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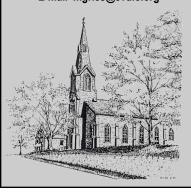
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NOVEMBER 19, 2023 THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends.



Thanksgiving is once again upon—a time to give thanks. There is rarely a week that goes by that I am not reminded of the ways so many of you have offered you help in support of all the ministries of our parish. I think about

all the folks who bring food and served at our funeral dinto all the folks who helped make burgoo and sausage: to all those who helped

with our Fall festival Booths: to all our faithful lottery ticket sellers: to our catechists in the Sunday Morning Religious Education Program,



the Children's Liturgy of the Word and RCIA; to all the men and women who offer their time as room mothers, playground supervisors, lunch time aides, coaches in our grade school, Mater Dei High School and our local public schools; to all those who bring communion to our homebound parishioners and those who are residents in nursing homes; to all those who serve in leadership positions on the parish council and in the Men's Club, Altar Society, PTO and Knights of St. John; to all those who offer their time to take care of maintenance items around the parish; to all those nameless people who reach out to a neighbor to offer them your help; to all those who work at the Food Pantry, the House of Bread and Peace, the Ozanam Family Shelter and various other not-for-profit agencies in our city. And the list could go on and on.

I am grateful as well for all the ways you have stepped up to provide the money needed to do all the work we do in our parish—our weekly collection, all of our outreach ministries, especially working with our brothers and sisters in Haiti, and doing our part to support the work of our diocese through our Catholic Ministries Appeal (only 1% to go to meet our goal!).

And on top of all that you have responded so generously to our Rebuilding our Church Capital Campaign.

No doubt high on the list of things for which to be grateful would be the way so many folks have helped with all the work getting our church fixed up. This past week workers were able to blow in some insulation above the ceiling in the church. The pictures shows what that looks like. You can see some of the original roof rafters from 1888 as well as some of the new rafters tht we installed. And you can see the special walkway we installed so that we could get to the pully system that raises and lowers the chandelier.





The air conditioning vents were cleaned and we had a whole bunch of folks cleaning the inside of the church. Thanks to our friends at Fehrenbacher Cabinets, the altar and all of our sanctuary furniture got a make-over and a new coat of conversion varnish. They look brand new.

As I write this, they have begun to lay the carpet in the main body of the church as well as the sacristies and all the closets. We are still not sure when the special design carpet which will be installed in the center aisle and in the sanctuary will arrive. Because of that we will not be able

to install the pews in church.

The good news however, is that we can start having mass in our church this week. So, here's the plan. We want to move some chairs in church which we will use until the rest of the carpet comes in and is installed. Once that happens, we will be able to install the pews in church. We're hoping that this happens in the next few weeks, but that will depend upon when the carpet gets here.

We still have to install the west side entrance door which won't happen until early December. The door that is installed now is a temporary door. And we still have to fabricate and install the handrails along the handicapped ramp. Until all this work is complete, we'd like to limit this entrance to only those who really need to use it to get in and as an emergency exit. So, if you come to mass on Tuesday of this week, we will have mass with the students in our school and we will have mass in church. We will also have Thanksgiving day mass on Thursday in church. And then, beginning next weekend, we will start having mass in church.

For right now, we will continue to have our daily mass in our chapel in the rectory. One of the unexpected blessing of our church rebuilding effort has been discovering how nice and intimate it is to celebrate mass here. We will also have our weekly Eucharist Adoration here as well. So come and join us on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) for mass at 8 am. We have much for which to be thankful. Leaning into the journey of life

Fr. Gene Schroeder



CELEBRATION OF

THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Schapker, Infant Koester (1871), Joel Eickhoff (1994), Fr. John Finis (2002),

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Robert & Margie Harpenau, Dean Trowbridge, Joe & Dolores Elpers, Marcellus & Valeria Elpers Family, Bernard Hochgesang, Aloys & Marie Elpers, Jeanne, Harry, Rosie, Kenny & Bert Elpers, Jeannette & Orville Hall, Wilma & Joe Gumbel, Jorhdan Woods, Killian & Irene, Peggy Baehl

10:30 AM MASS: Don & Darlene Baumgart, Joe & Anna Glaser, Makenna Lawyer, For all the people in our parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Fred Lunkenheimer (1859), Ferdinand Angermeyer (1880), Lulia Beyer (1905)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30 AM MASS: (IN CHURCH) Infant Frey (1861), Elisabeth Baehl (1873), Maria Neuhofer (1886), Anna (1915) & Bathel Bender, Hubert (1991) & Rose Ellen Unfried

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 SAINT CECILIA

7:30 AM MASS: Johannes Hartlein (1872), Johannes Rockemeyer (1878), Joseph Karcher (1891), Cecilia Ritter (1902), Dorethea Goebel (1926), John (1994) & Mary Effinger

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 THANKSGIVING DAY

8:00 AM MASS: (IN CHURCH) Don Ennis, Charles and Mary Lewis, Sharon Hoffman, Henry & Katherine Knapp

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 SAINT ANDREW DÜNG-LAC AND COMPANIONS

NO MASS: Ernest Boermann (1898), Henry Helfrich (1915), Janice Scheller (1969), Leo (1975) & Dorothy Vollman (1975), Dolores (1986) & Lew Montgomery

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

5:00 PM MASS: John (1965) & Anna Voelker, Elvera (1989) & Geroge Hillenbrand, Sophia (1993) & Thomas Kelle, For all the people in our parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

8:00 AM MASS: William & Dorothy Martin, I.O. Moutoux & G.W. James Families, World Peace, **Priests**



10:30 AM MASS: William Kissel (1926), Fr. Bernard Reidford (1948), Sr. Avila, OSF (Theresa Relleke, 1966), John (1983) & Irene Kissel, Winnie (2006) & Joe Schu

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TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 287,213.91
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 293,000.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 40.00
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REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

TOTAL PLEDGED \$802,572 **RECEIVED TO DATE** \$445,146

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

HERITAGE CENTER: Brenda Koester, Christine Settle PREMIER NURSING CENTER (NEW HARMONY) Betty Fischer

THE RETREAT AT LEISURE LIVING: Margaret Kafel

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER (NEWBURGH): Steve Hasselbrinck NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Marie Gumbel, Carl Kempf

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

EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

November 19: Donna Blythe, Dane Freeman, Amy Spaetti, Rose Yancey

November 20: Keri Hartz, Brinley Tenbarge, Easton Wagner

November 21: Alan Inkenbrandt, Dana Vanbibber

November 22: Matt Kelly, Dustin Macke, Chad Martin, Caroline Owens

November 23: Kameryn McGehee, Kayla Orth, Carrie Straus, Amy Will, Brooke Williams

November 24: Joey Arnold, Jennifer Gibbs, Jackie Gries, Evan Hillenbrand, Dan Voelker

November 25: Pat Ashby, Landon Elpers

November 19: Ronald & Andrea Orth

November 23: John & Diane Bassemier, Roger & Kathy Hall

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

LOTTERY TIME THE 2024 ST. JOE MONTHLY LOTTERY TICKETS

are now available. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Look for an invitation in the mail in the coming weeks for your opportunity to participate. Our lottery sellers will also be contacting those who have bought tickets

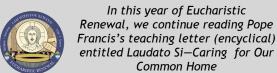


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CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME





Various convictions of our faith, developed at the beginning of this Encyclical, help to enrich the meaning of this conversion. Things such as the awareness that every creature reflects something of God and has a message to transmit to us, or the certainty that Christ has assumed in himself this material world and now, risen, dwells in the depths of every being, surrounding it with its affection and penetrating it with its light. As well as recognizing that God created the world by inscribing in it an order and a dynamism that the human being has no right to ignore.

When we read in the Gospel that Jesus speaks of birds and says that not one of them is forgotten before God, will we be able to mistreat them and harm them? I invite all Christians to make explicit this dimension of their own conversion, allowing the strength and light of the grace received to extend also to the relationship with other creatures and with the world around them, and arouse that sublime brotherhood with all of creation that heals them. Francis of Assisi lived so brightly.

IV. JOY AND PEACE

Christian spirituality proposes an alternative way of understanding the quality of life, and encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, capable of deeply rejoicing without being obsessed with consumption. It is important to accept an ancient teaching, present in various religious traditions, and also in the Bible. It is the belief that "less is more".

In fact, the constant accumulation of possibilities to consume distracts the heart and prevents you from appreciating every-



thing and every moment. On the contrary, being present serenely in front of every reality, however small it may be, opens up many more possibilities for understanding and personal fulfillment.

Christian spirituality proposes a growth in sobriety and an ability to enjoy with little. It is a return to simplicity that allows us to stop and enjoy the little things, to be grateful for the possibilities that life

offers without clinging to what we have or saddening ourselves for what we do not possess. This requires avoiding the dynamics of domination and the mere accumulation of pleasures.

Sobriety, lived with freedom and awareness, is liberating. It is not less life, it is not low intensity, but quite the opposite. In fact, those who taste the most and live every moment better are those who stop pecking here and there, always looking for what they do not have, and experience what it means to appreciate each person and everything, they learn to familiarize themselves with the simplest realities and they know how to enjoy it. In this way they are able to reduce unmet needs and decrease tiredness and anxiety. You may need little and live a lot, especially when you are able to give space to other pleasures and find satisfaction in fraternal encounters, in service, in putting your charisms to good use, in music and art, in contact with nature, in prayer.

TO BE CONTINUED

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CPC)

PARISH GOAL \$130,270.00
PLEDGED TO DATE \$114,911.00 89%
NUMBER OF PLEDGES 284 55%
AVERAGE PLEDGE \$403.99



Our stewardship goal is to give 1% of our gross income to the Catholic Ministries Ap-

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

Tammy Luigs
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Dave & Lori Wolf Jerad & Jennifer Muensterman Eric & Karen McDonald Jackie & Jill Puntney Kim Wade

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR COMMON EFFORT!

ST ANNE ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS GATHERING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 CARRIAGE INN 5:30 PM

St. Anne Altar Society invites the women in the parish to join them. Please call Susie Schapker at 812-483-4799 or Donna Dippel 812-963-5911 to make a reservation. Reservation deadline is November 28th.



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The Altar Society is also collecting gifts for residents of the State Hospital. (No glass containers of any kind). You may drop them off (unwrapped) at the weekend masses.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 4

JOIN US AFTER THE 8 AM MASS

ON THE MENU: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Milk and Juice Invite your family, friends and neighbors!



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