

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

- 1. It's time for a Quarter Auction and Spaghetti Dinner, Tuesday, September 24! Start saving those quarters. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Auction at 6:30 p.m. Come join us for an evening of fun.

ST. MARY PARISHIONERS...“WHO ARE OUR VETERANS?”

This coming “Veterans Day,” the Knights of Columbus are planning a Dedication of the New Flag Pole to our School and as part of the “Veterans Day Ceremony” we would like to honor our Veterans by name. If you would like to include your “Veteran” (living or deceased) in the “Roll Call,” please provide the Veteran’s **NAME**, **BRANCH** of service (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard), **RANK** (Sargent, Captain, etc.), i.e.: Captain John Smith, Army. Those Veterans not being specifically identified will be included in...“and all of our Veterans, living and deceased.”

TO DO THIS, YOU WILL FIND “WHO ARE OUR VETERANS?” SHEETS IN THE PEWS. Please provide the information and drop the sheets in the collection basket. Thank you for helping us to remember your Veteran(s).

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Sure, I'd love to come over and hang out with you while you talk and text with other people on your phone the entire time.



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My friend has 6 locks on her door. She said her theory is to only lock 3. That way, if a thief tries to pick the locks, he'll always be locking three of them no matter how he does it.

FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

The soccer match between Ireland and Germany is so big that it is played at Croke Park Stadium in Dublin, which holds over 82,000 fans. The stadium was sold out and overflowing with enthusiastic fans. As a fan was going to his seat, he was surprised to see one empty seat. He asked the gentleman next to the seat if he knew who that empty seat belonged to. He answered, "This is the seat of my recently departed wife." The fan then remarked, "Well why don't you give the seat to one of her relatives so they could see the game?" The man replied, "They wouldn't take it." "Why not?" asked the fan. He replied, "They're at her funeral."

If we were as enthusiastic about Heaven as we are sports, we would all pass Purgatory and go straight up. In today's Gospel, Jesus is saying the same thing but uses a different example. Jesus says if this dishonest steward was willing to do whatever it took to provide for his next meal on Earth, then the "children of the light" should do whatever it takes to secure a seat at the Banquet in Heaven. Jesus wants us to invest more in the Heavenly Eternity than in the earthly tomorrow which is here today but may be gone tomorrow.

How do we do that? The answer is found in that strange verse 16:9, which reads, "I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." What does that mean? Let me paraphrase this for you for better understanding, "Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home." Another translation is this, "I'm telling you that although wealth is often used in dishonest ways, you should use it to make friends for yourselves. When life is over, you will be welcomed into an eternal home."

What you need to do is make everything God has given you in this life to work for your advantage in the next. God is watching over you. He sees everything that you do and knows the intention of your heart. God notices even your smallest acts of kindness, which you can send along to God who will use these kind acts in judging your place in Heaven.

There is a parable of a rich man who arrived in Heaven. Anxious to see his mansion, he asked the angel to take him there. As they walked the golden streets, past mansions beyond description, he kept asking, "Is this it?"

"No," the angel answered.

They walked on to the outskirts of the city, where the mansions were not nearly as nice, then into the suburbs, where they were even plainer. The rich man was certain they had missed his mansion, but the angel assured him they had not. They finally arrived at a small hut in the country. The rich man was flabbergasted to hear the angel say, "Well, this is it. It's all yours."

"Surely there must be some kind of mistake!"

"No, this is yours."

"Why? Why didn't I get a mansion?"

"Well," said the angel, "this was all we could afford to build with what you sent ahead!"



This farm owner was denied a council permit to build a horse shelter. Fortunately, you don't need a permit to build a table and chairs.

