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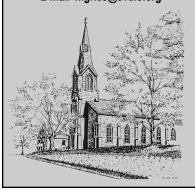
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SCHEDULE
Saturday—5 PM
Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM
SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILATION
SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

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OCTOBER 29, 2023 THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,



Thanks to all those who have responded to our Catholic Ministries Appeal (CPC). We've reached 79% of our goal from 48% of our parishioners. I'm sure the remaining 52% of our parish families will be able to help us raise the remaining 21% of our goal.

Remember that today (Sunday) we are having a blood drive which is being held in the cafeteria. There is always a need for blood, so I am very grateful to all who are able to respond to this appeal. Remember that mone unit of blood that is donated benefits up to three people.

This week you will be receiving an opportunity to buy your lottery tickets for our monthly lottery. Look for it in the mail. Or look for it from one of our lottery sellers. Only 500 tickets will be sold and you can win as much as \$16,200! I thank you, in advance, for your support.

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The synod on synodality is wrapping up today, October 29th. One of the things that the men and women who are the delegates at this synod have been pretty unanimous about is the need for ongoing formation for all the faithful from the laywomen and men, to priests and bishops. Formation is more than just "information." In fact, information itself does not really transform people. We of Jesus in all that we do. That's formation. And that it deeply reflective and self aware.



formation itself does not really transform people. We are trying to have the heart and mind of Jesus in all that we do. That's formation. And that is something that requires people to be deeply reflective and self aware. Jesus would say it in these words: "try to enter through the narrow gate," and "cast your nets into the deep."

Last week we talked about how most people would really like to do this. When we hear, for example, the words of John the Baptist, to be alert, stay awake, we really want to do that, at least in our head. But getting our heart to be alert and seeing as God wants us to see is often times another matter. Why is that? What stops our eyes from seeing and our ears from hearing?

Truth be told, it takes a lot of hard work to "see" and "hear." It's just easier to not see and not hear. Ignorance is bliss we believe. Add to this, the fact that we all come into the world with biases and those biases affect what we see and hear and what we don't see and hear. For example, we tend to judge new ideas based on the ease with which they fit in with the way we see the world and we tend to exclude whatever doesn't fit in with the way we see the world. And we all have a built in bias toward simple concepts or explanations, even if they're inaccurate or incomplete. We see what the people around us see.

The fact is that most of us, if not all of us, don't want our sense of comfort to be disturbed. It may sound great to hear that Jesus comforts those who are disturbed, but it is a whole other things to have Jesus disturbs us when we are comfortable in life. We tend to associate with the people who are like us, who see the world the way we see it. Sounds just fine, doesn't it. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. We're not too inclined to put ourselves in a position where we will encounter people who see the world differently that we do.

So there are a lot of built in things that can stop us from "seeing" and "hearing." In fact,

some people have called this first stage in our faith journey, "being in a coma." So often, we live in our own little world and we just are unaware of so much around us. When we hear, for example, the great difficulty that many black men and women had in seeking to join religious communities or becoming a priest here in the United States, we often respond, "I never knew that existed." Sometimes when we see things that are painful, it is hard to keep our eyes open.

Over the past few weeks we have become aware of the suffering of so many people in Israel and Palestine. Our hearts ache for them. And we think of the people suffering form the war in Ukraine. As bad as these things are, there are actually some twenty-five different "wars" raging in different parts of the world. After a while, we start to feel overwhelmed by all the suffering around us. We can hear our hearts saying "enough." I don't want to see anymore. We feel helpless in the face of such pain. Some folks speak about this stage of our faith journey as "puke," because we just want to get rid of all the suffering we see around us. We see and hear things and we really don't want to see any of it. Our world was nice and neat and now it has been disturbed. Who wants to see any more or hear any more? Just where do we go from here? We'll talk more next week. Leaning into the journey of life

Fr. Gene Schroeder

The Laughing Heart

Your life is your life. Don't let it be clubbed into dank submission. Be on the watch.

There are ways out.
There is light somewhere.
It may not be much light
but it beats the darkness.
Be on the watch. The gods
will offer you chances.
Know them. Take them.
You can't beat death but
you can beat death in life,
sometimes. and the more
often you learn to do it,
the more light there will be.
Your life is your life.
Know it while you have it.

You are marvelous the gods wait to delight in you. —Charles Bukowski



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Doug, Stan, Elmer & Charlotte Schapker, Stan & Dorothy Lietemeier, John & Betty Stephens, Paul & Betty Horak, Josephina Erbacher (1878), Catharina Potzmayer (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 Kilian, Tony, Mary & Michael Reine, Edwin & Cecelia Reine, Floyd, Monie, Dale & Susie Titzer, Barbara Cooke, Neil Long

10:30 AM MASS: Ivan, Ethel & Charles Shull, Joe & Anna M. Glaser, Theresa Shull, Valada Falls, Alfred Glaser, Margaret Helfrich (1875) & all the people in our parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Diane Standley, Hans and Gretchen Stanley, Frank, Gene, Virginia, & Rick Stanley, Tim Buecher, Katherine Martin (1919), Elnora Wagner (1976)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TME

6:30 PM ALL SAINTS DAY MASS (IN THE GYM): Fr. Francis Kraft (1884), Betty (2015) & Olin Metz

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
ALL SAINTS DAY

7:30 AM ALL SAINTS DAY MASS (IN THE GYM): Harold Recker, Johannes Farne (1875), Rhett Harrison (1988)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2
ALL SOULS DAY

NO MASS: Johnannes Ferstel (1871), James Smith (1981) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS (IN THE RECTORY): Regina Frank (1869), Philip Freppon (1888), Francis Helfrich (1904), Fred (1925) & Margaret Goebel (1925), Alberta (2009) & Gilbert Fehrenbacher, Dennis Fehrenbacher, Dorothy (2011) & Eugene Wargel

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

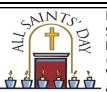
5:00 PM MASS: For all the people in our parish, Norbert (2006) & Emma Yellig (2006)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Joe James, Stanley Schapker, Willie Nieten, Dolores Strupp, Rick Dile, Bruce Woodward, Keith Jones,

Leonard Angermeier, Linda Elpers, Dave Spaetti

10:30 AM MASS: Victor Wolf (1982)



NOVEMBER 1 IS THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS, a holyday of obligation. We will have mass this coming Tuesday evening (Oct. 31)at 6:30 pm (in the gym) and Wednesday morning, (Nov. 1) at 7:30 am (also in the gym.)

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS FOR MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH IN VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA



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BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 249,050.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 6.00

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REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

TOTAL PLEDGED \$801,872 RECEIVED TO DATE \$431,516

Thanks to the following who have made their pledge to our campaign
Tim & Judy Bishop Matt Jochum

Beginning in November, your monthly packet of collection envelopes will include a "Rebuilding our Church Campaign" envelope which you can use to make your pledge contributions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

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October 29: Kitty Deig, Livi Kassenbrock, Julianna Voelker

Julianna voelker October 30: Glenn Conley, Elisha Dewig,

Nina McIntosh, Gary Wunderlich

October 31: Jennie Daza, Mark Hall, Amanda Helmer, Brent Lyke, Julie Moore-Holtz

November 1: Ayden Elpers, Allison Gibbs

November 2: Ashley Egler, Ron Kremer, Easton Luigs, Emmelyn Reffett, Tracy Watson

November 3: Gavin Dosher, Adam Elpers, Khris Seger

November 4: Jenny Elliott, Bob Gibson, Leona Hays, Samuel Lagunzad

October 30: Brian & Margaret Coomes November 1: Dave & Sandy Schmitt,

Mark & Kelly Messal

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

November 3: Randy & Janice TenBarge, Dan & Sarah Kissel

2023 ST. JOE LOTTERY WINNERS: OCTOBER: \$750—Gregg Matt, \$300—Margie Hartmann, \$200—Gary Gries, \$100—Rich Harpenau

BLOOD DRIVE--THIS SUNDAY OCTOBER 29 8 AM - NOON IN THE CAFETERIA



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



In this context, the relationship between an adequate aesthetic education and the maintenance of a healthy environment should not be overlooked. Paying attention to beauty and loving it helps us to get out of utilitarian pragmatism. When you don't learn to stop and admire and appreciate beauty, it's no wonder that everything turns into an object of unscrupulous use and abuse. At the same time, if you want to achieve profound changes, you have to keep in mind that thought patterns really affect behaviors. Education will be ineffective and its efforts will be fruitless if it does not also concern itself with spreading a new model regarding the human being, life, society and the relationship with nature. Otherwise, the consumerist model transmitted by the media and through the effective mechanisms of the market will continue to move forward.

THE ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION

The great richness of Christian spirituality, generated by twenty centuries of personal and community experiences, constitutes a magnificent contribution to be made in the effort to renew humanity. I wish to propose to Christians some lines of ecological spirituality that arise from the convictions of our faith, because what the Gospel teaches us has consequences on our way of thinking, feeling and living.

It is not so much a question of talking about ideas, but



above all of the motivations that derive from spirituality in order to feed a passion for caring for the world. In fact, it will not be possible to engage in great things only with doctrines, without a mysticism that animates us, without some inner motive that gives impetus, motivates, encourages and gives meaning to personal and community action.

We must recognize that

we Christians have not always collected and made fruit of the riches that God has given to the Church, where spirituality is not separated from one's own body, nor from nature or from the realities of this world, but rather lives with them and in them, in communion with everything that surrounds

The ecological crisis is an appeal to a profound interior conversion. However, we must also recognize that some committed and prayerful Christians, under the pretext of realism and pragmatism, often scoff at environmental concerns. Others are passive, do not make up their minds to change their habits and become inconsistent. They therefore lack an ecological conversion, which involves letting all the consequences of the encounter with Jesus emerge in relations with the world around them. Living the vocation of being custodians of God's work is an essential part of a virtuous existence, it is not something optional and not even a secondary aspect of the Christian experience.

We must examine our lives and recognize how we offend God's creation with our actions and our inability to act. We have to experience a conversion, a transformation of the TO BE CONTINUED heart.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AFTER THE 8 AM MASS

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CPC)

PARISH GOAL \$130,270.00 \$102,801.00 79% PLEDGED TO DATE NUMBER OF PLEDGES 245 AVERAGE PLEDGE \$ 419.60

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

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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



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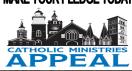
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