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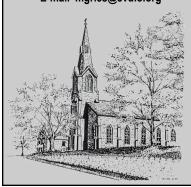
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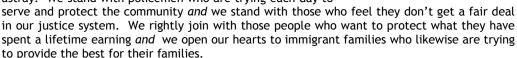
JANUARY 15, 2023 THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

In the scripture readings today we read these words from the Prophet Isaiah: "the Lord said to me, you are my servant through whom I will show my glory." Remembering that we are all created in the image and likeness of God, we commit ourselves to proclaiming and protecting the dignity of every human being.

This Monday we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King who worked tirelessly to affirm the dignity of all people regardless of race, color or creed. January has also been a time for us to pray for a culture that respects the dignity of human life especially in light of the number of abortions that continue to happen in our world. As we pray once again for all the unborn children whose lives are cut short because of abortion, we remind ourselves that we have a long way to go in creating a culture that values the dignity of all humans beings.

Each day we are reminded how the dignity of human life is being cast aside. Pope Francis speaks often about a "throwaway culture" that easily allows people to be cast aside. If we are to create a culture that values life I believe we need to learn how to embrace the word "and." We value the millions of children who die because of abortion and we value the young pregnant women who see no alternative but to have an abortion. We hold with dignity all the soldiers who have served our country, especially those who suffer physically and emotionally from it and we hold with dignity the thousands of women and children and elderly who die as a result of bombs that are dropped or artillery shells that go astray. We stand with policemen who are trying each day to



"And" is the keyword. To make our hearts big enough to do this is our challenge. That is guite a challenge in a world that wants to divide people into those who are good or bad, right or wrong. Doing this can give us a false sense of security which is probably the reason we so often do it. But it is not the Gospel. If Jesus had any preference, it was to stand with the outcast, the marginalized, the ones who are so easily discarded. If we want to proclaim the Gospel

> Leaning into the journey of life, Fr. Gene Schroeder

of Life, we can do no less.

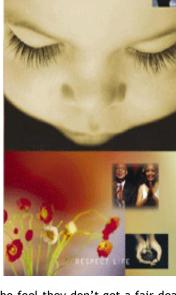
P.S. A word of thanks to Steve Muensterman who joined our efforts to clean snow off our parking lot. He's been so good at helping out here at St. Joe as well as helping to clear the parking lots at Mater Dei.



Saint Meinrad Archabbey and School of Theology have a long history of service to the Diocese of Evansville. In fact, over 80 active and retired priests of the Diocese are Alumni of St. Meinrad, including Bishop Siegel. Over 420 lay Alumni live in the Diocese. All have studies at Saint Meinrad under the care and guidance of the Benedictine monks.

You can be a part of this important work. The monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey encourage you to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

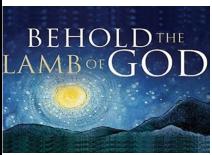
This week you will also receive an invitation from St. Meinrad humbly asking for your financial support and partnership to help continue their work of serving the needs of the church.



TRYING TO WORK IN

Once I heard two camels talking, they were complaining about all the weight they had to carry when they crossed the desert, and they were especially peeved about the new camel whose only load was the master's young daughter who would often pet the camel and even sing it sweet songs, while they often had to feel the whip of men and listen to them tell crude stories of remoantic exploits. An older camel was overhearing their chat, as it was, and spoke saying, "You know it is our habit to bit when we are grouchy and just yesterday I saw you snap at the man who whipped youmaybe you shouldn't bite; maybe the master has two daughters who sing and pet, and although this may be stretching things a bit I am reminded of some words of wisdom I have been trying to work in somewhere for days: Those who are trusted by others God trusts." Rabia of Basta (717-801)

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST



SATURDAY JANUARY 14 **SECOND SUNDAY** IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Fritz Martin, Joann Shoenstein, Paul & Betty Horak, Paul Becker, Dick Horak, Lawrence & Bernadine Spahn. Cecelia Reising (1986)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Carol Linz, Rebecca "Becky" (Terwiske) Matheis, Elmer & Charlotte Schapker, Doug and Stan Schapker, Vernon & Jessie Martin, Clare Martin, Al & Catherine Schmitt, Jerome & Matilda Lutz

10:30 AM MASS: Eric Seib, William, Mary Catherine, Willie, Kathy, Carol, Sylvester & Walter Nieten, Barb Gerteisen, Florence Staton, Agnes Koester, Elizabeth Sutherland, Joan Baughn, Mary Kissel (1955)

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Leonard Joest (1875), George Beckerle (1891), Frank Goebel (1957), Josephine Schmitt (2007), Mary (2013) & Gene Butler, , Antoinette (2016) & Earl Happe

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 SAINT ANTHONY

7:30 AM MASS: John Herdink (1860), Elis Beckerle (1891), Agatha Mayer (1895), Martin Frey (1899), Secunda Henning (1902), Doris Rohnbacher (1937), Mary Seib (1948), Joseph Englend (1984), Nadine (2004) & Clarence Macke, Walter (2018) & Evelyn Weis

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Deceased members of St. James Parish

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Bernadette (2011) & Robert Jean, Jeremy Clem (2016)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 SAINT FABIAN; SAINT SEBASTIAN

7:30 AM MASS: Jerry Drone, Infant Rexing (1869), Fred Sauer (1883), Herman Joseph (1923), Amy Jo Fechtmeister (1979), Albert 1990) & Florentina Gries, Helen Keller (1993)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Doug Schapker, Francis Helfrich 91905), Matilda Mayer (1936), Conrad Gries (1973), William Gries (1989), Albert (1989) & Verena Steckler

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



8:00 AM MASS: John Reckelhoff, Robert & Bernadette Jean, Albert & Florentina Gries, Willie & Joyce Nieten, Barb Gertiesen

10:30 AM MASS: Don & Darlene Baumgart. Frederic Theresa Sauer (1872), Schmitt (1884), Thomas Hartlein (1892), Henry Reidford (1914), Sr. Perpetua OSF (Gertrude Spitzer, 1947), Joseph Johnson (2000), Dorothy (2017) and Frank Eckart

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

January 8, 2023 18,514.00 WEEKLY BUDGET 19,692.00 TOTAL INCOME TO DATE 503,794.16 551,376.00 **BUDGET TO DATE** MAINTENANCE COLLECTION 105.00 **CHILDREN'S COLLECTION** 2.00

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NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Marie Gumbel, Carl Kempf GOOD SAMARTIAN: Doris Head

RIVER POINTE: Keith & Beverly Jones

Congratulations to Kelly and Jordan Wilkinson on their birth of their son, Leo Jude

JANUARY 15: Grant Voelker

JANUARY 16: Dan Collins, Tom Folz, Savannah Grigsby, BIRTHDAY

Andrew McCauley, Carrie Reffett,

Geralyn Ruminer

JANUARY 17: Earlene Elpers, Rhett Gambrel,

Hadley Kendle, Sharon Moutoux, Emma Roemke, Beth Thompson, Doris Thornton, Allen Whitehouse

JANUARY 18: Amy Cody, Rodger Duncan, Delores Folz,

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JANUARY 19: Tracey Adler

JANUARY 20: Michele Luigs, Tammy Luigs,

Evan McDonald, Eliana Nisley, Marleen Voelker

JANUARY 21: Linda Cowan, Ann Ennis, Danielle Gries

JANUARY 15: Ryan & Stephanie Frey JANUARY 16: Mike & Mary Loehrlein JANUARY 17: Chris & Jessica Wallace

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CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME



In this year of Eucharistic Renewal, we continue reading Pope Francis's teaching letter (encyclical) entitled Laudato Si—Caring for Our Common Home and seeing the real presence of God in all things.



With great clarity St. John Paul II explained that "the Church does defend the legitimate right to private property, but it also teaches with no less clarity that a social mortgage always weighs on every private property, so that the goods may serve the general purpose that God has given them" . Therefore he affirms that "it is not according to God's plan to manage this gift in such a way that its benefits are to the advantage of only a few". This seriously questions the unjust habits of a part of humanity.

The rich and the poor have equal dignity, because "the Lord created both" (Pr 22,2), "he created the small and the great" (Wis 6,7), and "He makes his sun rise on the bad and the good" (Mt 5:45). This has practical consequences, such as those enunciated by the Bishops of Paraguay: "Every farmer has a natural right to own a reasonable piece of land, where he can establish his home, work for the support of his family and have security for his own existence. This right must be guaranteed so that its exercise is not illusory but real. This means that, in addition to the property title, the farmer must rely on technical training,

loans, insurance and access to the market.



The environment is a collective good, the heritage of all humanity and everyone's responsibility. Whoever owns a part of it is only to administer it for the benefit of all. If we don't, we take on our conscience the burden of denying the existence of others. For this reason, the Bishops of New Zealand have asked themselves what the command-

ment "do not kill" means when twenty percent of the world's population consumes resources to such an extent as to steal from poor nations and future generations what they need to survive.

THE LOOK OF JESUS

Jesus makes biblical faith in God the creator his own and highlights a fundamental fact: God is Father (cf. *Mt* 11:25). In the dialogues with his disciples, Jesus invited them to recognize the paternal relationship that God has with all creatures, and reminded them with moving tenderness how each of them is important in his eyes: "Five sparrows are not sold for perhaps two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten before God "(*Lk* 12,6). "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap, nor gather in barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them "(*Mt* 6:26).

The Lord could invite others to be attentive to the beauty that is in the world, because he himself was in constant contact with nature and gave it an attention full of affection and amazement. When he walked around every corner of his land, he stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father, and invited the disciples to grasp a divine message in things: "Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, which are already golden for the harvest" (*Jn* 4.35). "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds but, once it has grown, it is larger than the other plants in the garden and becomes a tree "(*Mt* 13: 31-32).

TO BE CONTINUED

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PARISH GOAL \$125,270.00 PLEDGED TO DATE \$125,297.00 NUMBER OF PLEDGES 366 AVERAGE PLEDGE \$ 342.34



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SUNDAY MORNINGS 10:30 AM MASS

10:30 am Mass, and Fr. Gene will call any young children up to walk over to school for a lesson on the Mass readings. If you are interested in being a volunteer teacher at the 10:30 am Masses, please contact Jessica Reckelhoff.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 FROM 4-6 PM

Students in grade 6 -8 are invited to join other westside middle school students at a skating party at Swonder Ice Rink. Contact Jessica Reckelhoff by Feb. 15(812-598-1151) or email her jreckelhoff@evdio.org to sign up Cost is \$10/Person



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