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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

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FEBRUARY 5, 2023 THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

This past Friday a small group of folks headed to Haiti to spend some time with our brothers and sisters at St. James Parish. We've been very concerned about our friends in Haiti. Things are so difficult for the people there. Fortunately much of the news people hear about Haiti is centered around Port au Prince, the capital, which is in the south of the country. Things are a bit quieter around Plaine du Nord. We have heard that the school children have been able to go back to school and things are a little bit back to normal. We hope to find out how the work is progressing on the computer lab which is one of the big projects we have been working on. But saying things are a little bit back to normal is relative of course. Things are always difficult in Haiti.

In the midst of all this news, some folks may want to throw up their hands and give up. But I think the real test is whether or not we are willing to offer what we can even though it will not make everything better. I recall the words of St. Mother Teresa who was fond of telling people, "God did not call me to be successful but he did call me to be faithful." The words of St. Oscar Romero come to mind as well: "We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

When you can keep this in mind, then we can feel good about offering what we can. Maybe that is being a Haiti Student Sponsor or a Sewing Hope Sponsor. Or maybe it is making a contribution to our monthly Haiti Collection.

But it goes beyond caring for Haiti. It could be bringing food for the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry, or bringing diapers to Birthright. It could be contributing to one of the special collections we have each month for worthy causes in our country and throughout the world. Whatever opportunity we take to reach out to others is an opportunity for God to take our small efforts and do great things with them.

And if we needed further evidence that we are on the right path when we do this, we need only look to the passages we read from Isaiah: "if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted, then light shall rise for you in the darkness and the gloom shall become for you like midday." (Isaiah 58:10)

I think much of our challenge is that we live in a world that is so focused on success and achievement. And we think that for our efforts to be of any value, they must give evidence of success. But, as we also read in the Book of Isaiah, God's ways are not our ways. That doesn't mean they have no value. Far from it. We also read from Isaiah, "Just as the rain and snow descend to the earth and do not return until they have done the work of making things grow and blossom, so shall my word be. It will not come back empty-handed. It will do the work I sent it to do." (Isaiah 55:10-11).

When we do our little part, we are "the word that goes out from God." That takes a lot of trust that God is truly doing great things with our efforts. And when we do that, I think we are truly letting our light shine, as Jesus challenges us to do in today's gospel reading.

Leaning into the journey of life,

Fr. Gene Schroeder

let
your
light
Shine

**ST. ANNE ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING--THIS
THURSDAY 6:30 PM IN THE MEETING ROOM
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME**

We will be making kuchens
on Saturday, Feb. 18,
starting at 7:30 am.
Come and join us!



COME JOIN US TODAY



AFTER THE 8 AM MASS

**BLOOD DRIVE NEXT
SUNDAY-- FEBRUARY 12
8 --NOON IN THE GYM**



I, TOO AM AMERICA

I am the darker brother.

They send me

to eat in the kitchen

When company comes,

But I laugh,

And eat well,

And grow strong.

Tomorrow,

I'll be at the table

When company comes.

Nobody'll dare

Say to me,

"Eat in the kitchen,"

Then.

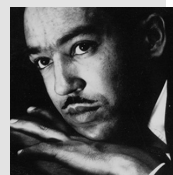
Besides,

They'll see how beautiful I am

And be ashamed—

I, too, am America

Langston Hughes 1901-1967



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

FEBRUARY 4, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



5:00 PM MASS: Barb Gerteisen, Joyce & Willies Nieten, Joseph Sommer (1861), Eva Weiss (1883), Edwin Bender (1949)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Harry & Rosalie Elpers, Wilma & Joe Gumbel, Jeanette & Orville Hall, Kenneth & Bert Elpers, Jeanne Elpers, Aloys & Marie Elpers, Killian & Irene Baehl, Peggy Baehl, William & Dorothy Martin, Don & Neacie Singleton, Kathy Luigs

10:30 AM MASS: Don & Darlene Baumgart, Frank and Magdalena (1968) Baumgart, Clarence and Wilfred Baumgart, Henrietta Tiekens, Petronilla Hayden, Herman Baumgart, Sr. Mary Martha Baumgart, Synatius Baumgart, Teckla Kercher, Makenna Lawyer, Hieronymus Fischer (1883), Christina Angermeyer (1884)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

6:30 PM MASS: Jerry Drone, Raymond Fischer, Regina Spitzer (1892), Valentine Effinger (1913), John, Brenda & Charlie Bergwitz (1992), Imelda (2022) & Bob Woodward

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

SAINT JEROME EMILIANI; SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

7:30 AM MASS: Francis Seiler (1886), Crescentia Hassing (1900), Donat Baumgart (1917), Sylvester Niemeier (1951), Anthony Seib (1965), Theodore Conner (1991), Wilfred (1999) & Henriette Baehl

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Andreas Witt (1863), Elisabeth Hoffmann (1876), Infant Happe (1910), Catharina Sunkenheimer (1918), Martin Ritter (1922), Louisa Hoefling (1923), Francis (2003) & Betty Maurer, Irene (2008) & John Kissel

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

SAINT SCHOLASTICA

7:30 AM MASS: Rosa Kissel (1903), Helen Buehner (1984), Patricia Koch (2011)

FEBRUARY 11, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Doug Schapker, Justina, Edward, Leroy, Sebastian, Francis Violet & Tony Weiss, Leo Gumbel, Joe and Katie Weiss, Jack & Florentina Pfetscher Henry, Doris & Charlotte Weiss, Alvina Schneider, Agatha Angermeyer (1890), Cheryl Gries (1985), Mark Fleeger (2021), Patricia Fleeger

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Joe James, John Reckelhoff, Robert & Margie Harpenau, Dean Trowbridge, Basil & Marie Mehringer, Don Burkham, Bill Bennett, Joe & Dolores Elpers

10:30 AM MASS: Eric Seib, Darlene & Don Baumgart, Anna Straub, James B. Straub, Esther Will, Joseph Lenentz (1858), Dortha Broermann (1880), William Rexing (1942)



FISH FRY'S COMING

MARCH 3 & 17 5-7 PM

STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

In the first reading, Isaiah urges us in the name of the Lord to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked. If we do so, he assures us, the Lord will hear and answer our cries for help in time of need.



January 29, 2023	\$ 21,919.45
January 31, 2023 Auto Debit Collection	\$ 2,395.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 19,692.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 562,361.86
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 610,452.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 6.00

Thanks to our young stewards: Jarrett & Daxton Brown, Peter, Paul, Beatrice, & Bernadette Reckelhoff

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HAITI COLLECTION	\$ 3,060.00
HAITI STUDENTS/HIGHER EDUCATION	\$ 1,820.00
HAITI FOOD FUND	\$ 20.00
VLADIVOSTOK MISSION	\$ 190.00
ST. VINCENT'S FOOD PANTRY	\$ 5.00
LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION	\$ 20.00

May we continue to be blessed by your faithful financial support to our parish and to our outreach ministries. Remember that you can

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

HERITAGE CENTER: Brenda Koester, Mary Lou Davis

PREMIER NURSING CENTER (NEW HARMONY) Betty Fischer

THE RETREAT AT LIESURE LIVING: Margaret Kafel

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER (NEWBURGH): Steve Hasselbrinck

NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Marie Gumbel, Carl Kempf

GOOD SAMARTIAN: Doris Head

RIVER POINTE: Keith & Beverly Jones

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 T aylor

FEBRUARY 11: Emily Crawford, Jaxson Houchin, John Luigs

FEBRUARY 6: Bryan & Karen Trimborn

FEBRUARY 7: Mike & Rosemary McGarrah

FEBRUARY 11: Rodney & Paula Baehl

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Please remember in your prayers *Florentina Pfetscher*, the sister of Marie Gumbel and the sister-in-law of Rose Weiss who died last week. She and her husband Jack were foster parents for Berta Kares who came to our country from Cuba. May God grant her the blessings of a good and holy life and may His peace be with all the members of her family and friends.



JOIN US EACH SUNDAY AT THE 10:30 MASS



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF ICE SKATING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 FROM 4-6 PM

Students in grade 6-8 are invited to join other westside middle school students at a skating party at Swoonder Ice Rink. Contact Jessica Reckelhoff by Feb. 15(812-598-1151) or email her jreckelhoff@evdio.org to sign up Cost is \$10/Person

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* and seeing the real presence of God in all things.



We tend to believe that every acquisition of power is simply progress, an increase in security, utility, well-being, vital force, fullness of values, as if reality, good and truth were blossoming spontaneously by the very power of technology and economics. The fact is that modern man was not educated in the right use of power because the immense technological growth has not been accompanied by a development of the human being as regards responsibility, values and conscience.

Each era tends to develop a scarce self-awareness of its limits. For this reason, it is possible that humanity today does not feel the seriousness of the challenges it faces, and the possibility of mankind to misuse his power is constantly increasing when there are no rules of freedom, but only demands need for utility and safety".

The human being is not fully autonomous. His freedom falls ill when he surrenders himself to the blind forces of the unconscious, of immediate needs, of selfishness, of brutal violence. In this sense, he is naked and exposed to his own power which continues to grow, without having the tools to control it. It may have superficial mechanisms, but we can affirm that it lacks an adequately solid ethics, a culture and a spirituality that really give it a limit and contain it within a lucid self-control.



THE GLOBALIZATION OF THE TECHNOCRATIC PARADIGM

The fundamental problem even more profound: the way in which humanity has in fact assumed technology and its development *together with a homogeneous and one-dimensional paradigm*. In this paradigm stands a conception of the subject which progressively, in the logical-rational process, understands and thus possesses the object that is outside. This subject is expressed in establishing the scientific method with its experimentation, which is already explicitly a technique of possession, domination and transformation. It is as if the subject were faced with a shapeless reality totally available for its manipulation.

The intervention of the human being on nature has always occurred, but for a long time it had the characteristic of accompanying, of supporting the possibilities offered by the things themselves. It was a question of receiving what natural reality allows for itself, as if by holding out a hand.

Conversely, now what interests us is to extract everything possible from things through the imposition of the human hand, which tends to ignore or forget the very reality of what is in front of him. For this reason the human being and things have ceased to shake hands amicably, becoming instead contenders

From here we easily move on to the idea of infinite or unlimited growth, which has so excited economists, finance and technology theorists. This supposes the lie about the infinite availability of the planet's goods, which leads to "squeezing" it to the limit and beyond the limit. This is the false assumption that "there is an unlimited amount of energy and usable means, that their immediate regeneration is possible and that the negative effects of the manipulations of nature can be easily absorbed.

TO BE CONTINUED

CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN UPDATE

PARISH GOAL	\$125,270.00
PLEGDED TO DATE	\$125,772.00
NUMBER OF PLEDGES	369
AVERAGE PLEDGE	\$ 340.85

Our Stewardship goal is to give 1% of our gross income to the CPC. Thanks to the following people who have returned their pledge card.

Justin & Lena Greubel

Thank you...



OVER THE TOP! THANKS FOR HELPING US MEET OUR GOAL

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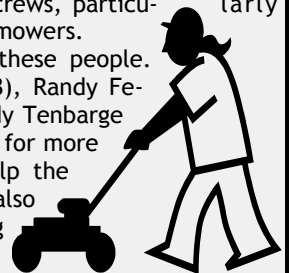
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It's time to start planning for the lawn mowing season in our parish. We're looking to add some people who can help mow the large areas of our campus with our riding mowers. And we are looking for folks who can join some of our existing lawn mowing crews. These crews mow the lawn around the rectory, church, school and convent and the cemetery. We provide all the equipment (self-propelled lawn mowers, riding lawn mower, weed eaters, and refreshments for the workers!).

With the retirement of Mark Schmitt who took care of our lawn mowing equipment for many years, we are adjusting some of the duties of the mowing crews, particularly those who operated our riding lawn mowers.

Maybe you could be one of these people.

Call the parish office (812-963-3273), Randy Fehreimbacher, (812-453-5397) or Randy Tenbarger (812-205-5139) to offer your help or for more information. Not only can you help the parish save money, but you can also help in keeping our grounds looking nice, and it's great exercise!



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