

July 27, 2014

# 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**TREASURES:** Today's parables highlight the kingdom of heaven as the only thing worth possessing and open for us the choice to take it or not. It is open to everyone, and we must follow Jesus or we will not make it. Like Solomon, we need discerning judgment of what is good and evil. God will grant this gift if we ask for it so that we may follow the way of the Lord. God's entire storeroom holds treasures to help us. Do you seek and use them?



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## Pastor's Note(s):

**Seminarian Summer Appeal:** The 2014 Appeal will soon be arriving at every Catholic home in the diocese. Last year's appeal raised \$22,000 to help meet the costs of educating and forming our future priests. The appeal is designed to coincide with the Feast of St. John Vianney, patron saint of all priests. This year the feast falls on Monday August 4. Gifts to the Seminarian Appeal should be returned directly to the diocesan office in Duluth in the envelope provided for that purpose. Meanwhile, Bishop Paul Sirba asks for our prayers for our 11 seminarians as they discern a life of holy service in the parishes and ministries of the diocese.

**Vacation Bible School:** parents will be happy to know that we have one scheduled in the parish for August 3 to 7. Fifteen children are already enrolled. We have room for more, so please take this opportunity to have your child formed in the faith through the sharing of the Gospel. And there will be fun activities also. With every blessing! *Fr. Michael*

**Finance Council:** Meeting Tuesday July 29 at 7 pm in the Catechetical Center.

**Healing prayers and Mass:** The 23rd annual evening of healing prayers and Mass will be held Monday, July 28, at 6 pm, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary, Duluth. Priests of the Diocese of Duluth and St. Cloud Fraternity of Priests will be on hand. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am to 4 pm; Sacrament of Reconciliation from 1 pm to 3 pm; Mass at 6 pm with Individual prayers for healing following Mass.



## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables. The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>SAINT JOACHIM AND SAINT ANNE</b>	<b>7/26/14</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Darrin Theis</b>	
	Reader: Harold Ek	
	Plate: Deacon Tim Egan	
	Chalice: Carol Anderson & Beth Egan	
	Servers: To be assigned	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>7/27/14</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass —Intention for All Parishioners</b>	
	Reader: Michelle Thewis	
	Plate: Deacon Tim Egan	
	Chalice: Linda Hoffman & Nancy Olsen	
	Servers: Hayden Johnson & Corey Sandretsky	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>7/28/14</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>SAINT MARTHA</b>	<b>7/29/14</b>
7:00 p.m.	<b>Finance Council Meeting</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>SAINT PETER CHRYSOLUGUS</b>	<b>7/30/14</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Dolores Schaefer</b>	
8:45 a.m.	<b>Holy Hour with Exposition</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA</b>	<b>7/31/14</b>
8:15 p.m.	<b>Mass at St. Mary's, Silver Bay</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI</b>	<b>8/01/14</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass—Intention J. A. Godchildren</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>SAINT EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI &amp; SAINT PETER JULIAN EMYARD</b>	<b>8/02/14</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass—Intention Hoffman special intention</b>	
	Reader: Nadine Uremovich	
	Plate: To be assigned	
	Chalice: Carol Anderson & to be assigned	
	Servers: Mary Uremovich & to be assigned	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>8/03/14</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass —Intention for All Parishioners</b>	
	Reader: Mike Hoffman	
	Plate: Linda Hoffman	
	Chalice: Judy Fleischer & to be assigned	
	Servers: To be assigned	

**Funeral Ministry:** Attention Men and women We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped in any way to provide the funeral luncheons for those who have lost a loved one. This includes food donations, setup, serving and clean up. We couldn't provide this service without the help of many people. If you are interested in helping us in any way with this important ministry, please call: Sharon Mylan 834-5308, JoAnne Button 834-3374 or Nancy Aleff 834-3951 .



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Pat Harrison, Toni Johnson, and Joanne Ostendorf.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, and Patty Harrison-Isakson and Ray Weeks.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Keith Dahl, James Mickle, Ryan Ray, Christopher Uremovich and Brandon White.

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed – just call the church office to let us know that you would like to renew the request.

### Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board  
 'Like' us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

**R.E. Teachers Needed:** As the school year fast approaches we are in need of teachers for the following grades: pre-k, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 7&8th, 9th, 10 & 11th. The classes are held, Sunday grades pre-4th from 9:30-10:45, Wednesday 5th- 11th from 6:45-8pm. Please contact Connie @ 834-4433.

**God is Good Vacation Bible School:** Children grades pre, K thru 4. Join us here at Holy Spirit for V.B.S. August 3rd-7th, 5-7:30 p.m. A small dinner will be provided. Activities will include scripture teachings, arts & crafts, games and music. Looking forward to seeing you there.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR YOUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

### Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection.....	\$2,236.00
Bldg. Fund.....	\$165.00
UCA.....	\$247.00

### United Catholic Appeal

Total to date

**61%**

\$15,457.07 of \$25,172.74