

# Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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July 24, 2011. Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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During all the ages of human history, tribes and nations have had their sages, philosophers, and friends of wisdom. Indeed, wisdom, insight, sound judgment is a precious possession. But human wisdom is not always adequately the same as truth. Often sages have narrowed their observation by working with their intellect alone. This resulted in all forms of rationalism, which had no eye for the transcendent. In the Bible we find a type of wisdom that originates from both heart and intellect. It is an often-intuitive wisdom of the total person. Moreover, Biblical wisdom is a special gift of God. That is why we pay attention to it. In today's Bible readings, wisdom is considered the supreme value of human life, and the parables of the treasure and the pearl that the kingdom of God is a value for which no is too bring out great. It is a question of priority of values! Wise and mature Christians have a sound judgment about what is more or less important in life, since they blend human insight with the God-inspired wisdom of the Bible.

## **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

“ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart...”

- What do you treasure most at this time?
- How is your heart tied to what you treasure?

We know that all things work for good for those who love God.

- When has an apparently bad thing turned out to be good?
- Where are you most challenged to find the good?

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.”

- How do you mine the richness that is in you?
- How can you find the unexplored wealth in another?
- Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.
- When have you seen someone put into practice the teaching of Jesus to “answer evil

with good”?

- “The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sell all that he has and buys it.”
- \* What do you value, and what are you willing to risk to possess it?

## **HOLY MASSES**

July 24, 2011. Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za śp. Barbare Wisniewska zam. Irena Adamczyk z rodzina.

July 31, 2011. Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM Holy Mass for + Anna Hudak and Josephine and Anthony Regula req. by Kaiser family.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

## **Events and activities**

*Responsorial Psalm for today is:*

Lord, I love your commands.

**Wisdom - Scripture note.**

**The parable of the treasure and the pearl have the same message: The kingdom of heaven is worth investing everything we have to acquire it. But we need the wisdom that comes from God to see this. The parable of the net has same message as that of the wheat and the weeds. in its present stage the kingdom contains both good and bad things. Only at the final judgment will they be separated.**

REFLECTION - AT THE END OF THE DAY

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A NET CAST INTO THE SEA WHICH CATCHES ALL KINDS OF FISH. WHEN IT IS FULL, THE FISHERMAN HAULS IT ASHORE. THEN HE SITS DOWN AND SORTS OUT THE GOOD FISH FROM THE BAD. THE GOOD HE KEEPS, THE WORTHLESS HE THROWS AWAY. IN A SENSE, ALL OF US ARE FISHERS. EACH DAY WE CAST OUR NET INTO THE SEA OF LIFE. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY WE HAVE A CATCH, SOMETIMES SMALL, SOMETIMES LARGE. MAY WE TAKE TIME TO SIFT THROUGH THAT CATCH. AND MAY YOU, LORD, GIVE US THE WISDOM TO KNOW WHAT TO KEEP AND WHAT TO THROW AWAY.

*Please pray* for all the sick and shut-ins especially for: Marian Sowa, Caren Lagerstrom, Joseph Zavatsky, Edwin Zulkowski, Jean Manowiecki, Bp. Anthony Rysz, Bp. John Swantek, Fr. Senior Eugeniusz Stelmach, Julia Paluszek, Theodore Ciulac, Catherin Zglobicki, Catherin & Frank Kusniesz, Wanda and Andrew Closterman, and all in need of our prayers.

Let us pray... Lord, our hungry world cries out for the miracle of loaves and fishes once more. Soften the hearts of rich nations to meet the needs for adequate food and clean water in every land. Make us thirst for righteousness and hunger for justice the world over, and not just to satisfy our own comfort. AMEN!!!

*Sacrament of Baptism:* Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

*Sacrament of Matrimony:* Arrangement should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

*Emergencies, Sickness and Death* should be reported to the rectory office immediately.

*Welcome to Our Visitors - We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please introduce yourself to the Pastor after Mass, please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us in worship at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish.*