

Letters From St. Nicholas'



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A Word or Two on Money

This year we begin our stewardship campaign by having pledge cards for 2009 available at Rally Day, so this seems a good time to say a word or two about Christians and money. These are doubtless things that you know; but that are good to remember.

The first point, which we all know very well, is that money is important. It is one of the most important parts of our lives. Most of us think about it a lot, and we worry about it a lot, and we pay considerable attention to what happens to it. The importance of money goes very deep, and our attitude towards money and our relationship toward money are a vital part of our lives. That is why Jesus talked about money more than he talked about anything else except the kingdom of God. Jesus saw clearly that the state of our souls has a lot to do with how we handle money. That is, Jesus insisted that money is fundamentally a spiritual issue—just as the way we handle our bodies and our time and our business are spiritual issues.

One of the things that this means is that we need a theology of money. We need a Christian way to think about our money, and to give us a perspective on our money. In the absence of that, just like in the absence of a Christian understanding of sex, or of business, or of whatever, we will take our way of understanding from the world around us, and not from our faith.

The first piece of our theology of money comes from our understanding of creation as gift and sign to us of God's love. That is, our faith tells us that all we have comes ultimately from God, and that it is all given to us in trust, as a sign to us of God's love. That is not a pious platitude, it is one of the beliefs that makes Christians different from most everybody else. If you haven't taken the time lately to stop and give thanks, slowly and carefully, then you are missing one of the joys of Christianity. God gives because God loves.

Beginning our approach to money with gratitude, and with a sense of God's gracious goodness towards us, can make a big difference. It can help us to see the whole issue in a new way.

(By the way, this is one of the main reasons the Church has always talked about proportional giving with the tithe as the goal. If we give based on what we receive, it is easier to remember why we are giving.) This is certainly not all our faith has to say about money, but it is a beginning, and an important one.

Please consider prayerfully not only your pledge for next year, but also what you believe, and how your giving can be an opportunity both to reveal and to deepen what you believe.

God Bless You,

Fr. Jim

SEPTEMBER 2008 MINISTRY ROSTER

9:00a.m. Sundays: Holy Eucharist Rite Two

	<u>SUNDAY,</u> <u>SEPTEMBER 7</u> <i>Seventeenth Sunday</i> <i>Pentecost Proper 18</i> Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	<u>SUNDAY,</u> <u>SEPTEMBER 14</u> <i>Eighteenth Sunday of</i> <i>Pentecost Proper 19</i> Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	<u>SUNDAY,</u> <u>SEPTEMBER 21</u> <i>Nineteenth Sunday of</i> <i>Pentecost Proper 20</i> Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	<u>SUNDAY,</u> <u>SEPTEMBER 28</u> <i>Twentieth Sunday of</i> <i>Pentecost Proper 21</i> Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4,12-16 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:13-32
Lector – OT & Psalm	Kathleen Liggett	Marilyn Bassinger	Joanne Bonnington	Edna Hibbitts
EM – Reader/Pointer	Kathy Marugg	Mary Williams	Jo Weber	Mary Williams
EM – Prayers	Kristin Maguire	Judy Morris	Patrick Street	Kathy Shannon
Acolytes	Kelly, Autumn, Darren, Mason	Kelly, Mason, Elizabeth, Autumn	Kelly, Elizabeth, Elizabeth, Claire	Kelly, Claire, Elizabeth
Altar Guild	Kathy Marugg Helen Peetz	Judy and Will Morris	Scot Marter, Erin Thomas, Joan Whitt	Mary and Nathan Williams
Flower Guild	Debra Borgen	Susan Randle	Norma Burke	Jill Meador
Ushers	Will Morris	Will Morris	Will Morris	Will Morris
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Greeters	Matt & Joshua Maguire	Jeff Marugg Patrick Street	Matt & Joshua Maguire	Jeff Marugg Patrick Street
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5:30p.m. Wednesdays: Healing Service & Holy Eucharist

	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>SEPTEMBER 3</u> Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 96: 1-7 Luke 10:1-9	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>SEPTEMBER 10</u> Sirach 39:6-11 Psalm 19:7-11 Mark 4:1-10; 13-20	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>SEPTEMBER 17</u> Philippians 2:5-11 Psalm 98:1-4 John 12:31-36a	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>SEPTEMBER 24</u> Timothy 3:14-17 Psalm 119:33-40 Matthew 9:9-13
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