



A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE KIDS OF ST. AMBROSE

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Saint Ignatius of Loyola was a 16th century Spanish priest. He lived a worldly life until a war injury ended his military career. While he was healing, the only books he had access to were about Jesus and the saints, and this led to his conversion. He gave up all his worldly possessions and eventually founded the Society of Jesus or the Jesuits, who were disciplined to combat heresy to instead spread the truth of the Gospel. The Jesuits did missionary work in non-Christian countries, and Saint Ignatius lived the rest of his life near Rome where he helped many people in need. We celebrate the feast of Saint Ignatius on July 31. Saint Ignatius of Loyola, pray for us!



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***“Teach us to give
and not count the cost.”***

- St. Ignatius of Loyola

FAMILY TIME

*At the dinner table,
in the car,
we talk about our faith,
wherever we are!*



In this week's Gospel, Jesus gives a few examples illustrating how wise it is when people come to know the Kingdom of God and prioritize in a way that allows them to focus on the treasures of heaven.

LITTLE ONES: What does it mean to put God above all things. Can you think of a time you chose God or His will instead of something else?

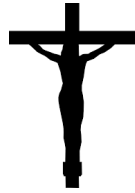
BIGGER ONES: In these examples Jesus gives, people aren't just making one, small decision to follow the Lord, they're changing their whole lives to orient them towards the Kingdom of God. This requires thought and prayer and planning. Pray about it. Are there any bigger ways the Lord is calling you to order your life towards Him?

FAMILY CHALLENGE: Reread the first reading from today (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12). Soloman asks the Lord for understanding of what is right and what is wrong, and this pleases the Lord. This is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, called Counsel. Pray now that your family may use this gift, received at baptism, to order your lives to the Kingdom.

Psalm 119: "Lord, I love your commands."

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UNDERSTANDING
DELIGHT
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COMPASSION
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PRECIOUS
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WONDERFUL
GOLD



Let us learn!

Solomon asked the Lord for Counsel - the gift of knowing right from wrong. You received this gift at Baptism, and this gift is strengthened at Confirmation. Learn more about the gifts of the Holy Spirit:



SONG: 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit



VIDEO: Wild Goose: Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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PRAY AND DRAW: This week's Gospel acclamation is "Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom." (Matthew 11:25) ALLELUIA! Take courage that when you remain humble, little, and trusting of the Lord, He will reveal to you the mysteries of the Kingdom. Reflect on this in prayer and draw what comes to mind below.