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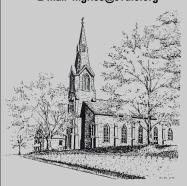
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AUGUST 20, 2023 THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,



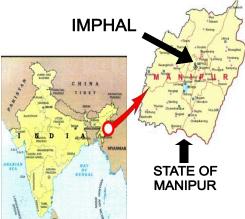
This weekend we welcome Fr. John from the diocese of Imphal. He is here as part of the Mission Co-Op Program in our diocese. Through this effort, parishes invite representatives from different mission groups to come

and speak to the people about their work and to invite us to ioin in support this work.

The mission diocese of Imphal in the State of Manipur

in Northeast India is home to 34 tribes of Mongolian origin. The first Catholic baptism in the diocese was recorded in 1952. The Catholic population has grown up to 101,283 now. The diocese has 45 parishes, and 8 Mission Centers, 174 priests including 114 indigenous tribal priests. The growth of the Church has always been accompanied by various challenges and persecutions during the past decades.

Between 1990 - 2001, six of our young and dynamic missionaries were killed for witnessing the gospel. The State of Manipur has witnessed



the worst religious persecution against the minority Christians from the majority Hindus (Meities) in May 2023 which was unprecedented in the history of the Church in Manipur. The sporadic violence that followed accounted for the killing of over 1000 tribal Christians, including women and children. Nearly 50,000 fled their villages as most of their homes are either partially or completely burnt down and have taken refuge in nearby military camps and school buildings run by the churches.

Several of the churches were vandalized and set on fire by violent mobs, causing widespread damages to properties worth millions of dollars. At present, church service is conducted in school buildings where churches are completely burnt down. It will take several years to rebuild the damaged churches and institutions and also to alleviate sufferings of our tribal communities through massive relief and rehabilitation programs. They have a lot of confidence in the resilience of these communities and the strength of their faith. I thank you, in advance, for the support you can give to the people of the diocese of Impal

Now that school is back in session we are resuming our normal set-up times for getting the gym ready for mass on the weekend. We gather at 3 pm on Friday afternoon (after school gets out) and set the gym up. We've had some faithful people who have come to do this work but we welcome anyone to come and join us. It doesn't take a great deal of time, thirty minutes at the most. Sunday, we have everyone who comes to the 10:30 mass to help get the gym ready for school. I'm so grateful for the flexibility everyone has shown to make it easy to use the gym for mass each weekend.

Special thanks to lawn mowing crews who have been working extra hard especially doing these hot days we have been having lately. What a great job they are ding keeping our parish campus looking great.

As we begin a new school year, I am grateful as well for all the folks who volunteer their time in so many ways in our school. We couldn't run the school without these efforts.

> Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder



THANKS...to all the folks who came to donate blood last Sunday. We were able to provide K 38 pints of blood to the blood Thanks to Imogene bank. Baehl, Terry Drone, Lillian

Traylor and Jeff and Jenny Puckett for their help is coordinating this effort.

LIVING IN THE BODY

Body is something you need in order to stay on this planet and you only get one. And no matter which one you get, it will not be satisfactory. It will not be beautiful enough, it will not be fast enough, it will not keep on for days at a time, but will pull you down into a sleepy swamp and demand apples and coffee and chocolate cake.

Body is a thing you have to carry from one day into the next. Always the same eyebrows over the same eyes in the same skin when you look in the mirror, and the same creaky knee when you get up from the floor and the same wrist under the watchband. The changes you can make are small and costly—better to leave it as it is.

Body is a thing that you have to leave eventually. You know that because you have seen others do it, others who were once like you, living inside their pile of bones and flesh, smiling at you, loving you, leaning in the doorway, talking to you for hours and then one day they are gone. No forwarding address. -Joyce Sutphen

CELEBRATION OF THE

EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Irene Happe, Kenny Schapker, Doug, Stan, Elmer & Charlotte Schapker, Robert Angermeier, Henry & (Olivia Schapker, Melinda Paul, Mildred, Merl & Norman Schapker, Elmer Inken-



brandt, Herman Paul, Bryan Paul, Frank Will, Edwin Englert SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Aloys & Marie Elpers, Jeanne, Harry & Rosie, Kenny & Bert Elpers, Jeannette & Orville Hall, Wilma & Joe Gumbel, Killian & Irene Baehl, Peggy Baehl, Joseph & Mary Schneider, Bill & Marian Elpers, Robert & Margie Harpenau, Dean Trowbridge, Joe & Dolores Elpers, Don & Margaret Appler, Joe & Winnie Schu, Sr. Benedict SP, Sr. Celina OSF, Sr. Huberta OSF, Sr. Hondra OSF, Caty Schu, Sr Angelica OSF, Bp. Fulton Sheen, Sr. Regina OSF

10:30 AM MASS: For all the members of our parish, Joseph Baehl (1877), John Beyer (1878), Valentine Seib (1878), Anna Beckerle (1887), Al Frick (1904), Daniel Spaetti (2001) Eddie, Virgil & Rosemary Spaetti

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

SAINT AUGUSTINE BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

6:30 PM MASS: Bernadine Rexing (1862), Anna Lang (1941), Infant Fechtmeister (1977)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

7:30 AM: Bernice Behner, Linda Elpers, Irma (Maurer) & Germaine Bittner, Susan Nurrenbern, Linda Elpers, Alleen Memmer, Mary Cecilia Miller. John Will (1884), Neacie (2020) & Don Singleton, Cathy Luigs

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

730 AM MASS: Elisabeth Happe (1924), Charles Waters (1980), Sr. Venantia O.S.F. (Catherine Mayer) (1945), Merl (1985) & Dolores Hoefling (1985), Margaret (2003) & Everett Baylor

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Katharine (1895) & Joseph Schenk (1895), Edwin (1965) & Mary Englert, Cindi Conaway (2022)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Catharine Wangler (1891), Maria Wolf (1900), Joseph Woods Jr. (1952)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM Paul & Betty Horak, Esther & Dennis Dossett, Paul Becker, Jean Bengert, Jan Wedding, Betty Wolf, Anthony Werstdorfer (1873), Louis Riedford (1919), Clarence Budde Sr. (1974), Jaxson Loehr (2020)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

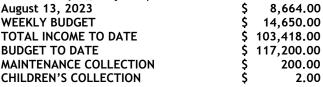
8:00 AM MASS: Joe James, Bill Polk, Leonard & Lois Polk, Barton Gooch, For all the members of our parish 10:30 AM MASS: Don & Darlene Baumgart, Sylvester, Irene, Bob & Ronnie Happe, Frank, Magdalena, Clarence, Wilfred, Henrietta, Petronilla, Herman Baumgart, Mary Martha, Synatius &, Teckla Baumgart, Joann Schoenstein



STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to totalstewardship. Brothers and Sisters, he urges. "....offer your boides as a living

he urges, "....offer your boides as a living sacrifice, holy and pleason to God."



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THE RETREAT AT LEISURE LIVING: Margaret Kafel
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EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

AUGUST 27: Sam Arnold, Jackied Hughes, Jeff Kempf, Jennie Puckett

AUJGUST 28: Isaiah Nisley

AUGUST 29: John Bittner, Maggie Couch,

Melanie Hobbs, Matt Voelker

AUGUST 30: Dalton Brandenstein, Shelly Elpers, Tess Freeman, Aimee Gerth, Mary Goedde, Jerry Happe, Kristen Lappe,

Jeff Puckett, Jacob Raben, Gracelynne Stolz AUGUST 31: Tom Doynes, David Fehrenbacher, Joan Hillenbrand

SEPTEMBER 1: Evan Collins, Betty Fehrenbacher

SETPEMBER 2: Brian Denning, Kristi Givens

AUGUST 27: Greg & May Elpers

AUGUST 28: Vernie & Connie Gries,

Kevin & Kelly Pennington, Tim & Julianna Voelker

AUGUST 29: Richard & Judy Fehrenbacher AUGUST 30: Glenn & Michelle Shane,

Steve & Laura Gries

AUGUST 31: Cynthia & Kenny Massberg



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



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 **Bill Polk**, father of Barry Polk and grandfather of Austin and Oliva Polk, **Irma Bittner**, mother of Linda (Leonard) Elpers and sister-in-law of John Bittner and Dorothy Stratman, and **Melida Paul**, sister of Betty Will and Leona Englert and sister-in law of Pat who died recently. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their families.

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



POLITICS AND ECONOMICS IN DIALOGUE FOR HUMAN FULLNESS

Politics must not submit to economics and the economy must not submit to the dictates and the efficiency paradigm of technocracy. Today, thinking of the common good, we inevitably need politics and economics, in dialogue, to place themselves decisively at the service of life, especially human life

The bailout of the banks at any cost, making the population pay the price, without the firm decision to review and reform the entire system, reaffirms an absolute domination of finance that has no future and that can only generate new crises after a long, costly and apparent care.

The financial crisis of 2007-2008 was an opportunity to develop a new economy more attentive to ethical principles,



and for a new regulation of speculative financial activand virtual wealth. But there hasn't been a reaction that has led to rethinking the outdated criteria that continue to govern the world.

Production not always tional, and is often linked to economic variables that attribute to products a value that does

not correspond to their real value. This often leads to an overproduction of some goods, with an unnecessary environmental impact, which at the same time damages many regional economies. The financial bubble is usually also a productive bubble. Ultimately, what is not tackled decisively is the problem of the real economy, which makes it possible for production to diversify and improve, for companies to function properly, for small and medium-sized enterprises to develop and create jobs.

In this context, it must always be remembered that "environmental protection cannot be ensured solely on the basis of the financial calculation of costs and benefits. The environment is one of those goods that the mechanisms of the market are unable to defend or promote adequately. Once again, it is advisable to avoid a magical conception of the market, which tends to think that problems are solved only with the growth of the profits of companies or individuals. Is it realistic to expect those obsessed with maximizing profits to stop and think about the environmental effects it will leave behind for the next generations?

Within the annuity scheme there is no place to think about the rhythms of nature, its times of degradation and regeneration, and the complexity of ecosystems that can be seriously altered by human Intervention. Furthermore, when we talk about biodiversity, at most we think of it as a reserve of economic resources that could be exploited, but we do not seriously consider the real value of things, their meaning for people and cultures. TO BE CONTINUED

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Each year our Haiti Outreach Committee seeks new sponsors to join our group of generous people who are sponsoring a child's education in Haiti. As often happens, some of our previous sponsors have died, while others have found they cannot continue to give at the level they did in the past. So we are always looking for new peo-

ple to match up with the children in St. James Parish in Haiti. Fr. Dubois gives us a list of the children who are in most financial need and we try to match a sponsor with them, to give them the help they need to attend school.

A person or family can sponsor a student for an annual cost of \$400, or just \$33 per month. This fee helps pay for their tuition, provide a stipend for uniforms and books, helps fund the daily food program and allows the students to have access to the parish

If you would like more information, you can contact Eric Reffett, the coordinator of our student sponsorship program.

618-5945) or email him at ereffett@sbcglobl.net

THE ALTAR SOCIETY IS MAKING KUCHENS ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 JOIN US TO HELP AT 7:30 AM



NEXT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY WILL BE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 6:30 PM IN THE MEETING ROOM

OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

Many member of St. Joseph Parish speak of the benfit of having been part of a Cursillo weekend. This faith sharing movement is to form small groups of Christians who meet in a friendship group to share their lives as Christians. A four-day encounter is a part of the movement that pre-



pares the Christian to live out his or her faith. There are two Cursillo weekends for Men and Women coming up. The first, for men, will be held on September 7 -10 and

the second for women on October 26-29. Contact the parish office for information about signing up for the weekend, or sign up online at www.evansvillecursillo.com

- AREA EVENTS Ladies of Charity Vendor/Craft Event September 9, 9-3 at Armstorng Recretation Center
- St John Newburgh Men's (September 16) and Women's (September 23) Conferences. Sign up at sjbnewburgh.org
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