

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for July 26, 2020
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Naomi Bartus
By: George & Thea Bratton

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —

† Josephine & Naomi Bartus
By: George & Thea Bratton

9:30 a.m. —

† Anton & Adeline Policky
By: Leroy & Agnes Policky

Parish Life

Fundraiser — The Knights of Columbus fundraiser continues through October at Ultimate Shine Car Wash. Choose your wash, enter fundraiser code 2148, then pay and 30 percent of the sale automatically goes to the Knights. The code cannot be used with FastPass.

Knights Meet — The Knights of Columbus are set to meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the Kiwanis Park pavilion on West G Street (next to the fire station) to install officers. The meeting will include a hot dog picnic.



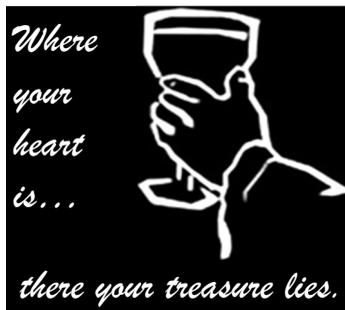
Congratulations — Congratulations to Matt and Kathleen Grubb, whose daughter Maristella Rose, was born Monday (July 20).

Happy Anniversary! — Happy anniversary to Mark and Lou Ann Mollish, who celebrate their 40th anniversary this weekend (July 25).



Dispensation

Catholics living in the diocese are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. While not required, participating in Mass online is encouraged



THE GREATEST TREASURE

What treasure is more valuable than all of our current possessions? It is something we all want and we all can have. And it will last forever. It is eternal life in an intimate relationship with the Almighty and Eternal God who created us. That is the Greatest Treasure. Jesus has already secured it for us. We must be careful not to lose it. Everything we have comes from and belongs to God. He wants us to use it for our own benefit and enjoyment, but not get so attached to anything that we cannot let it go or use it for others. Do we want the Greatest Treasure?

Commentary from Deacon Jerry Martinez, director of stewardship in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Weekly readings

Monday

Jeremiah 13:1-11
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday

Jeremiah 14:17-22
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday

(St. Martha)
Jeremiah 15:10,
16-21
John 11:19-27

Thursday

Jeremiah 18:1-6
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday

(St. Ignatius
of Loyola)
Jeremiah 26:1-9
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday

(St. Alphonsus
Liguori)
Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24
Matthew 14:1-12

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Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 145:8-9,
15-18
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

Saintly Wisdom

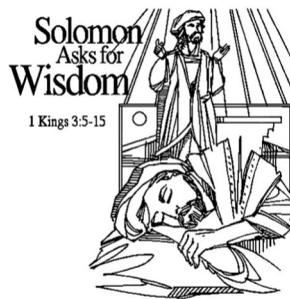
“There is something in humility that strangely exalts the heart.”
—St. Augustine—

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Reading 1

(1 Kings 3:5, 7-12)
The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.” Solomon answered: “O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?” The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So



God said to him: “Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you.”

Response (Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130)

R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.
R. Lord, I love your commands.

Reading 2

(Romans 8:28-30)
Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

Gospel

(Matthew 13:44-52)
Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. “Do you understand all these things?” They answered, “Yes.” And he replied, “Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”

Invitation to the Men of the Parish

In recognition of the beatification later this year of Knights of Columbus founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, every NEW member will have first year dues waived if you join the Knights by Aug. 5. Visit kofc.org/joinus and enter the code MCGIVNEY2020 to take advantage of this offer.