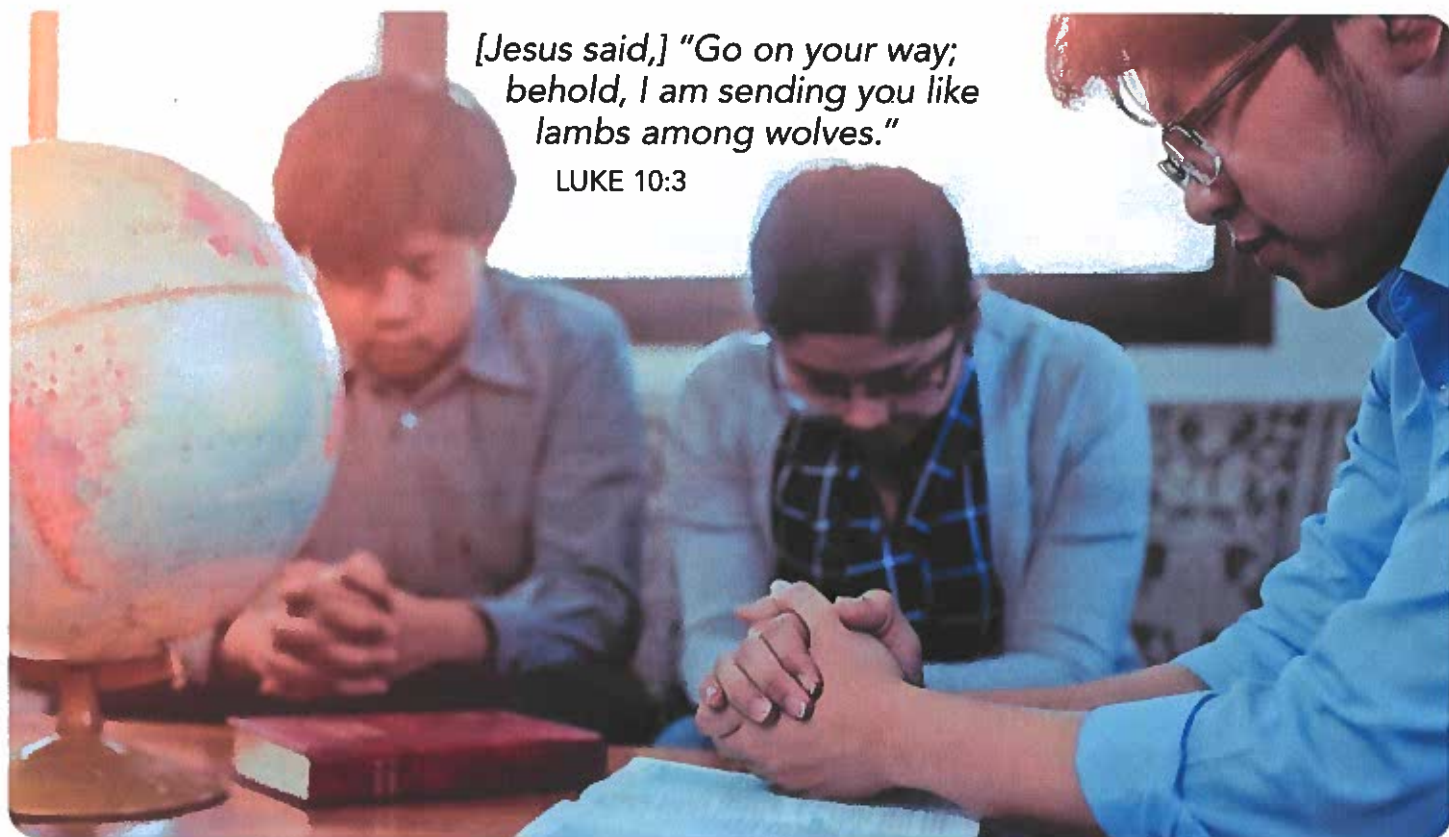
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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Is 66:10–14c

Gal 6:14–18

Lk 10:1–12, 17–20 or 10:1–9



*[Jesus said,] "Go on your way;
behold, I am sending you like
lambs among wolves."*

LUKE 10:3

FREEDOM STUDIO/SHUTTERSTOCK

Rebuild a City

There doesn't seem to be a period in human history when cities were not destroyed by war. This was the case in ancient Rome, Atlanta during the Civil War, Dresden in World War II, and more recently, Aleppo in Syria. The devastation of a city leaves the survivors of the tragedy in desperate straits. This is the situation to which Isaiah speaks in the first reading. His message is one of hope. Jerusalem will be rebuilt; it will flourish once again. God will "spread prosperity over her like a river" (Isaiah 66:12). This will not be accomplished through mere human effort, but through the power of God.

The passage from Luke tells us how God will accomplish such a feat. There we read that Jesus sent seventy-two followers to preach the gospel. The power of God will work through them. We know little about who they were, from which villages they came,

or how long they acted as itinerant preachers. They may simply have gone back to their own lives and ministered to their own people. Such information is inconsequential.

What is important is the fact that God works through the followers of Jesus, through you and me. It will be through us that lives are rebuilt, that people will thrive again. It will be through us that cities are no longer destroyed by war. Do we believe this? Are we willing to be sent "to every town and place he intended to visit" (Luke 10:1)?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean for you?*
- ★ *How might you live this out in your life today?*

Dear Padre,

Why should I have my baby baptized?

Some parents pondering baptism say a child should mature first, then choose his or her religion. Yet, parents make many choices for their children—including name, diet, bedtime, and education. To forgo baptism means to choose a nonreligious outlook on life for your child. Indeed, objection to baptism can be a veiled statement about the parents' disregard for religion.

Baptism confers many benefits. First, it cleanses the soul of original sin. Scripture says Adam and Eve relinquished their God-centeredness, instead adopting a self-centered attitude. They thought of themselves as the center

of the universe. Such self-delusion is the origin of all sins. Baptism reverses this, with God telling the child he is loved and regarding him like his own Son, Jesus. Baptismal waters immerse the child into the depths of God's love.

Second, baptism begins a new life of loving response to God's love. Of course,

infants don't understand this during baptism. Children learn it from religious training and their parents' example. The sacraments aid us in living this life of love, especially the Eucharist in which Christ comes to us as bread and wine to nourish us with his love. As parents give a child her very existence, through baptism they set her on course toward eternal life.

Finally, baptism makes the recipient a member of Christ's body, the Church. The child, along with other Church members and guided by ordained pastors, will speak for Christ in society. What parent doesn't want the best for his or her child? Through baptism, God also wants the best for them.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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Calendar

Monday JULY 4 Weekday Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday JULY 5 Weekday Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday JULY 6 Weekday Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Mt 10:1-7
Thursday JULY 7 Weekday Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 Mt 10:7-15
Friday JULY 8 Weekday Hos 14:2-10 Mt 10:16-23
Saturday JULY 9 Weekday Is 6:1-8 Mt 10:24-33
Sunday JULY 10 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 30:10-14 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[Babies] have a "choral" dimension: it is enough for one of them to start to "sing" and everyone follows and there will be a concert. Do not be alarmed. It is a beautiful homily when a baby cries in church....Make sure that they are all right and let us move forward.

ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM TO NEWBORNS, JANUARY 12, 2020



Liguori Publications is celebrating 75 years of ministry throughout 2022.

Follow progress toward our October 23 anniversary date in *Liguorian* magazine and at Liguori.org.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Join Us For

Astros Game Night

Friday July 15th, 2022

Houston Astros Vs. Oakland Athletics

**Bus will leave St. Stanislaus at 3:50pm and
return after the game.**

**\$55 per person includes Astros ticket, fireworks after
the game and bus trip.**

**Please call St. Stanislaus' office to reserve your tickets
936-873-2291 by July 6th**

(No glass containers)

Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

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

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions July

Elderly: We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



Bazaar meeting July 7th at 6:00 in the parish hall.

Everyone is welcome!



**"All those
who love
the poor
in life,
will have
nothing
to fear from
death."**

- St. Vincent de Paul

Next weekends 2nd collection will be for

St. Vincent de Paul– Black Bag

For the Archdiocese

Galveston-Houston

The Gospel tells of Jesus sending out the first disciples with a mission of healing and peace – a task that now belongs to the baptized. As we gather today in worship, may our encounter with Christ change our hearts and strengthen us to be instruments of peace and mercy in our world

JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:30a.m. COL Fr. Giovanni 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Giovanni	2 9am COL Fr. Giovanni 4:15pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Giovanni 6pm COL Fr. Giovanni
3 8am COL Fr. Giovanni 10am St. Stanislaus Fr. Giovanni 1pm COL Fr. Giovanni	4 Independence Day	5 5-5:45 Confession 6pm COL Fr. Giovanni	6 8:30am COL Fr. Giovanni 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Giovanni	7 8:30am COL Fr. Giovanni 5-5:45 Confession 6pm COL Fr. Giovanni	8 8:30a.m. COL Fr. Giovanni 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Giovanni	9 4:15pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Paul 6pm COL Fr. Giovanni
10 8am COL Fr. Giovanni 10am St. Stanislaus Fr. Giovanni 1pm COL Fr. Giovanni	11	12 5-5:45 Confession 6pm COL Fr. Giovanni	13 8:30am COL Fr. Giovanni 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Giovanni	14 8:30am COL Fr. Giovanni 10am Daybreak Fr. Giovanni 5-5:45 Confession 6pm COL Fr. Giovanni	15 8:30a.m. COL Fr. Giovanni 12pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Giovanni	16 4:15pm St. Stanislaus Fr. Paul 6pm COL Fr. Giovanni
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<p>Preaching Schedule:</p> <p>July 2-3, Deacon Grant July 9-10, Deacon Garry July 16-17, Fr. Paul, Fr. Giovanni July 23-24, Deacon Russell July 30-31, Fr. Giovanni</p>						



Catholic Women's
C O N F E R E N C E
"Come to Me"

Women . . . join us at the Annual Catholic Women's Conference scheduled for July 29-30 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in San Antonio. Pilgrim Center of Hope invites you to an extraordinary conference – "a spa for the soul" with outstanding speakers, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Healing Service, and much more! St. Edith Stein - referring to women -once said, "The nation doesn't need what we have. It needs what we are." Our society today needs the feminine gifts of a woman, and women need to know their true dignity and femininity as designed by God. Do not miss this transforming event! Register now CWCSanAntonio.com or by calling 210-521-2277.

Stewardship

The tithing game is fascinating, though no one is advised to rush into it. There is no room here for any but the most dedicated players. Dedicated in many ways: to tossing your all into the pot; to being eager to win; to revelling in the fever that grips you while you play; to spending even your spouse and kids on the game; to the thrill that races up your spine as you realize how tremendously high the stakes are climbing; to the absolute NEED to win.

It's a game that separates the men from the boys ... yet it is often the young boy who leads the man.

Tithing is no game of marbles. No mere exchange of steelies or clearies. Nothing so easy as marbles ... with its ring to help form the rules. There is no penalty here when the marbles roll astray because there is no limit to this game. No way, either, to crack someone else's cleary. It's even exciting when you think of the many kinds of beautiful marbles

Actually this kind of gambling becomes gradually reversed until the give and the take become blurred in your mind...

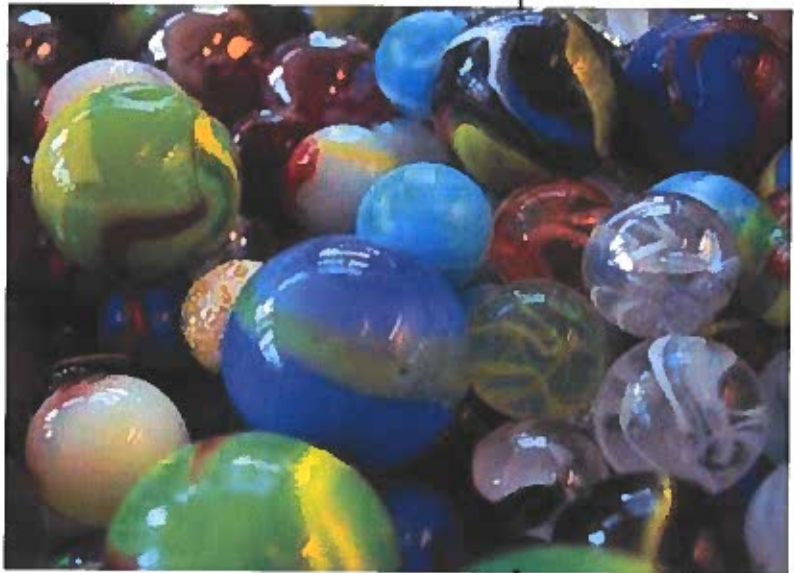
everyone has ... and how each one is a winner as valuable as your own, though yours be a half-pint, a boulder or a steely.

But it is a game ... and it's always for keeps. It's very much like gambling, but it is no gamble.

If you have never gambled be aware before you begin, that this game, whatever its variation, is already rigged. There

is no way for you to break the bank or change the odds. But no ceiling, either, on your take.

Actually this kind of gambling becomes gradually reversed until the give



and the take become blurred in your mind, until you find yourself fascinated and feverish at tossing in your chips. Maybe it's because of the tremendously high stakes.

But make no mistake, tithing IS risky. This is no mere game of marbles where you can quit while you're ahead, pick up your marbles and leave the game. While no one blocks you, the pot quickly becomes too high NOT to keep on playing.

The tithing game is exciting and once the fever gets into your blood it rampages. It's dangerous. Don't even begin if you are not serious about the stakes.

Because nobody plays this game with God without both paying high ... and raking in the pot. ☿

Too often we fail to understand that Christian instruction about money is one of the best opportunities we have to teach our children about God's love for us, and his ownership of all things.



"My mother drew a distinction between achievement and success. She said that achievement is the knowledge that you have studied and worked hard and done the best that is in you. Success is being praised by others and that's nice too, but not as important or satisfying. Always aim for achievement and forget about success."

Helen Hayes



The pastor of St. John's was indulging in a malted milk and a frown.

"Who did you scrap with this time?" I asked him.

"With one of my parishioners, worse luck," he replied. "While I was out to dinner at his home the other night he beamingly showed me three piggy banks he had given his three children, and right away he was having them go through the drill of putting nickels into their banks. 'They do it religiously every week,' he purred softly. Then I blew up. I denounced the piggy bank as an emissary of Satan. Well, not quite, but I did denounce reliance on it as a shaper of character. My parishioner had been training his children in thrift and saving, but what, I asked him, were his means of training them to generosity? He had none. I told him he was training up a nice trio of tightwads."

Perhaps the old scrapper has a point. In many, many homes Johnny is being given training in thrift and saving. I can just hear the proud parent saying, "Put your quarters into the piggy bank, Sweetheart! Listen, you can hear them: Ping! Ping! Ping!" Little Johnny and little Mary are being conditioned to like the "ping!" of a coin dropping into a china bank as if it were among life's sweetest sounds. So it is that the piggy bank helps the young

financiers grow up to epitomize the little pig who went to market. Or maybe ... and this goes for boys and girls equally ... the little pig who stayed home, who never set forth on any adventure in giving, who never took part in any enterprise of service. When Junior gets to be Senior you may very likely find him or her, if you seek them out in solicitation of charitable funds, down in the cellar sitting on their piggy bank.

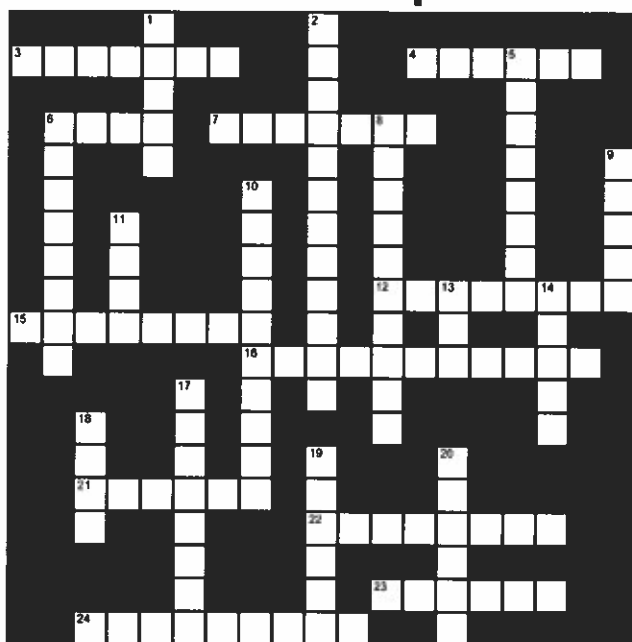
How much more detailed, continuous and emphatic is the training parents give their children in thrift than is the training they give in generosity! The end result, as far as giving to church and charity is concerned, is comparable to a person who goes into town and buys a \$200 overcoat and a \$100 pair of shoes for themselves and a \$25 dress for his wife - then returns home singing at the top of his voice, "I love my Nancy Jane." Such love is simply overwhelming.

Training in generosity ... here is quite a field for imaginative invention. You might try the church offering envelopes for a good beginning. Let the child see that money goes into the church envelopes no matter what the need for other things. It is a great lesson for a youngster to know that Mommy and Daddy may be strapped for ready cash, yet always have money for benevolence and church. A good practice is to let the children have their own envelopes and contribute a regular sum from their allowance. When they are old enough - age ten will do it - let them make out the envelopes for the whole family. It's good training in book-keeping as well as benevolence.

Don't let the piggy bank have the last word. ☿



Stewardship Crossword Puzzle



Across

3. Christians' wealth not used simply to increase them.
4. Real person's worth is to put this to work.
6. Steward wants to do _____.
7. God's intended use of talents.
12. One of the three T's of stewardship.
15. Christians' wealth not used to promote their own.
16. It is a ministry.
21. _____ money is not an end to itself.
22. How to make money in Amos' formula to Christians.
23. Another of the three T's of stewardship.
24. Wise use of money explained by St. Luke.

Down

1. Referenced in 22 verses in the New Testament.
2. Christians' wealth not used to acquire more of them.
5. Christians' wealth not used to provide more of them for themselves.
6. Both serving and giving to benefit others.
8. Followers of Christ.
9. Not silent on making and spending money.
10. Treating others unjustly.
11. Prophet who give advice on how to make money.
13. Making money is not an _____ to itself.
14. _____ our gifts to benefit others, pleases God.
17. Cultivated by stewards to enable generous giving.
18. A gift from God, measured in hours and minutes.
19. Use of money that does not violate good morals.
20. St. Luke's advice on how to spend money.

Steward of the Month

The Hands of a Few...

Submitted by: Debbie, Milltown, NJ

Can a simple knit cap help save a baby's life? In many developing countries it sure can! According to the Save the Children organization four million newborn babies die each year within the first month of life. Bill Gates has been quoted as saying one of the easiest ways to cut down on infant mortality is to keep babies warm and dry. Through their Knit One Save One campaign, this organization has sent thousands of baby caps and newborn care kits to new mothers in such places as Bangladesh, Malawi, and Vietnam.

This past fall one of the college students at St Pauls Church in Milltown, NJ approached the pastor asking if he thought some of those in the congregation might be interested in knitting/crocheting baby caps. She was hoping to collect a few to send along to the Save the Children organization. Thinking that maybe the people of St. Pauls would donate 25-30 hats, Pastor Rich asked one of the consistory members to spearhead the project. Some congregants stitched away, some donated wool and others asked friends and elderly family members to make hats. One congre-

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Regardless of whether you tithe or use some other method of measure, the return you make to God should come from the "first fruits" of your labor. This means that your return to God comes first, before paying all your other bills.

If we give simply from what we have left over after all our needs are met, it is not really sacrificial. If there is no pain in our giving, then we can be sure that we are not giving enough.



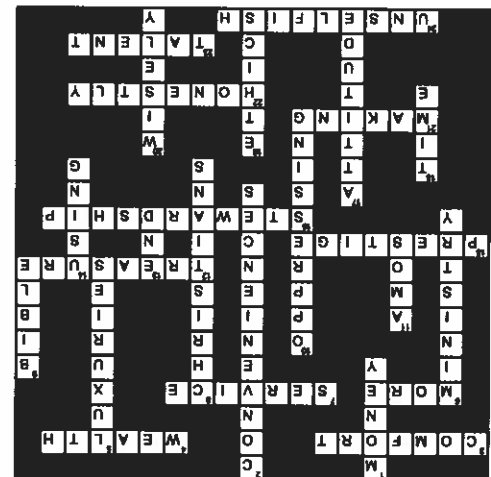
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gant even offered her time and talent to teach a few how to knit. For the next two months baby caps of all colors and sizes were dropped off during coffee hour!

Through the overwhelming generosity of a few women from St. Pauls and Rutgers University, 242 little ones were a bit warmer this past winter. Yes, the hands of a few provided love and warmth for many newborns around the world. ☩



**Stewardship Crossword
Puzzle Answer**

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A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving
An introduction of **Stewardship** to the congregation

July 2022

A 12th century young Italian man named Giovanni de Bernadone had a wealthy father, who often went to France and nicknamed his son Francis. Young Francis could wear the finest of clothes, have an expensive carriage and go to parties where the rich frolicked together. In short, he could have whatever money could buy. Young Francis, however, began to mature, spiritually speaking, and helped the poor have food, clothing, and other needs met. He worshipped regularly, prayed deeply and wore a common brown robe in contrast to the finely tailored clothes he had worn before.

He became so devout, loving, and good-hearted that other men began to join him in his ministry. Their Christian work was so important that the pope allowed them to become an order of monks known as the Franciscans. After the pope's blessing was given to them, the order began to spread across the world and is still an effective order to this day. The lesson we learn from Francis is that the stewardship of one's talents, time, and resources of whatever sort are greatly important in living the Christian life. To be a Christian is not only to believe in Christ, but to serve him by serving others in his name.

Prayer: O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, not so much to be understood as to understand, not so much to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying, that we awake to eternal life. **Amen**

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Blessed to be a Blessing

Many times in Scripture we are promised that the one who gives will receive.

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap" (Luke 6:38).

"'Bring the whole tithe ... 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 for it' " (Malachi 3:10).

What happens when we emphasize the latter instead of the former is the development of a "name-it-and-claim-it" type of religion in which we give only so we can get.

First Timothy 6:5-10 warns us of the dangers of this attitude. Paul wrote that false teachers *"think that godliness is a means to financial gain."* We know from Scripture that we have been blessed that we might be a blessing to others. Therefore, we share our wealth—our monetary wealth (Romans 12:13), our wealth in talents and responsibilities (1 Peter 4:10-11), our wealth in experiences (2 Corinthians 1:4), and our wealth in time (James 1:27).

God blesses us so we can be his instruments to support the needy and extend his church.

"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:11).

Money Will Buy Things

Money will buy ...

A bed, but not sleep.

Books, but not brains.

Food, but not appetite.

Finery, but not beauty.

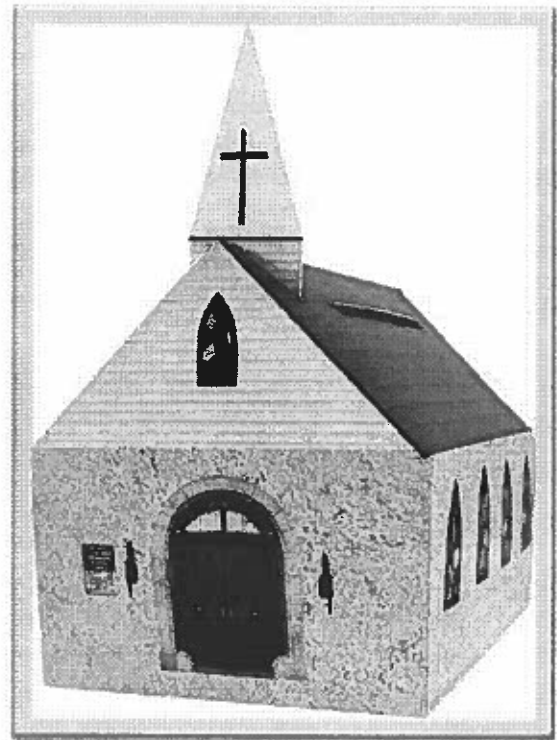
A house, but not a home.

Medicine, but not health.

Luxuries, but not culture.

Amusements, but not happiness.

A Crucifix, but not a Savior.



The church is like a bank ...

The more you put into it, the more interest you have in it!

A Thief Has Broken into Our Church

He has done considerable damage. Even the casual observer may see evidence of the break-in. What has he taken?

He has taken strength from our Sunday School. Every Sunday his thievery deprives the congregation of about one-fourth of its membership. He depletes the offering potential of the church. There is no insurance that will cover the damage caused by this thievery ...

except the safeguard of spiritual commitment. The culprit's fingerprints are much in evidence. From this his identity has been established.

His name is MR. INDIFFERENCE. This criminal in our midst has weakened the educational arm of the church, depleted the attendance at worship, and looted the tithes and offerings. Most interesting of all is the method by which he initiates his crime. He begins first in the home.

BEWARE OF THIS THIEF!

Cell Phone vs. Bible

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

- What if we carried it around in our pockets?
- What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- What if we turned back to get it if we forgot it?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we used it when we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of emergency?

Oh, and one more thing: Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill, and, one more thing ... there are no dropped calls!

Are You Willing?

"Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your

means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have" (2 Corinthians 8:11-12).



There is so much need around us. Daily we are interrupted by telephone calls soliciting our donations to well-deserving causes. We hear of elderly people in nursing homes who never have visitors and children in need of mentors. Committees within our congregations seek to add to their boards in order to carry out the ministry of our churches.

We may become overwhelmed. Where do we start? How can I ... one person ... fill all these needs? Often guilt accompanies these questions. What is God asking of us? According to the Apostle Paul, we are expected to give according to what we have. He was speaking here of monetary offerings, but his admonition relates to the sharing of our time and abilities as well. The key, Paul seems to say, is to be willing. *"If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable."*

Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!

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Meets the first Thursday
September to May. The
next meeting will be
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month Fr. Eli will bless
anyone with a birthday
or wedding anniversary
during that month following
each Mass.

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support of our neighbors in need.

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scheduled persons.

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parish office to make needed
arrangements.

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For more information, see their
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Divine Mercy:

Every Friday after the noon
Mass . Everyone is welcome

Marriage:

There is a required preparation
process that must be completed
prior to one being married in the
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