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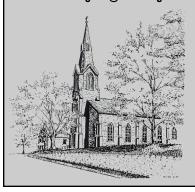
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JULY 2, 2023 THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends.



I heard about Sunday night. The phone rang. It was my cousin calling to ask if I could meet them at the hospital. They had just received word that her brother had been killed by a tornado that destroyed his home. His wife was being life flighted here to Evansville. In the blink of an eye, their world had turned upside down. What were anchors that helped them to navigate their world and make sense out of the things that were happening in there were now gone. Life would not be the same.

It is normal, at such times, to try grasp for things that can somehow help us make sense of what has happened. And it is normal to ask "why"

questions especially as they relate to our understanding of who God is and how God relates to us. "Why did God allow such things to happen."

While it is normal to ask such questions, it really does not reflect who God is. I'm sure that a great many, if not the majority of people who call themselves followers of Jesus Christ, see God as someone outside our own lives who has the power to manipulate things for good or bad in our world. But that is not really the image of God we find in the sacred scriptures. We need look no farther than the often quoted twenty-third psalm: Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil for you are at my side, with your rod and staff to give me courage. God is "at my side," not in some far off place manipulating things in our world. He is here, walking with us.

That is not necessarily something we want to hear in the midst of the tragedies we face. We'd much rather have a God who gives us the certainty of clear answers. We believe that is what we need to help us get back on our feet when the rug has been pulled out from under us. The great spiritual fathers and mothers tell us that these times of darkness can be good and even necessary teachers for us. They are not to be avoided, denied, fled or explained away.

Simply put, we are invited to lean into these experiences of our life. But that is the last thing we want to do. When we come face to face with grief, when all that made sense to us is gone in the blink of an eye, almost the last thing we want to do is to "lean" farther into the experience. We'd rather do the opposite—run away, find someone or something to blame. But perhaps the most honest prayer can be found in the words we read from the Book of

Lamentations (3:17-26) My soul is shut out from peace; I have forgotten happiness. And now I say, 'My strength is gone, that hope which came from God'. My anguish and affliction fill me. My spirit ponders it continually and sinks within me. This is what I shall tell my heart, and so recover hope: the favors of God are not all past, his kindnesses are not exhausted; every morning they are renewed; great is his faithfulness.

In the midst of these life changing events, God gives us strength to take the next step. The psalmist says of God, "you are a lamp for me feet and light for my path." (Psalm 119) You are not an all powerful search light shining miles in the distant, but you are enough light for me to take the next step.

Then God gives us courage to remember that even in the darkest night, when we see no light at all, the light is still there. The sun is still shining over Earth even when our side of Earth rotates away from it. The stars still shine above us, no matter ... how thick the clouds above our heads. So God gives us courage to keep walking along the path until we can glimpse the stars again.

> Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

Mass on Tuesday of this week, July 4th will be in the gym at 7:30 am. Come join us as we pray for our country



God of darkness You must be the god of darkness because if you are not. whom else can we turn to? Turn to us now. Turn to us. Turn your face to us. Because it is dark here. And we are in need. We are people in need.

We can barely remember our own truth, and if you too have forgotten, then we are without a hope of a map.

Turn to us now.

Turn to us.

Turn your face to us. Because you turned toward us in the body of incarnation. You turned toward us. Amen.





CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, JULY 1 THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Margaret Baehl (1858), Angela Rexing (1858), Mary Magda-

lene 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 Mehringer, Bill Bennett, Susan & Leonard Angermeier, Oscar & Wilfrieda (Rexing) Angermeier, Sr. Carol Ann Angermeier OSF, , Mary Lou Carrol, Lucille Angermeier, Rita Greder, Br. Andrew Angermeier CSC, Hank Angermeier.

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

MONDAY, JULY 3 **SAINT THOMAS**

6:30 PM MASS: Elisabeth(1909) & Anton Schilli, Frank Effinger (1923), Yvonne Kautzman (1982), Guy Smyth (2015), Larry Chapman (2017)

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TUESDAY, JULY 4 **WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM MASS: (NB Mass will be in the gym) Francis Will (1873), Joseph Hartlein (1888), Gulieliuus Bayer (1894), Mary Barnett (1985)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS: Maria Steinmetz (1861), Catharine Lunkenheimer (1865), Infant Ochsner (1868), Dorothy (1972) & August Kraft , Norma (1982) & Irwin Moutoux

THURSDAY, JULY 6 **WEEKDAY**

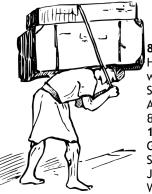
NO MASS Bernard Rexing (1882), Wilma (2019) & Cyril Ubelhor

FRIDAY, JULY 7 **WEEKDAY**

Infant Schilli (1865), Anthony Weigand 7:30 AM MASS: (1869), George Kawe (1873), Maria Helfrich (1893), Sr. Rosalie (Clara Reising), OSB (1965), Jack (1985) & Jean Lannert SATURDAY, JULY 8

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Doug & Stan Schapker, Elmer & Charlotte Schapker, Lena Spahn, Joseph (1932) & Louise Macke, Rowen Enlow (1958), Mary Kibby (1989), Carolyn (2001) & Melvin Garvin



SUNDAY, JULY 9 THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Paul & Marlene Hasselbrinck, Merl Effing, Edward Rexing (1893), Albert Smith (1958), Paul (2001) & Alma Schapker, Roberta (2020) & Leo Waninger

10:30 AM MASS: Don. Brian. George & Loretta Burgan, Shirley Wessel, Anna Jenkins, Joe Stith, Justina Weiss, Henry Weiss

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak Siewardship of hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example of using one's time and talents to welcome the people of

God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just "a cup of cold water" to one of His lowliest ones will be rewarded.

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June 30, 2023 Auto Draft Collection	\$	2,395.00
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

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NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Marie Gumbel, Carl Kempf GOOD SAMARTIAN: Doris Head

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July 2: Caroline Back, Judy Gries, Phil Hartig, Rodney Lincoln, Mary Schentrup, Mallorie Will

July 3: Deborah Schulze, Tytus Thacker

July 4: Sadie Kassenbrock

July 5: Paula Gibson, Bud Jarboe, Ethan Schnur

July 6: Blake Bishop, Amy Elpers, Jackie Elsner, Alma Scheller

July 7: Knox Anslinger, Michael Coughlin, Kevin Elpers, Ali Niemeier, Rylee Paul, Kathy Weinzapfel

July 8: Chad Raben, Tiffany Schu, Michelle Shane

July 4: Ray & Charlene Schapker, Eddie & Sonja Luigs

July 8: Mike & Neringa Clark, Eric & Jill Waninger



HAPPY



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.

> Please remember in your prayers *Merle Effing*, the brother of Marlene Hasselbrinck, Marilyn Wassmer, and Fr. Myron Effing who died this past week. Remember also *Don Burgan*, the cousin of Fr. Gene Schroeder. Don was killed when a tornado destroyed his home last Sunday. Don's wife, Marianne was injured

by this same tornado. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their families and friends.

JUNE 2023 ST. JOE LOTTERY WINNERS: \$750- Zach Fehrenbacher, \$300- Amy Tenbarge, \$200- Richard Fehrenbacher, \$100— Laura Raben

REBUILDING OUR CHURCH UPDATE

The masonry crews have been working very diligently these past few weeks repairing the brick that was destroyed by the tornado and tuck pointing the exterior walls and steeple of the church. The repair work in the steeple was a little more extensive than we first anticipated but the overall tuck pointing work was a little less extensive than we first thought.

As this work was being done, we had the chance to examine the storm widows protecting the stain glass windows. Understandably, these windows, especially those on the west side of the church showed a lot of wear. We looked into replacing these storm windows with new, insulated windows but the cost

for this (\$135,000+) was more than we thought we could absorb. Instead, we are having the old glazing in the current storm windows removed and new glazing installed. The



storm windows and adjacent wood frames

Pew work in progress in church

will then be painted. The cost for this will be \$40,000. We are going to install a storm window in the stain glass window above the statue of St. Joseph on the north side of the steeple.

With the help of the mobile lifts, we also had a chance to do a closer examination of the large louvers in the steeple and discovered that they do indeed need to be replaced. So now we are getting prices for putting new aluminum louvers on the east, west and north sides of the steeple and replacing the louver on the south side which was destroyed by the tornado.

We've also been working hard repairing the pews and getting them ready for a new coat of conversion varnish. In the middle of the each pew is a support frame. And midway through each "half" of the pew are also support frames. Over the years, many of these have broken. Different people have tried to repair them with glue or metal hinges among other things. Most of these "repairs" have not held up very well. We decided that the best way forward was to replace all these supports with new supports. Originally we also thought we would repair the broken kneelers, but here again, we concluded that the best way forward was just to install new kneelers. We've had a great bunch of folks helping with this work. We're hoping that within the next couple of weeks we will be able to complete all the work on the pews. Special thanks to Jim and Jane Scheller for helping to remove some unneeded items in the storage building. Thanks also to Jim Gries for helping to find places to store the summer social money wheel booth as well as the PTO and Knights of St. John booths. All this work will enable us to have enough room to temporarily store our church pews in the storage building so that the church painting and installation of carpet can begin.

We have also been talking with Ted Glaser from Electrical Maintenance and Construction to take care of some electrical issues. Among the things they will be doing is changing out the electrical panel in the east sacristy, replacing the wire to pendant lights and chandeliers, adding light to attic and replacing the pole light on sidewalk. We're sure that Ted's mom and dad, Mac and Ann Glaser will be watching over his work from their place in heaven to make sure it is all done right!

This week we are beginning, in earnest, our capital campaign to raise the \$600,000 needed to complete all the work we want to do. This week each of you should be receiving a letter with a pledge card inviting you to make your pledge to our

"Rebuilding our Church" campaign. The great news is that we have already had sixty families (12%) in our parish step forward to pledge almost 60% (\$336,000) of our goal. Now we need the other 88% of our families to do their part in pledging the remaining 40% of our pledge goal (\$600,000). I am confident that if we all do our part, we will achieve this goal.

If, by chance, you did not receive your pledge card, call us at the parish office (8120963-3273) or call/text (812-499-9074) and we'll get a pledge card to you.

As we go about doing our part, let us remember that a time is to come when future generations will say, as they look upon the efforts we are making today, "See, this our ancestors did for us."

Fr. Gene Schroeder

COUNTDOWN TO OUR SUMMER SOCIAL--JULY 30 Thanks to all those who have returned CHAIR COUPLES

your tickets. So far about 44% of our parish families have done so. For the year, we re running a little behind where we were at this point last year. Remember we also have extra tickets if you can sell them (or would like to buy more tickets!) Again, call/text us (812-499-9074) and we'll get them to you. **Britt and Patrick**

By this time you should have received 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. you can help with the Megan and Chip One of the great ways that



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chicken dinner is to take a 812-204-4091

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

Special thanks to our "cookie crew" who began making those delicious cookies for our dinner. Just the things to top off a great

Mark your calendar for our dumpling making day, Monday, July 17. We'll start at 7 pm. Bring a rolling pin and/or pizza cutter. No experience required. you'll be an expert in no time!



SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE UPDATE **MONEY RAISED**

FAMILIES RETURNING THEIR TICKETS -223

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Dinner

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Thanks to the following people who have returned their social ticket packets

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