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of the Lord**

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A Life that is Dependent Sorely on Earthly or Worldly Things: Those who depend on earthly/worldly things choose to be by themselves and what they own and exclude God and even those around from their lives. Earthly/worldly things are anything or earthly things that distract us from God, His Word and His ways. Christians must never allow worldly things such as fame/position, riches, pleasure, achievement, or entertainment to distract them from focusing their attention on heavenly things where true riches are found. Unfortunately, some Christians choose not to know God but to follow some philosophy which suits their own fleshly desires and fits into their worldly lifestyle. Consumed, preoccupied or obsessed by worldly things they have little or no time for God or people around them. Like the Israelites, people who rely on worldly things alone tend to say it is by their own initiative, strength, and authority that they have been able to obtain what they have: *“otherwise, you might say in your heart, It is my own power and the strength of my own hand that has got me this wealth. Remember then the LORD, your God, for he is the one who gives you the power to get wealth, by fulfilling, as he has now done, the covenant he swore to your ancestors”* (Deuteronomy 8: 17-18). Today Jesus issues a warning: *“Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions”* (Luke 12: 15). Jesus warns against greed. All the rich young man was concerned about was himself, his property and how to obtain more possession. He failed to trust God from whom every good thing flows. He did not even give a thought to helping others. He had no room for God and others.

A Life that is Dependent on Jesus and the Ways of God: Dependence on God is the attitude which says in all things *“I need God,”* or *“I trust God,”* or *“I depend on God”* for eternal life, my salvation (Ephesians 2: 8-9) and for everything (Psalm 104: 27). The ways of God are the ways in which God deals with us or what God wants us to accomplish. God whose ways are higher than our ways (Cf. Isaiah 55: 9) wants us to do things his own way. Only God can give us the kind of happiness our hearts long to possess. The young man was rich and prosperous, but he still wasn't satisfied. Earthly things are transitory or passing and have no substance. Instead of sorely chasing after the transitory things of this world we should preoccupy ourselves with the things that lasts which deal with the eternal God. Instead of working hard to gain money, fame, pleasure, and property, we should work at building a relationship with God, because when we die we will take nothing with us. The limitations of this life and passing nature of the things of this world should make us see that this life is nothing without God who promises and guarantees us a life that is eternal after this temporal life. This explains why St. Paul in our Second Reading today enjoins us to move beyond vanity, illusion, and set our hearts on what pertains to higher realms. God and His reign should be our priority in life.

The Spiritual Benefits that Flow from Possessing God and Following His Ways: Created things or the worldly things are there to help us reach our ultimate goal, which is God. What makes us rich in the presence of God is not what we own but what we are before God. Psalm 127, verse 1 beautifully state: *“if the Lord does not watch over the city, in vain do the watchman keep vigil.”* For those who are on the side of God and walk in His ways, eternal life is the reward because they will reap what they saw: *“Make no mistake God cannot be mocked, for a person will reap only what he sows”* (Galatians 6: 7). Those who choose Christ, to believe in Him and to follow Him and His ways will come to possess eternal life: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but have eternal life”* (John 3: 16). Even in this present life, those who have chosen to be on the side of God and walk in his ways do not miss out before God but obtain some spiritual benefits: *“Bless the LORD, my soul; all my being, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, my soul; and do not forget all his gifts”* (Psalm 103: 1-2). The many gifts or blessings of God that the souls of those who choose to live in the presence God and walk in His ways enjoy during their life here on earth include the forgiveness of their sins and healing from diseases; being crowned with love and compassion; satisfaction of their desires for good things and renewal of their youth. Those who are on the side of God and follow His ways will not be treated as they deserve to be treated (based on their sins), nor will they be repaid according to their iniquities (even though their sins separate them from Him for eternity). To those who have chosen God and His ways here on earth, God will make his ways known; God will remain patient with them and love them greatly (His love never gives up on them); God will have compassion on them (just as a father has compassion on his children); and God will be merciful, gracious, slow to anger and forgiving to them. Finally, those who choose God and His ways will be adopted into the family and kingdom of God (Cf. Psalm 103: 3-12).

Closing Prayer: *May our days here on earth be mostly filled up with the preoccupation for heaven, especially the things of that lead towards God, rather than relying solely on worldly things which in some ways do not lead us to eternity.*

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.” Luke 12:15. The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our *“invisible”* gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from *“emptying”* ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more *“God-centered”* and less *“self-centered.”*

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Raphael	St. Gabriel
Needed Each Week:	\$2,467.41	\$2,807.70	\$815.76	\$533.66
Needed Year-to-Date:	9,869.64	11,230.80	3,263.04	2,134.64
Actual Year-to-Date:	7,936.82	12,865.70	2,803.60	2,263.00
Date: July 24, 2022:	2,642.00	2,800.00	480.90	358.00
Other Collections:	-	50.00	-	-

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

Saturday, July 30, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael

4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael

4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael
(For our faithful departed)

6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel

6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel

6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(Richard Kane)

Sunday, July 31, 2022

8:00am Reconciliation at St. Catherine

8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(William Kramer)

10:30am Rosary at St. Anne

11:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Antonija Ovcjak)

Monday, August 1, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

(For the youth of our parishes)

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

(Prayers for Priestly & Religious Vocations)

9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Special Intention for Charles Ayers)

5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration and
Reconciliation at St. Catherine

Thursday, August 4, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Deceased family members of the Bob
and Rita Beck)

9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

Friday, August 5, 2022

No Mass Today

Saturday, August 6, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael

4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael

4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael
(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael)

6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel

6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel

6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(Helen Anstead)

Sunday, August 7, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Al Vichunas)

11:00am Mass at St. Anne

(Roman and Gertrude Beyer)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **St. Gabriel Altar Society Meeting:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 2:00 pm
- **COFFEE & DONUTS ~ A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SOCIAL TIME WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS!**
St. Catherine: The next Coffee & Donuts will be Sunday, August 7th following mass.
St. Anne: Coffee & Donuts will be after mass on Sunday's!
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**
- Volunteers needed in the St. Anne Cemetery to fill in the potholes. There is a pile of topsoil behind the shed. Please contact the office to get all the details.
- Food Bank of Lincoln is looking for volunteers to assist at their pop-up pantry held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Please call 989-736-8879 if you can help.
- **ST. ANNE'S ~** Volunteer Cleaners needed for the months of August - December!
- **MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

SUNDAY:

ECC 1:2; 2:21-23, COL 3:1-5, 9-11,
LK 12:13-21

MONDAY:

JER 28:1-17,
MT 14:13-21

TUESDAY:

JER 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22,
MT 14:22-36

WEDNESDAY:

JER 31:1-7,
MT 15:21-28

THURSDAY:

JER 31:31-34,
MT 16:13-23

FRIDAY:

NA 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7,
MT 16:24-28

SATURDAY:

DN 7:9-10, 13-14, 2 PT 1:16-19,
LK 9:28B-36

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday:

Rev. Tyler Bischoff

Monday:

Rev. Joseph Blasko

Tuesday:

Rev. Lawrence Boks

Wednesday:

Rev. Msgr. James Brucksch

Thursday:

Rev. Anthony Citro

Friday:

Rev. Michael Class

Saturday:

Pope Francis

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL '22

Catholic Service Appeal (CSA) provides the financial support for a number of important services maintained by the Diocese of Gaylord. It is expected that the parishioners of each parish will provide the assigned amount of support projected by the Diocese as that parishes' goal.

As of Wednesday, July 27, 2022:

St. Anne has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$14,605 which is 62.4% of our goal. We need an additional \$8,787. To date, 43 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 26.2% of our members.

St. Catherine has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$24,195.00 which is 86% of our goal. We need an additional \$3,909. To date 70 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 54% of our members. St. Gabriel & St. Raphael have both reached there CSA goal in contributions but not in participation.

If you have not already contributed or pledged, please do so soon! It is imperative that we reach our goal.

Thank you to all who have responded so far!

8/14 PARISH PICNIC @ 1PM

Located at the Mikado Pavilion behind the township hall.



**Fun & games
for everyone!**

**Please plan on coming out & enjoy the afternoon
with games fellowship and food. All are welcome!**

**Meat (burgers and hot dogs) and beverages (juice, water, iced
tea, and coffee) will be provided; please bring a dish to pass!**

DIOCESE OF GAYLORD SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

The Diocesan Phase of the Synod on Synodality has concluded.

This Diocese of Gaylord's Synod Report has been published at www.dioceseofgaylord.org/synod2021-2023-diocesan-synthesis-report and submitted to the regional bishop's conference. The next steps in the synodal process include each regional bishops' conference synthesizing diocesan reports and submitting their findings to continental bishops' conference. These continental gatherings will then submit reports to the General Synod of Bishops in Rome, where the final discernment process will take place and recommendations will be made to Pope Francis.

We are grateful to all parishioners who have participated in this through their completion of On-line forms and comments via letters. As we move forward let us continue to offer prayers for the successful completion of the whole Synod.

Thank you and God bless.
Fr. John

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS! SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND SPECIAL COLLECTION: AUGUST 6/7

On August 4, we celebrate the feast of Saint John Vianney, patron of parish priests. His passionate devotion to our Lord drew people closer to their Heavenly Father, reminding us that our priests are central to God's plan for his people and helping us appreciate the importance of priestly vocations. Together throughout the Diocese of Gaylord, we celebrate this beautiful gift of the diocesan priesthood by taking up a special collection each August to support our seminarians with education expenses as they prepare for the priesthood.

You will be receiving a letter from our shepherd, Bishop Jeffrey Walsh, this week in the mail inviting you to support our seminarians through prayer and through a financial gift to the 2022 Seminarian Education Fund. Please watch for this special message from Bishop Walsh and pray about how you might continue supporting seminarians and all those considering a priestly vocation or religious life!