Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

We notice that Jesus does not begin this passage with the words “The Kingdom of Heaven is like…” Secondly, we notice that the master in the parable admits that he harvests where he did not sow and gathers where he did not scatter. He is admitting that he is not a very honorable person; in fact, he seems to acknowledge that he is a thief. In addition, anyone who could entrust his possessions to his servants and still have plenty of money to take a journey would be suspected of not living according to Jewish customs. He would be considered wealthy, and according to custom those who had an abundance were expected to share with those who did not have a sufficient amount of goods to take care of their responsibilities or perhaps were even in very desperate need.

The people at the time of Jesus were convinced that there was only a limited amount of food and that there would be no more forthcoming. They were also convinced that there was enough for everyone, if only people, especially those inclined to amass more than they needed, would see that the poor in their midst were adequately cared for. Some people today believe as well that there are enough goods to feed everyone a minimum amount to keep everyone above a subsistence level. Whether this is true or not is open to debate. But we realize that if all systems operated with an eye to making food stocks feed as many people as possible, we would have a number of changes to make in terms of just the amount of food that is wasted in world commodity markets.

Back to the parable. For a number of decades I completely missed what I presently see as the point of the parable. Jesus seems to acknowledge that he is a thief. In addition, anyone who could entrust his possessions to his servants and still have plenty of money to take a journey would be suspected of not living according to Jewish customs. He would be considered wealthy, and according to custom those who had an abundance were expected to share with those who did not have a sufficient amount of goods to take care of their responsibilities or perhaps were even in very desperate need.

**Parish Announcements**

**Schedule for the week of November 20th-November 26th**

**Tuesday-November 21st**

9:30am Centering Prayer St. Cecilia Rm

6:00pm Opening the Word St. Cecilia Rm

**Thursday-November 23rd**

***Happy Thanksgiving***

***Office Closed***

9:30am Thanksgiving Mass Church

***No 6:30pm Daily Mass***

**Friday-November 24th**

8:30am Daily Mass Church

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**Parish Announcements**

**Mass Intentions**

November 18th 4:30pm Luthier Conklin (D) Advent: Anna Maria Giacopella

November 19th 7:45am People of the Parish Anna Maria Grisel, John Dono Amaro (D)

9:30am Darian & Jeff Gonzales (D)

11:30am Dave Alway (D)

November 20th 8:30am Antonio DeGuzman (D) Antonio Cae, Sr. (D)

November 21st 8:30am Joseph Paz (D) Jennifer Fandel

November 22nd 8:30am Gregorio & Benito Hernandez (D) Dave Bartlett (D)

November 23rd 9:30am Van Ngo (D) Robert Bigler (D)

November 24th 8:30am Lydia Bal (D) Hell Massoud (D)

November 25th 9:30am Hal & Tina Goodwin (D) Rusty Molycky

November 26th 8:30am Bob Fisk (D) Arthur & Bal (D)

November 26th 9:30am Nate Flanagan (D) Connie Bronson (D)

November 26th 9:30am St. Cecilia Rm

Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or recovery, or in need of spiritual help. (Names will appear for 2 total weeks.)

**Year over Year Plate Collection Performance Week # 20 YTD thru Wk #20**

2017-2018 Year $14,938 $291,914

2016-2017 Year $14,168 $297,792

$ Difference $-5,877

% Difference -2.0%

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**Come Celebrate Divine Savior’s 30th Anniversary!**

- Please join us for our cake to celebrate Divine Savior’s 30th Anniversary in the Hospitality Room after all masses THIS weekend, November 18th/19th.

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**Annual Catholic Appeal 2017 “Report of Gratitude”**

This Thanksgiving, as we reflect on the gratitude in our hearts for the many blessings God has given us, parishioners throughout the Diocese are invited to view the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal “Report of Gratitude,” at scd.org.

See how the generosity of more than 25,000 Catholics helped our network of Catholic social service agencies to provide hope and assistance for more than 200,000 individuals and families.

The 2017 Appeal raised more than $3.7 million thus far. If you have not yet participated, please consider a donation. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant.

Envelopes are available here at the parish, or you may donate online through The Catholic Foundation at scd.org.

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**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

Please be generous in this week’s second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Special envelopes are available in the Vestibule.

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**Prayer of the Week**

November 20th

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

There will be one Mass on Thanksgiving Day, at 9:30am in the church. Participants are invited to bring food or drinks they will be sharing at their Thanksgiving Meal, to be blessed at the end of Mass. There will be no 6:30pm Daily Mass.

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Fr. Joe Rodriguez CDs for sale. His Christmas CD and Mission of Mercy CD are available in the parish office for $15 each.

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**Proph for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas.**

Adrienne Aleschus, James Aleschus, John Aleschus, James Atwood, Robert Atwood, Jordan Baisotti, Anthony Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Camarillo, Aimee Chabot, Ephrem Choi, Elise Cruz, Matt David, Derek DeAngelis, David DeLa Cruz, Aliou Doweil, Joe Downey, Andrew Durham, Brian Erbhard, Katharine Ernst, Daniel Ferguson, Tom Foye, Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gest, Tyler Geddit, Erik Hartsell, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Stephen Holtclaw, Yuanyao Hou, Ben Iida, George Johnson, Tyler Kanobbie, Nicholas Kerlgen, Yvo Knarsta, Tyler Knarsta, Andrea Leon, Nick Libby, Dave Luff, Dave Little, Bill Losordo, Donor Martin, John Masterson, Benedict D. McGurie, Garrett McMann, Aaron McMurray, Francis Montijo, Joseph M. Lordick, Chris Payant, David Petiar, Logan Rasmussen, Trey Rasmussen, Tim Reid, Neal Ridge, Toby Rodriguez, Nicole Roba, Ryan Ross, Matthew Sanov, April Skow, Jacob and Nikki Streich, James Thatche, Jadayn Trujillo, Aimee Vigil, Noah Villalobos, Danny Walsh, David Wilkins, and Brian Wright. Please contact Mary, 988-4984 or add or remove names as space is limited.

*If your loved one is one of the military personnel please call Mary to have them removed.*

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Fr. Roman

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November 19, 2017
"With Open Hands" Healing Service at Divine Savior

Do you know someone who needs God’s healing word or touch? On December 2nd, 1:00pm, all ages and faiths are welcome to a healing service at Divine Savior. Invite five to attend a healing service with song, scripture and a teaching given by Fr. Roman. “With Open Hands,” you will be invited to give your needs to God and to pray for those who seek healing. The sacrament for the Anointing of the Sick will be offered. If you have any questions, call the parish office, 989-7400.

Attention! Attention! Boy Scout Troop 310 is having their Annual Italian Dinner on Saturday, December 2nd from 6pm-9pm in the gym. All are invited to purchase tickets for $10 at the door and support all of our boys. There will be great food, many friends and lots of fun. Make a bid in our silent auction or dessert auction. Win a door prize or participate in our raffle.

Seeking Seasonal Choir Members

We would love to have you join one of our Sunday and/or Christmas choirs. Our rehearsal times are:

- 4:30pm Vigil Mass – 6:00pm Wednesday evenings
- 7:45/9:30am Mass – 7:00pm Tuesday evenings
- 11:30am Mass – 7:00pm Monday evenings
- Children's Choir – 5:30pm Monday evenings

Please email Elaine at elaine@divinesavior.com or call her at the parish office if you love God, love to sing or play an instrument and would like to share this gift with your parish family.

Journey of Hope - An Advent Morning of Prayer

Advent is a Journey of Hope! Pope Francis' Angelus on December 1st, 2013 focused on the importance of hope during the liturgical season dedicated to preparing for Christmas. Join Cindy Tuttle after the morning Mass on Tuesday, December 5, 9:30-11:30 in the St. Cecilia's Room. Our time together will include prayer, songs, a reflection on Pope Francis' message of hope, and a ritual. Snacks will be made available. Please RSVP your attendance by contacting cindytuttle13@gmail.com.

Centering Prayer

Centering prayer is a method of prayer that helps develop a relationship with God by being still and listening. A Centering Prayer group meets at Divine Savior on the third Tuesday of the month. The group meets at 9:30am in the St. Cecilia's Room. If you’d like to participate in this form of prayer join us on November 21st. Questions? Call Joyce at 990-0546.

Vocations Cross

Saturday, November 18th at 4:30pm Mass, Jeanne Renn will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

Looking for sponsors to walk with seekers of the Catholic faith

People come to Divine Savior seeking to become full members of the Catholic faith, but often need a sponsor. Adults of all ages and walks of life are needed, if not now, then in the near future. On the list of possible sponsors, there is a shortage of men. If you are interested, or would like to learn more about what is involved in this uplifting and enriching ministry, call Sharon Laitinen (989-7400).