



St. Andrew's Tidings

For the Week of July 31

The heart of our Gospel lesson for this week (Luke 12:13-21) is that a person's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. Jesus would have had no quarrel with the farmer in the story had he built larger barns to keep the grain from spoiling. Then, in the event of famine, he would have been able to share it with his neighbors. But no, he wanted more just for the sake of having more. This farmer cared only about himself; he had absolutely no concern for others. "I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years, eat, drink, be merry.'" Furthermore, he was living under the illusion that he could amass enough to be secure. His security was in his possessions. The more possessions, the more security. But Jesus would have him know that there is no lasting security in possessions.

Now, Jesus is not putting down all possessions. He is not calling us to poverty; Jesus is aware that people have physical need. We need food, barns, shelter, friends. Indeed, he taught us to pray for them, "Give us our daily bread." And he is concerned that we manage these gifts well. He is equally concerned that we not be trapped and controlled by these things. When once he found a rich young man in bondage to his possessions, he advised him to sell everything and give to the poor. Do not be possessed by your possessions. And he told the successful farmer, "You will not need larger barns because your life is almost over."

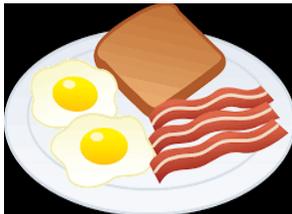
The question here is, when is enough enough? There is probably no really good answer to that question, but we do know that too much is more than enough. Jesus wants us to be prudent, to care for ourselves and our children. But he knows how easy it is for us to be so concerned about tomorrow that we get bogged down in crippling anxieties and acquiring more possessions. Actually there are no pockets in a shroud.

God gives us no systems. God gives us truths, by which we may form the systems for ourselves. It is the same in God's dealings with us through nature. God gives us wheat, but bakes no bread. God provides us with wool, but makes no garments; God furnishes us with fire and water to make steam, but builds no steam

engines. So Jesus Christ founded no economic system, which should be suitable to all times and races and peoples...God gives us a true standard of values.

For you see, “God is in every person’s life. Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it has been destroyed by vices, drugs, or anything else— God is in this person’s life. You can—you must—try to seek God in every human life. Through someone’s life be a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.” (Pope Francis)
“The eyes need not to see the power of God, if the heart gazes upon it; and, if the heart gazes upon it, the life cannot but manifest it. (Richard Meux Benson, SSJE).

*Blessings and love,
Margaret+*



SUMMER BREAKFAST !!

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS, REUNION GROUP, ETC. AND SIGN UP FOR SUMMER BREAKFAST WHICH GOES THROUGH AUGUST 28 !! Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30.

BAYLIGHTS! IS COMING-If you are interested in going, make your room reservation NOW, or you might not get one if you wait.
BAYLIGHTS September 30-Oct. 2

CURSILLO

There are 2 Cursillos coming up! Let's have a great group to go! If you want to go, fill out an application-found on the rack in Byrne Hall and give to Margaret+. Also, if you would like to serve as our Liaison for Cursillo, let Margaret or Fran know.

CURSILLO 157

Nov. 10-13

Bob Donnell, Lay Rector

St. Paul's - Mobile

CURSILLO 158

March 8-12, 2017

CURSILLO APPLICATIONS: ON THE RACK IN BYRNE HALL

THERE WILL BE A YARD SALE SOON BENEFITTING THE NURSERY. IF YOU HAVE ITEMS, PLEASE BRING THEM TO ROOM 6 BY THE PET GARDEN. PLEASE PRICE YOUR ITEMS. THANKS!



Celebration of Life Potluck

A sower went out to sow....Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a Hundredfold. Luke 8:5, 8a

Sunday, **October 30th**, St. Andrew's Foundation is sponsoring a potluck in Byrne Hall immediately following the service. Start thinking now about that special dish you would like to prepare and share.

At the potluck there will be information and handouts about planning your final Celebration of life and opportunities to remember your church in your final plans. Our goal is to inform you of possibilities that you can discuss with your family to decide what your final wishes will be. A will can be a vehicle not only to distribute assets, but also to make a statement about a person's values and priorities.

We are working hard to make this event be informative, fun and yummy. Please plan to attend.



Coming up in September:

*A Service of Taïze ' in
Commemoration of the 15th
Anniversary of 9/11. 4:00 p.m. Mark
your calendars and invite your
friends.*

(Names are left on the prayer list for 3 weeks, unless specified for a longer time)

Please keep the following in your prayers: Bob, Virginia, Mike, Warren, Ed, Nell, Sandra, Vincent, Margaret & Bill, Dr. Benton, Lindsey, Bill & Janice, Christian, Sandi, Reagan, ,Scott, Kim, Tim, Elizabeth, Brad, Jason & Beverly, Cadence, Becky, Luke, Bobbie, Emile, Leroy, Peggy, Norma, Daniel, Pat C., Kathy, Melinda, Logan, Brooke, Ladd, Judy, Maddie, Nancy, Gene, Hannah, Jessie, Jessica, Mary, Cynthia, Russell, Teresa, Lori, Doris, Michael , Margaret, Judy, Elizabeth, Hannah, Robbie, , Betty, Mary Lou, Dawn

*We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad:
Richard, David, Brian, Jason, Billy, Colin, Todd, Brett, Jordan, Jeremiah, Richard.
Ivan, James*