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Father John Meyer, Pastor
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Weekly Meditation

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field. (Matthew 13:44)

Today's Gospel begins with two parables that, taken together, illustrate a paradox about the kingdom of God. In the first parable, a man discovers, quite by surprise, a treasure "buried in a field" (Matthew 13:44). In the second, a merchant also comes across a great treasure—this time, a pearl—but only after searching very hard for it. So what is the kingdom of God like? Is it something we discover by grace? Or is it something we find through diligent seeking? Jesus seems to be saying that it's *both*.

On the one hand, God in his infinite goodness pours grace into our lives whether we are seeking him or not. He buries rich treasure in the field of our lives—treasures of his kindness, his love, his presence—in the hopes that we will find them, and so find him. God provides these gifts for everyone, just as he causes the rain to fall "on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:45).

At the same time, there are some graces that we discover only as *we seek the Lord*. The very act of searching for God opens our hearts more fully to his grace. It stretches us and makes us more willing to let go of anything that would keep us from him. And the more we seek him, the more our capacity for his grace grows. As we "sell" what we have, we experience even more of his goodness, mercy, and joy.

God has so much that he wants to give us. But this all-powerful, ever-generous God will not force his grace upon us. We have to choose to receive it. Even the man who finds the buried treasure by surprise ends up selling all he has "and buys that field" (Matthew 13:44)!

Today, ask the Spirit to help you unearth the treasures of grace in your field. Ask him to help you "sell all you have" to find the Lord and his pearls of grace. Pursue him with all your heart! You won't be disappointed.

"Lord, you are my treasure!"

The Word Among Us - July 2023 Edition

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 5th @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer
Altar Servers: Michael & Ethan Millner
Eucharistic Ministers: Red Petersen & Marie Taylor
Greeter: Linda Zimmermann
Lector: Greg Roth
Sacristan: Mark Logeais
Ushers: Cliff Zimmermann, Tim Waldschmidt, Lauren Frappier & Ron Mares

Sunday, August 6th @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer
Altar Servers: Caleb Danzeisen & Ryan Steinhoff
Eucharistic Ministers: Dennis & Mari Arfsten
Greeter: Jen Holte
Lector: Denice Tracy
Live Stream: Brent Danzeisen
Sacristan: Renee Logeais
Ushers: John Tracy, Brad Holte, Steve Logeais, & Doug Zachman

Sunday, August 6th @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer
Alter Servers: Maddison & Presley Dwenger
Eucharistic Ministers: Roger & Karen Millner
Greeter: Lori Guck
Lector: Pat Meuwissen
Sacristan: Pat Meuwissen
Ushers: Craig Arends, Traci Arends, Jack Purcell & Art Dingmann

Live the Liturgy

Following Christ will take everything we have. Are we ready to give it all?

At the end of our lives, let us hope we can say truthfully that we sold all we had in order to purchase the field which contained the great treasure. ©LPi

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, July 30: Donut Sunday following 8:30 am & 10:30 am Masses
 Wednesday, August 2: Youth Event - Valleyfair
 Wednesday, August 9: Youth Event - EFC Reunion @ St. Timothy
 Sunday, August 13: Parish Picnic, Clearwater Pleasant Regional Park 12pm-4pm
 Wednesday, August 23: Youth Event - Bunker Beach and Program
 Sunday, August 27: Donut Sunday following 8:30 am & 10:30 am Masses

For detailed information on Youth Events please send an email to bernie@stignatiusmn.com

CCW Corner

The new 2023-2025 officers of the St. Ignatius Council of Catholic Women are **Jessica Chapman, Nicole Link, Marie Erickson and Alicia Millner**. Congratulations and thank you to our new and returning officers! We would also like to thank **Sue Hughes** for her time in CCW leadership as vice president and president.

The Christ Child Luncheon is Friday, Dec. 1. The CCW is looking for women to be a "mini chair" for the remaining areas:

1. Dining Room Organization
2. Dish Washer
3. Cut and Serve Bars
4. Publicity
5. Clean up after the Luncheon

Each mini chair will receive a folder of what was done in the past and will find their crew of helpers. Questions? Call Pam at 320-274-8074.

The CCW group co-chairs will be confirmed in August. The present co-chairs that have not already responded will receive a call from an officer to see if they are willing to continue as a co-chair.

Next CCW meeting: Thursday, Oct., 5 at 6:30.

PARISH PICNIC

Join the fun on August 13th

Looking for an afternoon of great food, fun games, and a chance to see some old friends and perhaps make some new ones? Join us on Sunday, August 13th from noon-4pm at Clearwater-Pleasant Regional Park for our 2nd annual parish picnic. A tasty hamburger picnic meal will be provided by the church from noon-1:30pm. Water/lemonade will be available or you can bring your own beverages. Activities include a Bean Bag Tournament at 1:30pm, open swimming, (parental supervision required, lifeguard not on duty), open volleyball plus other available games. A shuttle will be provided from the park parking lot to the pavilion. Reservations are not necessary but helpful for planning. Sign-up sheets are available in the parish gathering space or to sign-up online go to our website at www.stignatiusmn.com or scan the QR code below. Bring the whole family and don't forget your chairs!



Nope to see you there!

Trending on Formed

Ignatius of Loyola (feast day July 31)

This modern and very human take on the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, often called "The Saint of Second Chances," is an incisive and thrilling look at the life of the real man behind the legend. In his lifelong quest to become the heroic knight of his fantasies, Ignatius stares death in the face again and again, having his leg shattered by a cannonball in battle, driven to near suicide by his inner demons, finding himself imprisoned, accused of being an illuminati, and finally finding his life in the hands of the Inquisition. Through it all, he would come to see the hand of God working in his life, shaping the self-obsessed sinner into the loyal and passionate soldier-saint. Contact the Parish Office for information on how to access Formed for Free!



Men's Retreat

Join us for a 3 day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, MN. The retreat begins Thurs evening Sept. 14, 2023 and ends Sunday evening Sept. 17, 2023. Free-will donations are accepted. Other retreat dates are also available. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com

Kid's Choir Camp

Children entering grades 1 through 6, please join us for Kids' Choir Camp this summer at the Church of St. Henry. The camp will take place on Monday, August 14th through Thursday, August 17th, from 9:00am to 11:00am. We will sing songs, play games, and prepare to sing at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, August 20th. Snacks will be provided. Teen helpers are also requested. Register: <https://www.sthenrycatholic.info/youth-choirs>. Registration deadline is August 6th. FMI: Audrey Davis (adavis@sthenrycatholic.com) or Mary Kline in the Music Ministry office (763-271-3077). The Church of St. Henry, 1001 E. 7th Street, Monticello, MN 55362.

Baptismal Class

Baptisms at St. Ignatius require parents to attend a class before the Baptism can be arranged. The session involves discussion on the purpose, history, symbolism, and the Rite of Baptism, as well as insights into Christian parenting. Please contact the Parish Office to register 320- 274-8828

Personal Reflection Questions

First Reading: The young King Solomon asked the Lord in prayer for a wise and discerning heart, and it was granted to him. What gift would you ask from the Lord?

Second Reading: Paul teaches the believers in Rome that God calls us "according to his purpose." Do you have a sense your purpose in life? If so, what is it?

Gospel: Jesus offers several kingdom of heaven parables to the disciples: buried treasure and fine pearls (a priceless discovery) and the large catch of fish (an invitation to all). With these parables, what do you think Jesus is teaching us about the kingdom of heaven?

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Gospel Meditation

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

— Father John Muir

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

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James Utecht
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Jason Mitchell
Deb Cole
John Holker
Marlene Niewind



Saturday, July 29th

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, July 30th

8:30 am † Shari Danzeisen

10:30 am † Ann Meuwissen

Monday, July 31st

6:00 pm Parishioners

Tuesday, August 1st

8:00 am † Barbara Erickson

Wednesday, August 2nd

8:00 am Parishioners

Thursday, August 3rd

8:00 am † Leo Larson

Friday, August 4th

No Daily Mass at St. Ignatius. Mass available at St. Timothy's in Maple Lake (8:00 am)

Saturday, August 5th

5:00 pm † Ervin Schreifels

Sunday, August 6th

8:30 am Parishioners

10:30 am † Mary Worden



Projected weekly giving\$5,890.00
492 parish families

Envelopes\$4,915.09

Plate\$871.00

Auto Deposits\$1,525.00

Total\$7,311.09





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Office hours:

Mondays 8am-12pm and 1pm– 4pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 8:30 am– 3:30 pm

Fridays 8am-12pm and 1pm– 4pm

Parish Bookkeeper: **Tom Gay** tom@stignatiusmn.com

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Youth Minister: **Bernie Gauthé** bernie@stignatiusmn.com

Parish Pastoral Council

Council member information and meeting minutes are available on our website or by requesting a copy from the parish office. On the website, use the “Ministries” menu at the top of the page, and then select “Pastoral Council” on the drop down menu.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page and

You Tube channel

Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 8:00 am (No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Sat. Mass)

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sacraments

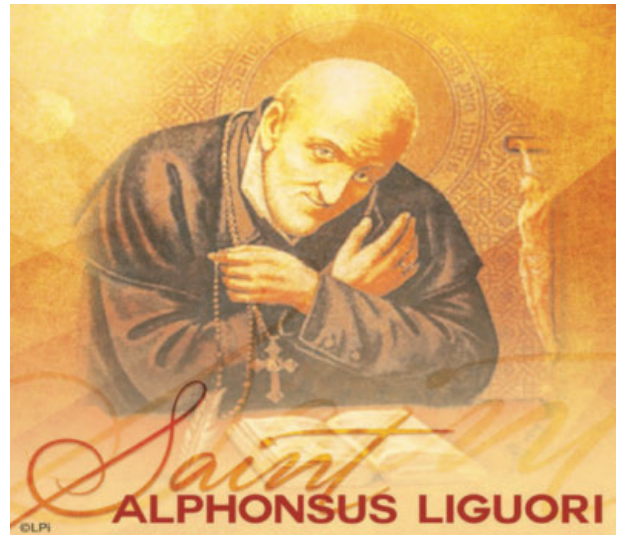
Baptisms

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the Baptism. Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office, and are held following the 10:30 am Mass.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

**Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesdays at noon,
unless an early deadline notice is posted**



Saint Alphonsus was born into a well-respected family in 1696, in Marianella, in the Kingdom of Naples. He received an exceptional education through private tutors and was conferred degrees in civil and canon law at 16. He practiced law for 8 years before he turned to the Church. He was ordained a priest in 1726.

He traveled for 26 years in Kingdom of Naples preaching. His style of ministry was called “mission among the people,” he and a group of priests or lay brothers would go to rural areas, staying for a time to teach, preach, and pray with the people there. He was a brilliant preacher, he was able to connect with ordinary people and his teaching and sermons were marked by his compassion. He also had a special devotion to Mary, praying to her for intercession and including devotions to her in his teaching. He wrote extensively, more than 100 books which have been through thousands of editions. His books are still available today and have been translated into more than 60 languages.

In 1762 Saint Alphonsus was made a bishop by Pope Clement XIII, however, he was eventually allowed to resign his post because of his ill health. He was paralyzed for a time from rheumatic fever in 1775, and had rheumatism so severe it was deforming, bending his head so far forward that his chin rested on his chest.

He died peacefully at the age of 90 in 1787. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI, and in 1871 he was named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX. In 1950 he was declared patron of moral theologians by Pope Pius XII.

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