

**Fr. Nick Dant's Homily, Saint Matthew Catholic Church, Indianapolis**  
**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 13-14, 2018, Cycle B**

Our first reading from the Old Testament is from the Book of Wisdom, and we hear an unnamed person plead to God that the spirit of wisdom be granted him. He says I deemed riches nothing in comparison to her. Apparently, the fruits of wisdom are already having an effect on this person's thinking. Wisdom has helped him to realize that wealth cannot bring one to God.

Jesus teaches the wealthy young man, who runs up to him asking what he must do to inherit eternal life, that what will bring him eternal life is to use his wealth in service to others. "Sell what you have, and then give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven..." If one realizes that the road to eternal life is built by giving of what we have to serve others in their need, then we have arrived at true wisdom.

A few weeks back we entered into our parish stewardship appeal: Answering the call to love and serve. Jesus issued the call to the rich man to love and serve others. Unfortunately he did not like that challenge. The challenge of stewardship is to examine how well I am responding to Jesus' call to give of my blessings for the sake of others.

This weekend, we reflect on how we have shared of our resources for the sake of my Parish. Victor Neff or Jeff Good will give us a financial picture of where we stand as a parish and hopefully inspire each one of us to ask how can I better give of my resources to enable my parish to better respond to Jesus' call to love and serve?