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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

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JANUARY 29, 2023 THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

I'm often asked, "What do you have to do to become Catholic?" I think the best answer is to read the words of today's Gospel reading from St. Matthew. It's the beginning of what scripture scholars have called the "Sermon on the Mountain." We're going to be reading sections of this for the next several weeks. If you let these words take deep root in your heart they can be the guide for your whole life. Doing this really gets at the essence of what it means to be Catholic.

Today's reading is commonly called "the Beatitudes." And that is what they are—attitudes for living life. While they may seem simple, they are really talking about a deeply fundamental way of being in the world. Blessed are you when you can learn from and be shaped by the events of your life. (Blessed are the poor in spirit) Blessed are you when you can have a heart that can hold the pain and suffering of the world. (Blessed are those who mourn). Blessed are you when you can learn to forgive yourself and others and life itself for being imperfect and inconsistent. (Blessed are the merciful). Blessed are you when you can summon up the strength and determination to show up each day and offer your gifts for the good of others. (Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness). And blessed are you when you learn that being at peace with yourself, your family and those in your world contributes to peace throughout the world. (Blessed are the peacemakers.)

Yes, they may sound simple. But making them the guidelines of your life is "entering through the narrow gate," or casting your nets into the deep water" to use some of the images that Jesus uses to describe what it means to be a disciple. And it takes a lifetime of effort.

This week we are celebrating Catholic Schools Weeks. We say that we have a school because it is the best way we know of to try to help parents in their role as "teachers of the faith" for their children." And what we are trying to teach children can be summed up in the Beatitudes. All the things that happen in school, from the academics to all the extracurricular activities, are the means we use to help our children learn this way of life.

Now if it is hard for adults to embrace the kind of discipleship that Jesus is talking about, it is even harder for young children. What we really hope for, in all our efforts in school, is that we can create an atmosphere where our young children can see the Beatitudes being lived out in the lives of the teachers and staff and parents. They don't so much "learn" about Jesus, as much as they "catch" what Jesus is all about by seeing it living out. The school becomes an incubator of sorts, where the children can be "steeped in" the teachings of Jesus. It's important work. And I am grateful for the part your play in this work as well. Leaning into the journey of life,

Fr. Gene Schroeder



**Catholic Schools
Week 2023**
January 29–February 4

COME JOIN US TODAY



AFTER THE 8 AM MASS

**BLOOD DRIVE NEXT
SUNDAY-- FEBRUARY 12
8 --NOON IN THE GYM**



A FRIEND'S FUNERAL

She never gave in to weakness

The eulogist said.

And I prayed my mourners

Would hear a friend who preached:

She gave in to every weakness,

All commandments

broken with abandon,

All vows stretched to the altar rail
and pushed through the pews.

In this way

She immersed herself

in the human condition.

Weakness was her strongest virtue.

—Mary Lou Kownacki



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 this Friday, 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.



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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. Simpli-
cio & Felicidad Lagunzad, Delores(1997) & Earl Hoefling
10:30 AM MASS: Jim Collins, William Helfreich, Donald
Schroeder, Kay Beshears (2006), Ron Hartmann (2017)

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Christina Zuber (1877), Elisabeth Bu-
chart (1881), Pauline Recker (1936), Nannie (2013) & Joe
Schmitt

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

SAIKNT JOHN BOSCO

7:30 AM MASS: Mary Seiler (1888), George Reising (1957),
Joan (2013) & Charles Roberts (2013), Mary (2013) & Gene
Butler

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Catharina Fischer (1872), Samuel
Fischer (1889), Henry Schorlan (1894), Joseph Urich (1931),
Louis Happe (1945), Leo Schapker (1958), Phyllis Mangold
(1974), Mayer Veronica (1981), Chester (1993) & Donna Fen-
wick, Albion Inkenbrandt (2012), Kevin Glaser (2012)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

NO MASS: Maria Trunk (1889), Donatius (2016) & Darlene
Baumgart

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

SCHOOL MASS WITH PRAYER PARTNERS

N.B. 8:15 AM MASS: Paul Heil-
lenbrand (1922), Walter Schnei-
der (1965), Albert Schey
(1977), Mary Preske (1984),
Elnora Wolter (1986), Kaysie
McGehee (1991), Esther (2003) & Ray Will

FEBRUARY 4, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Joseph Sohmer (1861), Eva Weiss (1883),
Edwin Bender (1949)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Harry & Rosale Elpers, Wilma & Joe Gumbel,
Jeanette & Orville Hall, Kenneth Elpers, Jeanne Elpers, Alois
& Marie Elpers, Killian & Irene Baehl, Peggy Baehl, Willima &
Dorothy Martin, Don & Neacie Singleton, Kathy Luigs

10:30 AM MASS: Don & Darlene Baumgart, Frank and Magda-
lena (1968) Baumgart, Clarence and Wilfred Baumgart, Hen-
rietta Tieken, Petronilla

Hayden, Herman Baumgart,
Sr. Mary Martha Baumgart,
Synatius Baumgart, Teckla
Kercher, Makenna Lawyer,
Hieronymus Fischer (1883),
Christina Angermeyer (1884)



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do what do for the sake of the kingdom!*

*The Gospel today assures good stewards
that their suffering and their service on behalf
of the Kingdom will be rewarded!*



January 22, 2023	\$ 6,550.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 19,692.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 538,047.41
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 590,760.00
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JANUARY 29: Bob Loehrlein, Betty Polk, Derek Williams

JANUARY 30: Chip Altstadt, Ella Dalrymple, Jean Dun-

can, Norma Duncan, Oakley Kendle, Cari Raben

JANUARY 31: Brooke Barkley, Julie Froom, Stephanie

Frey, Tom Goedde, Dave Market, Amy Smith-Mullins

FEBRUARY 2: Christy Atherton, Amy Brown, Ben Gries,

Logan Kassenbrock, Trey Schultz, Jena Wessel

FEBRUARY 3: Amy Back, Joe Back, Bob Baehl,

Neil Kassenborck, Joe Mayer, Eric Waninger

FEBRUARY 4: Carol Gries, Randy Tenbarger

FEBRUARY 4: Phil & Becky Doshier



We are now offering Children's
Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 am

Mass! Children who haven't received

their First Communion are welcome to

attend Children's Liturgy of the Word

during a portion of the Mass. Simply come to 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.



JANUARY LOTTERY WINNERS ST JOE: \$750: Andy Roncolli, \$300:

Megan Altstadt, \$200: Brent & Kelly Lyke, \$100: Ron Eickhoff

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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.



THE HUMAN ROOT OF THE ECOLOGICAL CRISIS

It will be useless to describe the symptoms if we do not recognize the human root of the ecological crisis. There is a way of understanding human life and action that is deviant and contradicts reality to the point of ruining it. Why can't we stop and think about this?

I therefore propose to focus on the dominant technocratic paradigm and on the place that human beings and their actions in the world occupy there.

Humanity has entered a new era where the power of technology places us at a crossroads. We are the heirs of two centuries of enormous waves of change: the steam engine, the railway, the telegraph, the electricity, the automobile, the aircraft, the chemical industries, modern medicine, information technology and most recently, the digital revolution, robotics, biotechnology and nanotechnology.

It is right to rejoice in these advances and be enthusiastic in the face of the wide possibilities that these continuous innovations open to us, because science and technology are a marvelous product of human creativity which is a gift from God. The transformation of nature for purposes of utility has been a characteristic of mankind since its beginnings, and in this way the technique expresses the tension of the human soul towards the gradual overcoming of certain material conditions.



tings.

Technology has remedied countless evils that afflicted and limited the human being. We cannot fail to appreciate and thank for the progress made, especially in medicine, engineering and communications. And how can we fail to recognize all the efforts of many scientists and technicians who have devised alternatives for sustainable development?

Technoscience, well oriented, is capable not only of producing truly precious things to improve the quality of life of the human being, starting from household objects up to large means of transport, bridges, buildings, public spaces. It is also capable of producing beauty and making the human being, immersed in the material world, make the "leap" into the realm of beauty. Can we deny the beauty of an airplane, or some skyscrapers? There are precious pictorial and musical works obtained through the use of new technical tools. In this way, in the desire for beauty of the craftsman and in those who contemplate that beauty, the leap is made towards a certain properly human fullness.

However, these very same things give those who possess this knowledge an impressive dominion over the whole world. Humanity has never had so much power over itself. Nothing guarantees that it will use it well, especially when you consider the way in which it is being used. Just think of the atomic bombs launched in the middle of the twentieth century, the great deployment of technology flaunted by Nazism, communism and other totalitarian regimes to exterminate millions of people. In which hands is it and in which can it reach so much power? It is terribly risky that it resides in a small part of humanity.

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11 FEB

\$30 PERSON

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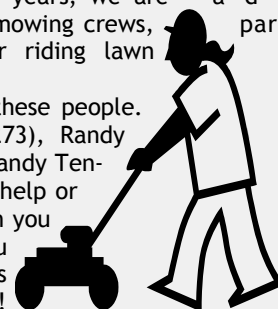
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With the retirement of Mark Schmitt who took care of our lawn mowing equipment for many years, we are adjusting some of the duties of the mowing crews, particularly those who operated our riding lawn mowers.

Maybe you could be one of these people. Call the parish office (812-963-3273), Randy Fehrembacher, (812-453-5397) or Randy Tenbarge (812-205-5139) to offer your help or for more information. Not only can you help the parish save money, but you can also help in keeping our grounds looking nice, and it's great exercise!



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