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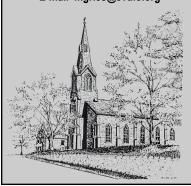
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APRIL 16, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear friends,



Now that our Easter Day celebrations are over, it's back to work. At least that is the way it seems to so many people. But we don't just celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on one day. If Easter was all about what Jesus did, I guess this would make sense. But Easter is really about us and how we live our life every day. And this involves living our Paschal Mystery every day in our life.

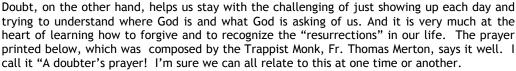
Now those are fancy words, but what we are really talking about is how the whole mystery of life and death plays out in our lives every day. Every

day we agree to show up to all that is happening in our lives. In these vents there are going to be lots of times we will be called upon to let go and to forgive—forgiving life for not going the way we want it to go; forgiving people for not being the way we wanted them to be or hoped they would be; forgiving ourselves for not being the way we want to be. "deaths" are inevitable—but so is resurrection. While these "dyings" will intrude upon our lives, we can be awake and watchful for the resurrections as well, for the creative ways that new life streams into our lives even in the midst of death.

Here's how the theologian Howard Thurman described it. It is ever a new thing, a glad surprise, the stirring of life at the end of winter. One day there seems to be no sign of life and then almost overnight, swelling buds, delicate blooms, blades of grass, bugs, insects—an entire world of newness everywhere. It is the glad surprise at the end of winter. Often the same experience comes at the end of a long tunnel of tragedy and tribulation. It is as if a person stumbling in the darkness, having lost their way, finds that the spot at which they fall is the foot of a stairway that leads from darkness into light. Such is the glad surprise. This is

what Easter means in the experience of the [human] race. This is the resurrection! It is the announcement that life cannot ultimately be conquered by death, ... that there is strength added when the labors increase, that multiplied peace matches multiplied trials, that life is bottomed by the glad surprise. Take courage, therefore: When we have exhausted our store of endurance, When our strength has failed ere the day is half done, When we reach the end of our hoarded resources, Our Father's full giving is only begun.

Along the way, we will all be like the Apostle Thomas that we read about in the gospel today. He's often called "the doubting Thomas," as if his "doubting" was some kind of weakness. Actually, doubt is very much a part of our faith journey. The opposite of faith is not doubt but certitude.



Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

P.S. Every week there are a lot of things that people take care of in our parish. Most of them are simple things that often go unnoticed. But there are essential to the smooth operation of our parish life. I think especially of the countless number of volunteers who help in school each week helping to supervise lunch duty, helping in the parish office or serving as one of the coaches for our many athletic teams. Then there are the folks who come to mow the grass each week. Randy Tenbarge and Jerry Happe are coordinating the scheduling of our mowing crews and making sure all of our mowing equipment is in good shape. A special thanks to the folks who stepped up these past few weeks to add their names to our mowing crews. Special thanks to Todd Wingert for using his expertise to help keep our water treatment plant and sand filter in good shape Thanks as well for the folks who have come to help set up for mass each weekend.



BLOOD DRIVE TODAY 8 AM -- NOON IN THE CAFETERIA

A DOUBTER'S PRAYER

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact, please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this. you will lead me by the right road. though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen. ----Thomas Merton



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 5:00 PM MASS: Lawrence & Elizabeth Luigs, Maria Bergwitz (1877), John Rexing (1934), Fr. Edward Bauer (15th Pastor of St. Joe, 1970), Alvina Welch (1991), Brenda (2021) John, & Charlie Bergwitz

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 AM MASS: Joe James, John Reckelhoff, Basil, Marie, Luke, Ali

& Dennis Mehringer, Linda Fendel, Jim & Dolores Niemeier 10:30 AM MASS: Charles & Betty Egler, Michael Egler Jr., Susan Harlan, Eric Seib, Rick Dile, Joseph Goebel (1872), Margaret Goebel (1929), Raymond (1975) & Esther Will, Dennis Delgman (2006)

MONDAY, APRIL 17 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

6:30 PM MASS: Wendel Egler (1859), Cynthia Buerger (1947), Edward (1972) & Mary Arnold, Mac (2012) & Ann Glaser

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM MASS: Margaret (1880) & Wilhelm Helfrich (1880), Elisabeth Schili (1881), Louis (1979) & Helen Keller, Leroy (2013) & Marilyn Jochum

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM MASS: Francis Ziegler (1886), JoAnn (2019) & Tom Muensterman

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

NO MASS: Elisabeth Rexing (1900), Willie Mae (1969) & Herman Tenhumberg, George Davidson (2018), Scottie (2021) & Valeda Pace

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM MASS: Maria Spitzer (1864), John Effinger (1885), Dick (2015) & Jane Lawson

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 PM MASS: Hubert & Rose Ellen Unfried, Doug Schapker, Stan Schapker, Charlotte & Elmer

Henry Goebel (1907), Schaper, James Yancey (1988), Floyd Titzer

(2017)

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM MASS: Dr. Ed Lagunzad, Frank Will, Bruce Woodward, Bob & Imelda Woodward, Leonard & Robert Woodward, Susan Woodward 10:30 AM MASS: Joe & Winnie Schu, Donald & Margaret Appler, Bob & Deanna Rollett, Dave & Benjamin Rollett, Ruth Winterman





Please remember in your prayers ** Rollett, the father of Diane Matt and Patti Will who died last week. May God grant him eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of his family.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING FIRST COMMUNION AT THE 10:30 MASS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He Provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?



April 9, 2023	\$ 19,657.20
April 15, 2023 Auto Draft Collection	\$ 10,796.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 19,692.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 748,535.18
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 807,372.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 140.00
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

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> Congratulations to Caroline (Niemeier) and Mike Coughlin on the birth of their daughter, Ivy Catherine

April 16: Lily Fehrenbacher, Stu Gibbs, Jeri Kempf

April 17: Debra Baumgart, Mary Happe, Ben Niemeier, Matt Ubelhor

April 18: Deanna Biffert, Lorraine Blanford, Claire Kassenbrock

April 19: Jessica Kassenbrock, Jill Puntney, Natalie Reffett, Elias Ruedlinger, Emma Ruedlinger, Bella Warren

April 20: Nick Austin, Shirley Happe, Morgan Jones, Kelly Lehman,

Kelly Lyke, Bridget Pfaffmann, Shelly Ruedlinger

April 21: Cindy Happe, Ray Kissel

April 22: Logan Elpers, Tricia Gerteisen, Genevieve Gourley, Laura Helmer

April 17: Tom & Karen Angermeier, Mike & Julie Forcum

April 18: Tom & Delores Folz, Steve & Debbie Scheller

April 19: Gene & Earlene Elpers, Mike & Diana Evans

April 20: Steve & Marcia Frey, Mark & Laura Duncan, Danny & Michelle Knight

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

April 21: Joe & Jill Schneider, Jerad & Jennifer Muensterman, Dave & Kristen Lappe, Matt & Jamie Blythe

UNTIL WE ARE READY ONCE AGAIN TO RETURN TO OUR CHURCH, OUR WEEKDAY DAY MASS AND MONDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held in our "new" rectory chapel. Enter through the front door. WEEKEND MASSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN THE GYM. COME HELP US SET UP FOR MASS...Friday at 3 pm. Come and join us. Many hands make the work quick and easy for all of us.



JOIN US EACH SUNDAY AT THE 10:30 MASS

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. It should be remembered that the beginning of scientific de-

velopments on transgenic cereals was the observation of bacteria that naturally and spontaneously produced a change in the genome of a plant. However, in nature these processes have a slow pace, which is not comparable to the speed imposed by current technological advances, even when these advances are based on a scientific development of centuries.

Although we do not have definitive evidence about the harm that GM grains could cause to humans, and in some regions their use has resulted in economic growth that has helped solve some problems, there are significant difficulties that should not be minimized.

In many areas, following the introduction of these crops, there is a concentration of productive land in the hands of a few, due to the "progressive disappearance of small producers, who, as a result of the loss of cultivated land, were forced to withdraw from direct production. The most fragile of these become precarious workers and many agricultural workers end up migrating to miserable urban settlements.

The expansion of these crops destroys the complex web of ecosystems, decreases diversity in production and affects the pre-



sent or the future of regional economies. In several countries there is a trend towards the development of oligopolies in the production of seeds and other products necessary for cultivation, and the dependence is aggravated if we consider the production of sterile seeds, which would end up forcing farmers to buy them from producing

Undoubtedly there is a need for constant attention, which leads to con-

sider all the ethical aspects involved. To this end, it is necessary to ensure a scientific and social debate that is responsible and broad, able to consider all the information available and to call things by their name. Sometimes the complete information is not put on the table, but it is selected according to one's own interests, be they political, economic or ideological.

This makes it difficult to formulate a balanced and prudent judgment on the various issues, bearing in mind all the variables involved. It is necessary to have places for debate in which all those who in some way could be directly or indirectly involved (farmers, consumers, authorities, scientists, seed producers, populations close to the treated fields and others) can expose their problems or access extensive and reliable information to take decisions oriented to the present and future common good. That of GMOs is a complex issue that needs to be addressed with a comprehensive look at all its aspects, and this would require at least a greater effort to finance various lines of autonomous and interdisciplinary research that could bring new light.

On the other hand, it is worrying that some ecological movements defend the integrity of the environment, and rightly claim limits on scientific research, while sometimes failing to apply these same principles to human life. It is often justified that all boundaries are exceeded when experimenting with live human embryos. It is forgotten that the inalienable value of a human being goes far beyond the degree of his development. Similarly, when technology does not recognize the great ethical principles, it ends up considering any practice legitimate. TO BE CONTINUED

FRIDAY & **SATURDAY JUNE 9 & 10**

Our 21st rummage sale is coming—June 9-10. Since we are now having mass sin the gym each weekend, this year we will be needing extra help to set up the gym for the rummage sale and then clean up after the sale is over and get the gym ready for weekend mass. Look for more information in the weeks ahead for the ways you can help.

Among other things, we'll be collecting household items, children's toys, tools, antiques, collections, baby items, games, clothing, puzzles, household furniture. Rule to follow: if you wouldn't buy it, don't bring it.

We'll also be collecting medium size Target bags to be used at the sale. Drop them off at the Parish Office.

Questions? Call Imogene - 812- 963-5221 LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE COMING WEEKS.

ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS: John J. Appler Family, John, Mina, Tony, Elizabeth Lorenz Family, Henry & Elise Appler Family, George & Margaret, Bill & Rita Summers, Srs. Benedict (Appler) SP, Adelina (Lauber) SP, Honora (Elpers) OSF, Celina (Elpers) OSF, Huberta (Elpers) OSF Srs. Othmar, Delarosa, & Rose (Hasenour) OSB, Joe & Winnie Schu, Caty Miller, Herb & Ann Summers, Carl Morris

David Seib, Donald & Mary Margaret Appler, Mark Heavrin, Ray Waggoner, Carolyn Benedict, Dick & Kathy Bennett, Bill & Camilla Meinert, John Hummel, Stan, Bonnie, Glen, Marvin, Harry & Nancy Tenbarge, Charles & Ruth Holtz, Deceased Members & Priests of White House Retreat Center Frs. Patrick Kilfoil, Gus Busch, Donald Spaulding



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...COMING JUNE 19-22

The Parishes of Resurrection and St. Joe are excited to announce that Vacation Bible School will take place this summer from June 19-22 8:30-11:30 each morning! We will be gathering at Resurrection School. Children entering Preschool -4th Grade are welcome to attend, and students entering 5th



grade-college are welcome to grade-college are wetcome help with games, snacks, crafts, music, prayer, and just good fun! We are also looking for parent leaders and helpers in

all of these areas and in the childcare room. Contact Jessica Reckelhoff (812)-598-1151 or jreckelhoff@evdio.org. to register and for additional information.

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