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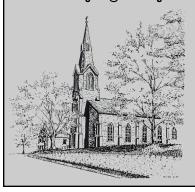
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## SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,



This past Friday we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. That name is one of the many names that are used to describe Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Now, I'll bet most folks would not want to have the nick name "a person of sorrows." So why would use "Our Lady of Sorrows" as a way to describe Mary?

A good place to start is with the story of the presentation of Jesus in the temple, which is found in the gospel of Luke. Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the temple on the eighth day after his birth, which was the Jewish custom at

the time. There he is given the name "Jesus." In the temple lived a holy man name Simeon. As Mary and Joseph are bringing Jesus to carry out the rituals of the law, Simeon tells Mary that through this child the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And he tells Mary that she too shall suffer with him, because of the nearness of her affection for him.

Now we need to be clear. Our God is not the kind of God who just wants everyone to suffer. That makes no sense and it does little to bring life to the world. But there is much suffering around us. That's why we talk



about "original sin." Encountering the impoverished, walking for a while in the world of the marginalized, and being with the have-nots of our world is a necessary aspect of the discipleship journev. St Paul would put it an-

other way: "We carry in our bodies, the death of the Lord, so that we may give thegift of life to the world."

When we can walk in the shoes of people who are suffering, our vision thereafter is shaped by this encounter. Deep mourning over the social conditions that make people poor may be the first step we non-poor can take to internalize the beatitudes: "Blessed are you who are now weeping; you shall laugh"

Mourning implies a terrible sense of loss, of regret, an acknowledgment of the real, and a feeling of pain in the face of that reality. Weeping and mourning emerge from our affective side and are profoundly healthy emotions for those of us who are more privileged, who will never fully share the lot of those who are impoverished by the system that creates our wealth, but who at least can weep over the tragedy of human suffering.

I take heart from this line of the poem "A Brief for the Defense," To make injustice the only measure of our attention is to praise the Devil. We must admit that there will be music despite everything."

To understand the pain of the world, to be moved by it in such a way that we change the way we live....that is what Mary teaches us. It is said that there is no greater gift than a heart that understands. Mary, allowed her heart to be pierced by a sword, and because of that she shows us how to have hearts that can understand and can give life.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

# A BRIEF FOR THE DEFENSE

Sorrow everywhere. Slaughter everywhere. If babies are not starving someplace, they are starving somewhere else. With flies in their nostrils. But we enjoy our lives because that's what God wants. Otherwise the mornings before summer dawn would not be made so fine. The Bengal tiger would not be fashioned so miraculously well. The poor women at the fountain are laughing together between the suffering they have known and the awfulness in their future, smiling and laughing while somebody in the village is very sick. There is laughter every day in the terrible streets of Calcutta,

in the terrible streets of Calcutta,
and the women laugh in the cages of Bombay.
If we deny our happiness, resist our
satisfaction, we lessen the importance
of their deprivation. We must risk delight.
We can do without pleasure, but not delight.

Not enjoyment.

We must have the stubbornness to accept our gladness in the ruthless furnace of this world.

To make injustice the only measure of our attention is to praise the Devil.

If the locomotive of the Lord runs us Down, we should give thanks that the end had magnitude.

We must admit there will be music despite everything.

We stand at the prow again of a small ship anchored late at night in the tiny port looking over to the sleeping island: the waterfront is three shuttered cafés and one naked light burning.

To hear the faint sound of oars in the silence as a rowboat comes slowly out and then goes back is truly worth all the years of sorrow that are to come.

-Jack Gilbert



# CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Betty White, Kay Horak, Lawrence & Bernadine Spahn, John & Elizabeth Luigs, John & Bar-

bara Luigs, Joe & Mariana Elpers, Peter Ziliak (1858), Maria Lang (1862), Catharine Helfrich (1870), Anton Rexing (1883), Maria Hartlein (1893), Virgil Brown (1947), Duane Quinlin (1994), Sharon (2020) & Bud Werner

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

#### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Bernice Behnen, Linda Evans, Jim Anslinger, Michael Schweitzer, Luke, Ali, Dennis, Basil & Marie Mehringer, John Reckelhoff, Marcellus & Valeria Elpers Family 10:30 AM MASS: Bob, Dolores, Ralph & Charles Koressel, Valentine Schmitt (1864), Infant Schluter (1864), Mattaeus Hartlein (1871)

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18** WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Jim Anslinger, Ed & Pat Anslinger, George (1957) & Delores Folz (1957), Lorena Koch (1994)

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Rosa Brack (1870), Augustine Herman (1870), Guilielmus Rexing (1901), Lorin Walsh (1932), Frank (1954) & Mary Kissel, Dennis Weis (1964), Wlater & Evelyn Weis, Fr. Jerry Ziliak SVD

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN AND PAUL CHONG HA-SANG AND COMPANIONS

7:30 AM MASS: Elisabeth Scheich (1864), Infant Wolf (1864), Infant Haberbach (1864), Magdaline Ochsner (1895), John (1938) & Mary Hartlein,, Sr. Raymunda, OSF (Rose Ochsner, 1949), Bud (2020) & Sharon Werner

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 SAINT MATTHEW

Anthony Rexing (1899), Anna (1945) & John NO MASS: Voelker, Glenn Fehrenbacher (2005), St. Julitta Steckler, OFM (2012)

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Francis Rexing (1876), Joseph (1956) & Edith Buerger, Chris Clem (2020)

# SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

#### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Kay Horak, Doug Schapker, Stan Schapker, Elmer & Charlotte Schapker, Bob Happe, Rebecca Ann Black, Infant Trunk (1861), Catharine Denninger (1864), Steven Kempf (1961), John (1996) & Marion Tieken, Nicholas Lannert (2019)

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 TWENTY-FIFTH 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, Ruth Jarboe, Linda Elpers

10:30 AM MASS: Jim & Kathy Flynn, Tom Lutz, Linda Herrel, Lavern £ Mary (Gilles) Fehrenbacher, Janet (a Sheppard, Joseph Bender (1918)



#### STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

Stewardship is not optional! "Non of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants."



September 10, 2023	\$ 6,259.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 14,650.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 140,521.00
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 161,150.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 45.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 4.00

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SPECIAL MISSION COLLECTION (TO DATE)	\$ 3	3.735.00

#### REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

TOTAL PLEDGED \$743,872 **RECEIVED TO DATE** \$368,625

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**ENVIVA:** Doris Head

RIVER POINTE: Beverly Jones SOLARBRON TERRACE: Rose Weiss

EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

Congratulations of Andy & Jessica (Knight) Reckelhoff on the birth of their daughter, Agnes

September 17: Isaac Daza, Brenda Koester,

Lisa McIntosh, Iric Singer, Mary Stratman

September 18: David Altstadt, Kacie Gambrel

September 19: Kristen Arnold, Olivia Fritch,

Fran Happe, Malorie Hobbs, Isaac Schneider,

Bob Singer, Shawn Willis

September 20: Paul Angermeier, Autumn Dick, Jordan Dick, Jill Happe, Sis Jarboe, Kaleb Voelker

September 21: Elli Gaiser, Matthew Jochum

September 22: Melanie Denning, Judith Schneider, Luke Spaetti

September 23: Nicholas Angermeier, Mackenzie Hertel

September 17: Fran & Shirley Happe, Andy & Jessica Reckelhoff

September 18: Andy & Andrea Jarboe

September 19: Glenn & Kristi Givens,

Harry & Donna Lincoln, Bryan & Sheila McGehee, Jim & Jane Scheller, Matt & Missy Singer

September 20: Jim & Carol Fechtmeister

September 21: Ray & Angie Happe,

Donnie & Amy Will, Bill & Melissa Gillenwater



**HAPPY** 

**BIRTHDAY** 

HAPPY **ANNIVERSARY** 



Please remember in your prayers Linda Herrel, the we wife of David, mother of Keith and grandmother of Charlotte and Corbin, and ister-in-law of Janet Debes who died last week. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their

JOIN US FOR THE ST JOE MEN'S CLUB GATHERING--MONDAY 7 PM

### 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



If politics is not capable of breaking a perverse logic, and moreover remains embedded in inconsistent speeches, we will continue not to address the great problems of humanity. A strategy of real change requires rethinking the totality of processes, since it is not enough to insert superficial ecological considerations while the logic underlying the current culture is not questioned. A sound policy should be able to take on this challenge.

Politics and economics tend to blame each other for poverty and environmental degradation. But what is expected is that they recognize their mistakes and find forms of interaction oriented towards the common good. While some struggle only for economic gain and the others are obsessed only with conserving or increasing power, what we have left are wars or ambiguous agreements where what



matters least to the two parties is preserving the is superior to conflict" holds

#### **RELIGIONS IN DIALOGUE WITH SCIENCES**

It cannot be argued that the empirical sciences fully explain life, the intimate essence of all crea-

tures and the whole of reality. This would mean overcoming their limited methodological boundaries unduly. If we reflect with this narrow picture, aesthetic sensitivity, poetry, and even the capacity of reason to grasp the meaning and purpose of things disappear.

I would like to remind you that classical religious texts can offer a meaning destined for all. They possess a motivating force that always opens up new horizons. Is it reasonable and intelligent to relegate them to obscurity just because they were born in the context of a religious belief? In reality, it is simplistic to think that ethical principles can be presented in a purely abstract way, disconnected from any context, and the fact that they appear in a religious language does not detract from them any value in the public debate. The ethical principles that reason is capable of perceiving can always reappear under different guises and be expressed in different languages, including religious ones.

On the other hand, any technical solution that the sciences claim to bring will be powerless to solve the serious problems of the world if humanity loses its way, if we forget the great reasons that make living together, sacrifice, goodness possible. In any case, it will be necessary to appeal to believers so that they are consistent with their faith and not contradict it with their actions.

It will be necessary to insist that they open up again to the grace of God and draw deeply from their convictions about love, justice and peace. If a misunderstanding of our principles has sometimes led us to justify the abuse of nature or the domination of the human being over creation, or wars, injustice and violence, as believers we can recognize that in this way we have been unfaithful to the treasure of wisdom that we should have kept. But it is precisely the return to their respective sources that allows religions to respond better to current needs. TO BE CONTINUED

# REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

CAMPAIGN GOAL \$600,000 PLEDGED TO DATE \$743,872 TOTAL PAID TO DATE \$368,625

> Thanks to the following who have made their pledge to our campaign

Victor & Jane Avdt Leona Englert Ryan & Stephanie Frey

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Beginning in November, your monthly packet of collection envelopes will include a "Rebuilding our Church Campaign" envelope which you can use to make your pledge contributions.

#### THE FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING SOON......OCTOBER 2-7

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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 clinic.

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

#### **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CPC)**

PARISH GOAL \$130,270.00 PLEDGED TO DATE \$ 8,300.00 NUMBER OF PLEDGES

Our stewardship goal is to give 1% of our gross income to the Catholic Ministries Appeal

(CPC). Thanks to the following people who have returned their pledge card.

Ruth Burk Jon & Bernette Locklar Gary Fehrenbacher Mike & Michele Reffett



### MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR COMMON EFFORT!

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY The family and friends of Sr. Mary George Kissel, a member of the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, are gathering to celebrate her 100th birthday on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at the SS Peter and Paul Parish Family Life Center in Haubstadt, Indiana, from 2 - 4:30 pm. You can also send her a birthday card at the Monastery, 710 East Sunrise Drive, Room 501 B, Ferdinand, Indiana 47532



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