



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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JULY 30 - 31, 2022

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“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” - Lk 12:20-21

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GLP

Wednesdays

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 - 8:00pm

Benediction ~ 7:50pm



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MASS INTENTIONS

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, JULY 30th

+ St. Peter Chrysologus +

4:00pm - 4:45pm - Confessions

5:00pm - For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 31st

8:00am - 8:45am - Confessions

9:00am - (+) Fred Hildebrandt

***Rosary prayed 30 minutes before each Mass**

MONDAY, AUGUST 1st

+ St. Alphonsus Liguori +

No Mass at St. Stephen's

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd

+ St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard +

No Mass at St. Stephen's

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3rd

8:00am - Holy Mass

6:00pm - 8:00pm - Adoration & Confessions

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4th

+ St. John Vianney +

8:00am - Pray for Priests

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5th

+ The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major +

8:00am - Holy Mass

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6th

The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00am - 8:45am - Confessions

9:00am - Holy Mass

4:00pm - 4:45pm - Confessions

5:00pm - For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7th

8:00am - 8:45am - Confessions

9:00am - (+) Lawrence White

Liturgical Ministers August 6 - 7

Saturday, August 6 - 5:00pm

Servers: Garrett & Evan Schneider

Lector: Alice Wellnitz

Sunday, August 7 - 9:00am

Servers: Joe Collins, Brooks Benisch,
Wesley Brueggen

Lector: Bonnie Zahn

Dear St. Stephen's Family

Eat, drink and be merry." (Lk 12:19) Jesus said God called him a 'fool' (Lk 12:20) because:

1) He forgot God and failed to become "rich in what matters to God." He forgot the truth that God was the real owner of all his possessions and blessings, and he was only God's steward or manager. Instead, he was focused on himself and was selfish to the core. He liberally used the "aggressively possessive" pronouns "I" and "my". He was possessed by his possessions, instead of possessing them. In the process, he evicted God from his heart and never thought to thank God for having blessed him with a rich harvest. He was not thankful to God for His blessings; instead, he considered them as solely the fruit of his own labor.

2) He forgot others in need: As God had been ousted from his heart, that heart became narrow and constricted with no space left for others in it. He also forgot that God had given him everything he had - the land, the good growing season, and the excellent harvest - not for himself alone but for all those around him who were in need. Hence, the rich man gave no thought to the poor workers who had labored in his field, nor to his poor relatives, nor to the poor people in his community.

3) He forgot that he was going to die and never saw beyond this world. He forgot that he was going to die, sooner or later. It was as he was planning to build new barns and warehouses to store his wealth, that he heard the words all creatures will hear one day from their Creator: "This night your life will be demanded of you!" He left his soul out of his thoughts and, hence, left eternity out of his plans.

The life message for all of us:

We are invited to share our blessings with others. The parable of the rich fool gives us a warning as well as an invitation. It reminds us that our possessions are merely lent to us by God, and that we are accountable for their use. We must be generous in sharing our time, our treasure, and our talents, the three elements of Christian stewardship. Every one of us is rich in one thing or another. The parable instructs us to share these gifts.

Let us control our greed. Our greed takes different shapes and forms. Greed also turns our life away from God, away from serving and loving other people. As greed directs all our energy and attention to fulfilling the self, its objects become our false gods, and they will consume us unless we become rich in the sight of God.

In Christ,
Fr. Prabhakar Singareddy

On August 4, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests. **Please join us for Holy Mass on Thursday, August 4th at 8:00am to pray for priests.**

Ministry of Giving ~ Offertory

July 3: \$2,617.02 Received to Date: \$25,811.77

July 10: \$2,686.00 Budgeted to Date:

July 17: \$1,416.00

July 24: \$19,092.75

THANK YOU!

The new fiscal year began on July 1. The "Budgeted to Date" total will be updated once our budget is finalized



HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

Sunday, August 14th
6:00 - 8:00pm

Calling all 9th - 12th graders! Make plans to join us on **Sunday, August 14th from 6:00 - 8:00pm** as we kick off our monthly high school night of food, faith, and fun! Watch for more details soon - you won't want to miss it!!



CHURCH CLEANING



Thank you to our church cleaning crew for July. Scheduled for cleaning in August are:

Mick & Donna Mullooly Mike & Laura Rusch
Ron & Kay Wildenberg DW Hahn

ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL POSITIONS



St. John Vianney Catholic School is seeking an After School Care Coordinator and support staff for the 2022/2023 school year. This program serves students in grades K-8, and typically ranges in attendees from 18-26 students. The support staff position offers more flexible hours. Candidates should demonstrate leadership, communication and interpersonal skills, adaptability and flexibility, initiative, and creativity.

After School Care is provided each school day. The arrival time is typically at 2:30pm and concludes at 5:30pm. If interested, contact hmiller@sjvknights.org or call Heidi Miller at 608-752-6802.

STATELINE WORKS OF MERCY



First Friday Mass & Evangelization Workshop at St. Stephen's on **Friday, August 5th at 8:00am Mass**. Video and discussion to follow in the **Gilbank Room** at the Family Center. All are welcome.

Regular meetings held on the Second & Fourth Tuesdays at St. Thomas Church 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Please join us.

THANK YOU for your prayers, encouragement and financial support. With your help, we are succeeding!

CALENDAR

August 4 - Feast of St. John Vianney, Mass 8:00am

August 6 - First Saturday Mass, 9:00am

August 9 - Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30pm

August 13 - "Faith Night" at ABC Supply Stadium with +Bishop Hying, Sky Carp game starts at 6:35pm

August 14 - High School Night, 6:00pm - 8:00pm



SAVE THE DATE!

Our pork chop dinner returns on
Sunday, October 9th!!



BELOIT SKY CARP NIGHT

Saturday, August 13th at 6:35pm

Please join us for a great Catholic night with +Bishop Hying at beautiful ABC Supply Stadium in Beloit on **Saturday, August 13th** to see the Beloit Sky Carp play the West Michigan Whitecaps! **"Bring your own food & drink" tailgate starting at 5:00pm at St. Thomas, 822 E. Grand Ave., Beloit. Game starts at 6:35pm.** To order your tickets, visit <https://fevo.me/3xT1nHZ>



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STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR
THE DIOCESE OF MADISON

We all want a deeper personal experience of Jesus' love and life. We all long to pray better. We all seek a Sunday experience of the Eucharist which nourishes our hearts and souls. We all desire excellent and inspiring preaching, liturgical music, and formation opportunities for ourselves and our young people. We all crave joyful and deeper connections with other faithful Catholics. We all long to speak about our faith with others who do not know Christ with greater confidence and joy.

We believe that the Into the Deep strategic planning process will help us to achieve this vision of a brighter future and a more vibrant local Church, but this process will require the participation and engagement of every Catholic in the Diocese of Madison. We would love to have you walk with us.

To stay informed about where God is leading us, please sign up for our email newsletter! And may God help all of us to follow Him...into the deep! <https://bit.ly/3P82vh8>

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