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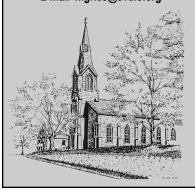
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Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM
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SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

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JUNE 11, 2023 FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Dear friends,



I can't seem to get the image out of my mind. I've been thinking about it ever since I first heard the story about infants in an orphanage outside of

Khartoum, Sudan. There is a civil war going on in this country and so, many of the ones who suffer, are the children, the women and the elderly. This story

spoke abut the young infants who were likely to starve to death because there was no one there to feed them. Normally they had 80 people volunteering to be a "mother" to these



children and feeding them. But, because of the ongoing civil war, less people were able to come to the orphanage to help and so there wasn't enough people to feed the infants. And so it is likely they will die.

Stories like this just break your heart. Who wouldn't, if they could, go there and feed the infants? What does one do in the face of this? I keep think about the words of St. Paul, "we carry in our body the death of the Lord so that ours may be the gift of his life." (2 Corinthians 4:10). So maybe the first thing we do is allow such news to break our hearts, to shed tears of anguish and sorrow. I've got to believe that somehow, just having the courage to acknowledging the terrible pain and injustice of this particular situation and not ignoring it is important.

In a very small way, by standing with these little babies and holding the terrible pain of their lives, we are saying what they are experiencing is not right.

But there has to be more to it. It does no good to let our sense of feeling there is nothing I can do, leave us paralyzed and unable to respond. So maybe a try to support the work of Brithright. Or maybe I give some food to the food pantry where it feeds hungry children in our area. Or maybe it makes me rethink what I am doing with my time and money and make different choices. Maybe it inspires me to go on a mission trip to Haiti.

Maybe it gives me a chance to pray about how I am being called to "feed" others. Maybe we can think about that the next time we hold a child in our arms.

Today is the Feast of Corpus Christi, a latin term which means "the Body of Christ." We recall how often Jesus fed people. Again and again, we hear him say "take and eat. This is my life given for you." And as Jesus fed us, so now we "feed" others.

In recent times, there has been a growing interest in having a "Corpus Christi Procession on this feast day. While there may be some good to this, I think it is far more important to actually "do" what Jesus said. "When I was hungry you gave me something to eat."

So, I'm going to continue to remember the story of the little babies who are dying because there is no one to feed them. As terrible as I feel about this, I am hoping that it will motivate me to think about all the ways I can feed others. And then I will pray for the courage to not just "hear" this message but to actually do something about it.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

P.S. Thanks for the incredible outpouring of help we have received this week as we prepared for our rummage sale. I'm writing this before the actual rummage sale, but I can't help but think that with such a witness of generosity, we'll have a great rummage sale!

HOPE

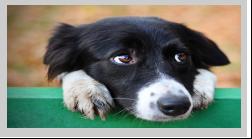
It hovers in dark corners
before the lights are turned on,
it shakes sleep from its eyes
and drops from mushroom gills,
it explodes in the starry heads
of dandelions turned sages,
it sticks to the wings of green angels
that sail from the tops of maples.

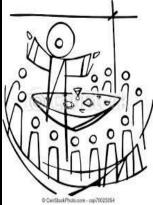
It sprouts in each occluded eye of the many-eyed potato, it lives in each earthworm segment surviving cruelty, it is the motion that runs from the eyes to the tail of a dog, it is the mouth that inflates the lungs of the child that has just been born.

It is the singular gift
we cannot destroy in ourselves,
the argument that refutes death,
the genius that invents the future,
all we know of God.

It is the serum which makes us swear not to betray one another; it is in this poem, trying to speak.

—Lisel Mueller





CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 THE FEAST OF **CORPUS CHRISTI**

5:00 PM MASS: Doug Schapker, Stan Schapker, Ann Nolan Albert & Florentina Gries, Maria Happe (1884), Maria Grawe (1907), Henry (1983) & Genevieve Kares, August Meyer (1994)

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI 8:00 AM MASS: Henry & Gen

Kares, Joe Elpers, Armella Hochgesang, John Reckelhoff, Basil, Marie, Dennis & Alli Mehringer, Steve Gore

10:30 AM MASS: Eric Seib, Wayne Altstadt, Jamie Mills, Peter Straub, James Collins, Leroy & Freddie Weiss

MONDAY, JUNE 12 WEEKDAY

6:30 PM MASS: Francis Erbacher (1879), Bernadine Roleke (1886), Herman Goebel (1887), Joseph Beyer (1908), George Lambers (1938), Mary (1958) & John Hartlein

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

7:30 AM MASS: Anna Beckerle (1878), Nicolas Wolf (1904), John (1927) & Rosa Reising, Frank(1965) & Magdalena Baumgart, Marcella (2009) & Victor Brugger, Carolyn Seib (2010)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS: Aloys Kissel (1897), Merl Schapker (2012)

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 **WEEKDAY**

NO MASS Infant Litzelmann (1862), Clemens Baehl (1909), Steven Rexing (1956), Genevieve (2007) & Henry Kares

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

7:30 AM MASS: Anna Ulrich (1887), Joseph (1932) & Magdalena Mayer, Sr. Mary Andrew OSF (Ida Angermeier), 1959), Charles Elpers (1992), Marilyn (2009) & Leroy Jochum SATURDAY, JUNE 17

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Remembering our fathers, living and deceased and all of the men who have fathered us with their love. Sara Angermeier (1950), Jason Will (2007), Ella Mae (2022) & Marlon Kroeger

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Remembering our fathers, living and deceased and all of the men who have fathered us with their love.

10:30 AM MASS: Remembering our fathers, living and deceased and all of the men who have fathered us with their love. Infant Baumgart (1863), Margaret Baehl (1902), Adam Trapp (1953), Robert Wilkins (1965)





Join us in collecting items for "Birthright." have diaper bags in our "gym church" which can be filled with baby items. You can also make a cash donation to "Birthright." Put your contribution marked "Birthright" in the collection.

Questions? Call Toni Askins at (812) 457-1334.

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

The Scriptures today remind us that "we, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of the one loaf." How are we using our gifts of time and talent to build up the body of Christ?



HAPPY

June 4, 2023	\$ 9,327.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 19,692.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 853,808.48
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 964,908.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 60.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 6.00

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NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Marie Gumbel, Carl Kempf

GOOD SAMARTIAN: Doris Head RIVER POINTE: Beverly Jones SOLARBRON TERRACE: Rose Weiss

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June 12: Madonna Niemeier, Amanda Warren,

Wyatt Wingert June 13: June Beverly, Ava Elpers, Anna Raben

June 14: Paula Baehl, Kurt Davies, Bob Duncan, Ryan Niemeier, Randy Shumate

June 15: Brandon Head, Natalie Schneider

June 16: Henry Dewig, Casey Hillenbrand, Shelby Hohler, Tara Schnur

June 17: Kelsey Allison, Spencer Craney, Kathy Schenk, Ronnie Unfried

June 12: Brad & Nancy Ruminer,

Tom & Jackie Elsner, Brian & Amy Mullins

June 13: Dan & Esther Kelley,

Jim & Bridget Pfaffmann, Jason & Emily Smith

June 14: Dave & Julie Market,

HAPPY Nathan & Lindsey Dosher, Shawn & Jenna Thacker ANNIVERSARY

June 16: Daryl & Carolyn Lipper, Kent & Geralyn Ruminer, Herman & Catherine Schmitt, Dan & Shelly Collins

June 17: Victor & Jane Aydt, Dave & Karen Hellenberg,

Ryan & Natalie Kassenbrock

COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE SUMMER SOCIALS

Good Shepherd-June 22-24 St. Francis (Posseyville) Pork Chop Dinner-June 24 St. Francis Xavier (Vincennes)—June 25 St. Matthew (Mt. Vernon)-July 9



Each Monday we invite people to come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament from 7 am to 6:30 pm. gather in our temporary 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 in church. You can sign up to come for a regular hour each Monday or just come when you can.

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.

Catastrophic predictions can no longer be viewed with contempt and irony. We may leave too much rubble, deserts and dirt for the next generations. The pace of consumption, waste and alteration of the environment has exceeded the possibilities of the planet, so that the current lifestyle, being unsustainable, can only lead to catastrophes, as is already happening periodically in various regions. The mitigation of the effects of the current imbalance depends on what we do



now, especially if we think about the responsibility that those who will have to bear the worst consequences will attribute to us.

The difficulty in taking this challenge seriously is linked to an ethical and cultural deterioration, which accompanies the ecological one. The people of the postmodern world run the permanent risk of becoming deeply individualistic.

current social problems are related to the selfish search for immediate satisfaction, to the crises of family and social ties, to the difficulties in recognizing the other.

Many times we are faced with an excessive and shortsighted consumption of parents that harms their children, who find it increasingly difficult to buy a home of their own and start a family. Furthermore, this inability to think seriously about future generations is linked to our inability to broaden the horizon of our concerns and think about those who are excluded from development.

Let us not get lost in imagining the poor of the future, it is enough that we remember the poor of today, who have a few years to live on this earth and cannot continue to wait. Therefore, in addition to loyal intergenerational solidarity, the urgent moral need for a renewed intragenerational solidarity must be reiterated.

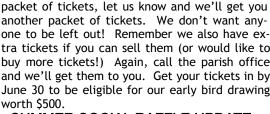
SOME LINES OF GUIDANCE AND ACTION

I have tried to examine the present situation of humanity, both in the cracks in the planet we inhabit, and in the more deeply human causes of environmental degradation. Although this contemplation of reality in itself already indicates the need for a change of course and suggests some actions, let us now try to outline some great paths of dialogue that will help us to get out of the spiral of selfdestruction in which we are sinking. TO BE CONTINUED

COUNTDOWN TO OUR SUMMER SOCIAL--JULY 30

We're off and running with our 2023 sum- CHAIR COUPLES mer social efforts. To get things started we are asking all the families in our parish to buy/sell 10 tickets for the grand raffle. The tickets are \$25/ ticket, but we are giving you a deal by buying/ selling 10 tickets for \$200.

If, by some chance, you did not get your packet of tickets, let us know and we'll get you Britt and Patrick another packet of tickets. We don't want anyone to be left out! Remember we also have extra tickets if you can sell them (or would like to buy more tickets!) Again, call the parish office and we'll get them to you. Get your tickets in by June 30 to be eligible for our early bird drawing



SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE UPDATE

Fred & Mary Happe

Greg & Susie Head

John & Ruby Manger

Brad & Nancy Ruminer

Nancy Angermeier

Jim Hermann

Ron & Jane Kremer

Patrick & Brittany Fe-

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Tom & Jayne Downs

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> Thanks to the following people who have returned their social ticket packets (partial listing)





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READY FOR A GREAT ADVENTURE? COME JOIN US ON OUR HAITI MISSION TRIP--JULY 29--AUGUST 5

Come join us as we travel to our sister parish in Haiti-July 29-August 5. Here are some of the things we hope to do: attend the graduation ceremonies for the Sewing Hope sewing school and work with the students as they kickoff their internship program; check out the status of the new Computer Lab; visit homes of sponsored students and families; meet with the Parish Health Clinic Director; visit local trade schools where our students attend.



You'll have a chance to join the community at mass and meet some of the great folks in the parish. This is a great opportunity to open your heart to those in need. We can assure you that your heart will be touched by this experience and that your presence will give hope to our friends in Haiti. Join veteran Haiti travelers Monie Siscel and Greg Head. To learn more you can contact Monie at 812-575-9167, Greg at 812-455-3903 or Chad Martin at 812-454-2785. Say a prayer about this opportunity and say yes to joining in this adventure.

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