

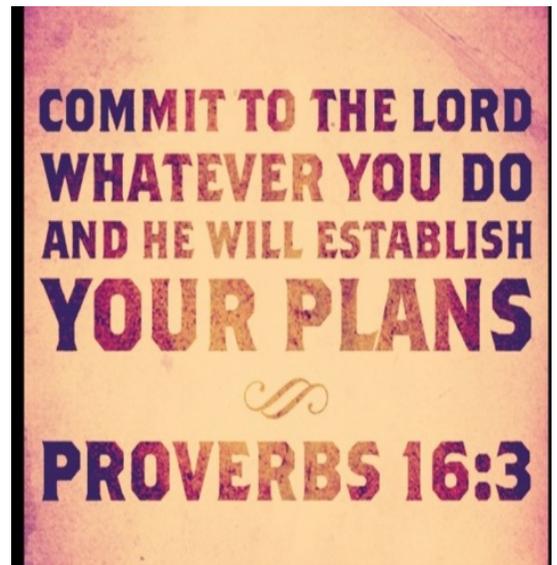
Saint Boniface Parish

Faith Formation Handout – Sunday, September 27th

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."



How am I fulfilling my commitment to God and His Church?

First Grade

We make commitments to people all of the time. Each time we say we will do something or say yes when asked to do something. What commitments have you made before? Do you think it is easy or hard to make a commitment? Is it easy or hard to fulfill that commitment to others? What commitments have you made to God?

Second Grade

This school year you will be going to Confession for the first time. Yeah! This means that you will need to think about what commitments to God and His Church you have met and those that you have failed to meet. Can you think of any now? Do you know the Ten Commandments or some of them? How are you doing at following and loving them?

Third and Fourth Grades

Last year or the year before, when you started receiving the Eucharist, you made a commitment to come to Mass each week, to participate in the Mass and to love Jesus and others. How are you doing in fulfilling that commitment? What makes it difficult to come to Mass each week? What can you do to participate more at Mass?

Fifth and Sixth Grades

The most basic commitment we need to fulfill is to love God. The second is to love others around us, who we refer to as our 'neighbor'. Which one do you think is easier to fulfill? Why do you think that? What are some of the ways that you show God that you love Him? How do your actions show that you love the people around you?

Seventh and Eighth Grades

It can be tempting to say that we haven't made any commitments to God and His Church, but that would not be true. The Church is God's people, so that means we need to think about commitments that we have made to others. Who have you made a commitment to? Have you fulfilled it? What things have you committed to God?

High School and Adults

The older we get, the more commitments we have made that need to be fulfilled. What are some commitments that you have made that are easy to fulfill? What are the commitments that you have made that you have to keep fulfilling throughout your entire life? How can God help you to fulfill these commitments?

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

Before we can think about how we are fulfilling our commitments to the Church, we need to remember what those commitments are. Today, make a list of what commitments you have made to the Church. Think about your Baptism, Confirmation Marriage and if you have had kids. What commitments have you made to the whole Church, and what to your parish?

Tuesday

Jesus gave us the two great Commandments. The first is to love God with all of our heart, mind, body and soul. How are you living up to this? Today, spend at least 10 minutes talking with God about how much you love Him and how you show that through your actions. Do you need to do more? Would someone agree with your answer? Would God?

Wednesday

The second great Commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. Our 'neighbor' is everyone else. Are you fulfilling your commitment to the people around you by loving them? We usually do well with some but not all. Today, choose one or two people that you usually have a difficult time loving and do something to fulfill your commitment to them.

Thursday

Sometimes we succeed in fulfilling our commitments and sometimes we don't. It's important to be honest with God and ourselves. For those times when we fail to meet them, we should go to Confession and apologize for our shortcomings. Today, either go to Confession, make time on Saturday to go or call and make an appointment with a priest for Confession.

Friday

There are times when we all fail to fulfill our commitments to Jesus and His Church. Do you know why you fail at times? If we don't know, then we will keep repeating our mistakes. Today, during your daily prayer, ask God to help you to see your weaknesses and to help you to overcome them. This may be pride, fear, laziness, or greed.

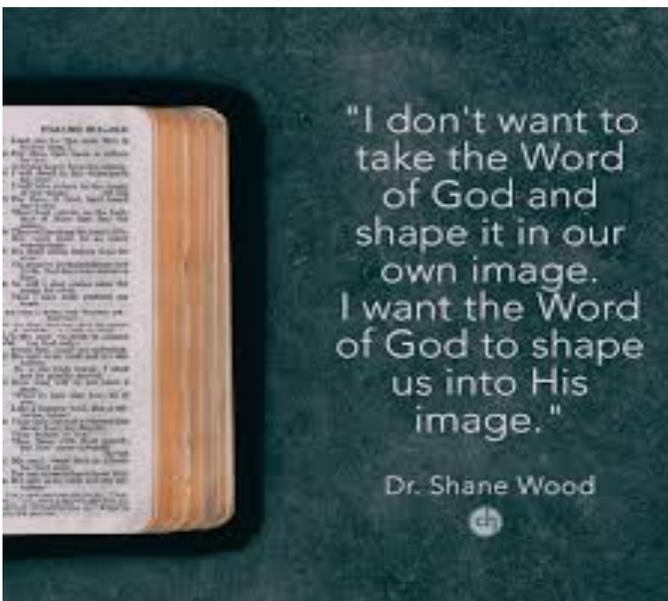
Saturday

Even when we do not fulfill our commitments, Jesus loves us! It is important for us to be thankful for the ways that He supports us and aids us in staying committed to Him and His Church. Today, thank God for as many things as you can think of. These can be large or small things. Don't take anything for granted in your life.

FROM THE CATECHISM...

So that she can fulfill Her mission, the Holy Spirit 'bestows upon [the Church] varied hierarchic and charismatic gifts, and in this way directs Her.' 'Henceforward the Church, endowed with the gifts of Her Founder and faithfully observing His precepts of charity, humility, and self-denial, receives the mission of proclaiming and establishing among the peoples the Kingdom of Christ and of God, and She is on earth the seed and the beginning of that kingdom.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 768



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 5:1-7 Psalm 80:9,12,13-14,15-16,19-20 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

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