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## SAT-SUN, FEB 8-9 2020 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult .....	\$4,862.00
Loose .....	250.75
Maintenance .....	100.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,212.75</b>

Cemetery .....	\$634.00
Accent .....	\$15.00
Eastern Europe .....	\$5.00



### ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult .....	\$3,313.00
Loose .....	107.00
Children/Young Adults .....	15.00
Parish Improvements .....	448.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,883.00</b>

Accent .....	\$8.00
Eastern Europe .....	\$75.00



### ST. JOHN

Adult .....	\$2,479.00
Loose Collection .....	162.00
Maintenance .....	70.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,711.00</b>

Cemetery .....	\$243.00
Eastern Europe .....	\$47.00

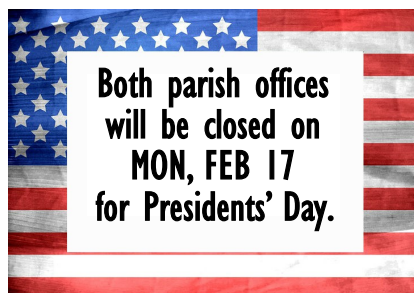


### ST. RITA

Adult .....	\$3,364.00
Loose Collection .....	705.00
Maintenance .....	25.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,094.00</b>

Cemetery .....	\$539.00
Accent .....	\$5.00
Eastern Europe .....	\$30.00

May our offerings of time, talents, and material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us. Amen.



## I Corinthians 2:6-10 EXPERT ADVICE

An expert can quickly solve problems you may spend hours trying to figure out. If you cannot get the software to work on your computer, for example, you might waste a lot of time trying to figure out what is wrong. But someone who knows the software can fix it up in a snap. The same is true of everyday crises from car repair to plumbing. Experts seem to have a different kind of wisdom. We are blessed when they share it.

We each have some wisdom we can share too. Other people need our experience, advice, and love. Each of us has solved some of life's problems in a way that would

help some others to know.

It is most true of God. God has a wisdom beyond what we have learned. The puzzles of life cannot be solved by our own experience or reason. Some things we turn over to the maker of life, trusting in the divine plan.

Paul tells the Corinthians, "We speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory." God has prepared things for us that we cannot experience now. Our sight and hearing help us appreciate the world around us, but in the end they will fail. God's goodness is beyond what we can imagine.

When we need an expert, someone to help us solve the puzzles of life, we turn ourselves over to the wisdom of God.

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Fr. Dan speaking on the importance of Sacramental Marriage to couples planning to be married in our churches this year.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

MON: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

TUE: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

WED: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

THU: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

FRI: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34-9:1

SAT: I Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

SUN: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; I Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

# What's Happening at home

St. Al's Altar Rosary Society meets **MON, FEB 17** in the social hall, at 6:30pm.

Fr. Dan's talk on **VIDEO GAMES**, is **MON, FEB 17** in St. Rita's Bucci Hall, 7-8pm.

St. John's Fundraising Committee will make pirohi on **TUEs, FEB 18, 25,**

**MAR 3, 10, 17** at 8:30am in Moravek Hall for their upcoming Lenten sale.

Any help is always appreciated, whether it be volunteering your time or making a monetary donation to help defray food costs. Checks (payable to St. John and marked St. John fundraising donation) or cash may be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the DeVivo Centre.

Frozen pirohi will go on sale on **SUNs** starting **MAR 15**, before Mass (10:30-11am) and after Mass (12:30-1pm). Cost is \$10/dozen.



Our youth group recently learned about the RED CROSS READY program to better prepare them for emergencies and crisis situations.

**Our next Youth Group meeting is WED, FEB 19** in the former CAPS building from 6-8pm. It's a meal night, so come hungry!

**THU night RCIA** is on **FEB 20** in St. John's Moravek Hall, from 6:30-8.

St. Al's **FRI** morning Bible study will be held on **FEB 21** in the social hall following 8:30am Mass.

If you've not already gotten your St. Al's children's collection envelopes, you may pick them up in the church gathering area.

Our Children's Choir will rehearse on **SAT, FEB 22** at 11am in IC's choir loft. The Choir will also sing at St. Rita's 4pm **FEB 22** Mass. Children in grades 3-6 from all 4 parishes are eligible for membership. Junior/senior high students may serve as leaders and cantors for the Children's Choir.

St. Rita Christian Mothers will hold a Pre-Lenten Covered Dish Dinner and meeting on **TUE, FEB 25** at 6pm in Bucci Hall.



IC Christian Mothers' Ash **WED** Fish Dinner will be held **FEB 26**, in Sciberras Hall, 11am-2pm/4-6:30pm. Menu includes baked/fried fish, mac and cheese or potatoes, green beans, coleslaw or stewed tomatoes, dessert and drink. \$11 adults/\$5.50 kids under 12. Eat in, or call 628-9795 for take-out.



The Ladies of Charity of St. Mary Nativity Church in Uniontown invite you to a time of recollection on **SUN, MAR 1, 1:30-4:30pm**. Fr. Ron Simboli will direct the prayer and reflection on the Eucharist and Leading a Devout Life, followed by a light dinner/fellowship in the Parish Center. Reservations are due by **TUE, FEB 25**. Call Roberta at 366-1626 or Sue at 322-8855. Free-will offerings are appreciated.

Singer-songwriter David Kauffman will present a "Song and Story Lenten Mission" on **FRI, MAR 13** at 7:30pm at St. Pius, Mt. Pleasant. The event will include the choir of St. Pius and Visitation parishes. Admission is a monetary donation. For info, contact Eric Harris at 689-2581 or [movieman27@hotmail.com](mailto:movieman27@hotmail.com).

**THE WELL Men's Conference** (for 18+) will be held **SAT, MAR 21** at Westmoreland Co. Community College in Youngwood. The event includes workshops, discussions, reconciliation and adoration, and a 4pm concluding Mass with Bishop Malesic. Speaker is WTAE's Mike Clark. Doors open at 7:15am; the conference will start at 8:30am. Registration is due by **MAR 11** at [dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL](http://dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL). \$50 fee includes breakfast and lunch. Scholarships are available. Questions? [THEWELL@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:THEWELL@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

**JUST SO YOU KNOW...**

Our new directory is at



**UPDATE**

the printer. Sr. Donna should get a proof-copy of it soon to review. We'll be sure to let you know when it's ready to distribute.



## SOME CONCERNS . . .

### WHY ARE SO MANY PEOPLE IN A HURRY TO GO?

We have so many unofficial dismissals at Sunday Mass. The ritual of the Mass calls for one dismissal. We have the following: prior to Communion, during Communion, after receiving Communion, and before the priest and ministers have exited. There are legitimate reasons for leaving Mass early, i.e., illness or emergency. By the number of people leaving early, we have an awful lot of emergencies or illnesses. NOT!!! If we can't spend an hour praising and thanking God on a weekly basis, there is a need to re-evaluate our priorities. **THINK ABOUT IT!** Don't be in such a hurry to leave the celebration of the Eucharist early. Stay until the ministers have exited.



**WE HAVE MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL WHO CLEAN ALL THE CHURCHES ON A WEEKLY BASIS.** But you can help. We are all responsible for the cleanliness, good condition and order of the Church buildings. On Sundays place the hymnals back in the racks, put the

kneelers up (so it's easier for all to exit), don't leave your soiled Kleenex on the floor or on the pew. Being concerned for the condition of our building shows that we have pride in it and that we care how it looks to visitors. Please do your best to help maintain the good condition and order of our worship space. We will all appreciate it immensely. These may seem like insignificant items, but they can create a more hospitable place to worship our God. They show our Christian concern for our sisters and brothers, whether fellow parishioner or visitor.

**PARISH REGISTRATION.** If you've completed high school, or are over the age of 18 you must register at your home parish as an adult. When you are asked to be a sponsor or Godparent, you must present proof of parish membership. *Your membership will not be verified if you are still listed as a child on your parents' registration.* Call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840 or the Brady Centre at 277-4236 to register as an adult.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of CATHERINE FRAZIER (sister of the Vinoski Family) and LETICIA PEREZ, who died recently.



May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.



This is a good time for me to share this basic "policy" as a Church and offer some reasons for it. As often as I publish some of these, there are still many times when people, out of touch with our faith for awhile, seem to be oblivious to the way we do things. Let me explain the role of a "SPONSOR" because with Confirmation and Baptisms approaching, people are calling the office for "Sponsor Certificates". This role is, and always has been considered a vital role in the life of individuals and the Church. We need one another's support. We need role models. We need to broaden the circle of communion with our lives as disciples of Jesus. So, for certain Sacraments, the Church asks us to obtain sponsors. Because it is both a privilege and a responsibility within the life of the Church, she has every right to regulate the standards by which a sponsor is chosen.

**In order for one to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, this person must**

**be a Catholic who has completed his/her initiation (having celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), and who has attained the age of 16 years.**

This seems basic enough, but you'd be surprised by the number of people who, never having celebrated Confirmation, expect that they can still be a sponsor. How can you help initiate someone when you haven't celebrated Confirmation? Then there are the standard expectations: **That a Catholic attend Mass regularly (every Sunday), practice the faith actively (witness with his/her life), if married, be in a valid (sacramental) marriage, and be registered in a parish where you live.** These things are simply "standard practice" for a Catholic Christian. But today, many believe they can be outside the bounds of the Sacramental Life of the Church while still celebrating these privileged roles. It just doesn't work that way. Our Sacramental system links all of our faith practices together. There is no substitute for regular participation at Sunday Eucharist. And, while there are many ways to celebrate marriage there is only one way

for us to live this great gift as a Sacrament. If you are asked to be a sponsor, but do not fulfill the requirements, consider the opportunity to put your Sacramental Catholic faith back in action or back to order. These are not usually difficult things to do. **Return to Sunday Mass; look into the celebration of your marriage as a sacrament; register in a parish.**

As I often say when teaching about the role of sponsor, try to join any organization. We respect their rules for entry and their rules and regulations. Otherwise, why would we want to join that organization? Most expect us to enter with the support of a sponsoring member in good standing. Yet, when it comes to Church life, we expect the Church to bend its expectations to fit our lives. A number of people tell me they can't find someone in their family or circle of friends who fits the role of sponsor as described by the Church. This is a very real problem for us.... But one that is easily enough rectified.

Fr. Paul



### THE WOMAN AT THE WELL: THIRSTING FOR TRUTH

*“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.”*

...the smallest letter... It is so incredibly fascinating what Jesus is referencing here. The smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet the letter *idoh* (I)- looks like an apostrophe ('). Not even a letter not much bigger than a dot was to pass away.

...or the smallest part of the letter... Hebrew letters are written with small points which serve to distinguish one letter from another. To change a small point of one letter, therefore, might vary the meaning of a word and destroy the sense. Hence the Jews were exceedingly cautious in writing these letters, and considered the smallest change or omission a reason for destroying the entire manuscript when they were transcribing the Old Testament. Jesus seems to say that the law is so sacred that not the smallest detail of it will ever pass away.

At a first reading, these statements by Jesus seem incredibly ironic and puzzling. Again and again, Jesus broke what the Pharisees called *the law*. He was in fact condemned and crucified as a law-breaker; and yet here he speaks of the law with a veneration and reverence that no Rabbi or Pharisee could exceed.

The Jews used the expression “the law” in four different ways...

1. The Ten Commandments
2. The first five books of the Bible known as the Pentateuch
3. The law and the prophets - meaning the whole of Scripture (for the Jews, the whole Old Testament)
4. The oral or the scribal law

In the time of Jesus, it was the last meaning which was the most common; and it was in fact this *scribal law* which both Jesus and Paul so utterly condemned. In the Ten Commandments, we find no rules and regulations

at all, but rather great principles. To the later Jews, these principles did not seem like enough. They argued that out of the law it must be possible to deduce a rule and a regulation for every possible situation in life. So there arose a group of men called the scribes who made it the business of their lives to reduce the great principles of the law to literally thousands upon thousands of rules and regulations.

The Pharisees, whose name means “*the separated ones*,” went to great lengths to hold themselves (and everyone else) accountable to these seemingly impossible set of standards. The Pharisees thought they were keeping God’s commandment by following the law to the *n*th degree. They thought one could never follow the rules and regulations too much when trying to please God.

Jesus, however, told the Pharisees and the religious leadership that in their zeal, they created their own set of divine rules. They forgot and even ignored what God intended. They placed too much emphasis on the ritual, ignoring what God asked of them — **to love God and neighbor to the best of their ability.**

God’s commands were intended to be a framework for life. What builds relationship with God is NOT something OUTSIDE man or purely related to worship, but rather his/her behavior TOWARDS OTHERS.

Jesus fulfills the law by bringing out the REAL meaning of the law: **reverence for God and respect for our neighbors and for ourselves.** Without respect and reverence, there can be no such things as law. On them all law is based.

Jesus’ words should cause each of us to consider how we let our prejudices, habits, rituals, arrogance and self-centeredness keep us from loving God and neighbor. Jesus came to show men and women what reverence for God and respect for one another are truly like. That reverence and respect did not consist in obeying a multitude of petty rules and regulations. They consisted not in sacrifice but in mercy; not in legalism but in love. This reverence and respect are the basis of the Ten Commandments and can never pass away; they are the permanent aspect of our relationship to God and to one another.

Christ’s peace  
and our Mother Mary’s love,  
*Mary Sampey*

During winter, it doesn't take long for someone to find themselves in real physical danger, especially if they're sick, older or have a disability that restricts mobility. If you're aware of someone in this category, please reach out with a call, or otherwise check on them to be sure they're keeping warm and have sufficient food and water. The few minutes you spend could save a life!

Here are a few tips on staying safe in the winter weather:

- ♦ Eat and drink healthy. Well-balanced meals help you stay warmer. Drink warm fluids to help maintain a healthy body temperature.
- ♦ Avoid hypothermia and frostbite. Symptoms of frostbite include loss of feeling and pale appearance in fingers, toes, ears, nose. Hypothermia signs include shivering, exhaustion, slurred speech and, in infants, bright red, cold skin. If symptoms are detected, seek medical help immediately and get to a warm place. Slowly warm the affected areas as you await medical help.
- ♦ Have sufficient heating fuel for your home. Monitor your supplies.
- ♦ Heat safely. If you lose your primary heat source, use only safe alternatives. Understand carbon monoxide risks with space heaters. Always follow manufacturer safety guidelines.
- ♦ Do not use your stove for heat.



## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS



MON, FEB 17		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	The Walsh Family (Kathy Walsh)
8:30am	St. Al	Catherine Lizza (Judy, Frank & Chris Capo)
TUE, FEB 18		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. John	Deceased Members of the Whoric Family (Barbara & Joseph Whoric)
8:30am	St. Al	Margaret Grimm (Elizabeth Egnot & Family)
WED, FEB 19		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	Jacob Rugg (Grandmother, Helen Rugg)
8:30am	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
THU, FEB 20		WEEKDAY
8:00am	IC	Tommy McGuinness (Grandma laquinta & Uncle Dan)
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	Harry & Dorothy Lizza (M/M Terry Baker)
FRI, FEB 21		ST. PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP/DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
8:00am	St. Rita	Cathi Mongell (Chris Mickey)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Eugene Carbonara (Brian & Leanne Kurpiel)
SAT, FEB 22		VIGIL/CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE
4:00pm	St. Rita	Anthony Cataldi (Chris Mickey)
5:00pm	St. Al	Pro Populo
6:00pm	IC	The William Martin Family (Nora Doyle)
SUN, FEB 23		7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am	St. Rita	Ray Egnot (Greg & Lisa)
9:00am	St. Al	Gerald & Amelia Gambome (Children & Grandchildren)
9:30am	IC	Michael & Anna Mary Canada (Daughter & Family)
11:30am	St. John	Ted Martin (Paul & Marlene Martin)



**TUE & THU Masses will be held at ST. RITA if the Connellsville School District has a delay or cancellation for winter weather.** Watch the news on TV or listen to your favorite radio station if the weather is bad.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - FEB 22				MINISTRY SCHEDULE - FEB 23			
	SR-4PM	ST. AL-5PM	IC-6PM	ST. RITA-8AM	ST. AL-9AM	IC-9:30AM	ST. JOHN-11:30AM
ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	E Rittenhouse S Harbaugh	C Baldwin C Baldwin	K Lizza M Sabatini	G Joseph E Armstrong	M Ross J Hustosky	C Jones A Howrylak	I Burd D Piasecki
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	J Rittenhouse M Pieczynski L Sparks	M Vinoverski T Nedrow K Andolino	J Colvin N Holonich J Geary	N Stasia D Gephart B Bielecki	J Wallace A Trimbath J Laurion	S Reagan I McKenna M DeFazio	L Martin J Kosinski P Daniels
CROSS BEARERS	M Martray	W Trimbath	L Geary	C Joseph	A Mongell	L Tomasko	D Firestone
LECTORS	A Davin	T Shal	T Sabatini	J Malone	S DeSimone	C Petrasun	M Hood
ROSARY		Volunteer			B Klotz		





***"YES!" the man shouted in triumph through his headset. For the first time his guild, the Silver Hammer, had entered the Molten Core dun-***

***geon and finally slain the evil champion, Ragnaros and his companions, whose remnants now lay before him. It was a close call, but they finally did it. They had spent months pulling together a group of forty characters, improving their skills, weapons, and armor, and refining their strategies over countless failed attempts. But now it was all worth it. The cacophony of cheers over the headset was overwhelming. He moved his character, a human priest, onto the monster's corpse and danced along with the rest of his group, posing for a photo. As the leader looked at the loot that was dropped and began to announce it to the group, he wondered if he would get the helmet he had always wanted. Darn, not this time. As the group returned to their base of operations and people started to sign out for the night, the man had a hard time sleeping out of excitement. He hoped they were as fortunate the next week when they tried it again. And maybe then he'd finally get his helmet.***

Video games are a highly polarizing subject. For some they are a way to spend time relaxing, no different from other forms of leisure such as television. For others they are a serious harm to society, resulting in addiction, laziness, and a refusal to grow up. Why the dramatic difference? One reason is the

generation gap. Because video games change as quickly as the technology that makes them possible, one generation's experience with video games is drastically different from the next. This makes it difficult to understand what healthy behavior should look like in our children because we don't have any way to compare with our own experience. It also means that the younger generation can easily say "you don't understand"... and they're right!

One of the purposes behind my talk at Bucci Hall this Monday, FEB 17, from 7-8pm, is to address this gap and the lack of general knowledge regarding video games and video game culture.

The story I shared with you above is my own. (And no, I wasn't planning to be a priest when I chose my character type...just another indication that God is in charge.)

I consider myself a gamer, although I don't play much anymore. Since childhood I have enjoyed playing video games and for about four years of my adult life I was addicted to World of Warcraft, the game that I described above. While I certainly had an unhealthy relationship with video games for a part of my life, not everyone has the same experience. Gaming culture carries dangers with it but it is not all bad. It contains a great deal of goodness, community, and humanity.

However, we cannot ignore its pitfalls. There is a reason that video gaming and gamers normally make the news in a negative light. Video games have been connected to violent behavior and immaturity, among other things. Gamers are

quick to defend themselves, explaining that they are misunderstood and being targeted for blame. So who is right?

Last year I wrote my thesis for my degree on "Video Games, Gamer Culture, and the Family". While I don't claim to know everything, I have a fair amount of research and experience that I would like to share with our community at my talk. The main themes of my talk are:

1. To explain and demonstrate what gamer culture looks like today.
2. To debunk myths associated with gaming but also to identify the serious issues.
3. To discuss how to address these serious issues in our families, schools, and communities.
4. ~~A 1v1 duel between Fr. Paul and Fr. Julius~~

Whether you like video games, are a parent of someone who does, or have never seen a video game before in your life, I'm certain that you will learn a great deal. And I'm sure that some of you will be blown away at just how big of a deal it is.

