

God hides himself from us in order that we may seek Him. Jesus today gives us the parable of the treasure hidden in the field. While not everyone who seeks after buried treasure will find it, ALL who seek the treasure Jesus is talking about, will find it, guaranteed. But what is that treasure? What is the pearl of great price?

My little brother emailed our family a few days ago about an actual treasure hunt that will occur in Oakland County, Michigan, in August. It's called Johnny's Treasure Quest. You can go to Johnnystreasurequest.com and register to be a treasure hunter. A jewelry store owner named Johnny buried his entire store around Oakland county, including gold bars, silver, diamonds, and valuable antiques. I searched the website for his motive. Why is he doing this? I couldn't find a motive. Maybe it just gives him great joy to know that many people will enjoy looking for the treasure! He knows when people find something because each article of treasure is marked with a GPS tag. I'll let you know if my brother finds anything.

What is the treasure buried in the field? What is the pearl of great price? It's not a WHAT, but a WHO! It's the greatest treasure God our Father ever sent to this world, His One and Only Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. The treasure and the pearl represent a relationship with Jesus, which lasts FOREVER, unlike gold, silver, and diamonds, which will turn to dust. And unlike with Johnny's Treasure Quest, EVERYONE who seeks this treasure... will find it. He hides Himself so that we will look for Him. And He lets Himself be found by all who sincerely look for Him. We see this in the Song of Songs, chapter 5. The Lover hides Himself from His beloved, so that she will seek Him. She goes out looking for him and eventually finds him. It's such a beautiful passage. Jesus is the Lover of your soul. Look for Him everyday this week, and enjoy the experience of finding Him in many different places and faces! "They that seek Me shall find Me" (Isaiah 55:6, 7).

Announcements

Call Carolyn Peruski for pre-order food

No weekday masses or confessions this week

Aug 1 Family Fun Night & Outdoor Mass at 5pm at St. John: Bring lawn chair