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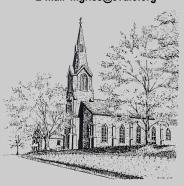
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NOVEMBER 5, 2023 THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,



We've been talking the last few weeks about why it is so hard for people to "hear" and "see" with the heart and mind of Jesus, even though we say we really want to do this. We talked about how for most of us, we go through life unaware. Being in a coma is how some people have put it. And when we "see" and "hear" we often are surprised. "I didn't know that." But once we start to see and hear, then we begin to notice lots of things we didn't notice. Often this means becoming aware of lots

of pain and suffering. And this is often overwhelming for us. It's too much to bear. It feels messy and uninviting. That is why some folks have referred to this stage as "puke."

What do we do? Very often, people just shut their eyes and close their ears. "I don't want to know anything more." And we sort of



drift right back into that "coma" stage. But we can have other responses as well. In our culture, we like to make things better. So often, in our work with our sister parish in Haiti, we have people who want to fix things—a new water filter system, a new building, putting a roof on a church, setting up a solar system. We get excited about this. It feels like we are "doing" something to make things better. To be clear, there is something good about these efforts. They make a difference in people's lives and that is a very good thing.

But, often times, the efforts we make, seem so little and the difficulties faced so big. After we have "done" a few projects, you find people saying, "well are things getting better." Very often, the people who have been on mission trips, put lots of time and effort into projects and then become discouraged because they see little evidence that things are getting better.

The problem is that we think the things to "see" and "hear" are all external. And we think transformation is about changing the way we think and the things we see. Here is an example. For much of our history, our military forces were segregated. Then, in 1948, President Truman signed an executive order banning segregation in the military. Now that might have changed things externally, but changing the hearts of people who served in the military was another thing. That is still an ongoing process.

The same thing happens in our lives. Being able to "see" and "hear" means that we have to change more than just some external things in our life. If requires an internal change in our hearts. That's really what formation is all about. So, when we think about the example of our work in Haiti, we move from asking "what can I do to make things better in Haiti," to asking "why is there so much poverty in Haiti to begin with? And, if we have the courage, we might even ask, "does my lifestyle and my level of consuming things, impact how other people live?" That is a very hard question to wrestle with. Pope Paul VI often said that we must strive to live simple, so that others may simple live. Pope Francis, spoke about the same thing when he talked about how important it is for us to care for God's creation. In order for this to happen, he talked about needing an "ecological conversion." That's more than just saving a few aluminum cans. It's relooking at our whole lives and all the things we do. What we do with our time and money all comes into play here.

It takes courage to do this. Not everyone wants to do this. That's why we hear Jesus say, "try to enter through the narrow gate. I tell you many will try but few will succeed." We can relate to what the disciples said to Jesus. "What you ask is hard. Lord, who can do it." But we find hope in Jesus's response to the disciples. "For people alone, it is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

IT'S LOTTERY TIME

THE 2024 ST. JOE MONTHLY LOTTERY
TICKETS are now available. \$1350 to be given away each month. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Look for an invitation in the mail in the coming weeks for your opportunity to par-



ticipate. Our lottery sellers will also be contacting those who have bought tickets from them in the past. Cost is \$75.

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REMEBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Today we pause to remember the members of our parish who died this past year Stanley Schapker Willie Nieten **Dolores Strupp** Rick Dile Bruce Woodward Keith Jones Leonard Angermeier Linda Elpers Dave Spaetti Grant them eternal rest, O Lord. And let your perpetual light shine upon them.

CELEBRATION OF

THE EUCHARIST

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, Candy & David Knight,

Steve Hartzburg,

10:30 AM MASS: Victor Wolf (1982)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Maria Spindler(1878), Rosa (1917) & John Reising, Regina (1929) & Peter Urich, Clarence (1966) & Nadine Macke, Marcia (2000) & Kenny Hipp, Curtis Will (2009)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TME

7:30 AM MASS: Christina Rode (1862), Barbara Kling (1868), Maria Baehl (1900), Alice Pfister (2015)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Joseph Hartlein 91887), Sylvester Hartlein (1919), Walter Baehl (1921), Infant Jochum (1968), Carmen (2004) & Jack Sheridan, Herman Tenhumberg (2004)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASICILA

NO MASS: Randal Rexing (1953), Fr. Venantius Preske (2015) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

SAINT LEO THE GREAT

7:30 AM MASS: Margaret Erbacher (1872), Agatha Effinger (1880), Catharine Ridfort (1900), Catherine Hoehn (1978), Deacon Francis (2018) and Dorothy Hillenbrand

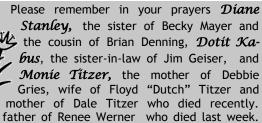
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Doug Schapker, Lawrence & Bernadine Spahn, Christine Fischer (1895), John (1923) & Frances Riedford, George (1946) & Theresa Fehrenbacher, Fredrick Weiss (1958), William Helfrich (1993)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Dottie Kabus, Diane Stanlye, Floyd, Monie, & Dale Titzer, Marcellus & Valeria Elpers Family, John Reckelhoff. For all the people in our parish

10:30 AM MASS: Freddie & Leroy Weiss, Joe & Annabelle Straub, Mary Grigsby, Infant Bernhard (1862), Maria Riedford (1905), Patricia Clark (1946), Mary (1983) & Lavern Fehrenbacher, James Vitzdamm (2009), Jean (2015) & Jack Lannert



May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their families and friends.

COME JOIN US AT THE ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING THURSDAY, NOV. 9 at 6:30 PM IN THE CAFETERIA. **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

"The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of

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REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

TOTAL PLEDGED \$802,372 **RECEIVED TO DATE** \$432,761

Thanks to the following who have made their pledge to our campaign Justin & Lena Greubel

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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THE RETREAT AT LEISURE LIVING: Margaret Kafel

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ENVIVE HEALTHCARE: Doris Head RIVER POINTE: Beverly Jones SOLARBRON TERRACE: Rose Weiss

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November 5: Connor Fehrenbacher, Austin Frey, Ken Maasberg, Paul Stewart

November 7: Don Hutchison, Jane Kremer,

November 6: Carol Collins, Jon Gourley, Leslie Hertel, Michael Hiestand, Chandler Schell

Jessica Reckelhoff, Chuck Roberts, Sawyer Schnaus, Mike Weyer

November 8: Neringa Clark, Brian Holtz, Rosemary McGarrah, Rob Montgomery, William Whitehouse

November 9: Mike Happe, Joan Lutz, Mike Niemeier, Amber Pace, Graham Schuble

November 10: Rick Adler, Julitta Flick, Ellie Hartz, Roy Hostettler,

Will Orth, Ray Schapker, Lynn Wade, Olivia Wade

November 11: Debbie Collins

November 5: Pat & Lavern Fleck,

Jim & Diane Werner, Matt & Sydney Kelly

November 6: Dave & Becky Richter. Glen & Debbie Seibert

November 7: Mike & Joyce Elpers,

Tim & Cassie Mayer, Luke & Brook Spaetti

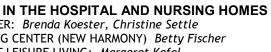
November 8: Dennis & Donna Niemeier, Joey & Kristen Arnold

November 10: Randy & Kathy Fehrenbacher,

Derek & Brooke Williams, Jude & Laura Hays November 11: Jim & Becky Harl, Neil & Jessica Kassenbrock

THANKS....to all those who came to give blood last Sunday. We were able to provide 32 units of blood to the Red THANKS! Cross. Thanks to Jeff & Jenny Puckett, Debbie Scheller and Jean Duncan for hosting this event.





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



However, it is not enough for just individuals to work to solve a situation as complex as the one facing the world today. Individuals can easily get overwhelmed at the task ahead of us and end up succumbing to a consumerism without ethics and without social and environmental sense. Social problems are answered with community networks, not with the mere sum of individual goods.

The needs of this work will be so immense that the possibilities of individual initiatives and the cooperation of individuals, individually trained, will not be able to respond to them. A union of forces and a unity of contributions will be necessary. The ecological conversion that is required to create a dynamism of lasting change is also a community conversion. This conversion involves various attitudes which are combined to activate generous care full of tenderness. In the first place it implies, a recognition of the world as a gift received from the love of the Father, which causes, as a consequence, free dispositions of renunciation and generous gestures even if no one sees or recognizes them. It also implies loving awareness of not being separated from other creatures, but of forming a stupendous universal communion with the other beings of the universe.

For the believer, the world does not contemplate itself from without but from within, recognizing the bonds with which the Father has united us to all beings. Furthermore, by increasing the peculiar abilities that God has given to each believer, ecological conversion leads him to develop his crea-



tivity and enthusiasm, in order to resolve the tragedies of the world, offering himself to God "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable "(Rom 12: 1). He does not interpret his superiority as a motive for personal glory or irresponsible domination, but as a different capacity which in turn imposes on him a grave responsibility that derives from his faith.

TO BE CONTINUED

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CPC)

PARISH GOAL PLEDGED TO DATE NUMBER OF PLEDGES AVERAGE PLEDGE \$130,270.00 \$108,496.00 84% 264 51% \$ 410.97



Our stewardship goal is to give 1% of our gross income to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CPC). Thanks to the following people

peal (CPC). Thanks to the following people who have returned their pledge card (partial list):

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REBUILDING OUR CHURCH UPDATE

The majority of the work of installing a new roof, tuck pointing and sealing of the bricks has been completed. Special thanks to **Vernie Gries and Paul Stewart** for reseeding the lawn west of the church. The exterior aluminum storm windows have all been painted. We are in the

process of installing some new storm windows coverings on the north side of the church windows. And, if you look close, you can see that St. Joseph now has a staff in his hand, thanks to the efforts of Gary Fehrenbacher. And you can see the wording of the cornerstone just below the statue of St. Joseph (It reads:

statue of St. Joseph (It reads: "To the honor and glory of God under the patronage of St. Joseph.")

We still are waiting for the insulation above the church ceiling to be put in. We've ordered the new aluminum louvers in the church steeple. It looks like these won't get installed until next spring. We're also waiting

for the lightening protection to be reinstalled as well as reguilding the cross on the top of the steeple. Because that requires cranes and lifts to complete and since we are getting into colder weather, this project may take a while to complete.

We are pretty close to having all the interior painting of the church complete. Special thanks to Dan Voelker, Fred Gries, and Bob and Mary Kay Fehrenbacher for caulking the wainscoting. It took longer than we thought but the end result is great. Dennis Niemeier, Brian Denning, Mike Loehrlein and Bob Fehrenbacher took all the covers off the heating vents and cleaned them as well. Thanks to Jane Scheller, Dan Voelker and Mary Kay Fehren-

bacher for removing all the stuff from the sacristy closets so they could all be painted. We think all the interior church painting should be done by the end of this week.

Special thanks to all the folks who helped clean the balcony of the church: Peter, Jodi, Finley, Piper and Lilly Fehrenbacher, Trent & Melanie Denning, Lori and Briley Jones, Autumn, Keelie and Mia Link, Natalie, Sadie, Allie and Claire Kassenbrock. It was a dirty mess, but it looks great now.

Zach and Luke Spaetti and the their crews completed the brick work on the west entrance of the church. The next step will be to pour the concrete for the steps and handicapped ramp. We're hopeful that this will be done in the next few weeks. We are also working on the installing the new door for the west entrance.

The next big thing is installing the carpet. We're hoping to get that started in a few weeks. However, one of the two kinds of carpet that we are installing is still stuck in transit somewhere between here and Turkey. Until it arrives, we'll try to do all that we can with the installation of the other carpet.













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