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THANK YOU to everyone who has signed up & generously donated to St. Mary's & St. John's VBS!

We look forward to a great week together!

Monday, August 7th – 11th
Check-in opens at 5:40, VBS starts at 6:00 PM

Friday, August 11th – Family Mass at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at the hall for all families!

OUR 2023 VBS MISSION

This year during VBS, we will raise money to help kids and their families in our diocese who do not have enough to eat.

The children at VBS and all our parishioners will have the opportunity to give to **Sophia's Kitchen**.

Sophia's Kitchen is a diocesan food pantry who serves 473 families on average each day.

We hope you will join us in teaching the children to live like Jesus by helping other kids and families in need!

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. He says it is like a buried treasure, that when a man finds it, he sells everything he has and buys the field where it is

hidden. He also says it is like a pearl of great price, that when a merchant finds it he sells all he has and buys it.

These parables tell us how precious the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus is explaining that it is more important than anything else in our lives. The men in the parables sold EVERYTHING they had to get the treasures.

But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it a country with a king and subjects? Well it is, sort of, but you can't see it. Jesus is the King and His people are the people who choose Him as their King. The laws of the kingdom are God's laws, and the enemy is the devil who is trying to take all the souls. Always remember that belonging to God's Kingdom is more important than everything else in your life!



Answers to front page: Kingdom of Heaven
across: 2.judge 4.act 6.who 7.wisdom
10.mere 12.wrong 15.God 17.heart
18.servant 22.numbered 24.king
down: 1.how 3.understanding 4.able 5.to
8.man 9.people 11.right 14.govern 16.give
18.serve 19.said 20.Lord 21.ask 23.mere

Saint Alphonsus Liguori August 1



King Solomon's Dream Cross-Word

God _____ (19d) to the young _____ (24a) Solomon in a dream, " _____ (21d) _____ (23d) for whatever you want me to _____ (16d) you."
Solomon knew that he was only a young _____ (8d) and couldn't rule God's people without His help. So he said _____ (5d) God, "O _____ (20d), I am a _____ (10a) youth, not knowing _____ (1d) to _____ (4a). I _____ (18d) you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be _____ (22a) or counted. Give your _____ (18a), therefore, an _____ (3d) _____ (17a) to _____ (2a) your people and to distinguish _____ (11d) from _____ (12a). For _____ (6a) is _____ (4d) to _____ (14d) this vast _____ (9d) of yours?"
_____ (15a) was pleased with Solomon's request and told him that He would grant him _____ (7a) greater than anyone else had ever had or would have.

Use the words from this list to fill in the blanks and figure out the cross-word.

UNDERSTANDING
ME NUMBERED
TO SERVANT
ASK WISDOM
ACT GOVERN
GIVE WRONG
SAID PEOPLE
GOD JUDGE
WHO HEART
MAN RIGHT
KING SERVE
HOW LORD
ABLE MERE

