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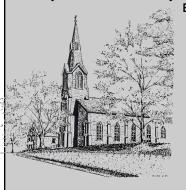
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FEBRUARY 25, 2024 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear friends,

It's been another banner week for our parish. The call went out last Sunday to take the chairs from our church back to storage and bring all the pews to the church from the storage building and more than forty people showed up to

help. The job was done quickly. Monday they installed the carpet in the center aisle. Tuesday morning another group of twenty plus people showed up to install the pews. We thought it would take a couple of days to complete this work but it was done in half a day. The rest of the carpet was installed in the sanctuary. While this was going on the folks from Bradley Metal Works, with help from Zach Spaetti and his crew from Spaetti Construction installed the new handrails at the west entrance of the church.

Wednesday we put the word out to help with the preparations for our first Fish Fry. Folks were already on the job at 5 am cooking all the potatoes for our German Potato Salad. Another group came by in the afternoon to prepare all the vegetables for the fish fry. I am writing tyhis on









Wednesday but I feel confident that the same will happen as we prepared and serve the our fish dinner. What a blessing it is to be around so many folks who care so deeply about our parish. Remember to spread the word about our second fish fry on Friday, March 8.

Our sense of caring doesn't stop with our church and our fish fry. This week I invite you to join us for a day of prayer for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. As you know, we have not been able to take folks on a mission trip to Haiti for some time because of all the unrest and difficulties going on in Haiti. For the past several weeks, the children have not been able to attend school. Not only are the children deprived of the opportunity to learn, they also don't have the chance to have a meal at school. And for so many of them, that was the only meal they had. People are hurting and having to make a go of things

in life and all the while facing challenges few of us can comprehend. Taking the time to come together in prayer in a simple way of letting our brothers and sisters in Haiti know that they are not alone.

Sometimes in the stillness of the quiet, if we listen, We can hear the whisper in the heart Giving strength to weakness, courage to fear, hope to despair.

Howard Thurman

The church will be open all day and we will have Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 7 am. As we prayer before the Eucharist, we remind ourselves of the words of St. Paul, when a part of the body hurts the whole body hurts. And so we stand in solidarity with

o u r friends i n Haiti.

Our day of prayer will end with mass at 6:30 pm. If you are not able to come to pray with us in church, I invite you to take some time during the day at your place of work or where ever you find yourself and pray for our friends in Haiti.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder



Having Considered all things, Be Joyful.

CELEBRATION OF

THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM: Rudy Montejano, Raul, Carmen, & Ross Montejano, For the People of the Parish, Henry Helferich (1862)

SUNDAY, FEBERUARY 25 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 AM: Phil, Joe & Eleanor Lasher, Melinda Paul, Frank,

Andy, Teresa, Dolores, Kenneth, Brother Vincent CSC, Andrew, Jerry, Aloysius & Neil Will, Rita Camp

1030 AM: Dessie Cusic, John Helferich (1862), Eva Reising (1903), Donald Evans (1996), Alexis Gerteisen (2000), Greg Englert (2011), Edgar Hartz (2012), Judy (Meyer) Cosgrove (2013)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 **LENTEN WEEKDAY**

6:30 PM: Victims of war and poverty in Haiti, Catharine Kissel (1866), Velma Merrick (1970), Aletha (2018) & Albert Vollman

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM: Charlie Meny Mary & Bud Meny, Dorothy Hamerin, Wilma Riedford, Elvira Kiefer, Ann Lannert, Gerald Meny, Imelda Balbach, Julie & Doyle Slaton, Infant Zuber (1868), Fred Niemeier (1944), Rick Dile (2023)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 **LENTEN WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM: Monna Jean Eberhard, John & Marie Barron, Diane Herod, Ann Marie Morris, Josetta Clardy, Daryl and David Barron, Maria Rexing (1876), Mary Schmitt (1949)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29 **LENTEN WEEKDAY**

NO MASS: Harvey Klenck (2020)

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM: Stan Eickhoff, Hargarete Wolf (1900), Anna (1958) & Henry Hillenbrand

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM: For the People of the Parish, John December (1878), Anthony Ehrbacher (1886), Irena Foerstel (1890), Anthony Zeggeling (1899), Valentine (1953) & Lena Schenk, Ruth (2003) & Philip Duncan



SUNDAY, MARCH 3 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM: Ivan & Lila Simon, Aloys & Marie Elpers Family, Killian & Irene Baehl Family, Wilma & Joe Gumbel, Jorhdan Wood

1030 AM: Joseph & Florentina Spahn Schmitt Viola & Ollie Goebel, Darlene Hertel, Raymond, Alvin, Urban and Francis Schmitt Elisabeth Frohlinghausen (1865), George Sebastian (1865), Catherine Enlow (1953), Gerald Niemeier (1997)

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord—of my resources, of my time, of myself - also sacrificial?



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

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FEB. 25: Henry Raben, Brad Schnur

FEB. 26: Olivia Baumeyer, Grant Gillenwater, Austin Williams, Leo Zimmer

FEB. 27: Rick Elliott, Connie Gries, Brooklyn Helmer, Hensley Jarboe, Glenn Lewis, Jim Scheller

FEB. 28: Angie Happe, Norb Niemeier, Kathy Weber, Steve Wingert

MAR. 1: Emily Brandenstein, Ruby Manger, Jack Mochau, Nancy Schmitt, Sam Weinzapfel

MAR. 2: Janet Debes, Rich Harpenau, Donna Helfrich-Stucke, Aimee King, Bill Layman, Ron Schneider, Dalton Stewart, Presley Ziliak

FEB. 25: Jeff & Patti Wittgen, Jarrod & Katie Luigs

FEB. 28: Troy & Amy Meyer

MAR. 2: Mike & Ann Ennis, Donna & Brett Stucke



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY



Please remember in your prayers Monna Jean $ilde{ t W}$ $ilde{ t Eberhard}$ the mother of June Beverly, and $ilde{ t Viola}$ Goebel, the sister of Herman Schmitt who died recently. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with their family and friends.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS Once again we are inviting you to remember your loved ones at Easter. Send your contribution along with the names of the people you want to remember to the parish office (through the collection or through the mail) by April 3rd. The names will be published in the Easter Bulletin.





In this year of Eucharistic Renewal, we continue reading Pope Francis's teaching letter (encyclical) entitled Laudato Si-Caring for Our Common Home



THE TRINITY AND THE RELATIONSHIP **BETWEEN CREATURES**

The Father is the ultimate source of everything, the loving and self-communicating foundation of all that exists. The Son, his reflection, through whom all things were created, united himself to this earth when he was formed in the womb of Mary. The Spirit, infinite bond of love, is intimately present at the very heart of the universe, inspiring and bringing new pathways. The world was created by the three Persons acting as a single divine principle, but each one of them performed this common work in accordance with his own personal property. Consequently, when we contemplate with wonder the universe in all its grandeur and beauty, we must praise the whole Trinity.

For Christians, believing in one God who is trinitarian communion suggests that the Trinity has left its mark on all creation. Saint Bonaventure went so far as to say that human beings, before sin, were able to see how each creature "testifies that God is three". The Franciscan saint teaches us that each creature bears in itself a specifically Trinitarian structure, so real that it could be readily contemplated if only the human gaze were not so partial, dark and fragile.

The divine Persons are subsistent relations, and the world, created according to the divine model, is a web of



relationships. Creatures tend towards God, and in turn it is proper to every living being to tend towards other things, so that throughout the universe we can find any number of constant and secretly interwoven relationships. This leads us not only to marvel at the

manifold connections existing among creatures, but also to discover a key to our own fulfilment. The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures. In this way, they make their own that trinitarian dynamism which God imprinted in them when they were created. Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trin-

THE QUEEN OF ALL CREATION

Mary, the mother who cared for Jesus, now takes care of this wounded world with maternal affection and pain. Just as she wept for the death of Jesus with her pierced heart, she now has compassion for the suffering of the crucified poor and the creatures of this world exterminated by human power. Raised to heaven, she is the Mother and Queen of all creation. In his glorified body, together with the risen Christ, part of creation has reached the fullness of its beauty. She not only keeps in her heart the whole life of Jesus, which she "guarded" with care, but now he also understands the meaning of all things. So we can ask you to help us look at ,this world with more knowledgeable eyes.

TO BE CONTINUED

Liturgica) Ministers

L: (Lector) EM: (Eucharistic Ministers)

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 17-18

5 PM MASS: L: Mike Reffett EM: Donald & Brandon Werner, Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier 8 AM MASS: L: Josh Baehl EM: Kylie Frev. Stephanie Frey, Tom Folz, Dolores Folz

10:30 AM MASS: L: Shane Wessel EM: Angie Will, Jane Scheller, Diane Bassemier, Danielle Welage Becky Dosher, Shane Wessel, Steve Jung

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 24-25

5 PM MASS: L: Sis Jarboe EM: Eric and Karen McDonald, Butch & Linda Feulner 8 AM MASS: L: Marcia Frey EM: Imogene Baehl, Michael Elpers Rodney & Paula Baehl

> 10:30 AM MASS: L: Jane Scheller, EM: Paul Hillenbrand Al Debes, Jena & Shane Wessel

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HELP US GET OUR CEMETERY READY FOR THE LAWN MOWING SEASON

To help us get ready for our lawn mowing season, we ask that you remove any decorations around your cemetery tombstones that might get in the way of our lawn mowing crews. Remember that flowers and plagues must be attached securely to the tombstone or flower vases. Shepherd's crooks, statues, balloons, and the like are not permitted as they are a hazard to our mowing crews.

We believe it is important for all those who are placing flowers on the graves of their loved ones to periodically check them. We have found that some people will place artificial flowers on the grave and then never come and check on them. In the meantime, the flowers get faded and shredded and begin to disintegrate thus causing bits of flowers to be scattered all over the cemetery. Thanks for your help in keeping our cemetery a place of honor and

respect as well as a safe place for our lawn

mowing crews.

We're still looking for people to join our lawn mowing crews, especially our big mower crews. Maybe you could be one of these people. Call Randy Tenbarge (812-205-5139) to offer your help or for more information. You'll help our parish save money, and you'll help keep our grounds looking nice.

OUR SECOND FISH FRY IS FRIDAY, MARCH 8

WE NEED We can use your help on YOUR HELP WEDNESDAY MARCH 6—1 PM: Help preparing all the ingredients for the

potato salad and slaw. THURSDAY MARCH 7-9 AM 7 Make the Potato Salad, 3 PM Prepare and Package: Slaw. FRIDAY MARCH 8 1 PM Make the Cornbread, 3 PM Fry Fish, 4 PM Package dinners, 7 pm Cleanup

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