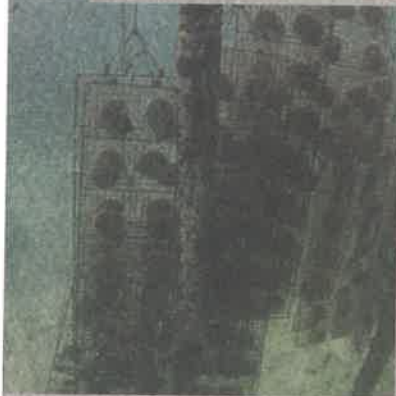


The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.
When he finds a pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

MATTHEW 13:45-46



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26
2020

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An old expression admonishes, “Be careful what you wish for.” Another one warns about money “burning a hole in your pocket” as you try and determine all the possibilities about how you will spend it. If God were to grant you a wish, what would it be? Our readings are about making wise choices and following God’s ways. When Solomon is given this opportunity, he does not make a rash or selfish decision but requests an “understanding heart” so that he might

better govern the people with justice. The responsorial psalm is part of a long acrostic poem about the beauty of following God’s law. Saint Paul speaks to the Romans about being God’s master plan, in which we each have a special calling and purpose. The Gospel provides several parables about the kingdom of heaven, and how we might take right action and necessary steps in order to obtain it.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25, 2020 – 5:45pm

+Loretta Tulley req. by Jay & Katrina Plese

Sunday, July 26, 2020 – 9:00 am

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, July 27, 2020 – 9:00 am

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 – 9:00 am

NO MASS

6:00pm – 7:00pm ADORATION

Wednesday, July 29, 2020 – 9:00 am

NO MASS

Thursday, July 30, 2020 - 9:00 am

+John Stromski req. by The Family

Friday, July 31, 2020 - 9:00 am

NO MASS

Saturday, August 1 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, August 2, 2020 – 9:00 am

+Adele Kalinowski req. by Steve & Grace Niemiec

SATURDAY, August 1, 2020 – 5:45pm	SUNDAY, August 2, 2020 – 9:00am
USHER/GREATER:: Mike & Katie Horath	USHER/GREATER: Dan & Tricia Knowles
LECTOR: Linda Cakora	LECTOR: Steve Hoehn
	COUNTERS: Hoehn

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is
\$2,090.37

Sunday, July 12.....\$1,431.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish
St. Patrick Parish depends on offertory donations for ongoing expenses. Please visit our parish website to set up online giving, if you have not already done so. Our parish website can be found at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org – Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you



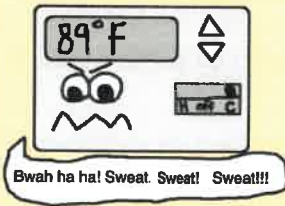
REMINDER! MASKS ARE MANDATORY
WE HAVE A FEW AVAILABLE,
HOWEVER, AFTER AUGUST 1
THERE WILL BE A CHARGE OF \$1.00 EACH



REGISTRATION PACKETS FOR THE
2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
HAVE BEEN E-MAILED TO
OUR CURRENT FAMILIES
IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH
OR HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED YOUR PACKETS
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AND
MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT E-MAIL ADDRESS
REGISTRATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH
OFFICE BY AUGUST 1, 2020
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AS A TEACHER
PLEASE LET US KNOW. THANK YOU



Our Two Week Candle is
burning for
A special intention for
MARY JANE HOEHN
Req. by
The Hoehn Family



We need your help. Our church is cooled with two air conditioning units (one on the East Side and one on the West). The unit on the West side went out, the date on the inside of the unit side was from 1991. It has been replaced and working nicely. However, our Maintenance fund has been depleted. Last year the boiler in the rectory needed to be replaced, one of the dehumidifiers in the church hall needing to be re-

placed, and a large tree in the West parking lot had to be removed. This year, with the pandemic, our collections have been keeping us afloat with our normal responsibilities, but not much for extraordinary expenses. We are not alone and realize everyone is struggling at this time, your generosity in helping us cover the cost of this expense would be greatly appreciated. This past weekend we received \$220 toward the new unit. Thank You.



MASS ETIQUETTE

Remember that entering the house of God is a sacred place and the Scriptures instructs us to show proper reverence to God, specifically in the way that we dress and the way we act. We should attire ourselves appropriately at Mass to show God that we consider his liturgy as the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Being modest is part of obeying the law of Chastity because how we dress reveals our standards. The way you dress is a reflection of what you are on the inside and influences the way you and others act. Ask yourself, "Would I feel comfortable with my appearance in the presence of the Lord?" Dressing modestly not only shows our faith in the Lord, but shows our gratitude and respect for our bodies, which are gifts from God. Men remember to remove your hats, women may wear chapel veils. Gum chewing is not permitted and it does break the fasting rule before communion. Also remember that the use of electronics during Mass is unacceptable, so please turn off all electronics and cell phones. Finally during this difficult time of stricter rules and regulations because of the pandemic, be kind to those working so hard to keep the doors open. They are following the guidelines set down by the diocese so we all can participate in celebrating the Mass. None of us like these rules, but we must follow them for our safety and the safety of those around us. Thank you for your cooperation.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME
EVERYONE BACK TO
ST. PATRICK CHURCH**

**REGULAR SCHEDULE IS:
SATURDAY 5:45PM – MASS
SUNDAY 9:00AM – MASS
TUESDAY 6:00pm TO 7:00pm**

RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION

Currently, adoration is limited to only 10 attendees at one time.

THURSDAY 9:00AM – MASS

You must register at:

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Entrance into the Church will only be through the east side door.

Our leadership team has prepared the church so that it is safe for our time of worship.

The following guidelines are recommended by our Diocese and the CDC.

1. Face covering is required.
2. Social distancing will be maintained. Households may sit together.
3. The Church has been disinfected and will be disinfected after every Mass/ rite or event
4. Arrive 10 -15 minutes earlier as there is a check-in process
5. If you have been exposed to someone that tested positive to COVID self-quarantine and don't attend. If you have flu-like symptoms, please respect the health and safety of other attendees and stay home to get well. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Saturday/Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation is extended until further notice.
6. Please follow the guidance of the ushers/greeters through the check-in, seating and exiting process.

If you are interested in volunteering, please send me an email. We need ushers, greeters and cleaners for each service.

Also, the weekend Masses will be available for you to attend on St. Patrick's website and Facebook page.

Thank You and may God Bless You. Fr. Sebastian

Diocese of Joliet Announces Appointment of New Bishop, Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

July 17, 2020

JOLIET, IL-- Pope Francis today announced that he has named Bishop Ronald A. Hicks, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, as the sixth Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet, IL. Pope Francis had previously accepted the resignation of Bishop Emeritus R. Daniel Conlon and had named Bishop Richard E. Pates as Apostolic Administrator of the diocese until a new bishop could be appointed.

Bishop Hicks, 52, will be installed at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, Ill. on September 29, 2020.

"The Diocese of Joliet is most grateful to Pope Francis for the appointment of Bishop Ronald Hicks as its sixth bishop," said Bishop Pates. "The bishop owns a reputation for pastoral leadership and is totally committed to the ongoing renewal of the Catholic Church. He is a worthy successor to Bishop Conlon and his predecessors."



About Bishop Hicks

Bishop Hicks, a native of Harvey, IL, grew up in South Holland, IL, where he attended St. Jude the Apostle Parish and Grade School. He graduated from Quigley Seminary South in 1985. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Niles College of Loyola University Chicago in 1989 and his Master of Divinity degree in 1994 and his Doctor of Ministry degree in 2003, both from the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL.

Bishop Hicks served as an Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Chicago from 1994 to 1996 and then at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Orland Hills, IL, from 1996 to 1999. From 1999 to 2005, he lived and ministered at St. Joseph College Seminary as the Dean of Formation.

In July 2005, with permission from Cardinal Francis George, Bishop Hicks moved from Chicago to El Salvador to begin his five-year term as Regional Director of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) in Central America. NPH is a home dedicated to caring for more than 3,400 orphaned and abandoned children in nine Latin American and Caribbean countries. From 2010 to 2014, Bishop Hicks served as the Dean of Formation at Mundelein Seminary. During that time, he assisted with weekend Masses at St. Jerome Parish in Rogers Park, Chicago, Ill.

Bishop Hicks was appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese by Cardinal Cupich on January 1, 2015. On September 17, 2018 he was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon; Bob Johnson ; Steve Niemiec;

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF JULY

- We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK July 26, 2020



Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
 Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday: St. Martha
 Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus
 Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
 Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori; First Saturday

A SHARE IN GOD'S KINGDOM

Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the Kingdom. The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today's first reading: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you" (1 Kings 3:5). Today's parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, "A share in your kingdom, O God!" Today we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures – the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets, and so much more. Having a share in God's kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain.

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THE REVELATION OF YOUR WORD SHEDS LIGHT

Jesus is speaking in parables and offers three different images for the kingdom of heaven. Remember that popular line from a phone commercial: “Can you hear me now?” Jesus is trying to teach and basically says, “Do you understand me now? Do you get it now? Then let me explain it another way.” He is shedding light on just how very important his mission is, that the kingdom of God is the most important thing, and that we must make every choice, every effort to strive for it. To use a sports metaphor, Jesus is telling us we must not look for immediate satisfaction, but we must “play the long game” because in the end, this is the only thing that really matters.

GIVING UNDERSTANDING TO THE SIMPLE

This message again seems very countercultural. We live in an age of instant gratification. Consumer debt is at an all-time high. Houses get bigger and bigger and more luxurious. Instead of saying “I can’t afford a new car,” people stretch payments out over six or seven years in an attempt to afford the unaffordable. Today we are called to put it all in perspective, to follow the “pearl of great price,” to put all things aside that we might seek the kingdom of God and reach our heavenly goal, our salvation. This may require a paradigm shift and making radical changes in our lifestyle, in how we spend our time, our money, our energy, how we define what is important to us. May each of us find the wisdom of Solomon to guide us in making the right choices.

Today’s Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76–77, 127–128, 129–130; Rom 8:28–30; Mt 13:44–52 [44–46]

7/26/2020