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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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OCTOBER 15, 2023 THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear friends,

The Synod on Synodality continues in Rome. Trying to get a handle on what exactly is meant by "synodality" has been challenging. Pope Francis has reminded the participants that this is not a parliament or a debating society where people try to persuade others about the "rightness" of their views. He has characterized this as a gathering of people in prayer who are trying to listen to one another and to discern together how God is asking us to be his presence in the world.



What is happening at this synod is truly remarkable. In the first instance, this synod is representative of the whole church. In times past, synods were usually gatherings of bishops only. Among the delegates at the synod in Rome are not only bishops but lay men and women and women and men from religious congregations as well as priests.

And how are they gathering? They are divided into groups of 1–15 people who are sitting at a round table. That is unlike any gathering in the past. A picture is worth a thousand words. Consider these pictures. The top picture shows that gathering that is going on in Rome today. The second picture is a gathering of bishops at St. Peter's for the Vatican II Council. At the Second Vatican Council all the speeches were in Latin which many of the participants did not really understand. Bishop Grimmelmann, our first Bishop, who attended the Vatican II Councils was one of the few bishops who were fluent in Latin. Needless to say, not being able to understand the language that is spoken would make it hard to have a real dialogue.

The next picture is a gathering of mostly bishops for some of the previous synods held under Pope Francis. Here Pope Francis and other dignitaries are facing the people. The folks in the first row were the cardinals, then the archbishops, then the bishops and if they were other people who were part of the synod, they had to sit in the back row.

And the very bottom picture shows Pope Francis sitting at one of the round tables with the other members of his group, among whom are several women.

You might be interested to know that at our current synod is making use of all manner of modern technology which enables people from different languages to understand what others are saying.

But the synod is more than just how people sit together. And there is lots of interest in what is being said and who is saying it. But that kind of interest can make it really hard for the synod delegates to feel free to share what their real concerns are. So Pope Francis has encouraged people to fast from the news and not talk about what is happening. That's really not unprecedented. When James Madison and Ben Franklin and other leaders of our country gathered together to work out the details of our constitution, they closed the doors of the place they were so no one could bother them and try to influence them in one way or another. And they made a pact that no one would talk to others about what was going on. And all this happened during the hot summers of Philadelphia where they were meeting at Independence Hall!

Of course this request has sent a lot of media types into a bit of a frenzy. The media loves a controversy, because where there is a controversy there is a story. Who is saying what? Whose voice is being heard and whose voice is not being listened to? In our western world, we think in terms of winners and losers and what "hot button" issues will hold sway. And of course journalists are all too happy to give voice to all the "prophets of doom," as Saint Pope John XXIII called them.

In the meantime, Pope Francis keeps reminding the delegates that the person really in charge of the synod is the Holy Spirit. And he keeps reminding them how important it is to pray especially to listen with the ears of their heart. Next week, more on the synod.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

P.S. Thanks to all those who helped with our Fall Festival Booths and for all those who worked at the Fall Festival. What a great week!



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
TWENTY-EIGHTH

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Joann Schoenstein, Gulielmus Angelmeier (1858), Peter Born (1875), Sr. Placida, OSF (Anna Gumbel, 1889), John (1959) & Cecelia Reising, Peter (1977) & Cecelia Reising, Ronald Elpers (2015), Marian (2021) & Wilburn Fehrenbacher

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Doris Ann Martin, Marcellus & Valeria Elpers Family, Linda Elpers, JoAnn Schoenstein, Basil, Marie, Dennis & Alli Mehringer, For all the people in our parish

10:30 AM MASS: Joe & Anna M. Glaser, Theresa Shull, Valada Falls, Alfred Glaser, Theodor Kempers (1862), John Baehl (1873), Francisca Frank (1876), Robert Happe (1918), Mary Erbacher (1920), Oscar (1974) & Wilfredia Angermeier (1974), Leo (2006) & Berta Waninger

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Magdalena Wolf (1871), Mary (1977) & John Effinger, Anton (1979) & Mary Wolf, Mary Ann (1995) & Dick Klausmeier

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

7:30 AM MASS: Mary Kilian, Valentine Schenk (1879), Valeria (2013) & Marcellus Elpers (2013), John Reckelhoff (2021)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

SAINT LUKE

8:15 AM SCHOOL MASS FOR GRANDPARENTS DAY (in the Gym): Henry Zeggeling (1873), George Rexing (1902)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

SAINTS JOHN de BRÉBEUF and ISAAC JOGUES

NO MASS: Mary Shelton (1961), John (1965) & Rosa Schmitt, Rosemary (1991) & Virgil Spaetti

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Henry Angermeyer (1857), Infant Murphy (1865), Elisabeth Golzhausen (1872), Urban (2002) & Betty Will

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Syl Happe, Carol Goedde (1999) Sylvester, Esther, Terry, Robert and Rose Schmitt, Mary Ann Zenthoefer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Aloys & Marie Elpers, Jeanne, Harry & Rosie, Kenny & Bert Elpers, Jeannette & Orville Hall, Wilma & Joe Gumbel, Killian & Irene Baehl, Peggy Baehl, Joe & Dolores Elpers,
10:30 AM MASS: David Steinkuhl, Michael Freihaut (1880), Mary (1980) & Anton Wolf, David Cartwright (2021)
For all the people in our parish



ST JOE (CITY) CEMETERY ALL SOULS DAY
MASS: Please join us as we pray for all the faithful departed at the annual All Souls Day

Mass of Remembrance on Sunday October 29, 2023 at 2 pm in the cemetery mausoleum chapel. We especially invite the family and friends of those who have loved ones that were buried in the cemetery this past year.



STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

In today's second reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!



October 8, 2023	\$ 7,650.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 14,650.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 204,781.66
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 219,750.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 30.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 6.00

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REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

TOTAL PLEDGED	\$791,872
RECEIVED TO DATE	\$422,534

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EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

October 15: Katelyn Bishop, Ella Freeman, Terry Zimmer

October 16: Henry Duncan, Todd Powers, Sarah Wiley

October 17: Martha Baehl, Paige Denning,

Wyatt Frazier, Sydney Kelly, Etta Wallace

October 18: Rex Baumgart, Star Lincoln, Sandy Schmitt

October 19: Cole Lannert, Blaine Nims, Bailey Schnur

October 20: Margaret Angermeier

October 21: Megan Altstadt, Jensen Burk, Roger Hall,

Kayla Hollingsworth, Taylor Koester, Jennifer Muensterman

October 15: Mark & Lesa Raben, Charles & Joan Niemeier, Christopher & Julia Baumeyer

October 16: Mike & Kay Arnold, Eric & Lori Jones

October 17: Bob & Linda Englert

October 18: Gary & Kathy Weinzapfel, Rick & Jenny Elliott, Brian & Aimee Gerth

October 19: Tom & Donna Blythe

October 20: Dave & Lori Wolf, Scott & Ashley Gaiser, Cory & Katie Voelker,

Ron & Tennille Schell, Eric & Carrie Reffett

October 21: Bob & Marilyn Mossberger, Lee & Tracy Watson

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Coming

This

Week....

— Monday— Men's Club Meeting, 7 pm

— Wednesday— Grandparents Day Mass (Gym) 8:15

— Thursday— Haiti Ministry Meeting 6 pm

— Thursday— Respect Life Mass 5:30 pm (St. Benedict)

— Thursday— Sunday Women's Cursillo at Sarto

— Saturday & Sunday College Care Packages Available

— Saturday Morning — Burgoo Preparation

Sunday — Men's Club Burgoo for Sale 7 am \$20/gallon

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*



Environmental responsibility education can encourage various behaviors that have a direct and important impact on caring for the environment, such as avoiding the use of plastic or paper material, reducing water consumption, sorting waste, cooking only as much as you can reasonably eat, treat other living beings with care, use public transport or share the same vehicle among various people, plant trees, turn off unnecessary lights, and so on. All this is part of a generous and dignified creativity, that shows the best of the human being. Reusing something instead of getting rid of it quickly, starting from deep motivations, can be an act of love that expresses our dignity.

We must not think that these efforts will not change the world. These actions spread a good in society that always produces fruits beyond what can be seen, because they cause within this earth a good that always tends to spread, sometimes invisibly. Furthermore, the exercise of these behaviors gives us back the sense of our dignity, leads us to a greater existential depth, allows us to experience that it is worth going through this world.

The educational areas are varied: the school, the family, the means of communication, catechesis, and others. A good school education in childhood and adolescence produces

seeds that can produce lifelong effects. But I would like to underline the central importance of the family, because it is the place where life, a gift of God, can be adequately welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed, and can develop according to the needs of authentic growth. Against the so-called culture of death, the family constitutes the seat of the culture of life.



In the family, the first habits of love and care for life are cultivated, such as the correct use of things, order and cleanliness, respect for the local ecosystem and the protection of all creatures. The family is the place of integral formation, where the different aspects, intimately related to each other, of personal maturation unfold. In the family we learn to ask permission without bullying, to say "thank you" as an expression of heartfelt appreciation for the things we receive, to dominate aggression or greed, and to apologize when we do something bad. These small gestures of sincere courtesy help build a culture of shared life and respect for what surrounds us.

Politics and the various associations make an effort to form consciences. It also competes with the Church. All Christian communities have an important role to play in this education. I also hope that in our seminaries and religious houses of formation there will be educated in responsible austerity, in grateful contemplation of the world, in care for the fragility of the poor and of the environment. As the stakes are great, just as we need institutions with power to sanction attacks on the environment, we also need to control and educate each other. **TO BE CONTINUED**

REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN UPDATE

It's been exciting to see the work being done on our church. Most of the roof work has been completed. We are still waiting for the new louvers to be delivered



so they can be installed. The interior painting is continuing. The ceiling has been completed and the new "crown molding" that we manufactured has been installed. This past week they removed the large scaffolding that had been installed so that the ceiling could be painted.

ARE YOU INTERESTED: We have some lumber and LVL rafters left over from the roof, We had to buy these in bulk and the ones that are left over now belong to us. If you have an interest in any of this material, talk to Dennis Niemeier (812-480-1770). We also have some landscape bricks that we are removing from the east end of the cemetery. We'll make those available to those who might be interested. Any money we receive for these items will go toward our church rebuilding fund.

All are invited to Open House November 9th, 6-8 pm at Mater Dei High School! Meet teachers, coaches and staff, tour the campus, receive information about our curriculum and extensive tuition assistance program. Families with students grades 5-8 are especially encouraged to check it out! To RSVP visit our website materdeiwildcats.com. Questions? Contact Jill Seiler at jseiler@evdio.org. See you there!



COMING: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22nd ST. JOE MEN'S CLUB'S FAMOUS BURGOO

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ON SATURDAY MORNING OCTOBER 21st at 7 am

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PARISH GOAL	\$130,270.00
PLEGGED TO DATE	\$ 85,540.00 66%
NUMBER OF PLEDGES	198 38%

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