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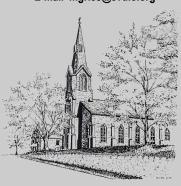
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JUNE 25, 2023 THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,



One of the things I used to do to relax was to go to Barnes and Noble, find one of their nice chairs to sit in, get a cup of coffee and a good book to read. One of the books I enjoyed reading was the "At Home in Mitford" series. I could escape into the fictional world of Mitford, North Carolina and read about the endless adventures of Fr. Timothy Kavanaugh and the parishioners of the Episcopal congregation of "The Lord's Chapel."

It's a delightful read and depicted an almost idyllic world. But the thing is that in this world, they never talked about repairing a church roof. or fixing pews, or making sure the buildings got cleaned or the lawns got

mowed and the septic system was maintained. And they certainly never talked about money. It just happened to magically appear and they always had enough to pay their bills. If there were money challenges, well there was always Miss Sadie, who had lots of money was always giving it to the parish. All Fr. Tim had to do was to visit

her and listen to all the stories she told.

Oh my, if life would be this easy! Sometimes I think I ONCE MORE spend most of my time trying to encourage people to give money for one project or another. If it's not the Sunday collection, it's the CPC or the lottery, or endowments, or Haiti, or Birthright or the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry, or Habitat. And the list goes on and on. I can still hear my mother complaining to me, "All the priest in our parish

VNTO THE BREACH, DEAR **FRIENDS**



does is ask for more money. Do they think we're made out of money?" It never seemed to help to point out to her that the pastor of their parish was not asking for any money for himself. As much as my mother loved me, I think she reserved the right to complain about priests always asking for money, even if I happened to be that priest. I guess that is why Jan Karon, the author of the Mitford series of books, never wrote about this stuff. It may be the way things are, but who wants to read about it.

So, when it is time to face all the challenges of money and fixing the endless number of things that need to repaired in a parish, I have to channel different energy than the "idyllic world of Fr. Tim and the people of Mitford." So I look to the words from Shakespeare's play of King Henry V as he led his soldiers into battle of Agincourt in Normandy in 1415. "Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more; Now set the teeth and stretch the nostril wide, Hold hard the breath and bend up every spirit To his full height. On, on, you noblest

English." In much more famous line from Shakespeare, King Henry speaks of those who join together in this great effort as

"we few, we happy few, we band of brothers. For he today that sheds his blood with

shall be my brother."

Over the years I have noticed that there is always a special bond among the folks who joined together to meet the challenges that occurred in the life of the parish. Sometimes this might be getting a parish established, sometimes it was building a church, sometimes it was responding to the tragedy of a fire or tornado. When people pulled together and made things happen they developed a special bond that forever united them in a common cause. now our moment to develop this special bond. Leaning into the journey of life

Fr. Gene Schroeder

The Summer Day

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear? Who made the grasshopper? This grasshopper, I mean the one who has flung herself out of the grass, the one who is eating sugar out of my hand, who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down —

who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away. I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

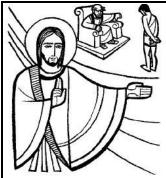
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall downinto the grass, how to kneel down in the grass. how to be idle and blessed,

how to stroll through the fields, which is what I have been doing all day. Tell me, what else should I have done? Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon? Tell me, what is it you plan to do

with your one wild and precious life?"

—-Mary Oliver





CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Kenny Schapker, Lawrence & Bernadine Spahn, Leo Will (1905), Carol Happe (1905),Leo Koch (1995)(1994),Joseph & **Dolores Elpers**

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Aloys & Marie Elpers, Jeanne, Harry & Rose, Kenny & Bert Elpers, Jeannette & Orville Hall, Wilma & Joe Gumbel, Killian & Irene Baehl, Peggy Baehl, Roger Martin, Frank Will, John Reckelhoff

10:30 AM MASS: Infant Brack (1868), Guilelmus Hillenbrand (1873), Sylvester Greubel (1975), Victor Frank (2001), Barb Gerteisen (2022)

MONDAY, JUNE 26 WEEKDDAY

6:30 PM MASS: Wilma (2018) & Ray Voelker **TUESDAY, JUNE 27**

WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS: Elisabeth Tepohle (1863), John Hoefling

(1882)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 **SAINT IRENAEUS**

7:30 AM MASS: Peter Stockler (1871), Magdalen Venerale (1881), Mary (1954) & Edwin Englert

THURSDAY, JUNE 29 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

NO MASS Magdalene Spitzer (1857), Infant Muenstermann (1871), Maria Angermeier (1874), Teresa Grawe (1887), Theodor Goebel (1896), Clementine Montgomery (1966), Mark Rexing (2020)

FRIDAY, JUNE 30 WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Bahl (1865), Infant Reising (1865), Sr. Germana, OSF (Elizabeth Effinger, 1885), Henry Prior (1890), Joseph Ochsner (1924), Joseph (1935) & Catherine Hillenbrand

SATURDAY, JULY 1 THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Margaret Bahl (1858), Angela Rexing (1858), Mary Magdelene Seib (1890), Fr. Sylvester Ziemer (17th Pastor of St. Joe, 1952), John Rexing (1957), Virginia (1990) & Theodore Conner, Rita (2020) & Robert Englert, Talmedge Wells



SUNDAY, JULY 2 THE THIRTEENTH **SUNDAY IN** ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Joe James, Dennis, Ali, Basil & Marie hringer, Bill Bennett

10:30 AM MASS: Alex Riedford (1861), Henry Rexing (1882), Francis Berendes (1892), Priscilla Quinlin (2012), Lawrence (2012) & Stella Ubelhor

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"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed," Jesus tells us in the Gospel today, "and nothing hidden that will not become known." May our stewardship of God's gifts be such that we would

not be ashamed if it were seen in the clear light of day.

June 18, 2023	\$	6,818.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	19,692.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$	879,451.33
BUDGET TO DATE	\$	984,600.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$	15.00
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GOOD SAMARTIAN: Doris Head RIVER POINTE: Beverly Jones SOLARBRON TERRACE: Rose Weiss

June 25: Corbin Herrell, Knox Mayer, Jessica Wallace June 26: Gary Beverly, Tim Bishop, Doris Head,

Rachel Fehrenbacher, Brexton Mehringer, Nyles Straus, Monie Titzer, Theresa Woodward

June 27: Joyce Elpers, Bernette Locklar

June 28: Sophia Stewart

June 29: Michelle Ambrose, Mike McGarrah, Drew Pfaffmann, Homer Taylor

June 30: Caroline Coughlin, Michelle Dewitt,

Michael Egler, DeeDee Eickhoff, Marie Gumbel, Susie Head, Theodore Heldt, Becky Richter

July 1: Mackenzie Douglas, Nolan Eickhoff, Becky Harl

June 25: Jason & Kim Kinnaman,

Chris & Michelle Ambrose

June 26: Greg & Dana Vanbibber

June 27: Dennis & Joanie Schneider

June 28: Bryan & Christine Roemke

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

RUMMAGE greatest. With their help we were able to Our rummage sale volunteers are the make over \$9,000 for our parish.

Now we want to take time to cele-

brate what we have done. So, to all of you who helped in one way or another with our rummage sale, we'd like to treat you to dinner, TUESDAY, JUNE 27 at 5 PM at the Carriage House in Haubstadt. Come join us for a great meal. Call Imogene (812-963-5221 or the Parish Office (812-963-3273) and let us know if you can make it. Let us know by June 25th.



Each Monday we invite people to come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament from 7 am to 6:30 pm. We 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.

The global ecological movement has already come a long way. Thanks to so much effort, environmental issues have been increasingly present on the public agenda. Nonetheless, the World Summits on the environment in recent years have not met expectations because, due to a lack of political decision, they have not reached truly meaningful and effective global environmental agreements.

The Earth Summit celebrated in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro



should be remembered. At that time it was stated that human beings are at the center of concerns relating to sustainable development. Taking up some contents of the Stockholm Declaration (1972), it sanctioned, among other things, international cooperation for the care of the ecosystem of the whole earth, the obligation

on the part of the polluter to take charge of it economically, the duty to evaluate the environmental impact of each work or project.

That declaration proposed the goal of stabilizing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere to reverse the global warming trend. It also elaborated an agenda with an action program and a convention on biological diversity, declared principles in forestry matters. Although that summit was truly innovative and prophetic for its time, the agreements had a low level of implementation because adequate mechanisms for control, periodic verification and sanctioning of non-compliance were not established.

Among the positive experiences we can mention, for example, the Basel Convention on hazardous waste, with a system of notification, established levels and controls; as well as the Binding Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, which provides for missions to verify effective implementation.

Thanks to the Vienna Convention for the protection of the ozone layer and its implementation through the Montreal Protocol and its amendments, the problem of the thinning of this layer seems to have entered a phase of solution.

When it comes to treating biological diversity and desertification, progress has been much less significant. As regards climate change, progress is regrettably very little. Reducing greenhouse gases requires honesty, courage and responsibility, especially on the part of the most powerful and most polluting countries.

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development called Rio + 20 (Rio de Janeiro 2012), has issued a broad and ineffective Final Declaration. International negotiations cannot make significant progress due to the positions of countries that privilege their own national interests over the global common good. Those who suffer the consequences that we try to conceal will remember this lack of conscience and responsibility.

While this Encyclical was being written, the debate took on a particular intensity. We believers cannot but pray to God for the positive developments of the current discussions, so that future generations will not suffer the consequences of imprudent delay. TO BE CONTINUED

COUNTDOWN TO OUR SUMMER SOCIAL--JULY 30

Our raffle tickets keep coming in. Thanks CHAIR COUPLES for returning your tickets. 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 (this coming Friday) to be eligible for our early bird drawing worth \$500.

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By this time you should have received some Britt and Patrick some chicken dinner tickets. We are sending everyone four tickets. We're hoping you can buy them or sell them. Many of you will want more tickets. Call/text us (812.499-9074) and let us know how many you need and we'll get them to you. One of the great ways that you can help with the chicken dinner is to take a packet of tickets and sell them. Check with your family and friends, neighbors, co-workers. Our chicken dinners are really great-enough food for several 812-204-4091



meals. We don't want to keep all this goodness for just ourselves, so let's spread a little "chicken joy" to others.

FAMILIES RETURNING THEIR TICKETS -185

SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE UPDATE **MONEY RAISED** TO DATE - \$40,600.00

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

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3rd - 6th Prizes \$500 Preliminary Drawing June 30 \$500

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. 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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