



August 7, 2022

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

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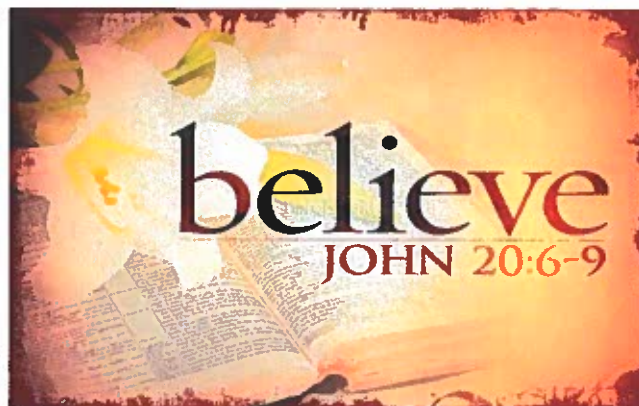
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**August 7, 2022**

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



*At an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.*

The first reading recalls the faith and courage of the people on the night of the Passover. The author of Hebrews writes, *faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen*. In the Gospel, Jesus encourages the disciples to remain vigilant and be prepared for the return of the Son of Man.

### **Mass Time & Intentions**

#### **Wednesday August 10th noon**

Lewis & Claire Walkoviak

#### **Thursday August 11th noon**

David, Pearl, John & Agnes Busa  
Father Peter Nguyen

#### **Saturday August 13th 4:15**

Albert & Mary Mattern

#### **Sunday August 14th 10:00**

Living & deceased members of the  
Fritz & Gertrude Heyman family

*Building  
on  
our past,  
Securing  
our  
future!*

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### **Liturgical Ministers Schedule**



#### **Saturday August 13th 4:15 pm**

**Lectors:** Leonard Szymczak & Dana Wagner  
**Rosary:** Susan Wisnoski  
**Altar Servers:** Brant Werner, Dominic Walker, Makayla Marek  
**Ushers:** Stephen Pasket, Darrell Wagner, Danny Pasket, Johnny Pasket Jr.

#### **Sunday August 14th 10:00 am**

**Lectors:** Margaret McClosky & Christi Leman  
**Rosary:** Janet Bienski  
**Altar Servers:** Kyle Buenger, Ryan Buenger, Nolan Womack  
**Ushers:** Marcus Klawinsky, Darrin Pasket, Carl Schroeder, Larry Schroeder

**If you cannot be present, please find a replacement**

# 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.



The second week of August, old and faded flowers will be removed from the cemetery.

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We are in need of CCE teachers, aides and subs for the upcoming year. If you are willing to help, please call or email Kirby Borski at 936-661-5699 or ststance@gmail.com.

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## **A Prayer For Rain**

**Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky above, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs, but You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice and the rivers will sing Your praises and the hearts of men will be glad. Amen**

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**Flowers on altar in memory of Raymond Pasket**

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**Next week we will have mass on Wednesday and Thursday.**

**No mass on Friday.**

Both the creed we profess and today's Gospel leave no doubt: When we die, we will have to account for every moment of our lives. What did we do with the gifts we were given? What did we fail to do? Will our lives reflect what Saint John Paul II called the *civilization of love* or the *culture of death*?

# Gracious Givers

## *Lay Reader Message*

### **Stewards in Partnership**

Faithful stewards live their lives in service for Christ because Christ dwells in them and they desire to please him. As his steward, you are *“an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work”* (2 Timothy 2:21). God calls us into his fellowship and partnership through his Son and equips us to be faithful stewards.

In John 15:5, Jesus explains fully what it means to be in partnership with him. Jesus said *“I am the Vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”* We are branches which have no life by ourselves, but we receive life from the vine. The vine supports and sustains the branches on which the fruit appears. Faithful stewards are branches that bear much fruit as Jesus, the vine, nourishes them. In this way, God calls us into partnership with himself.

As stewards, our partnership with Christ is made possible because God dwells in us. 1 John 4:15 reads, *“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God.”* When God dwells with in us, we are no longer the same. He transforms and molds us into stewards who willingly surrender our will to seek his will. No longer is it “I” or “me”, but God who works through us to accomplish his purpose. Our lives are dedicated to him, and we are prepared for tasks given to us as God takes us into full partnership.

On our own we can do nothing. Only as we stay connected to Jesus can we be faithful and fruitful stewards. In comparison to what Jesus provides, our part in the partnership is small, but God has chosen us to extend his Kingdom. On earth, we are God’s hands, feet, and mouth. We have been created to do good works that he has prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10). With God as our senior partner, we can make a difference in our families, churches, places of work, and our communities. When we allow Christ to work through us, we will see how God can multiply and magnify our talents, gifts, and resources.

# Fall Bazaar



## St. Stanislaus Catholic Church Annual Homecoming and Bazaar

Sunday October 9, 2022

### Raffle Prizes

2021 John Deere Gator 560E - \$11,250 In Memory of Fr. James Moore \$2,000

**\$9,250 OPEN**

Visa Gift Card - \$1,500 Donated by Mark & Bridget Kelley

Visa Gift Card - \$500 Donated by D & R Specialties Inc.

Outdoor Furniture Set Donated by Buckner's Jewelry

Wal-Mart Gift Card - \$500 Donated by William & Martha Huffman

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Home Depot Gift Card - \$500 In memory of Pete & Gertrude Paskett

Wal-Mart Gift Card - \$300 Donated by Betty & Tony Pavlock

Visa Gift Card - \$200 Donated by Betty & Tony Pavlock

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\$10.00 per ticket **Need not be present to win.**

Tickets Courtesy of the First National Bank of Anderson

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Please call the office if you would like to make a donate!



**We are collection items for the following bazaar booths.**

**Items can be dropped off at the office.**

**WINE RING TOSS**

**BOOTH**

(New to St. Stanislaus)

Donations of reg. size wine

**OUTDOOR BOOTH**

**\$15 TO \$20 New Items**

**Hunting ~ Fishing**

**Camo ~ Coolers ~ Sports Items**

**TOY BOOTH**

**New toys, games, puzzles**

**Stuff animals**

**BAKED GOODS**

**BOOTH**

**Kolaches, cakes, pies, breads**

**cookies, spicy crackers, etc.**

**BABUSHKA'S PORCH**

**Handmade and homemade items**

**Jelly, jams, pickles, crafts**

**RESTAURANT BOOTH**

**Donations of restaurant gift cards. \$10 min. value**

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

**Don's forget to pickup your tickets to sell**

**If you need more drop by the office.**

⇒ **Next meeting will be September 7th at 6:00**

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⇒ **2nd collection for the grocery booth will be September 17th & 18th**

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⇒ **Bazaar workdays September 24th, October 1st and October 8th.**

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⇒ **Homemade coleslaw will be made on October 6th at 6:00pm. Come join the fun!**

## Live By Faith

**T**he story of Abraham is one of extraordinary blessing. However, his story is also one of extraordinary faith. At major points of his life, Abraham had no idea what was in store for him or his family. He was directed to leave his home and become a wandering herder. He was an immigrant in a foreign land, bereft of social support structures. He was promised descendants but waited many years for that promise to be realized. Once he had an heir, he was then told to sacrifice that son of promise without any assurances of a favorable future. Time and again, Abraham was asked to live by faith.

The phrase “seeing is believing” is misleading. It is really an expression of skepticism that means, “I won’t believe it unless I see it.” However, true belief means that we accept something even though we don’t see it, don’t understand it. That is a very difficult way for most of us to live. Yet live like this we must, whether

we are believers or unbelievers, because so much of life is beyond our control or understanding.

So how do we learn to live by faith? We have something that Abraham did not have. We have his story to encourage us. In that story we see that again and again he stepped forward in faith, and God brought things together. If God did this in Abraham’s life, surely God can and will do it in ours. We must only live by faith.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *Do you always need certainty before you act? Has that always worked?*
- ★ *Be grateful for the times when you stepped forward in faith and God brought things together.*

*So it was that there came forth  
from one man, himself as good  
as dead, descendants as numerous  
as the stars in the sky.*

HEBREWS 11:12

# Dear Padre,

## When I was young, we never had eucharistic devotions. Why are they so popular now?

**P**rior to the Second Vatican Council, many Catholics found solid food for their spiritual lives in eucharistic devotions, which include visiting the Blessed Sacrament (eucharistic adoration), attending Forty Hours devotion, and assisting at benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

However, as the modern liturgical movement began picking up steam, scholars and theologians began questioning the amount of energy and attention going toward eucharistic devotion. They urged us to focus our spirituality more clearly on the Mass—the action of the sacred liturgy and the Eucharist itself—and to understand that all eucharistic devotions outside of the sacred liturgy are meant to direct us back to the action of the Mass, the eucharistic sacrifice, and its high point of Communion.

The drop-off in eucharistic devotions after Vatican II can be positively understood as an attempt to take the insights of liturgical reform seriously and develop a more liturgical piety. At the same time, the resurgence of eucharistic adoration is a worthy retrieval of a beloved practice that both scholars and the faithful understand as complementing a full, conscious, and active participation in the sacred liturgy that is the “source and summit” of our lives.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*We do well to spend time in adoration before the Eucharist....Let us allow Jesus the Living Bread to heal us of our self-absorption, open our hearts to self-giving, liberate us from our rigidity and self-concern, free us from the paralyzing slavery of defending our image, and inspire us to follow him wherever he would lead us.*

HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 8

St. Dominic, Priest

Ez 1:2–5, 24–28c

Mt 17:22–27

### Tuesday

AUGUST 9

Weekday

Ez 2:8–3:4

Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

### Wednesday

AUGUST 10

St. Lawrence,  
Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6–10

Jn 12:24–26

### Thursday

AUGUST 11

St. Clare, Virgin

Ez 12:1–12

Mt 18:21–19:1

### Friday

AUGUST 12

Weekday

Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63

or 16:59–63

Mt 19:3–12

### Saturday

AUGUST 13

Weekday

Ez 18:1–10, 13b, 30–32

Mt 19:13–15

### Sunday

AUGUST 14

Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4–6, 8–10

Heb 12:1–4

Lk 12:49–53



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Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9 | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12 |  
Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

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

I remember the first time I moved: A suitcase or two fit in the back of my dad's lime-green Delta 88 as my parents dropped me off at college. Four years later, it took that plus a large black chest. The next move required a U-Haul; then came marriage, a family, and a moving van. I may not store my treasure in barns like the man in last week's readings, but at times it feels that way. It's natural to accumulate more "stuff" as we grow older. But in today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we won't take any of it with us when we make the move to our final destination. Rather than focus on our possessions, he encourages us to be vigilant, remain faithful, and live in service to others. In doing so, we will store up "an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Few things throw me into a panic like unexpected company. I have taken to at least cleaning the kitchen counter and bathrooms before going on a trip so the house will look presentable should something befall me and others have to come in with food or aid! We truly do not know the day or the hour, and the Gospel today encourages us to apply a little of that spring cleaning to our souls. Each day presents a new opportunity to prepare for the day we meet Jesus. If we've been out of touch, we can get reacquainted through prayer. If we feel weighed down by things we've done or said, we can bring them to the Lord through the sacrament of reconciliation. We can witness to our belief in God's promise of eternal life by putting people above possessions and supporting one another as we seek to live as Jesus taught us.

**ACTION** Today's psalm response is: "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own." Count your blessings and write a few of them down, giving thanks to God for each of them.



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# Stewardship

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

August 2022

**P**icture, for a moment, a small bug that has wandered into a plush mansion. It makes its way to the living room and crawls onto a multicolored Persian rug. Suddenly, it finds itself amid a kaleidoscope of brilliant hues. As the bug travels from one area of the rug to another, its mood and feelings are affected by each particular color.

The bug first enters a red section. The surrounding crimson atmosphere makes it angry, uptight, ready for a fight. It crawls into a blue area and becomes calm and peaceful. In yellow, it feels cowardly. In white, unclean and unworthy. Back to red, and it's angry again.

It looks like our bug is headed for a nervous breakdown!

Poor little bug. If only it could benefit from another viewpoint ... staying above it all. Up there, it could see how the many colors weave themselves into a magnificent, harmonious pattern.

Don't you feel like that wandering bug sometimes ... snowed under by the financial problems of the moment? Is each problem pulling you in a different direction?

If so, you have fallen victim of the modern lifestyle of easy-come, easy-go. Little thought is given to wise stewardship and the committing of resources to anything other than the immediate needs. Even if you wanted to, you have nothing left to contribute after trying to stretch your finances from week to week.

Are you putting God last, giving God nothing? If so, it is unfortunate that you

can't put your obligation to God first ... setting aside a definite portion for his kingdom's use.

Improper use of money is a trap. Avoid this trap ... stay above it all! ☩

*There is a wide choice of things that you can do for God and neighbor, in and through your church community if you have the good will. With good will you also find the necessary time for such projects, even though you may have to cut and pare in other directions.*





### The Generous Farmer

**T**here once was an old farmer who was constantly bragging about how generous he would be if he were only rich. One night God sent an angel to test him.

The angel asked, "If you had \$1 million dollars, would you share some with God?"

"Of course I would," answered the man without hesitation.

"If you lived in a mansion, would you let God have a room?" the angel asked. Again the man quickly answered, "Absolutely."

Finally, the angel asked, "Would you let God use your old horse out back?" The man thought for a long time and finally answered, "No." "Why not?" asked the angel. The man answered, "Because that horse is the only one I have and I need him."

You see ... it is more difficult for many people to be generous with things that we actually have than it is with riches they hope to have someday! ✕

*We need not give up the pleasures and luxuries of this life. God does not call us to be ascetics, but does call us to a right sense of proportion in administering our substance.*

*The question is: "If I have this for myself, then what should I do for God?" This is the question into which the whole matter of stewardship resolves itself.*

**O Lord, giver of life, I know that all I have received is from your hand.**

**Gracious and loving Father, you call us to be stewards of your abundance; caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve.**

**May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen**





### Through the Stained Glass...


**Y**ou will never be in a better position to tithe than you are today. Whether you can tithe has relatively little to do with the amount of your income or the number of your financial obligations. The person who says "After I pay all my bills, I can't afford to tithe," is telling the truth. He or she simply has the cart before the horse. None of us could afford to tithe with what is left. Tithing is a matter of putting first things first, taking our tithe out first, and then managing the rest of our income in a way by which we will still pay all our bills. And this is easier than you may think.

Strangely enough, the decision to

tithe is seldom made by sitting down with a pencil and paper. More often it is made by kneeling down with an open heart. The decision to tithe has very little to do with a mathematical formula. It has a great deal to do with a right relationship to God. Most tithers began the practice the day they finally realized that their possessions, their money, their very lives were not their own, but God's.

No one can talk you into really believing this. Worship, prayer, and some mature Christian thought are the paths that sooner or later will lead you right into the heart of this inescapable truth.

Once you see God at the very center of your life, tithing will make sense. You will understand your responsibility to manage 100% of your money, your time and your ability as a trust from God. Then 10% of your income, dedicated to the owner, may seem to be all too little.

Tithing is a spiritual adventure. It is the beginning of a deeper, richer relationship with God. 

*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 God's ownership of all things.*

*The way we use money is an extension of our personal characteristics.*

*By teaching our children the Christian use of money, affording them control of money and the need to make decisions about money, we also confront them with the meaning of discipleship and Christian stewardship.*



### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Something has occurred to me as a result of tithing that I am surprised I had never thought of before. It has to do with perspective; seeing something in its proper relationship to something else.

Our family was returning from a trip to Northern Michigan one night, the SUV fully loaded with children and gear when we had a flat tire. We had

to unload the car to get at the spare, then change the tire in the dark, load up again, reassemble the kids and finally get underway. Underway for about three miles, that is, when we had another flat. And this time NO SPARE. Mind you it was late at night. Also it started to rain as I stood on the highway trying to wave down a passing car. This took almost a half hour.

Well, I got to the next town, thirteen miles away. But by this time all the gas stations were closed, except one. The attendant agreed to call his assistant and get him out of bed to drive the tow truck, but every time he approached the phone to call, it seemed that the bell rang and another car pulled up to the gas pumps. Of course, the driver would



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want his oil checked as well as gasoline and then gave the attendant a credit card, which he would have to bring into the office to fill out a form and then get the customer's signature.

Two and a half hours from the time we had the first flat I was riding in the tow truck through the rain and darkness to our car. We had to be towed into town to repair one of the tires or else buy a new one and put it on the car before we could continue driving home.

It was in the darkness of the tow truck, neither the driver nor myself talking, that I started to think about perspective. At that moment life was miserable, depressing, one problem after another. AWFUL! But then for some reason I imagined telling my friends about the experience later. And we were laughing ... laughing hard!

Well, if you can laugh about something later, it can't be too tragic. Then it occurred to me that if at the time of a disagreeable or disappointing situation you could see yourself later laughing at it, or thinking nothing of it, then the situation would cease to be disagreeable. You can laugh, smile or cry if it makes

you feel better, but at least you won't take it so seriously or tragically.

Maybe it is the tithing principle of putting first things first that helps you get a proper perspective about things, as well. ☩

E. A. Briggs



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# Graceful Generosity

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## Purpose for Giving

It is always a sad thing to hear members of a church, brothers and sisters in Christ, talk about "we" and "they" when speaking of fellow church members. These words are often heard in phrases such as, "**They** are always asking **us** for money. Why should **we** give just so that **they** can spend it where **they** want?"

It's an attitude that brings puzzlement to many minds. Why the division into these camps? Who is it that asks us to give anyway? For what purpose do we give? Of course, we know it's scripturally-based. From the beginning, God has asked for our firstfruits. We also know that God could accomplish his work without any help from us, just as he created the world out of nothing, but he gives us the joy of being his partners. Perhaps we should consider those two thoughts when we think about our giving.

For what should our money be used? For the Lord's work, which is done through the church. What is the main task of the church, but to preach the Word? And is it not the task of the church members, then, to support that preacher of the Word?

*"Don't you know that those who work in the temple get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:13-14).*

So spoke St. Paul.

*"Feed my lambs" (John 21:15), Jesus said. Having received our spiritual sustenance, we, his lambs, now go out into the world to feed the lost sheep who need both spiritual and physical food. "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?" (1 John*



3:17). Having experienced the love of God through his children, the lost sheep are then receptive to the spiritual food which is offered – offered over back yard fences, offered through homeless shelters, offered in faraway lands where our missionaries minister.

Do you still feel as if **you** are giving to **them**? Actually, you're not even giving to God, only returning to him what is his to begin with. Let us pray that we might find joy and excitement that he chooses to use the gifts, the time, the financial resources he has entrusted to us so that his people might be cared for and the Gospel may be preached to the ends of the earth.

## A Sermon to Remember

While watching a little TV on Sunday before going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church would even bother to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age.

After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak.



"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all the trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me ... the only thing that would comfort me was this verse...

*"Jesus loves me this I know.*

*For the Bible tells me so.*

*Little ones to him belong.*

*We are weak but he is strong . . .*

*Yes, Jesus loves me . . .*

*The Bible tells me so."*

That was a sermon to remember!

### On the Lighter Side

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention!



### Three Kinds of Givers

It has been said, "There are three kinds of givers: the flint, the sponge, and the honeycomb."

To get everything out of a flint, you must hammer it and then you get only chips and sparks.

To get water out of a sponge you must squeeze it, and the more you squeeze, the more you will get.

But the honeycomb just overflows with its own sweetness.

Some people are stingy and hard; they give nothing away if they can help it. Others are good natured; they yield to pressure and the more they are pressed the more they will give. A few delight in giving, without being asked at all; and of these the Bible says: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

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A pastor preached a sermon on the benefits of tithing and a couple of years later retired to another city. One day he received a package from a parishioner who had heard the sermon and simply could not forget what the pastor had said. When he opened the package, he found two lovely framed pictures, both of a carved wooden angel attached to the end of a pew in the chancel area where choir members sat during worship. The choir pews were on opposite sides of the chancel facing each other, thus the angels faced one another. One angel was facing left in the frame and the other angel faced right as though they were looking at each other. The pastor wondered exactly why his former parishioner had gone to the trouble of taking those pictures and sending them to him. The man had composed a letter that explained:

*"Dear Pastor, before you retired you gave a sermon on tithing. This gave me the courage to start. At the time I was out of work. I started tithing my unemployment checks. Not long after starting to tithe, I got a job and have been employed ever since. So thanks again for giving me the gift of the tithe. Please consider the photos as a gift in return."*

Those pictures are now hanging on a wall in the pastor's home. He considers them among the loveliest gifts he has ever received. The pastor often shows them to visitors and lets them read the letter written by a grateful parishioner. Tithing is, indeed, a spiritual adventure; the beginning of a deeper, richer relationship with God!

**Prayer:** Generous and loving God, please help each of us to have a deep, rich relationship with you. Through Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

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welcome.

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

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bless anyone with a  
birthday or wedding  
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month.

### **Choir Practice:**

Choir practice is on  
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6:15pm in the church.  
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### **Knights of Columbus:**

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7pm. Please join us.  
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**Thank you for your continued generosity, prayers, and  
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## **2nd Collections**

**August 14th Infirm Priest**

**August 21st St. Vincent de  
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## **DSF 2022**

**Goal \$22,575**

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## **Collections**

*July Online*

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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,  
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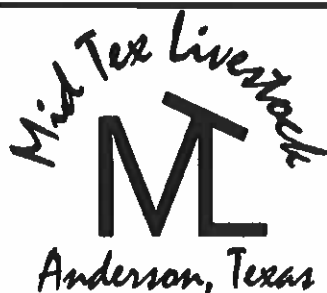
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