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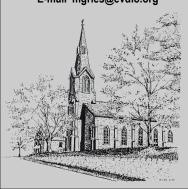
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#### FEBRUARY 4, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

Next Sunday is the big day for our Super Sunday Day of celebration. Te organizing committee has been hard at work planning all the details of this celebration. We have reservations for well over 400 people. The committee is getting together next Saturday morning at 10 am to transform the gym into a giant banquet hall. If you would like to help with this, just come at 10 or call Chick Duncan (812-205-3900) and let him know you can help.

Our day will begin with a special mass at 9 am. After mass we are planning a special reception in the gym which will give folks time to spend time socialize with one another. We also will take some time to pay tribute to the folks who went out of their way to help with our church rebuilding effort. Then we will have a catered lunch to finish off our celebration.

I know that not everyone will be coming to the mass, so you are welcome to come and join us at the reception in the gym which will begin around 10. I look forward to celebrating with you. It promises to be a great day indeed.

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On a much more somber note, our mission group that was planning on travelling to Haiti this week, has made the difficult decision to cancel the trip. We were looking forward to meeting with Fr. Dubois and the people of St. James Parish. But, after talking with them and some of our other contacts, they felt that the best thing for right now is to cancel the trip.

Life is very difficult for our friends in Haiti. I suspect we can scarcely imagine the difficulties they have to deal with on a day to day basis. We are still doing all that we can to help support the children in school through our student sponsorship program as well as providing food for the children when they are able to attend school. In spite of tremendous hurdles to overcome, the work of building a computer lab for the school is almost complete.

What would it be like if we lived in a place like Haiti where there is little functioning government? What would we do to care for our family in such situations? Perhaps trying to stand in the shoes of our Haitian brothers and sisters can give us a heart that can stand in solidarity with so many other people who find themselves as migrants in the world today.

Pope Francis has spoken often about the need to create a culture of encounter, to look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others around us. We may look at the world and wonder why it is that our political leaders can't seem to find a way to work together. And we may feel helpless in the face of such a climate. But we can do something to create a different climate—a climate in which understanding is the key. Bringing light to the world is about encountering others. And the best place to begin is to encounter those who think and act differently than us. How do we do that?

It's easy to judge.

It's more difficult to understand.

Understanding requires compassion,
patience, and a willingness to believe that
good hearts sometimes choose poor methods.

Through judging, we separate.

Through understanding, we grow.

I think we begin by taking the chance to listen to others. Learning to listen well means surrendering the moral high ground. Without being aware of it, we see the world in a particular way, which we believe is the right way and we use our set of beliefs as the benchmark for other people's behaviors. It makes perfect sense to us, of course. The moral stands that we take seem fair and reasonable to us, and so they must be fair and reasonable to others, as well. But the truth is, we don't get to decide what is fair for others who are different from us or how they should respond in the face of oppression. If we want to learn to listen well, then we have to realize that we don't get to determine what is right and wrong for others.

Learning to listen well means being willing to leave our own turf. We reach out to the person we disagree with, the one we judge to be wrong, or just plain different from us. Jesus is the model for us. Think of how this dynamic changes things. When we disagree with someone, instead of staying with my group and surrounding myself with the people who think and act and believe as I do, I put myself in a position where I can be challenged by people who act, think and even believe differently than me.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

JOIN US TODAY (FEB. 4)
AFTER THE 8 AM MASS. The Altar
Society will be hosting Donuts and
Coffee in the Cafeteria. Looking
forward seeing you there!





### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Paul Hillenbrand (1922), Walter Schneider (1965), Albert (1977) & Thelma Scheu, Mary



Preske (1984), Elnora Wolter (1986), Kaysie McGehee (1991), Esther (2003) & Ray Will

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**8:00 AM MASS:** Aloys & Marie Elpers, Jeanne, Harry, Rosie, Kenny & Bert Elpers, Jeanette & Orville Hall, Wilma & Joe Gumbel, Jorhdan Wood, Killian & Irene & Peggy Baehl, Dorothy & William Martin, Delores Strupp, Anton & Margaret Eickhoff, Leonard & Eileen Eickhoff, Rita Eickhoff, Joe & Mag Eickhoff

10:30 AM MASS: Regina Forler, John & Mary A. (Seibert) Koch, Edward J. Rumage, Robert A. Wise, Robert M. Cantner, Mason Heckel, Alfred Koch, Sr., Dolores Goebel, Alfred, & Elmer M. Koch, For the people of our parish, Joseph Sohmer (1861), Eva Weiss (1883), Edwin Bender (1949)

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 SAINT AGATHA

**6:30 PM MASS:** Hieronymus Fischer (1883), Christina Angermeyer (1884), Magdalene (1968) & Frank Baumgart, Delores Strupp (2023)

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

**7:30 AM MASS:** Jerry Drone, Regina Spitzer (1892), Valentine Effinger (1913), Charlie Bergwitz (1992), John & Brenda Bergwitz, Imelda (2022) & Bob Woodward

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**7:30 AM MASS:** Magdalen Lambers (1905), Gertrude Schenk (1913), Evelyn (2003) & Butch Raben (2003), Raymond Fischer (2007), Thomas Duncan (2014)

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 SAINT JEROME EMILIANI & SAINT JOSEPHINE

NO MASS: Francis Seiler (1886), Crescentia Hassing (1900), Donatius (1917) & Magdalena Baumgart, Sylvester Niemeier (1951), Anthony Seib (1965), Theodore (1991) & Virginia Conner, Wilfred (1999) & Henrietta Baehl

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Andreas Witt (1863), Elisabeth Hoffmann (1876), Infant Happe (1910), Catharina Sunkenheimer (1918), Martin (1922) & Salome Ritter, Louisa Hoefling (1923), Francis "Boobie) (2003) & Betty Maurer, Irene (2008) & John Kissel

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**5:00 PM MASS:** Joe Herr, Doug Schapker, Rosa Kissel (1903), Helen Buehner (1984), Patricia Koch (2011) Paulette Blaylock, Willard & Lillian Ennis Bob Ennis Carol & Marge Ennis, Betty Jo Alvey, Sam Mamula.

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 AM MASS: Ivan & Lila Simon, John & Theresia Simon Family, Wayne Frey, Ray Fischer, Dorothy Niemeier, John & Veronica (Koch) Hertel. Lillian Hertel, Mary Rose Engler, Margaret Jung, Mildred Weber, Bill & Joe Hertel, Anna Straub, James B. Straub, Esther Will, For the people of our parish, Agatha Angermeier (1890), Cheryl Gries (1985), Mark Fleeger (2021)



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# 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

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February 4: Carol Gries, Randy Tenbarge

February 5: Julie Keller, Allen Rexing, Edna Spaetti February 6: Hugh Arnold, Hannah Kares, Pat Kempf,

Bryan Roemke, Mark Schulze

February 7: Jess Quinlin, Fr. Gene Schroeder, Bill Steiner, Alex Will

February 8: Jim Butler, Piper Fehrenbacher

February 9: Blake Baumgart, Emma Douglas

February 10: Susie Traylor

February 4: Phil & Becky Dosher

February 6: Bryan & Karen Trimborn

February 7: Mike & Rosemary McGarrah



**HAPPY** 

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Please remember in your prayers Leonard Eick-hoff, the uncle of Ron Eickhoff, Paulette Blaylock, the mother of Becky Harl, Bob Ennis, the father of Mike Ennis, and Dorothy Niemeier, the sister of Frank Hertel and sister-in-law of Charlie Niemeier, all of whom died last week. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with their family and friends.



THE ST. ANNE ALTAR SOCIETY WILL BE MEETING THIS COMING THURSDAY, FEB. 8th, AT 6:30 PM IN THE MEETING ROOM. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO JOIN US.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR PARISH FISH FRYS FEB. 23 & MAR. 8



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



Creation finds its greatest elevation in the

Eucharist. Grace reaches a marvelous expression when God himself, made man, gets to be eaten by his creature. The Lord, at the height of the mystery of the Incarnation, wanted to reach our intimacy through a fragment of matter. Not from above, but from within, so that in our own world we could meet Him.

Fullness is already realized in the Eucharist. United with the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. In effect, the Eucharist is in itself an act of cosmic love. Yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the small altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always celebrated, on the altar of the world The Eucharist unites heaven and earth, embraces and penetrates all creation. The world, which came out of God's hands, returns to him in joyful and full adoration. In the Eucharistic Bread creation stretches



out towards divinization, towards holy marriage, towards unification with the Creator himself. Therefore the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concern for the environment, and directs us to be custodians of all creation.

On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist is of particular importance. This day, as well as the Jewish Sabbath, is offered as a day for the healing

of the human being's relations with God, with oneself, with others and with the world. Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, the "first day" of the new creation, whose first fruits are the risen humanity of the Lord, guarantee of the final transfiguration of all created reality. Furthermore, this day announces the eternal rest of man in God.

In this way, Christian spirituality integrates the value of rest and celebration. We tend to demean contemplative rest as something unproductive and unnecessary, but this is to do away with the very thing which is most important about work; its meaning. We are called to include in our work a dimension of receptivity and gratuity, which is quite different from mere inactivity. Rather, it is another way of working, which forms part of our very essence. It protects human action from becoming empty activism; it also prevents that unfettered greed and sense of isolation which make us seek personal gain to the detriment of all else.

The law of weekly rest forbade work on the seventh day, "so that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your maidservant, and the stranger, may be refreshed" (Ex 23:12). Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us renewed sensitivity to the rights of others. And so the day of rest, centred on the Eucharist, sheds it light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature **BE CONTINUED** and the poor.

**Each Monday** we invite people to come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament from 7 am to 6:30 pm. This coming Tuesday we have our 24 hour Adoracion day of prayer for vocations from 6 am Tuesday through 6 am Wednesday. We gather in our tem-



porary chapel in the parish rectory. We are always looking for new people to take the place of those who can no longer come for an hour of adoration.

#### POTLUCK DINNER & PODCAST DISCUSSION

February 17th after the 5 pm Mass. We will meet in the St. Joe Meeting room after the 5:00 Mass. Contact Jessica { Reckelhoff for the podcast information.



### Likurgica) Ministers

L: (Lector) EM: (Eucharistic Ministers)

**WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 3-4** 5 PM MASS: L: Toni Askins EM: Donald & Brandon Werner. Eric & Karen McDonald

8 AM MASS: L: Tom Blythe EM:

Joan Inkenbrandt, Michael Elpers, Randy & Kathy Fehrenbacher 10:30 AM MASS: L: Julie Forcum EM: Rachel Schnaus,

Becky Dosher, Shane Wessel, Steve Jung **WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 10-11** 

5 PM MASS: L: Toni Askins

EM: Donald & Brandon Werner, Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier

9 AM MASS SPECIAL MINISTERS

Contact Jessica Reckelhoff (812-598-1151) or



jreckelhoff@evdio.org for more information. Soul Core Thursday, January 18 & 25 at 7 pm and JOIN US FOR THESE FAITH SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, February 10 at 8 am

That Man Is You -Wednesday 5:30-6:45 pm. Bible Study Group, viewing episodes of The Chosen.

#### ST JOE COMMUNITY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL NEWS

Sign Up now, for the 2024 St Joe Community Baseball & Softball teams. www.leaguelineup.com/stjbaseball. Questions? Call Jon Eickhoff at 812-455-3361



## IT'S FISH FRY TIME

FRIDAYS, FEBRUARY 23 & MARCH 8 % SERVING 5-7 PM DRIVE THRU ONLY

We'll need help preparing all the ingredients for the potato salad and slaw on the Wednesdays before the fish fry, Feb. 21 and March 6). We will be making the slaw on the Thursdays before the fish fry. We will also need help making cornbread and frying the fish on Fridays as well as helping to

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