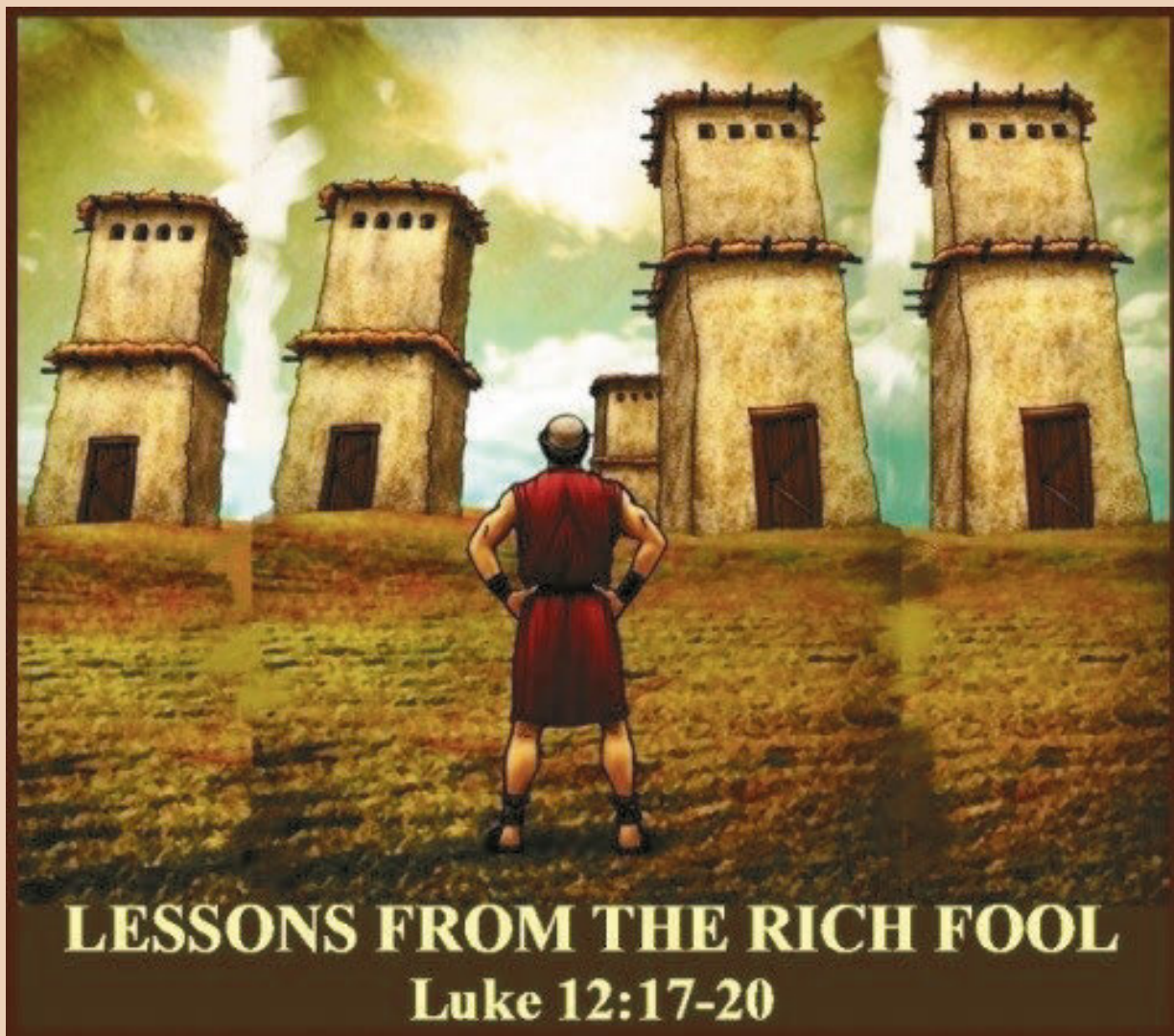


EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 3, 2025



LESSONS FROM THE RICH FOOL

Luke 12:17-20

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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday: By Appointment

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00PM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 9:00AM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 11:00AM: St. Casimir

Monday-Friday 12:05PM: St. Ann's

First Saturday 9:00AM: St. Ann's

Weekday at St. Stanislaus: Call Parish Office

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

Sunday, August 3rd: Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Private: Special Intentions of Lucia Lee

11:00am (SC) Zoria Rudnecki by Mark Olszewski Family

Monday, August 4th: Saint John Vianney

12:05pm (SA) Chong Wook Lee by Lucia Lee

Tuesday, August 5th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Holy Souls by Lucia Lee

Wednesday, August 6th: Transfiguration of the Lord

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Family

Thursday, August 7th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Iaria by Lucia Lee

Friday, August 8th: Saint Dominic

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Julia LaPrad by Lucia Lee

Saturday, August 9th: Weekday

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Sunday, August 10th: Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Private: Special Intentions of Lucia Lee

11:00am (SC) Mark Allen, Anniversary by loving mother, Caroline Larson

CONFESSIONS: Monday-Friday, 11:30-11:55AM (St. Ann's)

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Aug. 4th - Private Intention

Tues., Aug. 5th - Buziewicz & Dzmura Families (Family)

Wed., Aug. 6th - Josephine Przybyszewski (Michael, Karen, Jack, Scott)

Thur., Aug. 7th - Charlotte Cleaver (Family & Friends)

Fri., Aug. 8th - Louise Miklinki (Wozniak Family)

Sat., Aug. 9th, 4:00PM - Gail Smith (Family)

Sun., Aug. 10th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16, 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48

August 3, 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:13-21

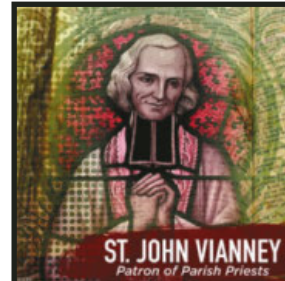
Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— Father John Muir



**August 4th
Feast of
St. John Vianney,
Patron of Priests**

**Pray for your
priests!**

SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: J.D. Zimmerman (Helen)

HOLY FAMILY: 1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate; 2) All Parishioners Living & Deceased

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

ST. ANN'S: 1) Joseph & Mary Berdis by Barbara Berdis & Family; 2) All Sick and Shut-Ins

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family; 2) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

Dear Parishioner of Our Mother of Sorrows,

In a recent meeting with parish leadership, we discussed reviewing our offertory envelopes and their delivery. First, we want to reduce the number of envelopes that come in your packets. Some envelopes are redundant; others are not necessary.

Second, we wanted to consider the cost-savings of changing the delivery of our envelopes. Currently, we spend \$113 a month (\$1,356 a year) to have them mailed to you. If, however, we had them mailed bi-monthly, we would save over \$300 a year. Likewise, if we had them mailed once a year, we would save over \$600 a year.

No decisions have yet been made. If you have strong feelings about the frequency of the envelope mailings, please speak to a member of our Parish Council.

- Fr. Jason

HOLY HOUR, EXPLAINED!

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ. More broadly, a holy hour can also refer to any 60 minutes set aside in prayer and reflection, whether in church or elsewhere. The holy hour devotion dates to the late 17th century, when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus Christ. In these visions, the Lord requested that St. Margaret Mary spend one hour every Thursday evening lying prostrate and meditating upon his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. This practice calls back to the Gospel of Matthew, which tells of Jesus' desire for the disciples to "remain here and keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:38) as he awaited his passion.

Dear Parishioners of St. Stanislaus,

Eons ago, there was a mosaic of the Polish falcon in tile on the church's sanctuary floor. I had heard this, but wasn't sure if it was true. Recently, thanks to Bobby Sulecki, I saw a photograph of said mosaic, confirming that there once was a tiled mosaic of the Polish falcon.

Perhaps only few know that all of the tile that was once in the sanctuary is currently in boxes in the rectory basement (over 40 boxes of them!). I, personally, along with a few others, would be interested in restoring that particular mosaic, but need your help.

While the photograph Bobby provided confirms the existence of the mosaic, the image isn't clear enough to help identify the individual tiles that constitute that specific mosaic. If anyone would happen to have a photograph of the Polish falcon on the sanctuary floor, regardless of the image quality, please share it with me; it may help us bring this project to fruition.

If we are able to move forward with this project, it will likely take months to identify the specific tiles and to properly arrange them to reflect the original image. We will keep you apprised of our progress.

-Fr. Jason

ALL-PARISH PICNIC

St. Stan's will host our annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 3rd, from 3:00PM-7:00PM, in the St. Stan's Rectory courtyard. Dinner will be served at 5:00PM.

This picnic is intended for *all* of our parishioners from St. Hedwig's and Our Mother of Sorrows, as well as St. Stan's. In the past, this picnic has been a wildly successful event, bringing together all of our communities for an afternoon/evening of fellowship.

For planning purposes, please call or text Michelle Inter for reservations (814-490-7362). We are asking for a modest \$5 donation per family. The parish will provide the main entrée, a limited amount of soft beverages, and beer (feel free to BYOB). Please consider bringing a dish to share according to the following scheme based on the first letter of your last name:

A-I: Hot side dish

J-T: Cold side dish

U-Z: Dessert

WHAT WE STORE IN THE BARN

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire. All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn. This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stan's will host Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, August 17th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM. Please consider giving the Lord some of your time in prayer.

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