

Ordinary Time

July 31, 2016 ♦ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 ♦ Col 3:1-5, 9-11 ♦ Lk 12:13-21

I love to buy storage materials. My heart longs for the matching bins and boxes that claim to organize all the stuff in my house. *If I just get the right-sized box, I think, I will be able to keep everything I have and make room for more.* If Jesus were telling this parable today, perhaps the rich man wouldn't (just) be building bigger barns; he may be installing a better organization system.

The problem with a consumer society is that it tempts us to buy and collect far more than we need. We sometimes think we must have the latest phone, appliances, or fashions even as our existing toys and clothes vie for space in our closets and drawers. We rush to "recycle" in order to take advantage of sales and hardly pause to wonder, "Do I really need this?" We rarely, if ever, reflect on the truism, "You can't have everything—what would you do with it?"

If we give in to the temptation to acquire more things, to build bigger barns, we may find ourselves held captive by material goods—counting them, managing and maintaining them, or protecting and paying them off. Perhaps our time and energy would be better spent making sure that others have enough to eat and a place to sleep—in other words, being the image of the generous and loving God who "bestow[s] on the world all that is good" (Eucharistic Prayer III and IV). Today let us let go, clear away the clutter, and embrace the simplicity and freedom of loving in truth and fullness.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"Sometimes...we are...carried away by the limitless possibilities for consumption and distraction offered by...society. This leads to a kind of alienation at every level."

— The Joy of the Gospel
(*Evangelii Gaudium*), 196

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 31, 2016

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Karen Spano

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT 5:15 PM JOSEPHINE BOGUS – 38TH ANNIVERSARY
 SUN 7:30 AM BERNIE RISSMILLER
 9:00 AM JOHN BRADLEY
 11:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
 MON No MASS
 TUE 7:00 PM GERALD H. IEZZI
 WED No MASS

THU 7:00 PM STASA "TESSIE" FECERA
 FRI No MASS
 SAT 5:15 PM ANGELO BASCELLI
 SUN 7:30 AM JOHN KILARESKI
 9:00 AM REGINA KELLY
 11:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Dowling 5:15pm Pisarek 7:30am Kasperowicz 9:00am Carvalho 11:00am Citrano

DAY	MASS	LECTOR	COMMENTATOR	ALTAR SERVERS
SAT	5:15pm	Barbara Giordano	Shirley Wheeler	Chris and Lyndsay Surkosky, Jordan Yerger
SUN	7:30am	Jim Kaucher	Toni Kaucher	Parker Davis, John Dinnocenti, Nick Donnelly
	9:00am	Pam Amos	Josephine Hohl	Will Gray, Marissa and Steven Tepper
	11:00am	Barbara Romig	Mary Ann Cotter	Ethan and Leonard Cline, Zach Whalen

Second collection next week is for Church Building & Parish Maintenance

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Immaculate Conception Academy is still enrolling for the 2016-17 school year!

If you have a student in Kindergarten through 8th grade, we welcome you to visit and see what an Immaculate Conception Academy education can do for your child!

ICA offers a full day Kindergarten Program.

Kindergarten students must be 5 by 10/15/16 and 1st grade students aged 6 by 10/15/16. **Bishop's Transfer**

Grants are available for any public, or private or charter school student who transfers into Immaculate Conception Academy grades 1-7. **These grants are \$1,500 over two years!** (\$1,000 for the first year and \$500 for the second). **Aftercare is available.**

Please contact Adele Reilly, Advancement Director at 610-404-8645 or adele.reilly@icaknights.org for more information or to schedule a tour!

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Alice Smyk, Yolanda Marino, Marjorie & Walter Hansen, Ann Schlott, Kathy Patrick, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, William Janda, James Smith, Madge Butto, Roseann Malcolm, Doris Slater, Joan Cronin, Rita Conrad, Paul Geiger, Helen McDonald, Mark McDonald, Rose Osorio, Raymond Davidheiser, Mildred & Anthony Mattassa, Sr., Tony Guilliams, Dolores McCullough, Steve Mammarella, Shawn Staneruck, Phil Kubovcsak, Gloria Richards, Jennifer Pinti, Lori Tomkins, Jane Falcone, Fannie Hunter, Barbara Wright, Mavrick Laxton, Eileen Ravert, Maria Houck, Anthony Pucci, Mary Piekos, Paul Milshaw and Ronald Kryman
 Congratulate the new married: Gina Marie Grier and Neil Patrick Rusiewicz
 Pray for the recently deceased: Dylan Spriggs and Elizabeth Louise Warner

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Tues 08/02 7:30pm Baptism Class

Sat 08/06 4-5pm Confession



WHAT'S HAPPENING



DAILY MASS

Please be advised that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered this week on Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7pm.

There will be no Mass on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ACADEMY

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 9am to 1pm

Immaculate Conception Early Education Program is pleased to announce the expansion of our Preschool Program

Parents will now have the opportunity to choose from THREE programs to meet their individual family needs:

Tuesday/Thursday Morning: 8:45am- 11:15am

Tuesday/Thursday Extended Day: 8:45am-1:15am

Tuesday/Thursday Full Day: 8:45-2:30pm

Children in the Extended and Full Day programs will bring a packed lunch. The Full Day program will include rest time as well as the addition of a special class once a week (i.e. Art, Music, Library or Computer). Because this is a pilot program, special tuition rates are being offered for the 2016-17 school year.

The Early Education Program is open 8am to 3pm; with classes starting at 8:45am. Aftercare is available.

Enrollment is ongoing in our Morning and Full Day Pre-Kindergarten Programs as well!

For more information and tuition rates, please contact Adele Reilly, Advancement Director at adele.reilly@icaknights.org or 610-404-8645 during summer hours Tues-Thurs, 9am-1pm.

Register now for 2016-2017 CCD! Forms are available on www.icbvccd.org under forms and at the Office of Religious Education. Classes are filling up so register now! **Volunteers are always welcome** so if you would like to volunteer an hour of your time once a week to bring the Good News of Christ to the children of our parish, call (610) 582-3880.

Would you love become a Lector? Then you are invited to attend a Lector Training session that will be held August 6th, 8:30-11:30am in the Church. If you love to read and live the Word of God, this is a wonderful opportunity to share this gift with all the members of our parish. To attend the training, call Rita at 610-582-2411 and email Deacon Chuck at catgio@comcast.net.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form (found in the pews of the church) in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org. Thank you for your support!

The Phillipino Catholic Community extends a cordial invitation for all to attend the First Summer Sinulog:

Feast of the Santo Nino on August 21st at 1pm at Immaculate Conception Church. The celebrant of the Mass will be Bishop Barres. RSVP by August 7th to isantos@ptd.net or 215-313-8962.

Mark your calendars! Immaculate Conception Academy will be hosting its annual Back to School Bingo and Uniform Exchange on August 10th at 6pm in the social hall. Admission is a new school supply! Please join us for this fun family event as we officially kick off the back to school season at ICA!

Youth Group Mission Trip

Today ten members of our Youth Group accompanied by five adults departed for Louisa, Kentucky where they will participate in a Summer Mission Trip at the Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center in the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. For over 60 years, Monsignor Ralph Beiting worked in the Appalachian Mountains creating dozens of wonderful programs and services benefitting all people in need, especially families struggling with poverty and addiction. Today, that work continues through the efforts of volunteers who commit their time and talents to help the poor and those most vulnerable.

During their weeklong stay in Kentucky, our Youth Group members will be engaged in a series of home repair projects. They will also participate in daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and moments of prayer and reflection. Each of our teenagers will also have the responsibility of preparing a meal for the whole group.

The Mission Trip is designed to be a week of service, prayer and community. The goal of the trip is to afford our young people an opportunity to deepen their faith through service to others. Please pray throughout the week for our young people and the adult chaperones making this journey. Pray that they have a safe journey as they put their faith into action – improving lives, bringing hope and proclaiming the transforming love of God. Thanks too for your support of the Youth Group's Spaghetti Dinner and Car Wash that raised funds for this trip. We are most grateful to the Knights of Columbus for their generous financial support of our mission trip.

ICC Altar Server Clinic

Friday, August 19th, 9:30am-12pm in the church

Any parish child in grades 6 through 12 can become an altar server. To enroll, please complete the form below and return to Msgr. McCann by August 14th.

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent's Phone: _____

Grade for 2016/2017 School Year: _____

School: _____

July 31, 2016

dear Padre



Making restitution

Q My wife and I belonged to an evangelical fellowship and sent our children to their Christian day school. Our tuition discount required that we tithe, but we never did. When we returned to the Catholic Church and I confessed this sin, I was told to make restitution. I don't remember the tuition rates or our income at the time. I want to do this penance but not be legalistic about it.

The Seventh Commandment—You shall not steal—“requires respect for the universal destination of goods and respect for the right to private property” (Exodus 20:15; CCC 2401). The virtue of justice empowers us “to preserve our neighbor’s rights and render him what is his due,” including “the restitution of stolen goods to their owner...in proportion to their responsibility and to their share of what was stolen” (CCC 2407, 2412).

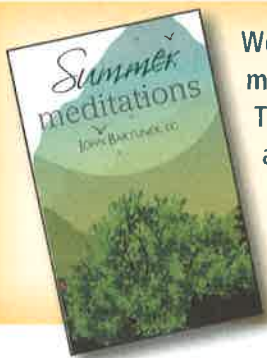
I'm glad you are restoring any injustice you were responsible for. Catholic moral teaching requires that we be as exact as possible in making restitution but also recognizes that determining an exact amount is sometimes impossible. In these

cases, we should simply make the best estimate we can, return that amount, and be at peace. Your willingness and desire to be generous are praiseworthy. Like Zacchaeus, the tax collector who made restitution upon encountering Jesus, I'm sure the Lord will be pleased with your effort (Luke 19:1–10).

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We can learn to be wiser, to order our lives better, so that when the many chances of summer come our way, we can welcome them all. There is a time to work hard, and a time to relax, a time to do something, and a time to let things be. The wise person knows the difference.

— From *Summer Meditations*
 by John Bartunek, LC, SThD (825620)

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Monday
 AUGUST 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
 Jer 28:1–17
 Mt 14:13–21

Tuesday
 AUGUST 2
Weekday
 Jer 30:1–2, 12–15, 18–22
 Mt 14:22–36 or
 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday
 AUGUST 3
Weekday
 Jer 31:1–7
 Mt 15:21–28

Thursday
 AUGUST 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
 Jer 31:31–34
 Mt 16:13–23

Friday
 AUGUST 5
Weekday
 Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7
 Mt 16:24–28

Saturday
 AUGUST 6
Transfiguration
of the Lord
 Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
 2 Pt 1:16–19
 Lk 9:28b–36

Sunday
 AUGUST 7
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
 Wis 18:6–9
 Heb 11:1–2, 8–19 or
 11:1–2, 8–12
 Lk 12:32–48 or
 12:35–40

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