



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend the new officers for our Knights of Columbus Council will be installed at the 9:00 AM Mass. We congratulate them and thank all of the Knights for all the various ways that they serve us here at St. Joseph.

As we approach October, we are reminded that it is Respect Life Month, as declared by our American bishops. On the first Sunday of October, the 6<sup>th</sup> this year, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM the Life Chain takes place here in Springfield at the intersection of Highway 50 and Platteview Road. I encourage you to come and take part in this beautiful witness to the sacredness of life. If you cannot stand for the hour, then bring a

Have a blessed and grace-filled week.

God bless you, Fr. Gutowski



**SEPT. 23 THRU SEPT. 29**

Monday	Priest's Intention
Tuesday	Priest's Intention
Wednesday	Con Kwapnoski
Thursday	Priest's Intention
Friday	Loretta Patry
Saturday	Leonard Herman
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

**THANK YOU**

On Sunday, Sept. 15th the Springfield Community blood Drive was held. Although we fell short by two units, we still collected 46 units which was still very good for the Springfield area. Once again, thanks to all the donors, the people who attempted to donate, the Springfield Fire Dept. and all the merchants who display the Red Cross posters.

**MONEY COUNTERS WANTED**

Due to a directive from the Archdiocese, we must have teams of money counters to count and deposit the collection money each week. We need three teams consisting of three people. The team will meet immediately after Sunday Mass or Monday morning at the latest and count the collection money from both Saturday and Sunday. Each team will count for one month and then continue on that three month rotation for the entire year. If a sub is needed, you can call a member of the other teams. One member of the team will make a Sunday overnight deposit of all the money at the Springfield Bank. It does not take long and is an extremely important job. If you have questions or are willing to help, please call Sharon VanTassell at 402-203-4708 or give your name to Fr. Matt.

**FREE SOCCER CHALLENGE  
SPONSORED BY ST. JOSEPH  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

For Boys and Girls ages 9 through 14 on Saturday, September 28 at S. S. A. P. soccer complex located at Highway 50 and Platteview Rd. at 1:00 P. M.

Rain date is Sunday, September 29 at 1:00 p.m. Boys and girls compete separately and in single age groups. Age determined as of September 1. For questions please contact Larry at 253-2462.

**LIFE CHAIN**

Just a reminder that we will be doing Life Chain again down at the corner of Highway 50 & Platteview Road. The time will be Sunday, October 6, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring a radio and listen to KGBI. We will have signs there to hold. If you need to bring a chair that is fine as well. Please feel comfortable for the hour. If you have any questions, please call Eric Hayes at 402-253-3037 or 402-670-729

**Good News Reflection**

September 22, 2013  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm 113:1-2, 4-8  
1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Luke 16:1-13

Poverty, as exemplified by many Saints, is not the only path of holiness. This Sunday's Gospel reading tells us how a person can be affluent and holy at the same time.

If we recognize that our possessions are gifts from God that are meant to enhance his kingdom, we are holy. But if we cling to money and material wealth as if they are meant only for our own benefit, we've divided ourselves from God, because God's Word emphasizes the importance of distributing to others a generous portion of everything we've received.

When acquiring wealth is a higher priority than distributing what we already have, God is not our master. This is true not only with material goods, but with everything else that is good, too.

We are all richly blessed one way or another: How readily do you use your riches for the benefit of others?

The "dishonest wealth" of which Jesus speaks is anything that "belongs to another". When we use other people's money (for example, taking out a loan from the bank) to our own advantage, we are not being trustworthy stewards unless it also glorifies the kingdom of God.

Likewise, if we misuse time by catering to selfish desires at the expense of those who

need our attention, we are untrustworthy in the kingdom of God. Jesus wants to bless people through you. He has called you to be a distributor of his gifts. If we ignore this primary principle of God's economy, Jesus says, "Who will give you what is yours?"

What is ours, if we're trustworthy enough to be good stewards, are riches that will remain with us for all of eternity: the wealth of the spirit, the approval and praise of God, the fullness of love, etc.

To be holy with affluence, we have to first be trustworthy with the love that belongs to others – the love that God feels for them. Our trust-ability is found in the sharing of our temporal (earthly) goods as well as eternal goods (faith, wisdom, hope, etc.).

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What are you reluctant to share? What do you fear will happen if you surrender it to God for his use and his purposes? What do you need to do with this fear so that you can become a good steward of God's riches?

**Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:**

Name any material possession that seems to be used only for worldly or selfish purposes. Can it be converted into a gift for others and used for the glory of God? If so, how?