

## For The Love of God

Besides being a very interesting story, this Sunday's [Gospel](#) gives rich spiritual advice for us. To put it simply, God is worth more than anything else in our lives.

Our story is about a rich young man. Whoever he was, in the Gospel "he had many possessions." Yet he does seem to have had a good heart, some humility, and a positive opinion about Jesus.

Without warning he literally runs up to Jesus, kneels down before him, and asks the question, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

This young man must have impressed Jesus. Yet he gives the man a seemingly incongruous reply. "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone."

How in the world does this answer fit the question? Of course, one interpretation would be that it does not, that it is the result of an odd editing of the story at a later time. But I want to suggest a much simpler explanation.

Since Jesus already saw the seeds of faith in this man, he was trying to grow that faith. Here would be the logic of Jesus' response: (1) only God is (fully) good. (2) yet you have called me good. (3) Maybe you are sensing the Godliness in me.

We are not told of a response from the man, but we see Jesus going on to take him through the essentials.

Look, he says, you know about the commandments, don't you, and he names six of them. He expects that the man will say yes, at which point he can lead him further in the love of God.

The man gives a wonderful answer: "teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." We know that Jesus' heart was warmed by this answer because of the next line of the Gospel:

Jesus, looking at him, loved him.

Keep in mind that Mark's is the most terse of the four Gospels, so this startling sentence reveals much about the scene. Jesus is not just announcing truths to someone or other, he is carefully building faith in someone he loves.

So he tells the rich young man, with care, what the next step is.

You are lacking in one thing.  
Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor,  
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.

But, like you and me, the rich young man is not ready to go so far. "At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions."

John Foley, SJ

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 10, 2021

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#### St. Stephens

Friday: Adoration followed by Benediction 3:45pm

Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM

**Sunday Masses: 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM**

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass at 7:15am

Wednesday & Friday: Mass at 5:00pm

1st Saturday: Adoration at 8:00am; Mass at 9:00am

#### St. Josephs, Ethete

**11am Sunday Mass**

Sacrament of Reconciliation 15 minutes before Mass

#### Blessed Sacrament, Ft. Washakie

**Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM**

Sacrament of Reconciliation 15 minutes before Mass

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Come in seeking; come in wondering; come in hurting. Come into this house  
of companionship and compassion. Come in. You are welcome here. Our  
faith Family opens its doors to you and in the name of Christ, bids you  
Welcome!  
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*The purpose of St. Stephen's Indian Mission, the presence of  
the Roman Catholic Church among the Eastern Shoshone  
and Northern Arapaho, is to grow into a strong  
community of believers, sharing our lives in the Holy  
Spirit, forming one welcoming People of God, who are  
committed to Jesus Christ, His gospel and mission.*

## Readings October 11th through October 17th:

Mon: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-4; Lk 11:29-32  
 Tue: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41  
 Wed: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46  
 Thur: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6b; Lk 11:47-54  
 Fri: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7  
 Sat: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12  
 Sun: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-40

### Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

10/10/21

#### 9:00am Mass

Lector: Linda Bebout

#### 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

10/17/21

#### 9:00am Mass

Lector: Melissa Brown

#### 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

### Parish Collection

10/3 \$2610

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Corinthians 9:7*

Please contact Patti McMahon regarding Religious Ed. instruction at home...for baptism, First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. Patti can be reached at 856-7806 or at 332-9090 on Thursdays and Fridays!

Praised be Jesus Christ! Praise Him now and always!

### Mass Intentions this week

10/9:	Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	For the people
10/10:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	+Jared Sonnen (Anniversary 10/11)
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	Dean & Hermes Buck Trumbull
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	Karen Ann Hanway
10/12:	Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens	Remacle Family
10/13:	Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens	Special Intention
10/14:	Thursday 7:15am St. Stephens	+Anna Wysochansky
10/15:	Friday 5pm St. Stephens	Shaun Cooper
10/16:	Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	+William Spoonhunter, Sr.
10/17:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	For the people
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	Special Intention
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	+Ron Saban

Please pray for the family of the deceased:

+Augustine Ridgely

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

On October 22-23, 2021, the Diocese of Cheyenne will host a High School Youth Retreat, "Our Identity in Christ." Come together with other youth from across Wyoming to explore the question, "Who Am I?" If you have ever struggled finding your place, or have struggled with a sense of identity, God may have a great gift for you at this retreat. Please register your children by contacting Fr. Drew or email questions to Director of Pastoral Formation Joe Wotawa at [jwotawa@dioceseofcheyenne.org](mailto:jwotawa@dioceseofcheyenne.org)

The Church of God is convoked in Synod. The path, "For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission," solemnly opened in Rome on October 9-10, 2021. On Sunday, October 10, 2021, Bishop Biegler followed with the diocesan opening at the Cathedral of St. Mary at the 10 am Mass. A recording of the Mass can be found at <https://dioceseofcheyenne.org/>

Each parish in the Diocese of Cheyenne will open the Synod for their communities on October 16 and 17, 2021. Parishioners are encouraged to wear red for this solemn service, as we invoke the Holy Spirit to empower and strengthen us that we may be a community and a people of grace. In preparation for this glorious opening, go to <https://dioceseofcheyenne.org/synod-2021-2023> and read the *Preparatory Document* and the *Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus* prayer (offered in both English and Spanish).

All Saints Day  
 November 1st –5pm Mass  
 Cemetery Clean Up  
 4pm-7pm  
 St. Stephens

There will be a Mass at 5pm on Monday, November 1st for All Saints Day. AND the Wyoming Catholic College has graciously offered to help us clean our cemetery that day. If you have time, please come and help as we prepare the cemetery to celebrate All Souls Day! Fr. Drew will be providing a BBQ for all who pitch in and help. Many hands make light work so please join us if you can!

## Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

Don't forget to contact Sister Teresa regarding Religious Ed. instruction at home!