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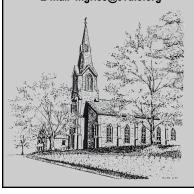
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## OCTOBER 22, 2023 THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends.



The Synod on Synodality continues in Rome. Pope Francis has called the synod an opportunity to learn a different way of being church. That way involved learning how to listen to others and together discerning how God is asking us to be his presence in the world. This kind of effort requires that people be deeply reflective and self aware. That is not some-



thing that comes easy to most of us, particularly in our culture. We tend to be "results" orientated. We want to know just what we are supposed to "do." The synodal process Pope Francis is inviting us to be involved in is more a way of learning how to "be" rather than "do."

That is why, in so much of the media coverage, the focus is on "what kind of changes are going to be made." That is about "doing." And, of course there is a lot of fear around "hot button" issues like how to be a welcoming community especially to folks in the LGBT community, or the role of women in the church. For some the fear is that nothing will change and for others, the fear is that too much will change.

Here is another way to look at the differences of "being" versus "doing." At the Second Vatican Council, one of the practices in the church that got talked about was the notion of fasting. In most people's eyes that came down to not eating meat on Friday. One of the marks of "being Catholic" was that you didn't eat meat on Friday. One of my favorite meals from growing up salmon patties, macaroni and cheese, rice pudding and peas and carrots. It was great. No problem giving up meat. And what about all those wonderfully fish fry dinners! Who cares about eatng meat when you can enjoy all kinds of fish dishes?

Part of the difficulty was that what we "did" got unconnected from "why" we did it. What was the point of not eating meat on Friday? How was that supposed to help us? We were told that these were days of fast and abstinence, but what did that mean? To fast is to eat less. Abstinence had to do with abstaining from eating meat.

But for so many folks the notion of not eating meat on Friday was on "doing" something rather than helping us to "be" a certain way. Predictably all kinds of rules about who had to fast and who didn't came about. Who could be dispensed from fasting and under what circumstances could you be dispensed.



Part of the difficult with this is that it lead many people to believe that being Catholic was about "doing" certain ac-And, because the church was the one who was supposed to have allt he answers, it had the unintended consequence of encouraging people to live a rather immature faith life. And when the "rules" changed, many people got mad and left. That is pretty understandable when folks grew up in a system that said "you keep the rules and the rules will keep you."

But there is much more to being Catholic than just ABSTINENCE "doing" a bunch of practices. Unfortunately, a lot of folks have dismissed many of the "practices" of our faith tradition because they seemed silly or out of touch. But when "what

we do" gets connected to "why we do it" things have a way of making sense. In many ways, "doing" is about what we do. "Being" is about why we do it. So, what's the point of fasting? In a world where millions of people are facing starvation and we live in a country that discards 40% of our food each year, perhaps spending a day "fasting" can help us become more aware of eating habits and work toward having a healthier relationship with food. Perhaps spending a day "fasting, is one simple and small way of helping us become more aware of the millions of people who are straving ech day. I think that is what Pope Francis had In mind, when he called upon people to join in a day of fast this past October 17 to stand with all the innocent people who have been adversely affected by the conflict in Israel and Palestine.

Moving from "doing" to "being" is really the journey of faith. It is what I have referred to as "growing up in your faith." Jesus put it this way: "try to enter through the narrow gate and cast your net into the deep." That was often hard for his followers. I guess that is why we read so often that the people were trying to find ways to get rid of him, or why so many of the disciples left him because they found him altogether too much. "Being" is about developing the heart and mind of Jesus. It is about living life intentionally. It is about being deeply reflective in life and becoming aware of what we do and why we do it. That journey is not for the faint of heart. It means that you are going to allow the journey of life to change you. Being pruned by the Father is what Jesus called it.

Because it is so challenging, it is just a whole lot easier to focus on "doing." And that is why, for so many people, the big concern about the synod is what kinds of things is the church going to "doing" or not "doing." Next week we'll talk more about why it is so hard to become deeply reflective and self aware in our lives.

> Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder



# CELEBRATION OF

# THE EUCHARIST

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

#### **MONDAY. OCTOBER 23** WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Matthew & Louise Niesen. Matt & Pat Niesen. Michael Neisen, Thomas Buchanan, Renee Neisen, Matthaeus December (1858), Helena Lampers (1876)

> **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TME**

7:30 AM MASS: Rosina Effinger (1952), Joseph (1978) & Mary Schneider (1978)

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Frank Matthews (1982), Mary (1989) & Joe Schneider, Paul (2016) & Marlene Hasselbrinck (2016), Stan, Sheryl and Susan Hasselbrinck, Merl Effing

> THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Joannes Freppon (1869), Anna Weiss NO MASS: (1877), Bartel Bender (1910)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 

7:30 AM MASS: William John (1891), Glenn Schmitt (1985) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

#### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Doug, Stan, Ellmer & Charlotte Schapker, Stan & Dorothy Lietemeier, John & Betty Stephens, Paul & Betty Horak, Josephina Erbacher (1878), Catharina mayer (1880), Joseph Schenk (1889), Felix Riedfort (1892), Ed Schindler (1983),

George (2005) & Elvera Hillenbrand SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Mary Killian, Tony Mary & Michael Reine, Edwin & Cecelia Reine 10:30 AM MASS: Ivan, Ethel & Charles Shull, Margaret Helfrich (1875) & all the people in our parish.



# ST JOE (CITY) CEMETERY ALL SOULS DAY

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.





Join us each Sunday in October as we pray the rosary before all the weekend masses.

#### STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give "to Ceasar what belongs to Cesear." Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about "give to Gdo what belongs to Go."



October 15, 2023	\$ 9,249.00
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TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 214,030.66
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 234,400.00
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THE RETREAT AT LEISURE LIVING: Margaret Kafel CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER (NEWBURGH): Steve Hasselbrinck

NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Marie Gumbel, Carl Kempf

ENVIVA: Doris Head

RIVER POINTE: Beverly Jones SOLARBRON TERRACE: Rose Weiss

EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

#### October 22: Jennifer Muensterman,

Dana Grasso, Becky Heidorn

October 23: Rodney Baehl, Jayne Downs,

Carson Englert, Jodi Ferhenbacher, Fred Happe October 24: Abigail Hall, Ryan Matt, Lucas Murray,

Nancy Ruminer, Catie Shane, Lauren Voelker, Heather Wingert

October 25: Colby Brown, Brendan Elpers, Kathy Hall, CJ Maerin, Jack Unfried, Brandon Werner

October 26: Rolan Cowan, Brittany Fehrenbacher, Lavern Fleck, Clara Raben, Nora Raben

October 27: Dylan Hertel, Margaret Kimmel

October 28: Caroline Altstadt, Larry Broerman,

Carrie Fehrenbacher, John Koch, Jacob Schapker, Jill Waninger, Jim Werner

October 22: Rich & Connie Harpenau

October 23: Rick & Clare Baylor October 24: Glenn & Joyce Lewis

October 26: John & Ruby Manger October 28: Paul & Sarah Fischer.

Lucas & Laura Macke



**HAPPY** 

**BIRTHDAY** 

**ANNIVERSARY** 

## **BLOOD DRIVE--SUNDAY OCTOBER 29** 8 AM - NOON IN THE GYM



MASS OF REMEMBERANCE with Bishop Siegel on Friday, November 3 at 6 pm at St. Benedict for for parents who have lost a child at any age of life or any stage of development, from conception through adulthood.

# 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



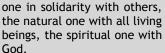
#### **EDUCATE FOR THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN HUMANITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

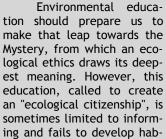
Awareness of the gravity of the cultural and ecological crisis must be translated into new habits. Many know that current progress and the simple accumulation of objects or pleasures are not enough to give meaning and joy to the human heart, but they do not feel capable of giving up what the market offers them.

In the countries that should produce the greatest changes in consumption habits, young people have a new ecological sensitivity and a generous spirit, and some of them fight admirably for the protection of the environment, but they have grown up in a context of very high consumption and of well-being that makes it difficult for other habits to mature. This is why we are faced with an educational challenge.

Environmental education has been expanding its objectives. If at the beginning it was very centered on scientific information and on the awareness and prevention of environmental risks, now it tends to include a critique of the "myths" of modernity based on instrumental reason (individualism, indefinite progress, competition, consumerism, market without rules) and also to recover the different levels of ecological balance: the inner one with oneself, the

audatos:





its. The existence of laws and regulations is not long-term enough to limit bad behavior, even when valid control exists. In order for the juridical norm to produce relevant and lasting effects, it is necessary that most of the members of society have accepted it on the basis of adequate motivations, and react according to a personal transformation.

Only by starting from the cultivation of solid virtues is it possible to give oneself in an ecological commitment. If a person, although his economic conditions allow him to consume and spend more, usually covers himself a little instead of turning on the heat, this supposes that he has acquired convictions and ways of feeling favorable to caring for the environment. It is very noble to take on the task of taking care of creation with small daily actions, and it is wonderful that education is capable of motivating them to shape a lifestyle.

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. TO BE CONTINUED

# CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CPC)

PARISH GOAL \$130,270.00 PLEDGED TO DATE \$ 90,500.00 69% NUMBER OF PLEDGES 213 AVERAGE PLEDGE \$ 424.00

Our stewardship goal is to give 1% of our gross income to the Catholic Ministries Appeal CATHOLIC MINISTRIES (CPC). Thanks to the following people who have returned their pledge card (partial list):

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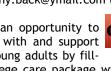


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