

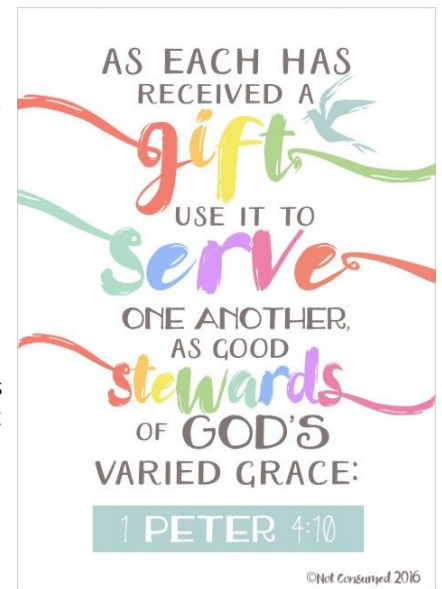
Saint Boniface Parish

Faith Formation Handout – Sunday, October 11th

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."



How do my personal circumstances call me to act with others?

First Grade

People grow up in very different situations, some the same and some different than ours. If someone asked you to describe being a first grader, what would you tell them? How do you think God has blessed you?

Since Jesus died for us, what do you think He wants you to do for the people in your life to show them that you love them, and that God loves them?

Second Grade

When you are in school and see someone who needs help with something you understand, like math or a sport, what do you usually do? Do you help them or see if they can figure it out on their own? What do you think Jesus would want you to do in that situation?

What should you do the next time that you see someone who needs help?

Third and Fourth Grades

In today's Gospel we hear about a king who threw a wedding feast, and no one came. Why do you think the king invited everyone? Why do you think none of the people came to the wedding? How often do you invite people into your home? Even though they say no sometimes, why should we keep inviting people? How should we respond to those that reject us?

Fifth and Sixth Grades

In today's Gospel, after the guests refuse the king's invitation, he tells his servants to invite the poor and homeless to come to the party. Why do you think he had his servants do that? Would you have reacted the same way if no one came to your party? What can we learn from the king about sharing what we have with others?

Seventh and Eighth Grades

How would you describe your personal circumstances? What are the things that you have been blessed with that you can give to and share with others? Have you been blessed with a lot of things or just a few? Do you have a lot of talents? What are some of them? How are you at sharing your blessings and talents?

High School and Adults

Often, when we think about our personal circumstances, we focus more on what we don't have, rather than what we do have. What blessings has God given you in your life? Are you more thankful for them or more likely to focus on what you have not received? How can share your gifts with others help you to be more grateful for what you have?

For this Week...

We are Catholic always and in everything we do. Throughout the week bring your faith into your school, your work, your play and your family. Here are some ideas for you.

Monday

To answer this week's question, we first need to think about what our personal circumstances are. Today, either by yourself or with a family member, think about what your personal circumstances are. This is how you live, the things that you have, and the talents God has blessed you with. Look at what gifts you have rather than what you are missing or want.

Tuesday

It can be difficult to give things away, even your time, and help other people, if we focus on what we need instead of what we have. Today, focus on being thankful, thinking about what you do have and not the things that you want. Each time that you start thinking about something you want, stop and find five things to thank God for. He gives so much!

Wednesday

Today, working within your personal circumstances, do something small for someone else. We often think that we need to do big gestures of love, but in fact, it's the many small things we do each day that help one another and let the other person know that they are loved. This can be anything that helps the person and brings love into their life.

Thursday

We are also called to do large actions of love. Today, working within your personal circumstances, do something big for someone else. This will most likely take a large sacrifice on your part, but love comes from sacrifice. This big thing could be something physical or it could be time spent with someone. What would be a 'big thing' for them?

Friday

God loves each of us and takes care of each one of us. He often does this by working through other people, calling us to care for one another. Look around at the people in your life. What help do they need? Today, give something away! It could be something physical, some of your time or some talent or knowledge that you have.

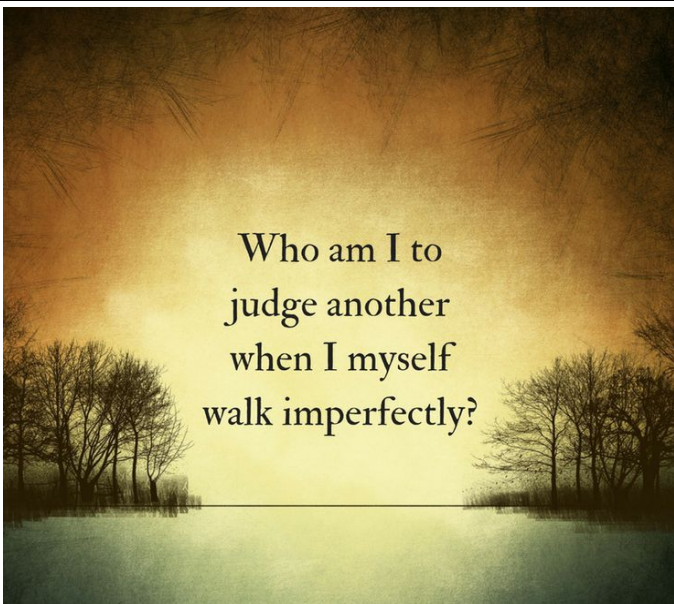
Saturday

Thinking about how we are called to act with others also means that we need to receive from others as well. Although, that can sometimes be difficult to do. Today, within your personal circumstances, receive something from someone. Allow someone to love you. This may mean accepting help when you don't want to.

FROM THE CATECHISM...

A society is a group of persons bound together organically by a principle of unity that goes beyond each one of them. As an assembly that is at once visible and spiritual, a society endures through time: it gathers up the past and prepares for the future. By means of society, each man is established as an 'heir' and receives certain 'talents' that enrich his identity and whose fruits he must develop. He rightly owes loyalty to the communities of which he is part and respect to those in authority who have charge of the common good.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1880



Who am I to
judge another
when I myself
walk imperfectly?

Next Week's Readings

Here are the readings for next Sunday so that on Saturday you can read through them. If you take a few minutes to read them and prepare, you will get a lot more from Mass. They are available online at www.usccb.org. Use the calendar on the right.

Isaiah 45:1,4-6 Psalm 96:1,3,4-5,7-8,9-10 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b Mathew 22:15-21

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