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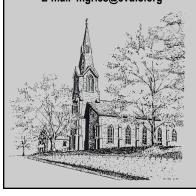
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Saturday—5 PM
Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM
SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILATION
SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

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AUGUST 13, 2023 THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

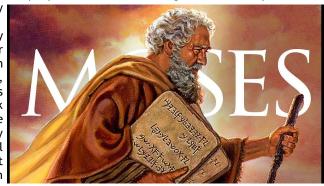


School has begun again. We have a great school with a terrific faculty and staff that help to provide a environment where our young students can learn academically but also be formed in the ways of Christ. One of the things that we try to model and teach is how to be a family. Now there are many wonderful things about being family and we see them on display daily. I tell people that the great thing about St. Joseph Parish is that it is small and everyone knows each other.

But being family can also have its challenges. In the course of working together and being involved in various projects, we can get on each other's nerves. People get sideways in their relationships with others. Sometimes it is because of things that happen in school but often it is things that happen outside of school which then wind up spilling over into the school day. That is why I tell people that the worst thing about St. Joseph Parish is

that it is small and everybody knows each other.

Now lest we get discouraged by this, we just need to remember that this kind of stuff has been happening in families for a long, long time. All you have to do is read a few chapters from the Book of Numbers in the Bible. We've been doing just that at our daily masses the past week. It's well worth the time to read and reflect upon. It's all about our Jewish ancestors in the time of Moses.



Here they were, enslaved by the Egyptians crying out to God for help. God hears their cry and sends Moses to confront Pharaoh. Moses is a bit reluctant to go. After all, he was a murderer who had killed an Egyptian soldiers. That did not seem to matter to God.

So Moses goes to confront Pharaoh. "Let my people go." And God leads the Israelites out of slavery. So here they are wondering in the desert. And soon they start complaining to Moses. Why did you bring us here? We were better off being slaves to the Egypitians. Here we have nothing to eat or drink. So God provides them with water and "manna in the desert." And the people are happy. At least for a while.

But then the people begin to complain again. "We want meat. We used to eat melons, leeks and onions. Now we are famished and we seen nothing before us but this manna." Moses is in a tough spot. He cries out to God. "Why do you do this to me? Where can I get meat to give to all these people? If this is the way you will deal with me, then please do me the favor of killing me at once so that I need no longer face this distress." (Who has not felt like that at times!)

But God assures Moses that he is with him and will provide for the people. And Moses says to God, "This is indeed a stiff necked people. Please pardon our sins and receive us as your own." God soon provides the people with quail to eat. More food than anyone could imagine. And the people are happy again.

But trouble is brewing. This time, it is Aaron and Miriam who are complaining. "What makes Moses so great. Is he the only person God speaks to? Doesn't God also speak through us? God calls them together for a sit down. And apparently he is not too happy with them. "Why are you saying these things about Moses. He is by the far the kindest man on the face of the earth." It seems God is just fed up with all the complaining and God leaves. But, in the process, Miriam is left a snow-white leper. Pretty bad. This leaves Aaron crying out to God, "Forgive us Lord. Let her not be like the still born baby that comes forth from its mother's womb with its flesh half consumed." Moses joins in praying as well. "Please, Lord, not this! Pray, heal her".

Now, one has to ask God, why take out your anger on Miriam? After all, Aaron is just as guilty not to mention all the other folks who have been complaining at every turn. But that's a story for another day. And the stories go on and on. You can read all about it in the Book of Numbers and Exodus. Some people may find it hard to consider such stories to be the Word of God. But that is in fact what they are. They have such a human ring to it. And what we hear in these stories has been going on in every generation till the present day.

So now, as we begin another school year, once again we have the opportunity to practice "being a family." And God is with us when we are at our best and he continues to walk with us when we get sideways with each other. It takes a lot of courage to be family. We have to learn how to forgive a lot. And we have to learn how to speak only what is kind and true and necessary. And we have to trust that hanging in there with one another is a good and holy things to do, even when everything in us wants to throw in the towel.

Leaning into the journey of life

Fr. Gene Schroeder

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 THE NINETEENTH SUN-DAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5:00 PM MASS: Doug & Stan Schapker, Elmer & Charlotte Schapker, William R. Duncan



(2022), Philip & Ruth Duncan, John Duncan, Thomas Duncan SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Simon & Koberstein Families, John Reckelhoff, Basil & Marie Mehringer, Candy & David Knight, For all the members of our parish

10:30 AM MASS: Eric Seib, Ed Straub, John & Christina Straub, Leroy Weiss, Freddie Weiss, Infant Schony (1868), Joseph Erbacher (1894), Joseph Will (1929), Steven Schneider (1971), Joe (1991) & Mag Eickhoff, Cathy Ann Luigs (2000), Don & Neacie Singleton, Elmer (2011) & Charlotte Schapker



MONDAY, AUGUST 14 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30 PM MASS:(In the gym) Joan Hettiger (1880), John Eichenberger (1912), Theresa (1949) & Isidore Beyer (1949)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30 AM MASS (in the gym) Infant Dezember (1865), Joannes Lenges (1878), Nicholas Rockemeyer (1886),

Richard Henning (1915), Wilfrieda (1976) & Oscar Angermeier, Robert (1970) & Adelaide Ubelhor, Mark Hoefling (1998), Earl & Millie Hoefling, Larry & Kenny Hoefling, Kathy Schmitt

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

7:30 AM MASS: Catherine Farny (1892), Frank Seib (1937)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Lori & Jerry Altstadt, Ron Altstadt, Clarence & Cornelia Altstadt, Clarence "Lefty" Altstadt

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Haberlach (1864), Infant Angermeier (1957)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Rebecca Ann Black, Infant Tepool (1915), Mary Rexing (1963), Victor Dewig (1995), For all the members of our parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Ann Whitehead, Mary Jane Hochgesang, Marvin and Elvira Lehman, Bob & Sharon Leh-

Elvira Lehman, Bob & Sharon Lehman, Tom, William, & Paul Lehman, John & Brenda Bergwitz 10:30 AM MASS: Jerry Muensterman, Jerome & Valeria Muensterman, Tom & Joann Muentersman, Henry & Butch Raben, Phil Raben, Susan Evans, Infant Rexing (1868), Joseph Anslinger (1870), Alexandria Urich (1895), Henry (1967) & Otillia Baehl (1967), Joseph (1970) & Elizabeth Woods



Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

 July 30, 2023
 \$ 12,654.00

 WEEKLY BUDGET
 \$ 14,650.00

 TOTAL INCOME TO DATE
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 BUDGET TO DATE
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ST. VINCENT (INDIANAPOLIS): Zach Baehl

Aug. 13: Arian Burk, Magen Coates, Thomas Daugherty, Joan Niemeier Aug. 14: Daniel Crawford, Stella Spaetti

Aug. 15: Devin Feulner, Cambrie Henderson,

Nick Hughes, Carla McCord, Nathaniel Whitehouse

Aug. 16: Mike Arnold, Jarrett Brown, Joshua Fenwick,

Chris Schapker, Zach Spaetti, Lillian Traylor

Aug. 17: Andrew Backes, Katy Jarboe, Nathan Kissel, Kelly Messal, Steve Muensterman, Doris Niemeier, Steve Preske

Aug. 18: Kelsey Austin, Brad Dick, Julie Greubel, Anne Lannert, Kaelyn Wessel

Aug. 19: Maggie Back, Carrie Clem, Jarrod Luigs, Ian Simmons, Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Dave Hellenberg,

Catherine Vitzdamm, Eli Wargel

Aug. 13: Jack & Ronnie Unfried

Aug. 14: Josh & Tiffany Henderson

Aug. 18: Jim & Connie Gries,

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Please remember in your prayers Jerry Muensterman, husband of Cindy (Raben) Muensterman and brother of Steve and the late Tom Muensterman, and Bob Lehman, brother of Dan Lehman, and Lorí Altstadt, great aunt of Chip Altstadt who died recently, May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their families.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Tuesday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a holy day of obligation. We will have mass on Monday evening, August 14 at 6:30 pm. Mass will be in the gym. We will also have mass on Tuesday morning, August 15 at 7:30 am in the gym. The school children will be joining us for this mass.

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 DIALOGUE AND TRANSPARENCY IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES



Predicting the environmental impact of entrepreneurial initiatives and projects requires transparent political processes subject to dialogue. Corruption that hides the true environmental impact of a project in exchange for favors often leads to ambiguous agreements that escape the duty to inform and an in-depth debate.

An environmental impact study should not be subsequent to the elaboration of a production project or any policy, plan or program. It must be inserted from the outset and must be elaborated in an interdisciplinary, transparent and independ-



ent way from any economic or political pressure. It must be connected with the analysis of working conditions and the possible effects on people's physical and mental health, on the local economy, on safety.

The economic results can thus be predicted in a more realistic way, taking into

account possible scenarios and possibly anticipating the need for a greater investment to solve unwanted effects that can be corrected. It is always necessary to acquire consensus among the various social actors, which can bring different perspectives, solutions and alternatives.

But the inhabitants of the place must have a privileged place in the debate. They can ask themselves what they want for themselves and their children, and can take into consideration the purposes that transcend the immediate economic interest. We must abandon the idea of "interventions" on the environment, to give rise to policies designed and debated by all interested parties.

Participation requires that everyone is adequately informed about the different aspects and the various risks and possibilities, and it does not reduce to the initial decision on a project, but also implies constant control or monitoring actions. There is a need for sincerity and truth in scientific and political discussions, not limited to considering what is allowed or not by the legislation. who question themselves about what they want for themselves and their children, and can take into consideration the purposes that transcend the immediate economic interest.

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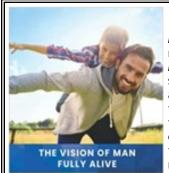
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THAT MAN IS YOU

Men, mark your calendars. That Man Is You! begins on Wednesday evenings beginning September 6. That Man Is You! combines scripture, solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. Contact Rodney Baehl, Steve Jung, or Andy Reckelhoff if you are interested in

being part of the planning and leading team!



LOOKING TO LIGHT A VOTIVE CANDLE?

Several people have recently asked about votive candles. There is an ancient tradition in our church of lighting candles for those people for whom we want to pray. Since we have not been able to have mass in our church, people have missed the opportunity of lighting a votive candle in the Sacred Heart Alcove in church. Since we are having mass in the gym we don't really have a place for people to light candles. However, we do have some votive candles that people can take home and light at home. You can find them by the entrance to the gym.

Next weekend, a priest from diocese of Imphal in the State of Manipur in Northeast India will be speaking to us about the needs of the Catholic community there. He is coming as part the annual Mission Co-op program in our diocese through which different mission groups speak to parishes and invite them to participate in the work that they do.



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