

A reflection from the Pastor

My beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Today's gospel likens the kingdom of heaven to a buried treasure or fine pearls. Something we want to hold on to and don't mind the price we have to pay.

Do we consider the kingdom of that importance? Or are we just biding our time before our great 'conversion?' Remember it's never too late to get our lives straight with the Lord. And it doesn't matter where you've been, you can start today. Whether its refusing that bit of gossip on the phone or not watching that movie because of its content, or by avoiding excess eating or drinking, when we deny ourselves the desires of the flesh for the sake of the kingdom, then it has come and we show the world how important heaven is to us.

A family that does not worship on Sunday is not showing how important the kingdom is in their life- so many of our children year after year do not attend Mass on Sunday or stop after receiving the Sacraments or after having a quinceañera or the like. Let us pray this week that the kingdom of heaven will be important in our lives - let us

Financial Statement - June

Beginning Balance (6/01/2008)	\$36,867.34
Income	
Building Fund	808.46
Sunday Collections	9592.11
Candles	197.44
Hall Rental	425.00
Designated Funds	655.14
Interest Income	2.75
Total Income	\$11,680.90
Expenses	
Salaries	750.00
Pension	97.00
Gas & Electric	85.86
Satellite TV	102.87
Telephone	100.12
Water	68.25
Hall Cleaning	99.75
Repair and Maintenance	19,628.77
Misc. Expenses	2062.47
Rectory Expense	105.78
Auto	1317.00
Collection to Diocese	270.44
Subscriptions	110.00
Postage	16.80
Loan Interest Expense	63.99
Loan Principal	2826.24
DSA	1000.00
Total Expenses	\$28,705.34
Bank Balance (6/31/2008)	19,842.90
Money Market CD	20,000.00

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

July 29 – August 3

Tuesday, 29th	6:00 p.m. Angelus
<i>S. Martha</i>	6:10 p.m. Mass – <i>Larry Maxwell +</i> <i>by M/M Robert Cisneros &</i> <i>Family</i>
Wednesday, 30th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Guadalupe Gonzalez +</i> <i>by M/M Jesse Montelongo</i>
Thursday, 31st	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Mary A. Lerma +</i> <i>S. Ignatius of Loyola</i> <i>by Mary L. Moya</i>
Friday, 1st	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Poor Souls in Purgatory</i> <i>S. Alphonsus Liguori</i>
Saturday, 2nd	3:00 p.m. Quinceañeros – Monroy 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – <i>leader: Lupe Olguin</i> 6:00 (vigil) Mass – <i>Mildred Hroch +</i> <i>by John Hroch</i>
Sunday, 3rd	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>
<i>18th Sunday OT</i>	10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Joe Manuel Estrada II +</i> <i>by M/M Joe M. Estrada Sr. and</i> <i>family</i>

Readings – Sunday August 3

First Reading - Isaiah 55:1-3

Second Reading – Romans 8: 35 37-39

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 2nd, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Jeanette West, Paulette Brandl
Cup Ministers	Jeanne Lange, Veronica Garcia
Gift bearers	Alex and Rosie Chamberlain
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales, Matthew Vela
Ushers	R. Cisneros, M. Lange, S. Torres, R. Reyes

Sunday 3rd, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Martina Aguayo
Cup Ministers	Emilio and Veronica Ledezma and family
Gift bearers	Henry and Minnie Chacon
Altar Servers	Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade
Ushers	M. Garcia, D. Robles, J. Aguayo, P. Guerra

Sunday 3rd, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Melinda Valenzuela, Maribel Gonzalez
Cup Ministers	Ismael and Gracie Perez
Gift bearers	Frank and Maribel Gonzalez and family
Altar Servers	A. Gonzalez, M. Valenzuela, A. Valenzuela
Ushers	J. Troncoso, H. Longoria, C. Martin, M. Gonzales

Parish Calendar - August

- 12 Catholic Daughters Mtg. 7 p.m. Heritage Rm
21 Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7 p.m. Heritage Rm
24 Pre-Baptismal Instruction 10-12 Heritage Rm
- Please phone the office to register
 - Registration deadline for this class: August 15
 - Parents and Godparents must attend the sessions
 - if they have not attended within five years.
 - Classes may be taken before the birth of the child
 - Parents must be members of the parish and practicing Roman Catholics. There needs to be a reasonable amount of evidence the child is going to be raised a Catholic.

YOUTH CORNER

Children: Remember to Pray & Attend Mass
Attention Parents: Stay Tuned to the August bulletin – Religious Education is approaching

NOTE: YOU SHOULD BE ATTENDING MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S EACH SUNDAY, CLASS WITHOUT MASS IS LIKE LUNGS WITHOUT OXYGEN.

PARISH FALL TURKEY DINNER

It's hard to believe, but it's just around the corner: (69 days). To help the raffle, I would like to start selling the tickets in August this year. This means we will have to get the ticket list completed this month. If you would like to help with a raffle prize, please sign up on the entry table. Thanks to all who have helped so far. Also, be looking for those auction prizes! Thank you.

Hospital / Emergency Calls

As of member of the Victoria Deanery (churches in this area) St. Patrick's pays a hospital chaplain to meet the needs of hospital patients. If you find that you are in the hospital and in need of a priest in an emergency please contact:

Priest Beeper 503 – 9188

If no response, call:

Chaplain at: 579-6895 (home)
920-0137

Post this near your telephone. Please also take the time to let me know here at the parish so that I may include you on the prayer list and make a visit when possible.

Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 1971.49

Around the Diocese

August 1-2 Holy Family KC Council 9088

Fishing Tournament –

Port O'Connor Comm. Center. Call Bryan Ellis for more info at 578-0877

August 3 St. Joseph – Yoakum Picnic

Plates - \$7 Stew/Sausage

August 15 PRAHA Picnic – Stew/Fried Chicken

Adults 7 – children 4

August 17 HILLJE – St. Andrew Festival

Barbque/Sausage \$7/plate

**September 28 St. Patrick's Turkey Dinner
Bloomington**

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

Paul was on the road to what city when he had his conversion?

c. Damascus *Please see Acts 9:1-22 for his story!*

This week's question:

Paul was told by God in his conversion to go into the city and see a man named ...

a. Hezekiah b. Simeon c. Adam d. Ananias

(Answer coming next week)

PASTORAL INSTITUTE

Summer Classes are continuing. Please consult the website, www.victoriadiocese.org to find times and dates.

Religious education teachers are strongly encouraged to attend as per their schedule to better help teach our youth.

I am teaching CHURCH, August 6 and August 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room. Please call Barbara at the Chancery to Register, 573-0828.

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