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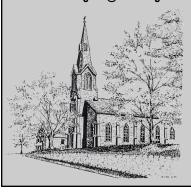
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JULY 30, 2023 THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN

Dear friends,



It's scientific name is Gallus gallus domesticus. We know it today as the humble chicken. It traces its origins to the Red Junglefowl in Southeast Asia and Oceana. It was domesticated some 10,000 years ago. You'll find chickens in ancient Egypt and Rome. From the fall of the Roman Empire in 476AD until the 1700s chickens survived in relative obscurity.

During the late 1800's chicken ownership and breeding of chicken became incredibly popular due in

to Oueen Victoria of England. In the late 1800s she acquired Cochin chickens from China and they were an excellent addition to her of strange and exotic animals. Queen Victoria adored them and often sent the

eggs of these exotic chickens to other royalty making them immensely popular across England. In the early 1900s the industrialization of chickens began with Mrs. Wilmer Steele. She is

widely considered the pioneer of the commercial broiler industry. She raised 500 broiler chickens and made so much money she built a chicken house big enough for 10,000 chickens. That pales in comparison to the billions of chickens raised each vear.

Today, that humble chicken is the center piece of our famous fried chicken dinner. Simple put, we think the chicken is one of God's greatest creations. It is not an exaggeration to say that each chicken, when it is doing what it was meant to be, simply being a chicken, it praises God and is a reflection of God's love for the world.

I keep thinking of the words we read in the Gospel when Jesus tells his disciples, "there is no great love than to lay down one's life for another (John 15:13). In this year of Eucharistic renewal we reflect upon the fact that Jesus took simple things, like eating and drinking, and used them to reveal a great mystery-that God is always feeding us with his life so that we, in turn, can be that life for the world.

One of our great spiritual masters was the humble Brother Lawrence, a Carmelite lay brother (1611-1691). He encouraged



others to take brief moments of pause during the daily events of our life to enhance our awareness of God's presence around He kept reus. minding us that

God is present with us in all times and circumstances.

So as we go about preparing meals for all our guests who are joining us for our chicken dinner, let us remember that God is present among us. And in these ordinary gestures of preparing food and feeding people, part of the great mystery of God feeding us so that we can be his life to the world is being played out.

Everyone and everything is a part of this great mystery. Even and especially the humble chicken.

> Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

CAMPAIGN GOAL \$600,000 PLEDGED TO DATE \$672,780 Thanks to the following who have made their pledge (Partial Listing)

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Bryan & Angie Will



So many people, young an old have come forward to support our church capital campaign. This week Addelynn, Parker, Grayson & Ella got together and sold fresh lemonade and homemade

cookies and gve the proceeds to our "Rebuilding our Church Campaign"-\$212! What a great gesture!



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, JULY 29 THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Mary & Herbert Guess, Donald Guess, Edward, Helen, Jim, Marty & Kathleen Loehr, McKensie Mossberger, Kaysie Mossberger, Merle Effing, Paul & Marlene Hassel-

brinck, John & Leota Effing, Stan, Susan & Sheryl Hasselbrinck, Alma Berendes (1908), Infant Schapker (1949), Ralph Ritter (1991), For the intentions of the people in our parish SUNDAY, JULY 30

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Michael Wooldridge, Robert Reckelhoff, 8:00 AM MASS: John Reckelhoff, Leona Barrett (1995), Eileen (2007) & Tony Ruminer, Harold & Esther Niemeier, Virginia Vollman (2020) N.B. We will not have 10:30 MASS because of the social

MONDAY, JULY 31 SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

6:30 PM MASS: Joe & Eleanor Lasher, Susan Werner, Philip Lasher Donald & Helen Simpson,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

7:30 AM MASS: Gertrude Baehl (1862), Theresa Hoefling (1877), John Lambers (1888), Catherine (1961) & Joseph Hillenbrand, Adelaide (1964) & Robert Ubelhor, Mary Lou Coomes (1979), Joseph (1995) & Dolores Elpers, Clara (1998) & Joseph Frank

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM MASS: Ludovicus Happe (1878), Carrie (1976) & Edward Helfrich, Annette Maurer (2007), Patrick (2012) & Myrna Craney

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS Infant Murphy (1868), Peter Bichler (1873), Catharine Fahrney (1899), Elinna Schenk (1927), Clifford Tenbarge (1947), Paul Allison (1966)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

7:30 AM MASS Ann Whitehead, Infant Schilli (1864), Joana Michlbeck (1870), Anna Will (1913), Katherine (1940) & Geroge Hoefling, John Nellis (1943), Veronica (1984) & Joseph Rexing, Jim (2001) & Avila Fehrenbacher

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

5:00 PM MASS: Viola Martin, Lawrence & Bernadine Spahn, Dick Horak, Val & Jeanette Mertes, James & Ellie Collins John Charles, Joseph, Bernie, Edward, Ignatius, Robert Henry, Raymond, Peter, Sr. Paul Straub, Mary Emma Grigsby and Anna Marie Jenkins Infant Tepohle (1864), Francis Berendes (1893), Leo (1995) & Katherine Quinlin

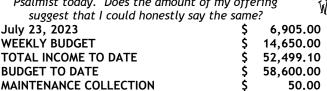
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 8:00 AM MASS: Joe James, Alice Goebel, Bill & Marian Elpers, Alice Keil, Bob Lamkin, Caroline (1977) & Frank Happe, Esther (2018) & Harold Niemeier

10:30 AM MASS: John & Mary Koch, Alfred Glaser, Edwin Goebel, Carolyn Glaser, William & Art Glaser, Gary Goebel, Alfred & Elmer Koch, Jeanice Scheller, Hunter McDaniel . For the intentions of the people of our parish

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

"The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than Stewardship thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the Psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

HAITI STUDENTS COLLECTION 360.00 ST. VINCENT'S FOOD PANTRY 5.00

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July 23, 2023

EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

July 30: Eve Bilderbach, Glenn Givens, Emily Keil, **HAPPY** Eddie Luigs, Abby Shane, Eva Traylor, Bryan Trimborn BIRTHDAY July 31: Julie Byczynski, Marcus Elpers, Heidi Forcum, Becky Mayer, Cameron Montgomery, Eric Ondash, Bryan Will

Aug. 1: Joanna Egler, Cynthia Maasberg, Erin McCauley, Barrett Phelps, Denny Rodriguez

Aug. 2: Jenni Bishop, Gabe Gries, Alison Lappe, Dave Richter

Aug. 3: Jim Beck, Zachary Bishop, Greg Head, Chuck Hollingsworth, Evan Luigs

Aug. 4: Dennis Gibbs, Troy Meyer

Aug. 5: Veronica Orth

July 30: Bob & Martha Baehl, Ron & Donna Miller, Leo & Terry Zimmer

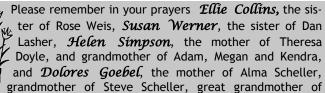
Aug. 2: Dan & Kathy Schenk, Bill & Amy Cody

Aug. 5: Richard & Imogene Baehl,

Jerry & Beth Spaetti, Louis & Crystal Meredith

HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY



Jacob and Joe Scheller, and aunt of Debbie Baumgart and John KochMarcia who died recently. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their families.



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.

COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE SUMMER SOCIALS

St. James-August 6 St. Phillip-August 12 & 13 St. Bernard (Rockport)—August 20



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



The same logic that makes it difficult to take drastic decisions to reverse the trend of global warming is that which does not make it possible to achieve the goal of eradicating poverty. We need a more responsible global reaction, which involves tackling the reduction of pollution and the development of poor countries and regions at the same time.

The 21st century, while maintaining governance typical of past eras, it witnesses a loss of power of the nation states, above all because the economic-financial dimension, with transnational characteristics, tends to predominate over politics. In this context, the development of stronger



and more effectively organized international institutions becomes indispenwith authorities designated impartially through agreements between national governments and endowed with the power to sanction.

As Benedict XVI affirmed in the line already developed by the social doctrine of the Church,

"for the governance of the world economy; to heal the economies hit by the crisis, to prevent worsening of the crisis and consequent greater imbalances; to bring about timely integral disarmament, food security and peace. In this perspective, diplomacy acquires an unprecedented importance, in order to promote international strategies to prevent the most serious problems that end up affecting everyone.

THE DIALOGUE TOWARDS NEW NATIONAL AND LOCAL POLICIES

Not only are there winners and losers among countries, but also within poor countries, in which different responsibilities must be identified. Therefore, issues relating to the environment and economic development can no longer be set only on the basis of differences between countries, but require attention to be paid to national and local policies.

Faced with the possibility of irresponsible use of human capacities, the functions of every State cannot be postponed to plan, coordinate, supervise and sanction within its own territory. How does society order and safeguard its own future in a context of constant technological innovations? One factor that acts as an effective moderator is the law, which establishes the rules for conduct permitted in the light of the common good. The limits that a healthy, mature and sovereign society must impose are related to foresight and precaution, adequate regulations, supervision of the application of the rules, fight against corruption, operational control actions on the emergence of unwanted effects of production processes, and intervention appropriate in the face of undetermined or potential risks.

There is a growing jurisprudence aimed at reducing the polluting effects of entrepreneurial activities. But the political and institutional structure does not exist only to avoid bad practices, but to encourage good practices, to stimulate creativity that seeks new ways, to facilitate personal and collective initiatives.

TO BE CONTINUED

TODAY IS THE DAY WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TOWARD

Today is the big day. Thanks for all your CHAIR COUPLES help with the preparation so far. And thanks for helping to spread a little "chicken joy" by selling dinner tickets. We are on track to serve 2500 meals!

Don't forget to turn in your raffle tickets today. After we finish with the drive thru dinners, we need help to clean everything up. Then come on down to the storage building Britt and Patrick for our after social party. Special thanks to the Men's Club for providing us with brats, burgers and hot dogs, chips and drinks to enjoy. We'll have our grand raffle drawing around 3 pm.

SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE UPDATE

FAMILIES RETURNING THEIR TICKETS 338

MONEY RAISED TO DATE \$69,020.00

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

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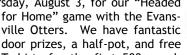
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Religious Ed. Registrations

We will have registration for our Sunday Morning Religious Education Program next Sunday, August 6 after the 8 am and 10:30 am Contact Jessica Masses.

Reckelhoff, (812) 598-1151 for more information

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