

18th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

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July 31, 2022 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

SAINT ANDREW ACADEMY

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MASSES

Saturday vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am
Weekday 9:00am (Monday thru Friday)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

BAPTISM

Call the parish office to schedule.

MATRIMONY

Make arrangements with a priest one year in advance. Dates or times can be arranged only after speaking with one of our parish clergy.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The Sacraments are available to those unable to come to church. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.



July 30—August 7, 2022

Sat.	30	4:00 PM	Baldino Family & Jessica
Sun.	31	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Vincenza Pietrangeli Robert & Joan Bissonette
Mon.	1	9:00 AM	Roland & Bea Gouveia
Tue.	2	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Andrew
Wed.	3	9:00 AM	Isabel Nunez
Thr.	4	9:00 AM	Chris Maia
Fri.	5	9:00 AM	Jose & Maria Gouveia
Sat.	6	4:00 PM	Mafalda D’Arcangelo
Sun.	7	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Nina Cirillo & Anthony Cirillo Grace & Biagio Casano

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Saint Andrew Parish are a Catholic community and disciples of Jesus Christ. We continue the work of Christ by teaching the word of God, celebrating the Eucharist together, welcoming and encouraging people to develop and share the relationship with God. We strive to be grateful, faithful stewards of God's resources, earthly and spiritual, by being Christ to each other, our neighborhood, our country, and the world.



Know God’s Word . . . Know God’s *LOVE!*

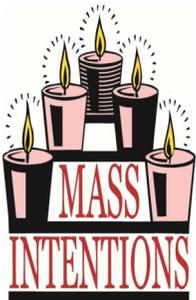
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catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org



**The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of
Chris Maia**

“If we don’t pray for them, who will pray for us?”



We have many openings during the week for Mass Intentions.

Please consider having a Mass said in memory of a loved one.

Call the parish office to schedule a Mass.



The Saint Andrew Knights of Columbus, Cabrini Council, invites all eligible candidates to participate in the exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass on the First Sunday of each month

Please come and see what it’s all about!

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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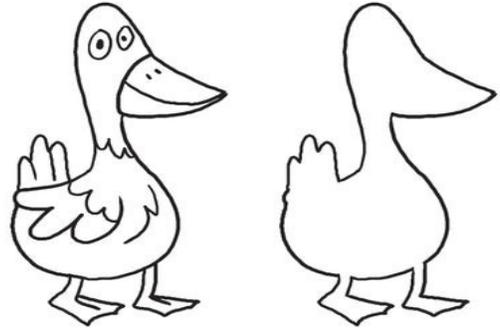
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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PUZZLE

Draw the second duck identical to the first duck.



MISSION

I will share my toys and books with others this week.



KID'S CORNER

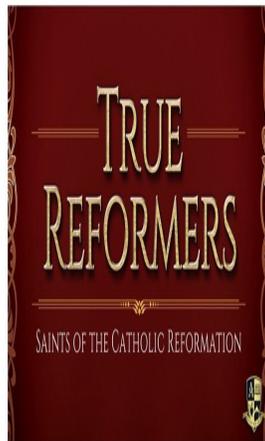
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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 31, 2022

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: SOLDIER FOR CHRIST

At the end of this week, we celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the "Soldier for Christ." While Martin Luther's interior troubles plunged Europe into a maelstrom of controversy, Ignatius of Loyola set out on an extraordinary interior pilgrimage of grace. Taught directly by God, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and founded a religious order dedicated to evangelization, the Jesuits.



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The Social Concerns Committee is in need of the following items to re-stock our food pantry. Items needed: Beef-a-Roni, Spaghetti's, pancake mix, syrup, coffee, tea, pasta sauce, cereal, ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressing, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, Lysol wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, granola bars. Our food pantry is now open once a month. Many thanks in advance for your support.

If any family in our parish and school community is in need of a food, please contact the parish office at 203-374-6171 or Janis at 203-610-1554.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 31, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.

Readings for the week of July 31, 2022

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Parish Rosary Group

We need you at Rosary! Mary, our Blessed Mother, nearly 105 years ago, gave this message to the three shepherd children of Fatima: "To pray the Rosary for the conversion of Russia." This looms ever more so today, as Russia commits more and more atrocities against the Ukrainian people.

We also have our own problems in American with gun violence, drug addiction and so many others. We need the Rosary now more than ever! So, please join us Monday at 7:00 PM.



Please pray for all the intentions in our parish prayer line book, especially for those in the hospital and nursing homes.



God is the potter, we are only His clay!



Faith Formation

REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

Registration packets have been mailed. Please complete all forms and return to the parish office as soon as possible. Program calendar and family handbooks will be sent in August to all who are registered for the 2022-2023 school year.

If you are new to the parish or have a child in grades Kindergarten thru Eight and would like to have your child attend our Parish Religious Formation classes in



Have you met Saint Angela of Foligno?

Some saints show marks of holiness very early. Not Angela! She spent most of her life seeking wealth, material possessions and pleasure. Angela was born into a wealthy Italian family and married a man of high social standing. She had several children but was more interested in acquiring wealth and status than caring for her family. At around age 40, she experienced a conversion and realized how empty and shallow her life had become. Angela sought God's help through penance and prayer.

Sadly, just three years later, Angela's mother, husband and children died of the plague. She sold all her worldly possessions and joined a secular Franciscan order, founding a women's religious group to serve the poor. She was beatified in 1693 and canonized in 2013. Saint Angela is the patron saint of widows. Her feast day is celebrated on January 8.

Reflection

Today many people can understand Saint Angela's temptation to increase her sense of self-worth by accumulating money, fame, or power. When she realized she was priceless because she was created and loved by God, everything that had seemed foolish early in her life now became especially important.

Family Scripture: **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus discusses what is most important in life. He begins with a warning against greed, reminding us that greed can get in the way of our relationship with God and others. Jesus tells a parable to help his followers understand that true riches are found in God alone. When God comes first in our lives all other things are put in the right place.

For reflection and discussion-

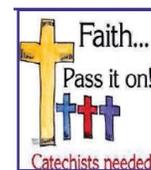
In the Gospel reading today, Jesus tells us that there are more important treasures than having a lot of stuff. What treasures do you have that are not material, for example, love, faith, trust in God, creativity, kindness, helpfulness, gentleness, etc.? What are the most important things in your life? How can you put God first in your life? What treasures matter to God?

Engage Your Family with Scripture

The Institute for Catholic Formation of the Diocese of Bridgeport is pleased to present the Family Bible Challenge. Now in its thirteenth season, the Family Bible Challenge continues to expand. We welcome the faithful to our adventure and hope you enjoy the weekly reflections and quizzes.

Learn more about the Bible through weekly reflections, trivia questions, access to videos introducing each book of the Bible, and other resources. For more information or to accept the challenge go to:

<https://familybiblechallenge.org>



Catechists are needed for all grade levels. Put your faith to work as a catechist and watch it grow stronger!

All catechists must attend the awareness training "Protecting All God's Children" before classes begin. Sign up for a training session through "Virtus.org" website.

All catechists are also required to take the Catechist Training course at the Catholic Institute, Diocese of Bridgeport. For more information, contact the parish of *fice*.