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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 22 October

7 AM - Mary Ann Midden (William Midden) 5:15 PM - Mrs. Mary Ratna Kumari Pandity (Suseela Pandity)

**Tuesday 23 October** 

7 AM - Melvin Wilmsmeyer (Kevin & Michelle Boschert) 5:15 PM - Bill Lannan (Bill & Wilma Sinnott)

Wednesday 24 October

7 AM - Barb McGrath (Friend) 5:15 pm Kara Leigh Smith (Bev & Larry Smith)

**Thursday 25 October** 

7 AM - Special Intention (Carl & Lou Ann Mack) 5:15 PM - Shirley Logan (Anonymous)

Friday 26 October

7 AM - Albert Crispi (John Busciacco) 5:15 PM - Bill Lannan (Bill & Wilma Sinnott)

Saturday 27 October

8 AM - Gloria J. Casey (Michael Casey) 4 PM - Genevieve Bitschenauer (Barbara Bitschenauer)

Sunday 28 October

7 AM - Puring Garde (Family)

10 AM - Jim & Helen O'Brien (Colleen Atwood) 5 PM - For the People

## RECTOR'S COLUMN





## Detachment, Humility, and the Rosary

Apparently James and John, the sons of Zebedee, don't get it. In last week's Gospel, Mark recounted for us the story of the rich young man who came to Jesus asking what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. James and John

were there. The man had lived a relatively good life by all accounts by keeping the commandments, but the Lord asked him to surrender what was most precious to him: his wealth. The Lord asked the rich young man to place his treasure in the service of the poor, but the man was not able to detach himself from this one thing and thus left Jesus.

Detachment can be a very difficult virtue to master. It is something that I personally pray for on a daily basis. As disciples, we are called to live in this world without becoming entrenched in it through anything that it offers, material or immaterial. Detachment does not mean that we do not value people or things in this world but that we value God and life with him over anything and everyone else. This passage follows immediately after the story of the rich young man, both in the tenth chapter of Mark's Gospel. While the story of the rich young man is a good



example of the necessity for detachment from the material world, we see in the request made by James and John a good example for the need for detachment from immaterial things also.

"Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left," ask James and John. What then follows is our Lord's admonition to his Apostles, and to us, not to seek glory as the world understands it. James and John most likely did not yet

have an understanding of heavenly glory. For the disciple, ultimate glory is given through the cross: first through our Lord's own suffering and death and, secondly, through our own willingness to accept our crosses daily as pathways to the Kingdom. The Lord invites his Apostles to humble themselves. Humility embraces the virtue of detachment. It seeks the good of self after God and neighbor. Humility moves us to rely on God's goodness and grace, helping us to understand that this life is not about us and that our will must be united with God's will.

If you want to grow in the virtues of humility and detachment, I recommend praying the Rosary. The cornerstone of the Rosary is meditating on the mysteries of salvation as presented in the Lord's life and in the life of Mary our Blessed Mother. In between those mediations is the praying of the "Hail Mary," the Rosary's principal prayer. Mary is the model of humility and detachment and she remains for us, and the Church, a great intercessor to help us grow in those graces.



James and John continued to seek glory, but, through their own growth in discipleship, they came to understand that there was nothing earthly about the Lord's glory. They ultimately chose the Lord's glory through their own crosses and sacrifices for Christ, the proclamation of the Gospel, and the building up of the early Church. We are also invited to seek glory, but not in any form offered by this world. At the end of her life, Mary was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven and given a share in the God's glory by being crowned Queen of the Universe. By holding nothing back from the Lord and by offering everything to him and for him, Mary gained ultimate glory from her son; a glory that can never fade, be lost, or taken away. The Lord Jesus offers the same glory to us if we are willing to carry our own cross, united with him.

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

## 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 <a href="mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org">vcompton@cathedral.dio.org</a>

Stewardship of Treasure- October 13 & 14

Envelopes: \$4,774.00 Loose: \$3,332.53 Maintenance: \$ 300.00

Total: \$8,406.53

September EFT (\$17,225.45)

#### Sacraments

Please welcome Jackson John Kelly Drew, as he was baptized into the faith. We have not had any recent funerals or weddings. Looking for sacramental information? Please contact the Parish Offices at 522-3342.

#### **Scripture Questions**

First Reading: IS 53:10-11

Today's reading is an excerpt from the final suffering servant oracle of the book of Isaiah (52:13-53:12). The prophet Isaiah speaks of redemptive suffering. When have you found God's grace at moments of suffering in your life?

Second Reading: HEB 4:14-16

We hear in Hebrews how Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses. What would you say are your spiritual weaknesses?

Gospel Reading: MK 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Jesus speaks to his disciples today about the importance of service to others. In what ways do you offer service to others in need?



We continue the Season of Stewardship at Cathedral this weekend by hearing a stewardship witness story from Vicki Compton, and also taking time to discern our own story. This week prayerfully consider how you steward your time, talent and treasure. The gift of time is precious and is valuable. We can never get our time back, so who we choose to spend it with and how we choose to spend it is important. The gift of talent reminds us of our uniqueness and the call to be leadership disciples. All of us are talented in a variety of ways, maybe you are creative or musical, maybe you are a natural leader. Whatever your talents, consider sharing those with the parish community. The gift of treasure reminds us that we are called to give abundantly and from a place of joy. Try not to get distracted by the amount or frequency, rather share your first fruits generously. Stewardship is a tool kit on the road to intentional discipleship.

Next week, you will receive a mailing (if you are a parishioner) where you can share the ways in which you intend to be a good steward. You can also participate online at <u>spicathedral.org/stewardship-form</u>. We ask for your prayerful discernment and to join us in this Season of Stewardship!

## SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP





## **Stewardship Reflection**

I do not recall hearing about stewardship when I was growing up in the Church. In fact, it has been only in the past few years that I have noticed that word being used in conversations about faith and discipleship. But as I came to understand more about living as a Christian steward, I realized that I had been taught about stewardship years ago from the masters of grateful response.

Eighteen years ago, I moved to Haiti to become director of the Aid to Artisans program based in Jeremie. Aid to Artisans'

mission is to create economic opportunities for low-income artisan groups around the world where livelihoods, communities, and craft traditions are marginal or at risk. I hoped to be able to help local artisans escape desperate poverty by improving their technical and artistic skills as well as helping them access markets, so they could sell their handicrafts.

One November, an American artist/business woman came to host design classes for groups of women embroiderers. We decided to target the most remote artisan groups because they were in greatest need of assistance. We arranged for the women to be transported to Jeremie so they could enjoy a few days away from the rigor of daily life in rural Haiti.

The women were so excited to

be away from home for a few days as they arrived with their babies strapped to their backs carrying their meager bundles of personal belongings. The women were thin, prematurely aged and dressed in faded and worn out clothes. Several of their babies had uncorrected cleft lips and other birth defects. Before we could begin the workshop, the group leader asked if she might start with a prayer on behalf of the group. In her prayer she thanked God for the many, many blessings they enjoyed as a community. She expressed gratitude that God would send them this wonderful opportunity to bless their lives. She asked God's blessing on the facilitators of the workshop and thanked Him for sending Aid to Artisans to their community. The consultant and I were deeply moved by the gratitude and depth of faith possessed by these women, who by outward appearance had very little for which to be thankful. I tear up again as I write this and remember it was several minutes before the consultant and I could proceed with the training.

This scenario repeated itself over and over during my time in Haiti. Each time my team went to a village to meet with artisans, we were welcomed with a song of joy and gratitude and prayers of thanksgiving to God for his abundant blessings. I tried once to counsel my housekeeper to save money while she was working for us so that if we moved away and she didn't have another job right away, she would still be able to care for her sons. She must have thought I was crazy. How could she save money when she had a niece who needed school fees and a father who had medical needs and a mother who needed to be buried in a style commensurate with the love her daughter had for her?

What did I know about the grateful response of a disciple? My friends and neighbors in Haiti knew that everything was a gift

from God and meant to be shared with others. Resources were not meant to be saved for later, when there was a need for them now. And they weren't calculating percentages to see how much they would share. My friends in Haiti tried to teach me to be grateful for every good thing in my life as a gift from a generous God, and to pit it all in service to others.

Christians are called to radically follow Jesus Christ. We are called to radical trust in God's provenance.

Radical means changing the fundamental nature of something. Our encounter with Jesus Christ should affect a fundamental change in who we are and how we live and act in the world.



Too often we allow our layers of wealth, possessions, power and status to separate us from encountering God in a transforming way. Too often, when we come face to face with Jesus, we, like the young man in last week's Gospel, walk away sad.

This season of stewardship is reminding me to look to the example of my friends in Haiti and hold nothing back in expressing my gratitude by returning all that I am and have to God.

Vicki Compton is the Coordinator of Faith Formation and Mission at the Cathedral. She can be contacted by calling the Parish Offices or emailing her directly at Vcompton@cathedral.dio.org.

## FAITH FORMATION



## 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 September18-November 20, 10:00-11:30am

#### 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.



### **Everyday Stewardship Thoughts**

This past Father's Day began with my youngest son asking me for money. As the day went by, he continued to ask me for things. It was actually quite humorous as it was supposed to be my day and I hadn't asked him for one thing. It was all about what he wanted. Finally, after his latest request, I responded, "It's Father's



Day! What I want from you is a day where you don't ask me for anything." I would have to say that he does not constantly ask me for things all the time and he is a good kid, but this day he did

have me reflecting on how much a child asks from a parent.

We ask quite a lot from our Heavenly Father as well. I don't think He begrudges us anything due to all our requests. However, like any human parent would, I think God would love it when He asks something of us that we can respond with a "yes." We like to do all the asking, but too often we are not very responsive when we are being asked. It is an important aspect to reflect on in any relationship. If



you seek to receive more than you are willing to give, what kind of lopsided relationship is that? God doesn't want that type of relationship. Any father wants to give his son or daughter anything they ask for within reason, but offering the same back is what a real relationship is all about.

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# FAMILY CORNER



### Sharing the Gospel

Do you ever catch yourself being bossy? That is a mistake grown-ups make, too. It is no fun to work or play with bossy people. They don't honor God when they order people around. In today's Gospel, Jesus told his friends to be kind, not bossy. God wants us to help and serve other people.

## Let Us Pray

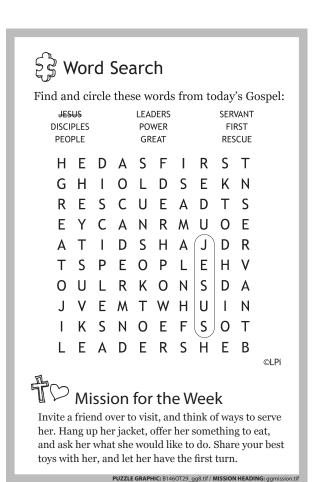
Dear God.

When I want to get my own way, help me to stop. Show me ways I can help other people instead.

Amen

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself being bossy. Then draw a picture of yourself being helpful.



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