

From The Pastor's Desk

The remarkable part of today's Gospel story is that the man was **grieving** because he had many possessions. That doesn't fit with the way most of us think. How many people grieve because they have many possessions? Don't many of us grieve because we don't have everything we want? It seems as if this man believed what Jesus told him, but unwilling to do what he was told. It would have been too hard for him, so he decided to remain rich, but miserable.

What we are given here is a picture of a deprived person. Yes, the rich man is deprived. He doesn't have what he really needs. He has what he wants, but not what he needs. He has wealth and all that wealth can bring – status, power and comfort. But he is neither a satisfied nor a contented person. In fact, he suffers grief for what he does not have. His riches actually rob him of real life.

Wealth can get us into trouble because it can move our eyes from what should be the major concerns in life, and cause us to focus on what is only minor. Money and possessions have a way of gaining and keeping our attention. They can be a major distraction in our lives. When you discover that one of the main topics of your conversation is how much things cost, what you just bought, and what you are planning to buy, you then have a very good clue that you are starting to center your life around the money and possessions. These things tend to steal our attention away from other things.

Jesus challenged the man with many possessions. If this man wanted to have what was truly valuable, he would get rid of his possessions, give the money to the poor, and follow Jesus. Then he would have treasure in heaven. But he couldn't do it. So he walked away from the Lord. He refused the personal invitation of Jesus. What a tragedy! The short term benefits of having things won out over the lasting benefit of friendship with Christ. As we watch that man walk away, each of us should have a lot to think about. Let's not kid ourselves. It takes a very special kind of person who does not give too much attention to what wealth can do.

Here's a story from a woman who lost a very good friend to an early death. "Help me not to put too much stock in possessions, Lord. I want things, sure. But life seems to be a continual round of wanting things – from the first toys we fight over as children to our thrilled unwrapping of wedding presents, to those we buy in our old age. Our concern is not primarily love and friends and pride in what we can do, but things. Sometimes I'm ashamed of how much I want mere possessions – things for my husband and the house and the children. Yes, and things for myself, too. And this hunger is enhanced every time I turn on the TV, websites or walk through a shopping mall. My senses are tormented by the dazzling world of things. Lord, cool these fires of wanting. Help me to realize how futile this passion for possessions. Because – and this is what strips my values to the bone – one of my best friends died today in the very midst of her possessions. She was in the beautiful home she and her husband worked so hard to achieve, the home that was finally furnished the way she wanted it with the best of everything. She was surrounded by the Oriental rugs she was so proud of, the formal French sofas, the paintings, the china and glass, the handsome silver service...She had been snatched away while silently, almost cruelly, THEY remain. Lord, I grieve for my friend. My heart hurts that she had so little time to enjoy the things that she had earned, and that meant so much to her. But let me learn something from this loss; that possessions are meant to enhance life, not become the main focus of living. Help me remember that we come into the world with nothing and we leave with nothing. Don't let me put too much stock in mere possessions."

May you and I ask and receive the wisdom we need to know what is truly valuable in life.

Fr. Joe

Masses, Readings and Activities

Sunday, October 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Wis 7: 7-11; Heb 4: 12-13; Mk 10: 17-30</i>
8:00 am	Mass—People of Holy Spirit
9:00 am	5th Grade Family Session
9:15/11:15 am	Children's Faith Formation / Adults Clusters 1,2,3,4
9:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Daniel McBrayer
11:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Judy Hawkins
1:30 pm	Confirmation Preparation Session
5:30 pm	Mass—†Sergio Omer Mora
6:30 pm	Youth Ministry

Monday, October 12

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Rom 1: 1-7; Lk 11: 29-32</i>
8:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Elrie Alonzo
9:00 am	Piecemakers
9:15 am	Monday Morning Scripture Study
9:30 am	Low-Impact Exercise Class
7:00 pm	Young Adult Meeting

Tuesday, October 13

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Rom 1: 16-25; Lk 11: 37-41</i>
8:30 am	No Mass—Communion Service
1:00 pm	Women's Spirituality
6:00 pm	Consoling the Heart of Jesus Makeup
7:00 pm	Consoling the Heart of Jesus Christ

Wednesday, October 14 St. Callistus

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Rom 2: 1-11; Lk 11: 42-46</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Deceased Members Flusche/Schultz
9:00 am	Legion of Mary
9:30 am	Low Impact Exercise Class
10:00 am	Craft Workshop
6:00 pm	Family Prayer Group
6:00 pm	Confessions
6:00 pm	King and His Kingdom Make-Up
6:30 pm	Team Spirit
6:30 pm	Endow Girl Genius
7:00 pm	RCIA Session
7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Scripture Study: Matthew

Thursday, October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Rom 3: 21-30; Lk 11: 47-54</i>
8:30 am	Mass—Intentions of the Lyons Family
7:00 pm	Parish Festival Committee
7:30 pm	Choir Practice

Friday, October 16 St. Hedwig

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Rom 4: 1-8; Lk 12: 1-7</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Dorothy Rombach
9:15 am	Holy Hour

Saturday, October 17 St. Ignatius

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Rom 4: 13, 16-18; Lk 12: 8-12</i>
8:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Elaine Bishop
9:15 am	Homebound EM Enrichment
3:30 pm	Confessions
5:30 pm	Mass—†Norman Rogness
6:30 pm	October Welcome Dinner

Sunday, October 18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Is 53: 10-11; Heb 4: 14-16; Mk 10: 35-45</i>
8:00 am	Mass—†Zeb Baird
8:30 am	Sunday Morning Food & Fellowship
9:00 am	4th Grade Family Session
9:15/11:15 am	Children's Faith Formation / Adults Clusters 1,2,3,4
9:30 am	Mass—People of Holy Spirit
11:30 am	Mass—†Christina Ezeloma
1:30 pm	Reconciliation Parent Only Meeting
5:30 pm	Mass—†Pat & Rosa Madden & Children
6:30 pm	Youth Ministry

Faith Formation—Youth

Today the high school youth will be learning about Judaism, Islam and how Pope John Paul II called each of us to create peace in the world by working together with all faiths. Parents, talk to your teens about peace. How is the best way to promote it? What are you doing in your family to bring peace to the world?

For the month of October, the 7th grade will be focusing on understanding who they are. They will be thinking about themselves in reference to their family and as being a child of God. Talk to your teens about what this means and why they think it is important that they are true to themselves!

The 8th grade will be focusing on what it means to be Catholic during the month of October. They will be talking about the history of the church and some symbols of our faith. Talk to your teens about how great it is to be Catholic and what you really enjoy about our faith!



All Souls Day Remembrance Novena Masses are scheduled from November 2 through November 10. If you would like Masses said for your deceased loved ones during this time, please pick up an envelope from the Narthex. Fill out the names of your loved ones and place in the envelope with your donation, then drop it in the collection basket from now until October 30. Please print legibly as these names will be placed on the altar during the Novena.

November 1, Sunday — All Saints Day
Normal Sunday Mass Schedule

November 2, Monday — All Souls' Day
Masses at 8:30 am and Commemoration of All the Faithful at 6:00 pm. Potluck dinner follows the Mass.



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1. Mark your calendar and remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

Congratulations to Sofia Isabela Dixon, daughter of Gregory & Aisha Dixon, who was baptized last month. Please welcome her to our Faith Community.

Sacramental Preparation

The first Confirmation Parent & Student session is scheduled for this Sunday, October 11 from 1:30-3:45 pm in the gym. Please be considerate of the other 70+ families and arrive on time and ready to go! That way, we can get out on time and maybe even a little early (yes, we know...the Cowboys play at 3:25 pm...) For childcare needs, please call Sharon Bush at 972.298.9460. Contact Devyn with any questions regarding Confirmation preparation.

Our first PARENT ONLY meeting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is next Sunday, October 18 from 1:30-3:45 pm. Parents, you are required to attend this meeting; however, children do not. You may contact Sharon Bush at 972.298.9460 for childcare needs within 3 days of the meeting. Contact Lisa Estrada if you have a conflict with the meeting date or questions regarding First Communion preparation.

Information and paperwork regarding infant Baptism (ages 6 and under) may be directed to Lisa Estrada. Our next baptismal preparation class for parents and godparents is Saturday, November 14, from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Please contact Lisa for the required paperwork, which must be completed and turned in two weeks prior to the class date.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of **†Sir Ben Onyekonwu**, requested by the Slonina Family



Flowers for the Lord's altar this week are in honor of Mary Flusche, requested by Jack and Juanita Ramsden.

Next weekend, October 18, there will be a special collection for **World Mission Sunday Appeal**. It's our world on mission. And through your prayers and assistance, you too are "on mission"—supporting the loving service offered to the poor half a world away by priests, religious and lay leaders. Thank you for your generous donation.

Over 500 parishioners have LIKED **Holy Spirit Catholic Church** on Facebook! If you're not yet connected with us on Facebook, please join us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/holyspiritcatholic!>



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

5th Grade Family Sessions are this Sunday, October 11 in the dining room, so parents plan on joining your child during their normal Faith Formation class for a great hands-on, faith-filled experience! *As these sessions are intended for both the parent and child, please don't drop your child off and leave because you'll be missing out on a wonderful opportunity to spend some quality **one-on-one** time with your child. To ensure minimal disruption, our nursery is available for younger siblings.*

PARENTS: *These grade level Family Sessions ARE NOT associated with our sacramental preparation program, which is COMPLETELY SEPARATE. Our grade level Family Sessions are designed to give you an opportunity to actually experience what your child is being taught and learning in their Faith Formation class.*

4th Grade Family Sessions are Sunday, October 18 in the dining room.

Faith Formation registration for the 2015/2016 year is officially closed unless you have a 3, 4 or 5-year old or they are fully sacramented. Contact the Faith Formation Office for class availability, as many classes have reached maximum size capacity and are full.

Reminder

Parents, just a gentle reminder that if your child is absent or you know they are going to be absent, please be sure to contact the Faith Formation Office to let us know. Strange as it may seem, but we are already seeing attendance issues, which could affect children currently in sacramental preparation or in Year 1 of sacramental preparation. Children are allowed six (6) absences for the Faith Formation year. Please feel free to stop by our office to pick up a copy of our Attendance Policy.

Also, if you haven't returned the purple Behavior Guidelines Form that was distributed to you at Parent Orientation (along with the quiz!), we need those back! If you need another one, we will have copies in your child's classroom this Sunday for you to fill out.



Grab your "mummy" and make plans to join us on Halloween night, Saturday, October 31 from 7-9 pm in the Community Center gym for our annual

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!

There'll be lots of games, snacks, lots of treats and maybe even a few tricks. Be sure to bring a treat bag and your cutest costume (let's keep it from being too creepy) and enjoy an evening of ghostly fun!

We are also graciously accepting donations of bagged Halloween candy, treats and prizes (we'll need a lot as this is one of our largest events!). Please drop your donations off at the Community Center front desk, attention Deborah. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help out (Sacramental preparation families, here's a great service project!), contact Deborah, Devyn or Lisa.

Adult And Family Ministry

MEN

3 DAYS. 3 NIGHTS.

CHANGE

YOUR

LIFE

ACTS RETREAT

STARTS AT 5:30 PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

ENDS AT 11:30 MASS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

INFO ONLINE AT:

[HTTP://WWW.HOLYSPIRITCATHOLIC.COM/MENS-ACTS-RETREAT](http://www.holyspiritcatholic.com/mens-acts-retreat)

OR IN THE NARTHEX

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY



Enjoy Burgers to Go!

Sunday, October 18th

After the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses
Burger/Fixin's/Chips /Water

\$4.00

Sponsored by: Holy Spirit ACTS
For more information call:
Frances Cormier ~ 972-217-4246

ACTS Women Renewal Morning, Sat, Oct. 24:

Arise! Becoming Fully Alive in the Spirit.

Preregister at front desk or online at:

<http://www.holyspiritcatholic.com/events/renew-meeting>



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are you singing for joy, filled with God's love or are you struggling to love God and one another? Jesus reminds us that with God all things are possible. God must be part of the equation of our lives and our marriages. Allow God to transform your marriage relationship by gaining the tools to truly love your spouse and receive the joy that it can bring.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 6-7, 2015. To apply for a weekend go to: www.dfwme.org/apply For questions please email apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904.

Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escribe a emmdfw@gmail.com o visite <http://www.section15.org/>

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Community Life

SUNDAY MORNING FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Today: Breakfast Tacos

Join us in the Gym for some homemade tacos brought to you by the Catholic Daughters. Tacos are \$1.50 each or 4 for \$5.00.



Next Sunday, October 18

Burger Brunch (10:30am-1pm)

Join us in the Gym for some delicious burgers hot off the grill and brought to you by ACTS. Also, enjoy our ministry fair and video in the Gym!

AUTUMN FAMILY SOCIAL

Saturday, October 17 • Dining Room - 6:30pm

Appetizers & Dinner • Ministry Fair • Desserts

Kids Fun Zone: Movie, Popcorn & Craft

All are Welcome: \$2 entry per person (5 and under free)

RSVP required by Tuesday, October 13
to cindymeyer@holyspiritcc.org or call 972-298-4971

New Parishioners will receive an invitation in the mail to attend for free.
Please RSVP to reserve your number of required seats.

Outreach

2015 Baby Bank Campaign: Please stop by the table in the Narthex and pick one up. Your donations will go to help to support Pro-Life ministries in the Dallas area and the Catholic Crisis Pregnancy Centers in the Diocese. Please contribute whatever you can in an effort to save the lives of the unborn. Baby Banks are due back by November 8. Thank you for all you do to protect the sanctity of life.

Pro-Life Opportunity: We have a group that meets on Saturday mornings at 9:00 am in front at the new abortion center at 7989 W. Virginia Dr., Dallas (W. Virginia Dr. is across Wheatland from Charlton Methodist Hospital). Our mission is to provide a peaceful presence and to pray for the women that are seeking an abortion and ultimately to help these women to choose life.

23-25 de Octubre El Viñedo de Raquel™ una oportunidad extraordinaria para cualquier persona que lucha con dolor emocional y espiritual por aborto(s) en su pasado. El fin de semana es un proceso unico y efectivo diseñado específicamente para ayudar a sentir las misericordia y compasión de Dios. El fin de semana ayudará que su alma encuentre una voz, y transformar el dolor del pasado en esperanza. El Viñedo de Raquel es una "terapia para el alma" que combina sanación espiritual y psicológica. Para servicios confidenciales o más informacion, llame: Español 972-679-4760 o www.racheldallas.org.

Finance

Weekend of October 3/4

\$22,799.79

\$ 1,436.00

\$22,365.00

\$ 1,870.79

Weekly Contributions

On-Line Giving

Average Weekly Expenses

Surplus

Balance in Future Fund

\$32,196.00

Thank you for your contributions and May God Bless You.