

# The Graceful Father

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The 4th Sunday in Lent  
6 March, A.D. 2016)  
Isa 12:1-6; 2 Cor 5:16-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## Introduction

A Christmas Lesson: "Sometimes you \_\_\_\_\_  
know what you really want."

Today, in a parable, Jesus teaches us about two  
sons who \_\_\_\_\_ they know what they want,  
and about a father who knows \_\_\_\_\_  
what he wants.

CCT: Christ reveals to us THE \_\_\_\_\_ Fa-  
ther and calls to \_\_\_\_\_ thankfully.

## I. The Grace-Full Father

### A. The Parable in Summary

Lk 15.11-32

The father wants his sons to live lives of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## **B. A Lesson in Grace**

John 3:16

2 Corinthians 5:19

Grace is getting something we \_\_\_\_\_ deserve.

## **II. Living Thankfully**

### **A. The Younger Brother**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### **B. The Older Brother**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### **C. You**

## **Conclusion**



# YOUTH LOCK-IN

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5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GAME NIGHT: 5 P.M. - 10 P.M.

7<sup>TH</sup>/8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LOCK-IN: 5 P.M. - 7:30 A.M.

ADMISSION: ONE NON-PERISHABLE ITEM FOR THE LORD'S CUPBOARD AND

5<sup>TH</sup>/7<sup>TH</sup> - A SNACK OR DESSERT ITEM TO SHARE

6<sup>TH</sup>/8<sup>TH</sup> - A BEVERAGE TO SHARE

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX OR IN THE SCHOOL LOBBY

# **SUNDAY NIGHT ALIVE YOUTH GROUP**

## **DELIVER EASTER BAGS**

Sunday, March 20, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm

## **Middle School SNA**

Sunday, March 20 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

## **High School SNA**

NONE in March

## **EASTER BREAKFAST**

Sunday, March 27- Served by Youth

## **Middle School Game Night/Lock-In**

- † Friday, April 1 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 am
- † 5th-6th grade youth will be picked up at 10:00 pm
- † 7th-8th grade youth are welcome to stay for the lock-in

If you are interested in helping with the breakfast for the lock-in or Easter breakfast please contact Wendy Petersen ([wnpetersen@gmail.com](mailto:wnpetersen@gmail.com)) and/or Ben Mueller ([ben@splco.org](mailto:ben@splco.org)).

## **SHOP THE PIG?**

The youth group just received over \$400 in the general fund from Piggly Wiggly receipts that have been turned in. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Please continue to bring in your receipts. You can drop them in the slot labeled "Piggly Wiggly" receipts next to the lift, outside of the Fellowship Hall.

# EASTER FLOWERS

Help beautify our Easter Worship with spring flowers.  
You can choose Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils or Hyacinths.



Easter Lilies	\$10.00
Tulips	\$10.00
Daffodils	\$10.00
Hyacinths	\$10.00



Deadline for ordering is  
**WEDNESDAY, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

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Please make checks payable to *St. Paul's Altar Guild*  
(payment must accompany order)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate number of each type of flower:

\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils

\_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths



Total amount: \_\_\_\_\_



We will be helping Our Savior's during the week of March 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> when the families in the program stay overnight at Our Savior's.

These are items that are on the wish list that you can help with:

- + Paper towels
- + Twin mattress covers (non-vinyl)
- + Pillow covers (non-vinyl)
- + Blankets
- + Large Ziploc bags
- + Ziploc sandwich bags
- + Disinfectant wipes
- + Pillows for beds
- + Large trash bags
- + Tall trash bags

Please place these items in the container in the narthex. Contact Debbie Prange at 414-418-4953 or Mary Hickenbottom at 414-333-3421 or [mary@splco.org](mailto:mary@splco.org) with any questions or go to the website to sign up to make a meal, do a craft with them, and other things.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0544a9ad2ba13-family4>

Prayers are always needed to help these families get back to their independence. Thank you for your caring and support!