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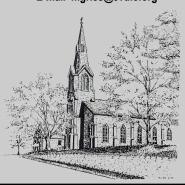
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APRIL 16, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear friends,



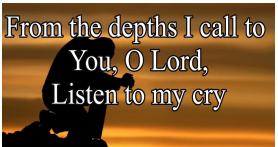
Today we encounter the disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were heading out of town. Jesus had been killed. Confused, bewildered, and full of fear, the only thing that made sense to the disciples was to head back to the villages where they grew

up. Even doing that filled them with a sense of dread. What would their neighbors and relatives say? They could just imagine the re-



sponse they would get. "I thought you were crazy in the first place to give up fishing and head off with this Jesus fellow." "By the way I hear he got in some big trouble with the authorities, and they killed him." "I guess you felt pretty stupid for following him in the first place."

Beyond dealing with the embarrassment for having followed the 'wrong horse', there was an even deeper confusion in their lives. What was the meaning of the last three years? They were at the point of despair. What do we do when we get to the point of despair in our own lives? Recently I have been reading about the prayer of lament. Here's how Fr. Richard Rohr



speaks of it: There is one strong form of biblical prayer that has been almost completely overlooked by the Christian tradition, maybe because it feels more like preprayer than what we usually think of as prayer at all. Lamentation prayer is when we sit and speak out to God and one another-stunned, sad, and silenced by the tragedy and absurdity of human events. It might actually be the most honest form of prayer. It takes great trust and pa-

tience ... so I think it is actually profound prayer, but most of us have not been told that we could, or even should, "complain" to God.

Lamentation is really a profound cry to God. Emmanuel Katongole and Chris Rice describe it this way: Lament is not despair. It is not whining. It is not a cry into a void. Lament

is a cry directed to God. It is the cry of those who see the truth of the world's deep wounds and the cost of seeking peace. It is the prayer of those who are deeply disturbed by the way things are. We are enjoined to learn to see and feel what the psalmists see and feel and to join our prayer with theirs. The journey of reconciliation is grounded in the practice of lament.

We can hear that lament in the words Martin Luther King spoke from his kitchen table in Montgomery, Alabama after hearing yet another death threat: "Lord, I'm down here trying to do what's right.... But Lord, I must confess that I'm weak now, I'm faltering. I'm losing my courage. Now, I am afraid.... I am at the end of my powers. I have nothing left. I've come to the point where I can't face it alone."

So it may have been with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. And then the encounter Jesus, though they do not know him. He begins to open their minds and explain the scriptures to them. Jesus stays with them to share a meal and they recognize him in the breaking of the bread. And they said to one another: "were not our hearts burning within us when he spoke with us and opened the scriptures to us." No longer afraid, and buoyed with renewed courage they return to Jerusalem.

The power of the prayer of lament is that it allows us to be present to all that happens around us while not being overwhelmed by it. And it allows us to show up each day with renewed courage. It was much like the disciples who could face the fears that led them to flee, turn around and return to Jerusalem.

Leaning into the journey of life

Fr. Gene Schroeder

AND JESUS WEPT

Jesus wept, and in his weeping, he joined himself forever to those who mourn. He stands now throughout all time, this Jesus weeping, with his arms about the weeping ones: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." He stands with the mourners, for his name is God-with-us. Jesus wept. "Blessed are those who weep, for they shall be comforted."

Someday, God will wipe the tears from Rachel's eyes. In the godforsaken, obscene quicksand of life, there is a deafening alleluia rising from the souls of those who weep, and of those who weep with those who weep. If you watch, you will see the hand of God putting the stars back in their skies one by one.

--Ann Weems

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 PM MASS: Hubert & Rose Ellen Unfried, Doug Schapker, Stan Schapker, Charlotte & Elmer Schapker, Henry Goebel (1907), 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

MONDAY, APRIL 24 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

6:30 PM MASS: Gertrude Egler (1859), Peter Egler (1863), Mariana Bahl (1863), Gasparus Will (1873), Guilelums Helfrich (1880), Catharine Schmitt (1883), Margaret Wolf (1978), Earl (1987) & Antionette Happe, Richard (2019) & Donna Torres

> **TUESDAY, APRIL 25** SAINT MARK

7:30 AM MASS: Frank (1955) & Catherine Will, Henry Strott (1955), Anna Angermeier (1962), Bettye (2022) & Art Logel

> WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM MASS: Anthony Frank (1870), Francis Beyer (1884), Theressia Tieken (1927), Virgil (2011) & Rosemary Spaetti, Harold (2019) & Esther Niemeier

> THURSDAY, APRIL 27 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

NO MASS: Thomas Eichberger (1877), Anna Wolf (1901), Brian Fuchs (1997), Anna (2022) & Mac Glaser

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM MASS: John (1964) & Rosa Kraft, Irvin Moutoux (1993), William Schneider, Jr. (1998)



SATURDAY, APRIL 29 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 PM MASS: Eric Seib, Maria Schili (1888), Bertha (1955) & Frank Gerteisen

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM MASS: Robert & Margie Harpenau, Dean Trowbridge, Paul

Kroeger, Ernest & Cecelia Kroeger Ed & Carrie Helfrich 10:30 AM FIRST COMMUNION MASS: Rick Dile, Joe & Mag Eickhoff, Harvey Klenck, Joel Eickhoff, Andrew Dick, Wilma & Gene Sunderman

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS FOR MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH IN VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA





BLOOD DRIVE THANKS: Thanks to all those who supported our blood drive last Sunday. We collected 26 units of blood. Thanks to Jenny & Jeff Puckett, Donna Blankenberger Imogene Baehl for coordinating this event.

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him Hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness still reveal the presence of God in our midst.



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April 24: Merritt Adler, Lexi Eickhoff, Ethan Messal, Bethany Stolz, Stephanie Tanner, Diana Woods

April 25: Doug Daza, Mary Ennis, Charlotte Herrell, Anastacia Lagunzad, Peter Reckelhoff

April 26: Connie Gries, Aleilah Nisley, Tony Stratman

April 27: Bailey Fehrenbacher, Mary Scheller, Annabelle Stolz

April 28: Jamie Blythe, Ron Eickhoff, Jason Gerteisen,

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April 24: Michael & Joanna Egler

April 27: Harry & Diana Woods, Ben & Lindsey Mehringer Chuck & Sharon Hollingsworth, Fr. Gene Schroeder

April 28: Curt & Lisa Lannert, Zach & Amy Spaetti,

James & Candyce Butler, Zachary & Hadley Kendle

April 29: Gary & Diane Wunderlich, Adam & Rebekah Nisley

HELP US KEEP OUR CEMETERY LOOKING GREAT

We need your help in keeping our cemetery grounds looking good and being safe for our lawn mowing crews. For the common good, here are some things to keep in mind:

- Please do not plant flowers around the gravestone.
- Remove all dead and faded flowers and flags from the gravestone.
- All flowers should be in an affixed container or secured firmly to the gravestone. Balloons, whirly jigs, statues, shepherd's crooks are not allowed. Anything else placed around the grave monument creates a hazard for our lawn mowing crews.

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.

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.

CHAPTER FOUR: AN INTEGRAL ECOLOGY

Since everything is intimately related and that current problems require a look that takes into account all aspects of the world crisis, I propose that we now pause to reflect on the various elements of an integral ecology, which clearly understands the human and social dimensions.

I. ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ECOLOGY

Ecology studies the relationships between living organisms and the environment in which they develop. It also requires us to stop and think and discuss the conditions of life and survival of a society, with the honesty of questioning models of development, production and consumption. It is not superfluous to further insist that everything is connected. Time and space are not independent of each other, and neither can atoms or subatomic particles be considered separately. Just as the different components of the planet - physical, chemical and biological - are related to each other, so too the living species form a network that we never cease to recognize and understand. Much of our genetic information is shared with many living things.

When we talk about "environment" we also refer to a particular relationship: that between nature and the society that inhabits



it. This prevents us from considering nature as something separate from us or as a mere frame of our life. We are included in it, we are part of it and we are penetrated by

The reasons why a place is polluted require an analysis of the functioning of society, its economy, its behavior, its ways of understanding reality. Given the extent of the changes, it is no longer possible to find a specific and independ-

ent answer for every single part of the problem.

It is essential to seek integral solutions, which consider the interactions of natural systems with each other and with social systems. There are not two separate crises, one environmental and another social, but a single and complex socio-environmental crisis. The guidelines for the solution require an integral approach to combat poverty, to restore dignity to the excluded and at the same time to take care of nature.

Due to the quantity and variety of elements to be taken into account, when determining the environmental impact of a concrete business activity it becomes essential to give researchers a prominent role and facilitate their interaction, with ample academic freedom. This constant research should also allow us to recognize how different creatures relate, forming those larger units that today we call "ecosystems".

We do not consider them only to determine what their reasonable use is, but because they have an intrinsic value independent of such use. As every organism is good and admirable in itself due to the fact of being a creature of God, the same happens with the harmonious set of organisms in a given space, which functions as a system.

Even if we are not aware of it, we depend on this set for our very existence. It should be remembered that ecosystems intervene in the sequestration of carbon dioxide, in the purification of water, in the fight against diseases and infestations, in the composition of the soil, in the decomposition of waste and in many other services that we forget or ignore. TO BE CONTINUED

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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.

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 stu-



dents entering 5th gradecollege are welcome to 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 information.

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take the place of those who can no longer come for an hour of adoration in church. You can sign up to come for a regular hour each Monday or just come when you can.

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