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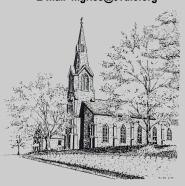
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MAY 21, 2023 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Dear friends,



This week we celebrate the graduations of our high school and grade school parishioners. Many of our college students graduated in the past several weeks. Graduation ceremonies are filled with commencement speaks exhorting the graduates to use the gift of their lives to make a difference in the world. Well, here are a few examples of people who have made a difference.

Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan around 1869. She was kidnapped and enslaved when she was a young

child, and suffered terribly as she was growing up. She was sold many times, and was beaten and tortured in many of the households where she was kept. The last slaveholder who enslaved her left her in the care of Canossian Sisters in Italy while he was traveling, and when his family came to claim her, she refused to leave with them. The nuns welcomed her into their community and she spent the rest of her life as a Canossian Sister, acting as the portress and cook. She died in 1947, and was canonized in 2000. She is the patron of human trafficking survivors.



Elizabeth Fry was born May 21, 1780. At the age of 18, Fry had a conversion experience



while worshipping at a Quaker meeting. She became dedicated to caring for the poor and sick, and particularly invested in helping those who were imprisoned. In 1813, she began making daily visits to Newgate Prison, where women and their children were incarcerated, and was horrified by the unsanitary and demeaning conditions in which they had to live. She published her observations, which shocked the nation, and used this momentum to create reforms in the prison. Among other innovations, she established a school for the incarcerated children, and organized a system of supervision in the

prison where female inmates were overseen by female guards. She also advocated for an end to capital punishment—which, at the time, was a penalty for over 200 crimes—and wrote an influential treatise asserting that prison should be a place of reform, rather than a place of torture.



"How can we expect righteousness to prevail when there is hardly any-

one who will give themselves up undividedly to a righteous cause?" said Sophie Scholl, who died in 1943. Scholl was a German student who opposed Nazism by joining with other students—including her brother, Hans—at the University of Munich to

create the White Rose, a non-violent movement that distributed some 15,000 pamphlets urging citizens to resist Hitler's regime. Scholl was arrested, and after refusing to cooperate with interrogation, she was subjected to a show trial that resulted in her execution when she was just twenty-one years old.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder



GET ON BOARD THE DIAPER BAG EXPRESS

Each year

from Mother's Day to Father's Day we have a tradition of collecting items to help unwed mothers and fathers through Birthright.

We will have diaper bags in our "gym church" which can be filled with powder, lotion, ointment, bottles, wipes, preemie onesies, baby shampoo, girls and boys socks, etc. and then brought back to the gym, or dropped off at the rectory. Get on board and help unwed mothers and fathers by filling a



diaper bag for Birthright. Packages of diapers can also be donated. You can also make a cash donation to "Birthright." Put your contribution in an envelope marked "Birthright" and put it in the collection. If you have questions please contact Toni Askins at (812) 457-1334.

PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATES

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us St. Theresa of Avila





CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, MAY 20 THE SEVENTH **SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 PM MASS: Hubert & Rose Ellen Unfried, Reinhold Loessing (1891), Henry Seiler (1892), Catharine (1936) & Frank Will, Kenneth (1993) & Marcia Hipp

SUNDAY, MAY 21 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM MASS: John & Theresia Simon, Ermery & Henrietta Koberstein, Helen Walters, Richard Jarboe, Frank Will, Robert & Margie Harpenau, Dean Trowbridge, Claudia Adam 10:30 AM MASS: Rick Dile, Andreas Weigand (1862), Infant Effinger (1866), Delores (2020) & Bob Gentry

> MONDAY, MAY 22 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

6:30 PM MASS: Henry Schrand (1874)

TUESDAY, MAY 23 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM MASS: John Bauer (1856), Henry (1963) & osephine Niemeier, Jan Hermann (2019)

> WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Elisabeth Muenstermann (1910), Leo Gumbel (2012)

THURSDAY, MAY 25 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

NO MASS: Anthony Koester (1857)

FRIDAY, MAY 26 SAINT PHILIP NERI

7:30 AM MASS: George Recker, Anton Ritfort (1888), Anna

Convery (1999)

SATURDAY, MAY 27 **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

5:00 PM MASS: Victoria Spitzer (1862), Agnes Baumgart (1866), Eva Wolf (1869), Agatha Steiner (1875), Everett (1991) & Margaret Baylor

> SUNDAY, MAY 28 PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00 AM MASS: Aloys & Marie Elpers, Jeanne, Harry, Rosie, Kenny & Bert Elpers, Jeannette & Orville Hall, Wilma & Joe

Gumbel, Killian & Irene Baehl, Peggy Baehl, John Reckelhoff

10:30 AM MASS: Frank and Theresa (Will) Arnold, M Eddie Arnold, Elvira and Joe Arnold, Frances Motz, Alvin and Mary Jane Will, Gilbert and Carolyn Will, Leo and Jeanette Will Sis and Louie Lamb, Wilfred and Leona Will, Victoria (1947) & August Theiry



UNTIL WE ARE READY ONCE AGAIN TO RE-Eucharistic TURN TO OUR CHURCH, OUR MONDAY EUCHA-RISTIC ADORATION will be held in our "new" rectory chapel. Enter through the front door. Sign up for an hour, or come whenever you can.

Adoration You are also invited to an evening of adoration on special time of prayer on Friday, June 2 beginning at 7 pm at St. Benedict to pray for Stephen McGinnis who will be ordained a priest on June 3.

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

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May 25: Bailey King, Emily Smith

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May 26: Jim & Susan Helmer, Lee & Brooke Barkley

May 27: Eric & Karen McDonald



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MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION: MONDAY, MAY 29



Join us on Monday, May 29 for our annual Memorial Day Prayer. We will gather in our cemetery at 8 am to remember the veterans buried in our ceme-Memorial tery. We will then have mass in the gym. You are

also invited to join in a MEMORIAL DAY MASS at St. Joseph (City) Catholic Cemetery at 10 am in our mausoleum **chapel.** Please join us as we honor all the deceased veterans who are buried in our cemetery. Together let us remember the gift of service that they have given to us and to our country.

MAY 2023 ST. JOE LOTTERY WINNERS: \$750—Steve Eickhoff, \$300—Ray Happe, \$200—Dennis Niemeier, \$100—Theresa Chapman

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 is necessary to take care of public spaces, perspective paintings and urban reference points that increase our sense of belonging, our feeling of being rooted, our "feeling at home" within the city that contains and unites us. It is important that the different parts of a city are well integrated and that the inhabitants can have an overview instead of locking themselves up in a neighborhood, unable to experience the whole city as their own space shared with others.

Any intervention in the urban or rural landscape should consider how the different elements of the place form a whole that is perceived by the inhabitants as a coherent picture with its wealth of meanings. In this way the others cease to be strangers and can be perceived as part of a "we" that we build together.

The housing shortage is severe in many parts of the world, both in rural areas and in large cities, not least because state budgets usually cover only a small part



of the demand. Not only the poor, but a large part of society is experiencing serious difficulties in having a home of their own. Home ownership is very important for the dignity of people and for the development of families. This is a central question of human ecology.

If chaotic agglomerations of precarious houses have already developed in a given place, it is above all a question of urbanizing these neighborhoods, not of uprooting and expelling the inhabitants. When the poor live in polluted suburbs or in dangerous agglomerations, it is sometimes necessary to move them and not add to their suffering

At the same time, creativity should lead to the integration of disadvantaged neighborhoods into a welcoming city. How beautiful are the cities that overcome unhealthy distrust and integrate the different and make this integration a new factor of development! How beautiful are the cities that, even in their architectural design, are full of spaces that connect, relate, favor the recognition of the other!

The quality of life in cities is largely linked to transportion, which often causes great suffering for the inhabitants. In cities there are many cars used by one or two people, so the traffic becomes intense, the level of pollution rises, huge quantities of non-renewable energy are consumed and the construction of more roads and parking spaces becomes necessary, which damage the urban fabric.

Many specialists agree on the need to prioritize public transportion. However, some necessary measures are unlikely to be accepted peacefully by society without a substantial improvement in such transportion, which in many cities involves unworthy treatment of people due to crowding, inconvenience or low frequency of services and insecurity.

The recognition of the particular dignity of the human being often contrasts with the chaotic life that people must lead in our cities. However, this should not make us forget the state of abandonment and neglect that some inhabitants of rural areas also suffer, where essential services do not arrive and there are workers reduced to slavery, without rights or expectations of a more dignified life

Human ecology also implies the necessary relationship of the life of the human being with the moral law inscribed in his own nature. This is an indispensable relationship in order to be able to create a more dignified environment. The acceptance of one's body as a gift from God is necessary to welcome and accept the whole world as a gift from the Father and a common home. Learning to welcome one's body, to take care of it and to respect its meanings is essential for a true human ecology. Also appreciating one's body in its femininity or masculinity is necessary in order to be able to recognize oneself in the encounter with the other who is different from oneself. In this way it is possible to joyfully accept the specific gift of the other, the work of God the Creator, and mutually enrich one another.

TO BE CONTINUED



FRIDAY, JUNE 9 3 pm to 7 pm Friday Shoppers pay DOUBLE PRICE SATURDAY, JUNE 10 7 am until Noon

\$3 bag sale beginning at 10:00

Our 21st annual rummage sale is approaching fast. Over the years our rummage sale has raised over \$130,000 for our parish. We have such a great crew who are so very faithful in helping each year. They work hard to transform the gym into a giant showroom. Each year we seem to get more items and it takes a great deal of time to sort and price them. That's why we need new people to help out.



We're putting out the word for new people to come and join this parish effort. We'll be working each day, June 5-8 from 9 am till 7 pm, as well as

the days of the sale, June 9 & 10. Come for a day, or more, or a few hours, here and there.

We regret that <u>NO</u> Console TV's, Computers, Electronic Devices or Tires will be accepted

BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE GYM AFTER ALL MASSES ON JUNE 3 & 4 and 9 AM TO 7 PM JUNE 5, 6, & 7 Wednesday, June 7 is the last day we will accept items



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