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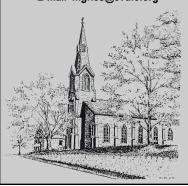
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## JANUARY 22, 2023 THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

Today you can pick up your contribution state- **PICK UP YOUR 2022 FINANCIAL** ments for 2022. It should reflect the contributions you **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** made to the parish, CPC, as well as your contributions to our work in Haiti. Please take the time to review your statement. We make every effort to be accurate in the records we keep, but there is always the chance that we have made a mistake. So, if you find some inconsistencies in your report, please let us know so that we can make the necessary corrections.

You should also be receiving a separate statement from our diocesan office which will give you an additional record of your contributions to the Catholic Parishes Campaign (CPC). If you have made any contributions to the Stewards of God's Grace Campaign this past year, you should also be receiving a statement from the our diocesan office with that information.

This yearly ritual is a good time for all of us to reflect upon the common responsibility we have to provide the money needed to do the work of our parish. We have been blessed with so many folks through the years who have been great examples of stewardship. I know that their witness has inspired many others to embrace that same spirit of stewardship in their lives. As a result we



have been able to do the many different ministries in our parish as well as supporting our ministry to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. And we have done our part to provide for the financial support of our diocese through our annual Catholic Parishes Campaign. What a blessing that has been for so many.

Times like this are also good to ask ourselves "Just where did all our money I had go this past year? And it's an appropriate time for us to reflect together on our call to be good stewards of the money we have been entrusted with in our lives.

Trying to get a handle on how we use our money can be a daunting task. I am reminded of the old saying "don't let the tail wag the dog." An important part of being a good steward of our money is to be able to be intentional about how we use our money. That's pretty hard to do because we live in a world that continually bombards us with messages that tell us what we need to have in order to be happy in our life. Being intentional means taking charge of what we do with our money. We need to be in control—we don't need to let the tail way the dog.

Being in charge also means being able to distinguish between our wants and our needs. Our culture is very good at creating all kinds of "needs" in our life, and then telling us the

exact things that will fulfill these needs. And since we live in such an instantaneous world, when we have a need, society tells us that we need to meet it right away.

There are people and programs which try to teach us how to live responsibly with our money. They all have a basic message: live within your means, clearly distinguish between your needs and our wants; be in charge of what you do with your money.

It only makes sense that we cannot really begin to embrace a life of stewardship of our money until we can get a handle on how we use our money. I think this really means praying for the grace and courage to live lives that run contrary to much of what our contemporary culture teaches us. To do this we need the strength and support of one another!

Leaning into the journey of life, Fr. Gene Schroeder

# SCHOOL MASS WITH PRAYER PARTNERS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 AT 8:15 AM

As part of our celebration of Catholic Schools Week, we are inviting all of the prayer partners of our school children to join them for mass on Feb. 3. Mass will be at 8:15 (a little later than our normal time of 7:30). We are inviting all the prayer partners to gather with us for a reception after mass.

We want to make sure we have enough refreshments for all those who are coming. Call the school office (812-963-3335) and let them know if you are coming.

# LET EVENING COME

Let the light of late afternoon shine through chinks in the barn, moving up the bales as the sun moves down.

Let the cricket take up chafing as a woman takes up her needles and her yarn. Let evening come.

Let dew collect on the hoe abandoned in long grass. Let the stars appear and the moon disclose her silver horn.

Let the fox go back to its sandy den.

Let the wind die down. Let the shed go black inside. Let evening come.

To the bottle in the ditch,

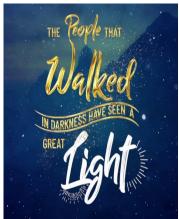
to air in the lung
let evening come.
Let it come, as it will, and don't
be afraid. God does not leave us
comfortless, so let evening come.

to the scoop in the oats,

—Jane Kenyon



## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST



SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 THIRD SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME** 

5:00 PM MASS: Doug, Stanley, Elmer & Charlotte Schapker, Francis Helfrich (1905),Matilda Mayer (1936),Conrad Gries William (1973),Gries (1989), Albert (1989) & Verena Steckler

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 THIRD SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME** 

8:00 AM MASS: John Reckelhoff, Frank Will.

Robert & Bernadette Jean, Albert & Florentina Gries, Willie & Joyce Nieten, Barb Gerteisen

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

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 23** MONDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Matthaeus Hartlein (1884), Alice Hillenbrand (1975, Myrna (2015) & Pat Craney

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24** SAINT FRANCIS deSALES

7:30 AM MASS: John Bahl (1862), Joseph Birger (1875), John Hoefling (1879), Frank Hoefling (1950), Elizabeth Wigland (1955), Noble Gentry (1969), Ella Kijenka (1997)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

7:30 AM MASS: Margaret Wolf (1884), Elizabeth Bender (2005), Doug Schapker (2022)

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 SAINT TIMOTHY & SAINT TITUS

NO MASS: Magdalene Meger (1928), Henry Angermeier (1942), Gregory Kempf (2005)

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 SAINT ANGELA MERICI

7:30 AM MASS: Joseph Weidner (1870), Maria Hartlein (1880), Joseph Weiss (1887), Agnes Daugherty (1990), Earl (2007) & Milie Hoefling, Edward Lagunzad (2021)

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 28** FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Dick & Maryann Klausmeier, Catharine Beckele (1858), Genoveva Sebastian (1904)

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Becky Matheis, Dr. Ed Lagunzad, Dr. Simplicio & Felicidad Lagunzad, Delores (1997) & Earl Hoefling



10:30 AM MASS: Jim Collins, William Helfreich, Donald Schroeder, Catitudes Kay Beshears (2006), Ron Hartmann (2017)

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## STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!



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January 15, 2023	\$	17,032.25
January 15, 2023 Auto Debit Collection	\$	10,671.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	19,692.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$	531,497.41
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JANUARY 25: Maria Trimborn

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JANUARY 27: Trevor Clem

JANUARY 28: Ann Carlisle, Kurt Denning, Carolyn Pfaffmann

JANUARY 22: Rick & Sherry Dile JANUARY 24: Cale & Rachel Schnaus HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**HAPPY** 

**BIRTHDAY** 

Could you not keep with me one Eucharistic hour? We are asking available parishioners to consider signing up for a Weekly Holy Hour on Monday, 7 am-6 pm. Currently when someone can't fill their Holy Hour at times it goes unfilled! If you can't make a weekly



commitment, we can put your name on the list of substitutes to fill in as needed. At this time every hour is filled, we need to have 2 or more at each hour. Every 6 weeks on Tuesday we have 24 hour Perpetual Prayer for Vocations. So can you find it in your heart to come and spend an extra hour a week other than your Sunday obligation and pray for our church and country? There are lists for both Monday and Tuesday in the back of Church to sign up. Questions? Call Terry, 812-963-3149 or Imogene, 812-963-5221.

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF PRAYER FOR VACATIONS THIS TUESDAY AT 6 AM AND CONCLUDING ON WEDNESDAY AT 6 AM

JOIN US FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD SUNDAY AT THE 10:30 MASS



# 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.



Jesus lived in full harmony with creation, and the others were amazed: "Who is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?" ( Mt 8:27). He did not appear as an ascetic separated from the world or an enemy of the pleasurable things in life. Referring to himself, he affirmed: "The Son of man has come, he eats and drinks, and they say:" Behold, he is a glutton and a drunkard "" ( Mt11.19). He was distant from the philosophies that despised the body, matter and realities of this world. However, these unhealthy dualisms have had a major influence on some Christian thinkers throughout history and have distorted the Gospel.

Jesus worked with his hands, making daily contact with the material created by God to give it shape with his skill as a craftsman. It is noteworthy that most of his life was dedicated to this commitment, in a simple existence that aroused no admiration: "Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary?" ( Mc6.3). Thus he sanctified the work and gave it a particular value for our maturation. St. John Paul II taught that "by enduring the fatigue of work in union with Christ crucified for us, man collaborates in some way with the Son of God in the redemption of humanity".



According to the Christian understanding of reality, the destiny of the whole creation passes through the mystery of Christ, who is present from the beginning: "All things were created through him and for him" (Col 1, 16). The prologue of the Gospel of John (1: 1-18) shows the creative activity of Christ as the divine Word (Logos). But this prologue is surprising for its affirmation that this Word "became

flesh" (Jn1.14). A Person of the Trinity entered the created cosmos, sharing its destiny up to the cross.

From the beginning of the world, but in a particular way from the Incarnation, the mystery of Christ operates in a hidden way in the whole of natural reality, without thereby affecting its autonomy.

The New Testament not only speaks to us of the earthly Jesus and his very concrete and loving relationship with the world. He also shows him risen and glorious, present in all creation with his universal lordship: "It pleased God that all fullness dwells in him and that through him and in view of him all things are reconciled, having pacified with the blood of his cross both the things that are on earth and those that are in heaven "( Col 1,19-20). This projects us to the end of time, when the Son will hand over all things to the Father, so that "God may be all in all" (1 Cor15.28). In this way, the creatures of this world no longer present themselves to us as a merely natural reality, because the Risen One envelops them mysteriously and directs them to a destiny of fullness. The same wildflowers and birds that He contemplated in admiration with His human eyes are now filled with His luminous presence. TO BE CONTINUED

Jan. 19: Sts. Peter & Paul Chicken Dinner, 10:30 am-1 pm, dine in or carry out. TOWN Feb. 5: Holy Cross Chicken Dinner, 10:45 am-1 pm, dine in or carry out.

## CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN UPDATE

PARISH GOAL \$125,270.00 PLEDGED TO DATE \$125,472.00 NUMBER OF PLEDGES 368 AVERAGE PLEDGE 340.95



Our Stewardship goal is to give 1% of our gross income to the CPC. Thanks to the following people who have returned their pledge card.

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