



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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St. Francis Mass: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
Confessions: By appointment
Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

All times subject to change

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 1, 2010

Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.
Luke 12:13-21



Why does Jesus call this wealthy landowner a fool? Jesus does not fault the rich man for his industriousness and skill in acquiring wealth, but rather for his egoism and selfishness – *it's mine, all mine, and no one else's*. This parable is similar to the parable of the rich man who refused to give any help to the beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). The rich fool had lost the capacity to be concerned for others. His life was consumed with his possessions and his only interests were in himself. His death was the final loss of his soul! In the parable of the rich fool Jesus gives a lesson on using material possessions. It is in giving that we receive. Those who

are rich towards God receive ample reward – not only in this life – but in eternity as well. In this little parable Jesus probes our heart – where is your treasure? Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. What do you treasure above all else? *Used with permission, Copyright © 2010, Don Schwager, for full text go to <http://www.dailyscripture.net/>*

Transfiguration of the Lord: Next Friday (Aug. 6) is the Transfiguration. Luke's gospel tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep (Luke 9:32)! Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God. Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. *We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit* (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence? © Don Schwager

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion meeting is after Mass today. If you are currently an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or are interested in becoming one, please join us.

Religious Education class times have been changed. Classes will be starting **before** Mass on September 19th at 9:15 a.m. and will run until 10:45 a.m.

Thank you to Susan Brackeen for her efforts in coordinating public relations with students at Northeast. We welcome any ideas and information for attracting more students to come to St. Francis!

Welcome back to students, teachers and all those involved with education that will be starting school in the next few weeks. Next Sunday, August 8th, Father Rich will give a blessing to all returning students and teachers. If you are a student or a teacher (including homeschoolers), we invite you to come forward for the blessing.

Choose Life: Yet another example of the ongoing flood of success stories with non-embryonic stem cells is that of three year old Alyssa Dupuis who suffered brain damage at birth that caused cerebral palsy. Her parents decided to bank her umbilical cord blood which was recently given to Alyssa via stem cell transfusion. Immediate positive results were seen and at last report this little girl, according to her mother, is "about 85% cured from cerebral palsy."
NRL News, Feb-March, 2010

In July we pray for...Richard H. McIntosh, Blakely family, CJ & Mark McCoy, Olga Green, Dunn Family, Ed Porter, Helen Breuckner, Helen's granddaughter Amanda, Brenda Hastings, Nate Causey family, Juan Marquez, Louise Jackson+, Familia León, Familia Alvarez, Mary Ayala, Margie Escobar, Joella (friend of Edith Schneiweiz), and John & Cynthia Dauria.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 6:30 p.m., at the church

Parish Ecology Action: "...Finally, the aesthetic value of creation cannot be overlooked. Our very contact with nature has a deep restorative power; contemplation of its magnificence imparts peace and serenity. The Bible speaks again and again of the goodness and beauty of creation, which is called to glorify God (cf. *Gen 1:4ff; Ps 8:2; 104:1ff; Wis 13:3-5; Sir 39:16, 33; 43:1, 9*). More difficult perhaps, but no less profound, is the contemplation of the works of human ingenuity. Even cities can have a beauty all their own, one that ought to motivate people to care for their surroundings. Good urban planning is an important part of environmental protection, and respect for the natural contours of the land is an indispensable prerequisite for ecologically sound development. The relationship between a good aesthetic education and the maintenance of a healthy environment cannot be overlooked." *Pope John Paul II, 1990 World Day of Peace Message*

COLLECTION

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 25, 2010	Actual	Needed
Envelopes	575.00	\$1279.00
Loose	28.00	29.00
Total	\$603.00	\$1308.00
Candles	10.00	10.00
Building Fund	0.00	39.00
MS Catholic	0.00	13.46
Recycling	12.20	n/a

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 8, 2010

Lector 1	Allison Glass
Lector 2	Jim Goo
Intercessory Prayers	Charry Lacy
EM of HC	Margarita & Ann Glass
Gift Bearers	Christina & Bobbie
Altar Server	Josh Glass

