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Please submit any bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 2pm on the Monday prior to the weekend you would like it published.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday:

9:00 am

Sunday Vigil (Saturday):

4:00 pm

Sunday:

7:30, 9:30 and 11:00am

First Friday:

9:00 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: after 4pm Mass

First Friday: Before 9:00 AM Mass

Other times by appointment

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays 9:30-10:30am

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri.

9:30-9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon



MASS INTENTIONS

**18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with our office manager. You may call 860-673-9858 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

MONDAY, August 1

9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, August 2

9:00 Robert Cirilli, requested by Joseph Calcagni

WEDNESDAY, August 3

9:00 Brent Ryden requested by the Rydin Family

THURSDAY, August 4

9:00 For Vocations, requested by the Bondhus Family

FRIDAY, August 5

**9:00 Camille and Peter Angelina and Michael Nay,
requested by the Angelina Family**

SATURDAY, August 6

4:00 Bill Ryan (8th Ann), requested by the family

SUNDAY, August 7

7:30 Special Intentions

**9:30 Donald Sopelak, requested by
Guy and Jane Ellen Peregrin**

11:00 Vera Alft, requested by Bill and Janet Newman

*To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or email
Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or
kris.martino@stannavon.com.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

MONDAY, August 1

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church

TUESDAY, August 2

WEDNESDAY, August 3

THURSDAY, August 4

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 5

Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, August 6

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 7

Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom



Save the Date

*Come and wish Fr. McHugh all the best
upon his well deserved retirement at an*

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022

AFTERNOON



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 7/24/22: \$5,599.00
 Online Giving (July 20-27 2022): \$2,821.50
 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none

WANTED

Catechists

Our parish has been blessed with an influx of teens wishing to enter our **Confirmation Program**.

Therefore we are in **dire need of several more catechists**. Experience is not required. This is an easy, engaging and spiritually rewarding program. I urge you all to please consider helping the teens of our parish on their faith journey.

If you can help, or would just like more information, please contact Rosemary Neamtz at rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com



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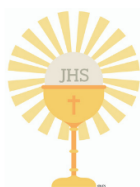
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Thank you in advance for your donations. They are greatly needed and sincerely appreciated!

IF TODAY YOU
 HEAR HIS VOICE,
 HARDEN NOT
 YOUR HEARTS.



PSALM 95



The Holy Eucharist

DID YOU KNOW?

In today's Gospel (Luke 12:13-21) we encounter the parable of the Rich Fool, who laid up earthly treasures and neglected to pursue the spiritual treasures of eternal life. This parable recalls the quote of St. Peter Julian Eymard: "Give up all earthly goods for the sake of one Holy Communion."

Reflection: What are you willing to give up in order to receive Holy Communion? Perhaps a return to the Sacrament of Penance after many years away from the Church? Or the pleasure of a sporting event?

Or the opportunity to "sleep late" on a Sunday morning? Do you possess your possessions or do they possess you? Weigh the weight of earthly goods against the glories of eternity. How do they come out in the balance?



God Has a Personal Message For You!

Join us for the popular *Lectio Divina* way of praying scripture, where you listen for what God is saying to you in the Gospel for the coming Sunday. It's also a great way to connect with others, and engage more fully in Mass.

*Friendly groups meet via Zoom & in person.
 Newcomers welcome!*

Sundays at 10:30am both in Room 3 & via Zoom
Fridays at 9:45am via Zoom

For registration details and inspiring testimonials, visit:
<https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live>

What We're Watching on FORMED:

Summer can be a great time to step back and take a fresh look at your job/career path. Here's a helpful interview on FORMED.org with accomplished author Patrick Lencioni (*The Five Dysfunctions of a Team, The Six Types of Working Genius*), on how to find more joy in your job by tapping into your natural genius. For more suggestions for great content on FORMED, visit : www.stannavon.org/our-recommendations



**Want more joy in your job?
Tap into your natural genius.
Chris Stefanick Show on
FORMED**

"I talk about joy a lot. But I know there's one place where it's really hard to keep up your joy sometimes: at work. If you feel like you have to find your true joy outside of work, you're not alone. People go to work every day, but their jobs stress them out and leave them exhausted. So this week...watch.formed.org"

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/want-more-joy-in-your-career-tap-into-your-natural-genius-chris-stefanick-sh>

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*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
-Philippians 4:13*



Dunked

by Theresa Bachhuber, our parish nurse



Each summer morning my routine is essentially the same once my feet hit the floor. The routine includes ensuring that the coffee is brewing, litter is sifted, feline "kidz" fed, and hummingbird feeders clean and full.

My husband and I are blessed to live in the country where flora, fauna and fungi are abundant. It is not uncommon to receive neighborhood emails or texts announcing the approaching coyote, deer, bobcat, bear, moose, etc. One such email was received yesterday delivering the message of a young "vegetarian" bear that was enjoying our neighbors compost and vegetable garden. It was at that moment that I had a revelation, as in recent mornings, one of our hummingbird feeders has been found empty with its yellow port flowers popped off and scattered on the ground.

When a port flower of a hummingbird feeder is popped off, it leaves a pretty sizable hole. Before I could remove the feeder from its Shepherd's crook, a bumble bee ambled into the hole falling into the puddle of sweet and sticky hummingbird nectar left unconsumed by our bear friend. Clearly this bee had been sipping the nectar prior to my notice of it falling in! I quickly got a tiny twig in attempt to save the bee but it was so impaired from the nectar that it was having trouble coordinating its hinged limbs enough so as to latch on to the twig. At last, it took the twig and was brought to the safety of a neighboring rhododendron leaf.

This little bee reminded me of myself. How many time have I been so consumed that I have failed to latch on to the twig extended to me countless times each day? When I quiet my mind and turn to Jesus, there sits the twig: His comfort and peace.

We are blessed to coexist with God's amazing creatures each day. May our eyes always be open to their lessons.



*Rescue me from the mud; don't
let me sink any deeper!
- Psalm 69:14*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

What We Store in the Barn

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.
- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

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
Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? (Ecc 2:22)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. (Col 3:1-2)

Gospel:

"God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'" (Lk 12:20)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Greed is more present and powerful in our lives than we care to admit. We like our "stuff" and are hesitant to part with it. What we convince ourselves that we really need, we really do not. If everything we own is taken away from us tomorrow, life will continue. We will find happiness again. How many relationships are ruined because of inheritance issues? Our possessions cannot come with us when we die. Why do we foolishly think that we cannot live without them here? Wealth and happiness do not have physical origins. True wealth and happiness are gifts of God's kingdom and matters of heart and soul. We are much more than what we possess, and greed is more real and operative than we think. Let us begin our journey to detachment with an honest admission. We often place more importance on things than on people and God. Ask God to accept our conflicted hearts and give us the courage to do things differently.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.

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