

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

August 3-4, 2019

Eighteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Mass Times:

Saturdays at 5:30pm
& Sundays at 10:45am

Nursery is available during
10:45 mass.

Rosary:

Sunday at 10:10am

Confession:

Saturdays at 4:30 pm
or by appointment.

Message from our Pastor:

Is God against you saving your money?

Did you hear the Gospel today? It was about a man who saved all his wealth but ended up dying unexpectedly, as a result of which the scriptures label him a "fool."

So, if the scriptures call him a fool for saving money, does that mean God is against you saving money? Having a savings account? Having a 401k? Having a nest egg?

Absolutely not. I promise God is not against you saving your money, having a savings account or having a 401k. In fact, I would argue that it is almost always a sin NOT to save money. In most instances, it is a sin NOT to have a savings account and save a portion of your money. It is irresponsible not to save.

So, what was God rebuking in the man in the Gospel? Why was he called a 'fool?'

The reason the man in the Gospel was a fool was because he was attempting to make his kingdom here on earth. The man in the gospel was a fool because he was trying to make a heaven for himself here on earth. He had forgotten the very important fact that no matter how much money you have, you will die.

There is nothing wrong with saving, in fact it is good to do and irresponsible not to save. But no one should ever spend so much time thinking about and planning their saving that they forget about the fact that they will die one day and will meet God and have to give an accounting of their life.

The question to ask yourself is why you save and is it ultimately directed to good and godly things. Do you save because you want to provide for a reasonable retirement, take care of your spouse, and leave something to help your kids in life, all the while knowing that you will be leaving it all behind? That is reasonable and virtuous. Or do you save unscrupulously, gaining at all costs without even an eye or consideration toward your ultimate end and death? Well that is stupid, and you can be labeled a fool as the scripture says.

Fr Rossi

News and Announcements:

Religious Education 2019/2020:

It's time to enroll children grades kindergarten through middle school in St. Patrick Religious Education program. Children must be enrolled by 9/1 in order to ensure the purchase of the correct educational material. Classes start on Sunday, 9/8, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. We will have class the first three Sundays each month. Please see Donna Baird about registration. If you have questions, contact Donna Baird at donnahbaird@yahoo.com or 804-888-3470.

NEXT Sharing Sunday:

Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is September 4th. Remember your non-perishable food items. Table in basement for drop off.

Adult volunteers are needed to make Religious Education a success at St. Patrick!

Please consider giving of your time & talent to the children of our Parish. No experience is necessary. See Donna Baird for more information or you can contact her at 804-888-3470 or donnahbaird@yahoo.com. Classes will begin in the fall.

Knights of Columbus: The K of C has begun a new fraternal year and invite all Catholic Men to be part of the World's largest Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization. For more information contact Past Grand Night Eddie Baird.

Catholic Graduate students, WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!

Are you looking for us?? Graduate school can be very challenging especially if you're committed to your faith and feel like you're the only one in your program. The Catholic Graduate Student Organization (CGSO) aims to link Catholic graduate students from all parts of VCU/MCV together for mutual support and fellowship. For more information, contact Mario Dance at medance@vcu.edu or 804-314-1681.

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. The next class is 10/6. If you are interested in attending a class or scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby.

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SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.

Church Support as of July 28th, 2019

Weekly

Actual	\$1,211.19
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	\$2,536.81

Year to Date

Actual	\$7,769.58
Budgeted	<u>\$14,991.00</u>
Difference	-\$7,221.42

Attendance:

7/27/19: 31 7/28/19: 106