

Christ Child Catholic Church
*Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the
Challenges of Loving service*
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
February 17, 2019

**“Blessed are you who are poor, for the
kingdom of God is yours...but woe to you who
are rich, for you have received your
consolation.”**
Like 6: 17, 20-26

True value

There was once a man who was obsessed with money. He sold most of his possessions and put his earnings in a bucket at the bottom of an abandoned well near his house. Every day he went to the well and counted and recounted his money, separated it into stacks, and sometimes deposited more money into the bucket before lowering it back into the well.

He worked so many hours in all kinds of jobs to add to his wealth that he had no time for a family or for friends. Fearing that he would deplete his savings, he refused to spend even a little of his stash. As time passed, he spent less money on food and clothing and did without many of the most basic necessities and conveniences so he could put away more and more money.

One afternoon, making his daily pilgrimage to the well, he discovered that the money was gone. He began to scream and wail in distress and anger. A neighbor heard him and came running. “What’s wrong?” cried the neighbor.

“I’ve been robbed! My life savings are gone! It took me years to save that money!”
“Didn’t you hear me?” the man snapped. “I lost everything!”

“You had thousands of dollars buried in that well, but your house is in shambles; you are exhausted and unhappy; you are alone, with no family or friends. For all the good the money did you, you might as well have buried stones in your well.”

The neighbor walked away, sighing. “The day you gave money the highest value in your life was the day you lost your true wealth.”

(Adapted from Aesop’s Fables)

Like the man in the fable, we become so obsessed with amassing the things that mark success that we lose our very lives in the process; we are so absorbed in pursuing assets that we devalue the love of family and friends, we never experience the joy of giving of ourselves to others, we fail to realize the peace and serenity that come in centering our lives in the compassion and justice of God. In today’s Gospel, Jesus spares no words in differentiating between real wealth and poverty: Far more tragic and pathetic than physical, economic poverty is the spiritual want of loneliness and emptiness, the hunger for love and a sense of belonging, the destitution of feeling we have been abandoned by God. Jesus pleads with us to reorder our priorities as regards to wealth: that the “blessedness” of life is found only in seeking and possessing the things of God.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually by appointment

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Prayer Group in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. All Women
And all Men!

MASS INTENTIONS February 16 - 22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mark Walsh

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Kerfs Family

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Judith Ann Hammond

Friday 8:00 a.m. Don Hanley

**SUNDAY March 3, 2019 Care Packages for
our Troops**

Once again we will join with **The Mountain Bible Church** to put Jesus’ love and mercy into practice with small practical gifts of encouragement to our men and women serving in the military overseas.

**This is also proven to be a great event to invite
your non-church neighbors who have a heart to
do well.**

Purchase any portion of any of these items and bring them with you on that day.

Black or white 100% cotton calf high socks

Medicated foot powder

Hand warmers (squeeze to activate)

Food:

Cereal: Oatmeal that can be microwaved, other cereals that can be quickly prepared. Cup of noodles

Snacks. Crackers and cheese. Tuna and crackers.

Granola bars. Jerky. Chewing Gum.

No candy / No chocolate

Toiletries: Sealed containers like those provided in hotels/motels, i.e. shampoo, lotion, etc.

No bar soap. No aerosols

Razors. Feminine Hygiene Products

Everything helps!!

“MARDI GRAS PARISH PARTY!”

Fat Tuesday! “Martes de Carnaval”

IT’S HAPPENING....

This **Fat Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

The Men’s Club invites you to enjoy a good time, dinner and drinks, before the beginning of LENT! The social will be from 6:00 to 6:45 followed by Dinner.

**We will have a great time with every one!
Welcome everyone in the parish and friends!!!**

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday February 9 & 10, 2019

Total Plate \$2,071.00

**We Need Your Support. Thank you and God
bless you!**

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month.

February 27th from 1 – 2:30 PM.

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

ruthmcc@flash.net

March 6th ASH WEDNESDAY

The Masses will be at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

St. Patrick’s Day Party 2019

Come celebrate **St. Patrick’s Day** with us!

Sunday, March 17th from 11am – 2pm.

We will have appetizers, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, fruit, and something for vegetarians as well. Also included are fabulous desserts, beer and wine. There will be music, whiskey tasting and 50/50 raffle.

As this is a fundraiser for the young families group we are asking for a donation of \$20 per person or \$40 per family. Sometimes money is tight so even if you cannot donate that amount, any amount or nothing is also fine, just come and enjoy! More that money we want to raise our children in a community, the more the merrier! If you wish to donate you can pay at the door or see us after mass.