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WITNESS & WORSHIP

BELCZAK'S BULLETIN

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Unexpectedly, a question comes to Jesus concerning inheritance. Jesus responds by launching in to a discussion of the dangers of wealth. The story of the rich man strikes close to home for many of us. The man being blessed by God with a great abundance of crops and decides to devote his energies to enjoying his wealth; he assumes that he will have many years in which to concentrate on the other aspects of his life. However, his plans are interrupted when God announces that he will die, and he will no longer be able to enjoy his wealth.



Inheritance laws are clearly not the real question here; the concern is not whether one should provide for one's children after death. Instead, Jesus deals with something more fundamental: the desire to possess. What good do possessions do for one who is dead? The answer is obvious: NOTHING! The rich man does not get the chance to build his larger barns and store his grain. It is the very thought of making his wealth his highest priority that results in his downfall. Jesus' criticism is of greed, the desire to have, to possess, and to obtain.

For many of us, this desire can be consuming. We live in a society in which living simply is seen as simply being odd. We compete to have the latest and best clothing, houses, cars, and even food; sometimes we even compete to be the most generous! Whether or not we ever obtain what our neighbors have, the very desire to have it can eat away at us. It can prevent us from being satisfied with what we have, from recognizing how richly we are blessed; it can make us grasping and stingy, preventing us from seeing the real needs of others. As today's second reading from Colossians also makes clear, it can prevent us from truly placing God first in our lives. Greed is a form of idolatry.

This is what the rich man in the parable did. He idolized what he had and lost sight of what he could be. How often do you and I fail to recognize the blessings that God bestows – and try to keep all the blessings for ourselves?



Today's gospel does give us an opportunity to plan for our future. I hope that you have begun to think about issues of "advance medical directives" and having a "patient advocate" in the event that illness or injury prevents you from making your intentions known. One of the best gifts my parents gave to my brother and I was their willingness to plan for their future. It is never easy to think about sickness, medical care options and finances when you are in good health mentally and physically. However, to wait until something happens is TOO LATE! My parents were products of the great depression and they always wanted my brother and I to benefit financially at the time of their death.

However, God had a better plan. They both died as Medicaid Patients. Their meager financial resources were used not to give my brother and I as inheritance, but to give them a quality of living and health care when they were no longer able to care for themselves. My brother and I knew their intentions for medical care, and when the time came for decisions about their care, the "advanced medical directives" which they had set in place were easy to fulfill. Instead of leaving us with "money" they gave my brother and I a far better inheritance: peace of mind and a love for each other. We did not have to worry about possessions, property, or wealth. We did not have to argue or "second-guess" what they would want the medical profession to do. We even pre-arranged and paid for their funeral expenses with their money. We were able to provide quality "nursing care" (for dad) and "assisted living" (for mom). My brother and I received the legal permission to act on their behalf, and we in turn gave each other the legal permission to act on their behalf if one of us were not available.

What mom and dad did for us was better than leaving us money. We could provide for them in accordance with their wishes, and we now enjoy the best inheritance: we have each other and we love each other. For my brother and I there was no anger, no disappointment, no hard feelings, nothing to "fight about." By planning ahead my mom and dad treated us in death they way they treated us in life – as equals, the most precious gift God had given to them.

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Sunday, August 1, 2010

LIVING THE GOSPEL

BELCZAK'S BULLETIN continued

Our inheritance from our parents was not financial but it is worth more than silver or gold. Here are some of the gifts we received; I hope that you can share them with your children and those you love:

The gift of listening: you must really listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listen.

The gift of affection: be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, and a pat on the back. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

The gift of laughter: share funny stories. Learn to laugh at yourself and find humor in everyday experiences. Clip cartoons and share funny experiences with those you love. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."

The gift of a written note: it can be a simple "thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note can be saved and reread for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

The gift of a compliment: a simple and sincere "you look great in red," or "you did a super job" or "that was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

The gift of a favor: everyday, go out of your way to do something kind for someone else.

The gift of solitude: there are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

The gift of a cheerful disposition: the easiest way to feel good is to make others feel good.

The gift of prayer: never be afraid to show your children that you have faith and encourage your children to pray with you in your home and to pray with the community each weekend.

Observations worth pondering:

1. *Only in America, can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.*
2. *Only in America, are there handicap-parking places in front of a skating rink.*
3. *Only in America, do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.*
4. *Only in America, do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a diet coke.*
5. *Only in America, do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.*
6. *Only in America, do we leave automobiles that are worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.*
7. *Only in America, do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.*
8. *Only in America, do we buy hotdogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.*
9. *Only in America, do we use the word "politics" to describe the process so well: "poli" in Latin meaning "many" and "tics" meaning "bloodsucking creatures".*
10. *Only in America, do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.*

Enjoy the summer!

Fr. Tom Belczak

NEED A NOTARY????

If you are in need of a notary, contact Rosie Marsh in the parish offices at (734) 927-1255. She will schedule a convenient time for you to come in. Oh, and it's free!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR

We pay a dear price trying to possess the biggest, best, fastest and latest. Satisfaction will never be spelled with *letters* (SUV, DVD, IRA, and IPOD) but rather by the *Word* of God in today's Gospel: "Be on your guard against all greed." Happiness comes from those we love and those who love us, and not from gadgets because we are more than consumers.



of the week

When have you felt that possessions were becoming too important in your life?

✠ This Week in our Parish

Sunday, August 1

2:00 PM Sunday Afternoon MS Support
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday, August 2

10:00 AM Senior Exercise
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Men Only)

Tuesday, August 3

10:00 AM Art Group
10:00 AM Senior Weaving

Wednesday, August 4

10:00 AM Senior Exercise

Thursday, August 5

10:00 AM Stephen Ministry Leadership

Friday, August 6

No Meetings

Saturday, August 7

No Meetings

Sunday, August 8

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Scripture Readings



Week of August 1st

Sunday: 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalm 95;
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

Monday: Saint Eusebius of Vercelli

Jeremiah 28:1-17; Psalm 119;
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Psalm 102;

Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday: Saint John Mary Vianney

Jeremiah 31:1-7; Jeremiah 31:10-13;
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday: Dedication of the Basilica St. Mary

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51;
Matthew 16:13-23

Friday: Transfiguration of the Lord

Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97;
2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36

Saturday: Saint Sixtus II

Hebrew 1:12—2:4; Psalm 9;
Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday: 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 33;
Hebrew 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48



September 11, 2010

9:00 AM Shot Gun Start

St. John's Golf Club

44045 Five Mile Rd

Plymouth, MI 48170-2555



All Proceeds To Benefit



dedicated to finding a cure

Contact Joe Micallef for more information

248-449-5511

† New Parishioners

On behalf of all our parishioners, we extend a warm welcome to these newly registered members who have joined our parish in the last week.

Steven & Joan Blackley and their daughter Lauren and son Ross
Christopher Weber and Lauren Stopa
Diane Richmond and her daughter Ashley
Esperanza Mayle and her son Joseph and granddaughter Addie
Donna Moodie

† May They Rest in Peace

Gill Miller
Betty Moir

† Newly Baptized

No Baptisms

† Newly Married

No Marriages

† Birthday Blessings

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August 7

Thomas Ross
Zachary Sarkody
Kathleen Stoscup
Emily Stover
Joseph Talan
Denise Williams
Felice Zeppa

Fall Registration for Religious Education

Forms are now available online!



† Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 31, 2010

4:30 PM Marilyn Gowen (3rd Anniversary), requested by Dorothy Gowen
Judy Smock, requested by Chris & Joan Looney
Robert Kowalski, requested by Len & Irene Mizerowski

Sunday, August 1, 2010

7:30 AM Betty Ratkos, requested by the Laurel Park Mall Walkers
9:00 AM Ann Early, requested by John Early
11:00 AM Georgiana Sanders, requested by Donna Crawley
Margaret Cencich(4th Anniversary), requested by the Cencich Family

Monday, August 2, 2010

9:00 AM Felix Evangelist, requested by Betty & Tom Capiris

Tuesday, August 3, 2010

9:00 AM Poul V. Andersen, requested by Patricia Andersen
Ralph & Ann Todd, requested by Patricia Andersen
7:00 PM People of Saint Kenneth

Wednesday, August 4, 2010

9:00 AM **NO MASS**

Thursday, August 5, 2010

9:00 AM The intentions of Joanne Stack

Friday, August 6, 2010

9:00 AM Johanna Terski, requested by Fran Ardanowski

Saturday, August 7, 2010

4:30 PM Richard Eicher, requested by Sister Mary De Sales
Judy Smock, requested by the St. Kenneth Senior Exercise Group
Helen Finegan, requested by Karen Abraham

Sunday, August 8, 2010

7:30 AM Judy Smock, requested by Richard & Roz Carbott
9:00 AM Ann Early, requested by John Early
Walter Pezda, requested by Jane Pezda
11:00 AM Henry Sapulski, requested by his Family



If you have requested a mass intention and would like to take the offertory gifts to the altar at that mass, please notify an usher upon your arrival.

✠ Please Pray for...

Marilyn Bar	Ruth Meloche	Kathryn Stachecki
Francis Bielecki	Bob Miller	Robert Stork
Kathleen Brennan	Patricia Moore	Marc Sullivan
Mary Quinn Brennan	Adele Morelli	Arthur Tervo
Sam Camellire	Mary Nagi	Mark Tomasi
Mary Cassar	Mary Nester	Sally Tozer
Katie Collins	Jim Noetzel, Jr.	Sharon Zain
Tim Conley	Terry Noetzel	Irene Zelechowski
Alice D'Adamo	Maurene Nygard	Danny Zerafa
Anne Dauerer	Mike O'Sullivan	
Raymond Fano	Mickey Pennybacker	
Justine Gapczynski	Bill Peters	
Jerry Gwizdz	Lottie Plank	
Tim Harrington	Donald Pratt	
George Heger	Joyce Prince	
Gail Jensen	Michelle Rowe	
Judy Laferrera	Maria Santoro	
Nicole Maurer	Michelle Skinner	

To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office. Names will be listed for four weeks unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

✠ Pray for our Military

Nathan Albanese, Army	Patrick Madish, Air Force
Anthony Allen, Marines	Shawn Madish, Navy
Ashley Allen, Marines	Matt Mosteiko, Army
Greg Anderson, Navy	Tom Newhouse, Marines
Steven Anderson, Marines	Brian Owens, Army
Paul Crandall, Army	Nyle Pfeefefer, Army
Marcus Dandrea, Marines	Ryan Rays, Navy
Bradley Davis, Marines	Sarah Rowe, Coast Guard
Greg Davis, Air Force	Doug Siemonsma, Navy
Megan Gagnon, Air Force	Bryan Silveri, Navy
Rick Giles, Army	Charles Simpson, Jr., Army
Jada Grindstaff, Army	Christopher Theodore, Army
James Hamblin, Marines	Dennis Thompson, Army
Shannon Suchora Hill, Air Force	Anthony Vennekotter, Army
Deryck Hill, Air Force	Amber Wald, Army

In gratitude for the sacrifices of our loved ones in the armed forces and their families, we are gathering the names and service branches of those currently serving our country, and requesting parishioners pray for these brave people. If you would like to add a person to our Military Prayer Request List, please call Barb at 420-3031.

✠ Advertiser of the Week

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✠ Birthday Blessings

August 1

Libby Arena
Michael Bullock
Kenneth Cauvin
Erin Chau
William Cherewick
Mariann Donat
Eleanor Halik
Rojeh Ismail
Megan Kavanagh
Angel Lichy
Zachary Marnocha
David McCallum
Jessica Mistak
Michael Mistak
Ben Sanko
Mary Sherry
Ian Youmans

August 2

Paige Bimberg
Elaina Braunscheidel
Gerald Brodzik
Evan Colburn
Shelly Cox
Carol Day
Jennifer Eichenberg
William Friske
Ryan Healy
Shane Hiller
Mia Jakubik
Scott Jewett
Sarah Jozwiak
Michael Kertes
Anthony Kraska
Carol O'Brien
Jacob Porter
Kelly Quinlan
Gail Rogers
Carrie Schilling
Daniel Shaffer
Kevin Sobas
Brent Thorne

August 3

Mary Boyk
James Brown
Kurt Finkbeiner
G. Hennen
Barbara Ignas
Kendra Juliette
Maren Kennedy
James Keys
Violet Koch
Rose Kucharski
Ray LaLonde
John Lazarowicz
Wayne Liebau
Sarah Marra
Charles Muir
Joseph Roberts
Lillian Smith
Nina Spallone
Damion Taylor
Maya Warszawski
Richard Wise

August 4

Julianne Capretta
Kimberly Dumond
John Foley
John LaFontaine
Adam Pieknik
Lorraine Powell
Nolan Redwine
Kathryn Rocheleau
Diane Schmid
Cari Soranno
Sarah Urban

August 5

Peter Bushaw
Daniel Cini
Heather Gardner
Gavin Green
K. Henige
Kathryn Ingram
Angela Kraska
Maria Kraska
Amy Lazarowicz
Joseph Lepish
Debra Picciano
Lucas Rhodes
Lauren Schendel
Cheryl Strayhorn
Steph Swerecki
Kathleen Theodore
Andrew Vance
Toni Wilson

August 6

E. Caruana
SuzanneCoe
Richard Flynn Jr.
Deborah Freeman
Scott Freisthler
Jaime Garcia
Sophia Harris
Janet Mahy
Brandon Makowski
T. Musso
Peter Pinto
Julie Rhodes
Angelina Seranian
Angela Stratton
Leah Strayhorn
Kathryn Thorne
Michael VanderLaan
Boris Warszawski
E. Wells
James Zdanek

August 7

Joshua Banks
Taylor Bastianelli
Kathleen Breen
James Fenech
Abigail Finn
Barbara Fugate
Paul Guerreso
George Holton
Lorraine Jeleniewski
Judith Majewski

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Stewardship Matters

A life of faith is not about exclusively doing things. Faith is not only seeking the kingdom of God or about works active in love. Faith includes the opportunity and need for us to rest in God's grace. One of the psalms invites us to be still and trust that God is God (Psalm 46:11). The Scriptures even show us how God, busy with the task of creation, rests on the Sabbath. If God takes time off, why can't we?

Rest and quiet give us the chance to image the world and our lives away from the frenzy that fills our days, running from one thing to the next, barely able to catch our breath, then after finally sitting down, discovering our mind racing through a list of a dozen things left to do.

Jesus offers an invitation to find a sense of life renewed and restored in him. "Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) The rest Jesus offers is a gift of his own mercy and grace. Our Lord offers us a place to set aside all our burdens: physical, financial, emotional, and more – and see that, in the middle of countless things that press in on us, the one thing that matters most is Jesus' welcoming grace and the life we find in him alone.

Remember: STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guidebook and Directory is correct.

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LITURGY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday: 9:00 AM
Tuesday: 7:00 PM
No mass on Wednesday
Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM,
Holy Days: 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday Thursday, Friday:
9:00 AM-12:00 noon, 1:00-4:00 PM
Tuesday
9:00 AM-12:00 noon, 1:00-4:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 PM
Baptism: Contact Office for Parents' Meeting.
Marriage: Make arrangements six months in advance for pre-marriage conference.

REGISTRATION

Come to the office to introduce yourself during regular parish office hours.

PARISH COUNCIL

4th Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.
All are welcome.
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LAST WORD

Possessions