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are possible
for God.*

- Mk 10:27

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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CCCW Socktober

The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women (CCCW) invites each of you to join with other area parishes to participate in Socktober. During the month of October, you will find a laundry basket at each of the Cathedral entrances to collect socks for the homeless and disadvantaged in our community. The greatest need is socks (and hats & gloves!) for adult males. However, there is a need among women and children in area shelters as well. Thank you for your participation in Socktober!

Knights of Columbus Annual Steak and Whiskey Dinner?

The Father Tolton Knights of Columbus Council will be holding their Annual Steak & Whiskey Scholarship Dinner on Friday, November 2, 2018 from 7-11 pm. \$40 per person includes a steak from Magro's Meat and Produce, baked potato, vegetable, salad, four whiskey tastings and dessert from Pease's at Bunn Gourmet. Go to <https://kofc16126.bpt.me> to reserve your spot today!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

Monday 15 October

7 AM - Mary Ann Midden (William Midden)

5:15 PM - Mrs. Mary Ratna Kumari Pandity (Suseela Pandity)

Tuesday 16 October

7 AM - Special Intention (Carl & Lou Ann Mack)

5:15 PM - Melvin Wilmsmeyer (Kevin & Michelle Boschert)

Wednesday 17 October

7 AM - Melvin Wilmsmeyer (Kevin & Michelle Boschert)

5:15 pm Kevin Flaherty (Bridgit)

Thursday 18 October

7 AM - Francis Schwarzkopf (Helen & Marty Dooley)

5:15 PM - Stephanie Sandidge (Mother)

Friday 19 October

7 AM - Clementine Howard (Pat Wiedower & Family)

5:15 PM - Tina Howard (Phil & Joan LaRose)

Saturday 20 October

8 AM - Vincenzo Giannone (Jeannette Giannone)

4 PM - Kara Smith (4 o'clock Ushers)

Sunday 21 October

7 AM - John & Edith Bakalar (John Busciacco)

10 AM - For the People

5 PM - Barb McGrath (Jim & Dennis Johnson)

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The Cost of Discipleship

When I was a junior in high school, a movie by the name of "A Few Good Men" was released. The movie tells the story of a cocky young Navy lieutenant, played by Tom Cruise, who serves in the Navy's JAG core and who is assigned to defend two Marines who are accused of killing a third marine. The defense's investigation takes them to the Marine base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and face to face with a smug commanding officer named Colonel Jessup, played by Jack Nicholson. At the trial, Col. Jessup is called to testify by Lt. Kaffey and the examination becomes tense and heated. The climax of the exchange between Kaffey and Jessup results in Kaffey's full-throated demand to Jessup of "I want the truth!" Jessup's reply serves as an iconic movie moment stating forcefully to Kaffey "you can't handle the truth!"

In the Gospel this Sunday, Mark recounts for us the rich young man running after Jesus. With enthusiasm and fervor, he throws himself at Jesus's feet and asks one of the most important questions in all of the Scriptures, perhaps second only to Jesus's question to his disciples of "who do you say that I am?" The rich young man asks Jesus "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" It was one of those moments when you probably could have heard a pin drop among those who heard the question and surely everyone wanted to hear the answer. For the rich young man, and probably for others around him, he was not ready for the answer; he couldn't handle the truth. What about us?

Make no mistake, the rich young man had not lived a bad life; however, there are two sides to the coin in living what we know as the Christian life. By avoiding evil, the rich young man lived a good life passively; as Christians, we are called to avoid evil while actively seeking to do good. The Christian life calls us to live and to act in ways that reflect the goodness and glory of God and to also live and act in ways that build up the Kingdom of God here and now, that builds up our sisters and brothers. The Christian life that only seeks to avoid evil and does not actively seek the good is a life that is only half-lived.

The rich young man wanted to live a righteous life. He wanted to live a life that would lead him into a greater life still to come, but here is the problem: he wanted to live the present life on his terms. The rich young man was attached to this world and the things that belong to it. This is not to say that the things of this world are bad, but, for the rich young man, and for many of us too, the things of this world, and the comfort that they provide, though only temporary, are a distraction to the greater good that God was seeking for him, and for us, to do. The rich young man's heart longed for another world, but his heart was too entrenched in this life. All too often good people run the danger of falling into the trap of a worldliness that knows the cost of everything and the value of nothing.

You and I are called are to seek the grace of detachment: the ability to let go of anything and everything whether it be relationships, possessions, behaviors, attitudes, power, or privilege; anything that we are moved to value more than life and love with God. This is not saying that we must divest ourselves of the things of this life, but rather that we must see them as secondary to God and to always remember that they can never offer us the ultimate happiness that God wants us to know and share with him.

Now is harvest time. Throughout our diocese, men and women are in the fields harvesting the fruits of the earth. In a little over a month, we as a nation will celebrate Thanksgiving Day, the one civic holiday that remains for rendering thanks to God for the good things he has done. Here at the Cathedral, our parish is beginning its inaugural Season of Stewardship, a time each year when each of us will be invited to examine what we are offering to the Lord in the areas of our giving of our material goods, our prayer and worship, and our service to our sisters and brothers in the parish and beyond.

Examining our stewardship can be hard because we tend to be protective of our fiscal resources, our time, and our energy. The Lord knows this. He knows the challenges that this world throws at us just as he fully understood the challenge that faced the rich young man. The Gospel tells us that the Lord Jesus looked at the rich young man lovingly as he told him the hard truth of what discipleship would demand of him. The Lord Jesus looks at each of us with the same love each day as the world invites us to anchor ourselves to it, telling us to ignore the voice of him who calls each of us by name to follow him.

Consider this Cathedral church that was dedicated to the glory of God and the honor of our Blessed Mother ninety years ago this weekend. It was not built using fiscal reserves. There were no investments to sell then. It was built through the generosity of the men and women of this diocese, many of whom had little to spare, but offered what they could with faith in God and in the life that he promises to all who will follow him unreservedly. They offered what they had as act of stewardship, even though the term "stewardship" was not commonly used among Catholics then. It was an act of stewardship because it was the grateful response of individual disciples for the goodness of God in their lives.

I am asking each of us to examine our own discipleship and stewardship over the next few weeks at the end of which time all of us will be invited to make a pledge to the Lord of our stewardship in our giving, our prayer, and our service to God in this parish. As disciples, we are all capable of growth in stewardship. It may be in one area of stewardship, it may be in all three areas, but none of us can ever truly say that we have given God his due. The Lord wants the totality of who we are, not just a portion, but he also knows that we are weak and that our need for his grace to grow in discipleship is great.

The tragedy of the story of the rich young man is that he simply walked away from Jesus, that he didn't take the time to follow

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SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP



Stewardship Activity

Stewardship of Time

We have a need for more liturgical volunteers! Please take a look at the details below in the Season of Stewardship.

Stewardship of Talent

Fall at the Cathedral brings many opportunities for volunteerism! Looking to become involved? Email Vick Compton at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org

Stewardship of Treasure- October 6 & 7

Envelopes: \$6,078.00

Loose: \$3,136.75

Maintenance: \$ 350.00

Total: \$9,564.75

September EFT (\$17,225.45)

Sacraments

Please continue to pray for those listed on the online prayer wall and in our daily intentions. We have not had any recent funerals, weddings, or baptisms. Looking for sacramental information? Please contact the Parish Offices at 522-3342.

Scripture Questions

First Reading: WIS 7:7-11

The Jewish sage from the book of Wisdom prays for the gift of wisdom and prudence. What virtues do you pray for?

Second Reading: HEB 4:12-13

The author of Hebrews tells us one day we all must "render an account" to God about how we have lived our lives. Does this scare you or encourage you?

Gospel Reading: MK 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Jesus challenges his disciples and all would-be followers to make the kingdom of God a top priority in life -- even above wealth. How are you able to keep this perspective on the kingdom of God central to your life?



The Season of Stewardship

"All things are possible for God"

What is possible for you by praying, serving, and giving radically?

This weekend officially launches the Season of Stewardship at Cathedral. Over the next few weeks, we invite everyone to consider their call to a stewardship way of life. Whether you are a parishioner of Cathedral or not, all may participate! The Season of Stewardship moves from discernment to action when you fill out a good faith intention form received via the mail or online. This form calls us to reflect on the many ways we can be stewards at Cathedral and beyond, and serves as a guide for you in the year ahead. The form also gives the Cathedral staff the opportunity to minister to you and make connections for you to engage and become more involved in the faith community. How will you enhance your faith life through stewardship next year? Have you thought of serving or formalizing your giving? Have you felt lost at the Cathedral and looking to speak with someone about how to become involved? Are you interested in starting a ministry? We hope this season will help answer many of these questions and invite you to a deeper relationship with Jesus through a stewardship way of life.

SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP



The Kick-off to the Season of Stewardship!

This weekend's Gospel couldn't provide us with a greater reflection on stewardship. Not just stewardship basics, but the call to be radical, intentional disciples who participate as stewards in our own lives, and in the life of our parish and beyond. The Gospel message today doesn't let us forget the 'tough love' Jesus has for each of us:

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him,
"You are lacking in one thing.
Go, sell what you have, and give
to the poor
and you will have treasure in
heaven; then come, follow me."
At that statement his face fell,
and he went away sad, for he
had many possessions.

Notice the phrase, "loved him" before Jesus gives the rich man His response. He is using 'tough love' because He knows his response is going to leave the rich man frustrated. Jesus knows how hard this is for each of us. He doesn't ask this of us lightly; He wants us to remove the distractions, temptations, or other items in our lives that distance us from a deeper relationship with Him. As noted in previous stewardship articles, we know that at the heart of stewardship is our relationship with Jesus. It was not enough for Jesus to ask the rich man to give up all his earthly possessions, but more importantly to come back and follow Him. We can not ignore the importance of a relationship with Jesus.

But what is he specifically asking us in today's Gospel? Are we experiencing some tough love from Jesus in our own lives? Are we listening to His response or trying to make one up on our own? Simply put, Jesus is asking for us to be radical. To give up everything and follow Him. To pray more, serve more, and give more. To not be absorbed by percentages or service hours, but to pour out both into His Mission here on earth freely and abundantly. This is a radical call to stewardship for each of us. A stewardship way of life is often uncomfortable, unusual, and for some of us unaffordable. How could we give more? How could we budget differently? How could we take seriously the relationship we have with Jesus more than we are now? Can I serve more people or give more time? Each of us over the next few weeks should be discerning these questions, as they help us

discern our call to stewardship. It is a radical call, but so is the call to be in deep relationship with Him. It is a call that when answered, provides great blessings in each of our lives, despite any sacrifices we have made.

We want to provide a healthy framework for each of us to discern our call to stewardship. Here are a few questions and answers that may be on your mind:

Why is Cathedral doing a Season of Stewardship?

Each year, parishes across the country spend time reflecting and committing to a stewardship way of life. This season or process is a best practice for parishes making an effort to take seriously their commitment to grow as intentional disciples and utilize their time, talent, and treasure to be good stewards.

Should I participate?

Yes! Everyone is invited to participate, regardless of your parishioner status. We are all called to be good stewards!

What will you do with the information?

Parish staff members will help cultivate an individual's stewardship interest(s), nurture current stewards in the pews, and provide connections between parishioners and ministries or resources.

Can't I just think about it and do it on my own without filling out the form?

Filling out the form is a visible act of your commitment to being a good steward. It is through this good intention that you and your community will help you along the way to discipleship. It is also common that when we take seriously the discernment process and write down our intentions on paper, we tend to hold ourselves more accountable.

We hope that you will participate with us over the next few weeks and consider how we can be more radical in prayer, service, and giving, just as Jesus has asked us.

Katie Price is the Coordinator for Stewardship at the Cathedral. She can be contacted by calling the Parish Offices or emailing her directly at kpriec@cathedral.dio.org.



Fall Faith Formation Programs at Cathedral

We are excited to announce a series of faith formation programs at the Cathedral this fall! Please bring a friend and join us for any or all of these formative programs. All are welcome and we will do our best to provide light hospitality. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Compton at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org.

Bible Study

With men and women of Cathedral parish on the first and third Tuesday of the month beginning on September 18. Facilitated by parishioner Larry Travis.

Cathedral parish library, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays beginning September 18, 6:15-7:45pm

Catholicism Series

Bishop Robert Barron journeys around the world and deep into faith to teach us what Catholics believe and why. This video and discussion program uses the spiritual and artistic treasures of the Faith to illuminate the key teachings of the Church.

Facilitated by Vicki Compton.

School Hall, Tuesday mornings

September 18-November 20, 10:00-11:30am



Festival Choir Concert

Choirs from throughout the diocese will come together for a musical celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Cathedral. *Cathedral, Saturday, October 13, 7:00pm*

Priest, Prophet, and King

The three-fold ministry in which all of the baptized share comes from Jesus himself as Priest, Prophet, and King. Father House will present this DVD series by Bishop Robert Barron that explores who Jesus Christ is as God-made-man and Savior of the world.

Cathedral Atrium, Tuesdays October 23rd, 30th, & November 6th, 7:00pm

The Last Things

As the Church year comes to an end and the faithful are reminded to turn their attention to the Second Coming of Christ,

Father Stock will explore the concept of the Four Last Things as taught by the Church: Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell.

Cathedral Atrium, Mondays November 19th & 26th, 7:00pm

The Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke

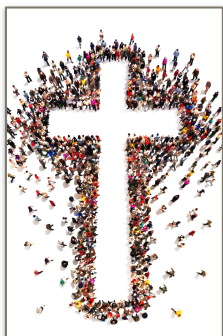
While many people are getting caught up in the secular frenzy of Christmas, take a break from the holiday hustle and join Father Friedel in focusing with the Church on preparing to

celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

Cathedral Atrium, Tuesdays December 11th & 18th, 7:00pm

Everyday Stewardship Thoughts

I oftentimes say in prayer, "Grant me the wisdom to see Your will for my life and the courage to follow that will." It is a request for true discernment to see that God's will is always more important and fruitful than my own will. It is easy to fall into the trap of thinking happiness and fulfillment lie in doing what I want to do and following my own wants and desires. Our entire secular culture is filled with that message. However, that road has led too many to a place of emptiness and regret. I must pray to keep in the forefront of my mind that God created me on purpose and for a purpose. Being wise enough to see that purpose is the key to true satisfaction in this world.



Giving of our gifts and talents in only ways we want to means that we become deaf and blind to the numerous times Jesus Christ calls us to give. We also easily avoid any form of real sacrifice,

which often leads us to give only from our excess. Wisdom allows us to see where we are being called, even if we are unsure what increase will result from our investment. Our trust is no longer in the gift given but instead in the One who is calling us to give. When our lives of generosity and compassion are ordered in this way, it is hard for anything to steal our joy away. Our purpose is found, our aim is true, and our desire is fulfilled.



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the Lord, to grow in discipleship, and allow the grace of God to move him further down the path of spiritual perfection. We may find walking the path of greater discipleship & stewardship challenging and difficult. We may even find ourselves faltering at times, but we must remember that we have a loving, patient, and merciful God who does not go back on his word and who never changes his mind concerning the call to discipleship that he has made to each of us.

The truth is that God wants everything from us, the totality of who we are because the truth of our faith is that he gave us himself in Christ his son to save us and call us each day to new and greater life. Let us cooperate with the grace of God given us in so many ways; the grace that seeks to enable us to accept the truth who is Christ our Lord who seeks to set us free.

Father Christopher House is the Rector of the Cathedral and serves in various leadership roles within the diocesan curia, namely Chancellor and Vicar Judicial.

Sharing the Gospel

The man in today's Gospel reading thought he was pretty good. He had been careful to obey most of God's rules. But he forgot the most important rule of all — love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. When Jesus asked the man to give away all he owned, the man went away sad. He loved money more than he loved God.

Let Us Pray

Dear God,
Help me to love you more than all the gifts you have given to me.
Amen.

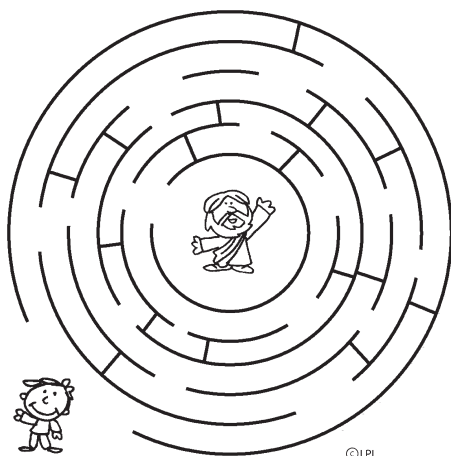
Something to Draw

Draw a picture of things that are very special to you.



Puzzle

Help this child find Jesus.



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Mission for the Week

Make a list of things that are special to you. If God asked you to give away your favorite toy or game to someone who's poor, could you do it? Be honest with God, and ask him to help you love him more than anything.

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