

February 12, 2021

Good Morning All,

One week from tonight will be the First Friday of Lent. The Men's Club will be hosting a simple, meatless supper and 20 minutes before Stations of the Cross our Organist, Jerrad Fenske, will be playing a short musical piece. Over the course of six Friday evenings, Jerrad will be performing pieces either on the Organ, Piano and some pieces may include voice. The link that follows gives us a glimpse into what we may hear! [Facebook](#)

If you purchased an Italian Dinner package to go from Catholic Women Serving, pickup will be available at the Parish Hall tomorrow anytime between 2-7 PM.

1. Today's Readings: [Friday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time | USCCB](#)

2. ***The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus:*** Today we continue with the fourth daughter virtue of Prudence, shrewdness. Shrewdness is a word that is often misused. It means to be able to form both a correct and a quick opinion. This is done by developing the mental insight to read between the lines or finding the middle term in a demonstration. The Latin is *solertia*, which means to have a clear-sighted objectivity, even a dispassionate observance of situations. The one who is shrewd is agile and quick-witted, able to put the pieces together, both from memory and from learning, into the big picture.

3. Quote of the Day: When looking today for something on Shrewdness it specifically wasn't there (where I was looking) but the messages were about how we should live daily in our lives. In Fr. Gillespie's recent homily, he spoke about the importance of prayer. That we must have habitualized prayer in our lives. Prayer helps us understand what we must do or say - helps us understand the virtues and teachings of the church. He asked, "how much time do you spend in prayer?" So here is our quote:

"When the Lord gives a mission, He always has us enter into a process, a process of purification, a process of discernment, a process of obedience, a process of prayer." *Pope Francis*

Parish Office Communication

The answers to our questions are always when praying to the Lord for

guidance. Prayer first, last. and always.  

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Fourth “daughter” Virtue of Prudence

Shrewdness (*solertia*)

Shrewdness is the ability to quickly size up a situation on one's own, and so it involves the ability to pick up small clues and run with them. The shrewd are highly intuitive, subtle and discreet. A shrewd teacher, for example, will pick up subtle clues that reveal just who it is he is dealing with in his classroom and what the needs of his students really are, which allow him to determine quickly the approach best suited to their particular way of learning. The shrewd are also able to detect evil behind a mask of goodness, so as to be able to plan accordingly. Some people are dangerously unsuspecting of the motives of evil and so they miss the clues that suggest a more ominous picture. For we tend to see in others what we see in ourselves, and if our motives are good, it is hard to suspect others of malice. Moreover, excessive empathy has a way of clouding the intuitive light of *solertia* (Greek: *phronimos*).

But just as memory and docility presuppose a good will (right appetite), so too does shrewdness. It can be the case that the inability to see is rooted in a will not to see; for sometimes people would rather not think about what the clues could mean for fear of what they might discover about someone, which in turn will affect their security in some way. As the old saying goes: There are none so blind as those who will not see. It can also be the case that a person has not learned to listen to his intuition or perhaps confuses a negative intuition with judging the heart of another and so dismisses his intuitive insights, especially negative ones. On the other hand, it is possible that a person wants to see evil where there really is none. This is not shrewdness, but suspicion, and it is often rooted in a spirit of pride.

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