

SAINT WENCESLAUS PARISH

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2016

Parish Announcements:

Mission Co-op Weekend

Next weekend, August 6th & 7th our Masses will be celebrated by Fr. Anthony Joseph, a priest serving in our diocese. He will be mission appealing on behalf of his home Diocese of Sivangangai in India. Please give him a warm welcome and write any donations checks payable to our parish.

CCD Meeting

Our CCD teachers will gather this Monday, August 1st at 7pm in Msgr. Baer Hall to plan this year's program.

PCCW Meeting

Our Parish Council of Catholic Women will meet this Tuesday, August 2nd at 7pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to come.

Finance Council Meeting

Our new Parish Finance Council will meet next Monday, August 8th at 7pm in the rectory.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The KC's will meet next Wednesday, August 10th at 7pm in Msgr. Baer Hall.

Knights of Columbus Picnic

The Knights' summer picnic will be on Sunday, August 14th at 1pm at the Eastman park shelter.

Picnic & Homecoming Promotions

Raffle tickets and picnic posters are available for our Sunday, September 4th parish festival in the back of church.

Parishable Items

Visit Father's website to see parish bulletins, homilies, reflections, and articles online at: ParishableItems.wordpress.com

Pope Francis' August Prayer Intentions

General Intention:

That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Evangelization:

That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, & love of neighbor.

A Morning Offering Prayer

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for my personal intentions and those of my family and friends, and for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Amen.

August Hospitality Activities:

Church & Hall Cleaning	Group #5
Coffee & Rolls (August 21 st)	Group #6



The Parable of the Rich Fool by Rembrandt, 1627.

History's Ten Wealthiest People

In estimated billions of present-day dollars

10. Cornelius Vanderbilt (\$185, died 1877)

This rail tycoon's only large philanthropic gift gave about 1% of his fortune for Vanderbilt Univ.

9. Henry Ford (\$199, died 1947)

This automaker's name survives on vehicles seen upon every road and junkyard.

8. Muammar Gaddafi (\$200, died 2011)

This dictator of Libya, after being discovered hiding in a desert culvert, was killed by his people.

7. Jakob Fugger "the Rich" (\$221, died 1525)

While he lived, this German merchant-financier declared, *"The king reigns, but the bank rules!"*

6. William The Conqueror (\$229, died 1087)

After killing many to capture England, this Duke of Normandy, France joined the dead.

5. Mir Osman Ali Khan (\$230, died 1967)

As head of the state of Hyderabad, India, he used a 185-carat diamond as a paperweight.

4. Czar Nikolas II (\$300, died 1918)

This Russian ruler was assassinated along with his family by communist revolutionaries.

3. Andrew Carnegie (\$310, died 1919)

This steel magnate and philanthropist said, *"The man who dies rich dies disgraced."*

2. John D. Rockefeller (\$340, died 1937)

He sold oil drawn from Ohio's earth and now lays buried in the same.

1. Mansa Musa I (\$400, died 1337)

This 14th century king of Mali was the richest man to ever live. Have you ever heard of him?

The Vanity of Riches

"No man can buy his own ransom, or pay a price to God for his life. The ransom of his soul is beyond him. He cannot buy life without end, nor avoid coming to the grave. He knows that wise men and fools must both perish and must leave their wealth to others. Their graves are their homes for ever, their dwelling place from age to age, though their names spread wide through the land. In his riches, man lacks wisdom; he is like the beasts that are destroyed."

—Psalm 49:7-12

Greetings From Our Visiting Missionary

Dear parishioners,

I am writing these few lines about my Diocese in India which will help you to get involved in the Mission Cooperative Program this year. St. John De Britto, an energetic Jesuit Priest with missionary zeal came from Portugal to India in 1673 [the same year Fr. Jacques Marquette first canoed to Prairie du Chien.] St. John De Britto became a martyr while committedly serving our community. He was beheaded, and by his blood we got the faith which was carried out by our ancestors and the Archdiocese of Madurai was formed. The Diocese of Sivagangai was split off from that archdiocese and canonically erected in 1987.

Heading towards thirty years after its birth, our diocese is much committed to meet all the needs of the faithful regarding spiritual, social, cultural, and economical developments. We build up the community with meaningful spiritual celebrations which include Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adorations, Pious Devotions, Retreats, Charismatic Convention, and all the Sacraments. With regard to the education of our children both in spiritual and intellectual realm, we struggle a lot to meet the expenses due to the economical condition of many families. Our Diocese runs many orphanages and schools and a College for the benefit of all students regardless of religion. Your contributions through the Mission Cooperative Program for my Diocese will surely help the future generation to grow in all the level possible.

May God bless you!

Fr. Antony Joseph

Who We Will Be Helping

The purpose of this year's Mission Appeal Co-Op is to advance the primary and higher education of poor students (particularly the orphans and destitute children of Sri Lankan refugees) in the Diocese of Sivagangai, in India. This, Fr. Joseph's home diocese, is located at southeast corner of India on the Bay of Bengal. It has 80 parishes with 190 priests and 350 religious sisters serving 240,564 Catholics (about 9.8% of the population.) please prayerfully consider support their holy work.



"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man."

"If we could comprehend all the good things contained in Holy Communion, nothing more would be wanting to content the heart of man. The miser would run no more after his treasures, or the ambitious after glory; each would shake off the dust of the earth, leave the world, and fly away towards heaven."

—St. John Vianney
