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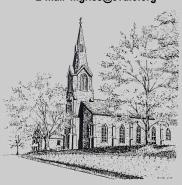
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SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,



We're off to a great start with our Catholic Ministries Appeal (the old CPC campaign). We're already 28% of the way toward our goal. With all the other demands on your money, our Rebuilding our Church Campaign, Haiti Student Sponsorship Renewal, and the Fall Festival just around the corner, it is truly heartwarming to see such generosity to our Catholic Ministries Appeal in evidence. If, by chance, we didn't send you a pledge card, be sure to let us know. Sometimes, despite everyone's best intentions, things get lost in the mail or don't get delivered at all.

Work is continuing to move along on our "Rebuilding our Church Campaign. The roofing folks have got most of the new roof in-



stalled. They are now working on wrapping the gutters and cornice works. We were also able to install a new metal roof on the garage. The brick masons have mostly completed all the

tuck pointing and sealing of the exterior brick.

Meanwhile work is progressing on the interior of the church. The electricians have been hard at work installing a new circuit box in the church. As we were doing this work, it became apparent that we really need to run new wire to all the lights and electrical outlets. It's one of those "now that you are ding this it is probably best to do this" kind of thing. New wire and new insulation is a lot less prone to shorting out or worse, causing a fire. We're especially grateful to Alan Blankenberger for the expertise he has offered in dealing with the electrical issues in church.

The big project on the interior of the church is repairing the plaster and then painting the inside. With the scaffolding installed, we were able to do a more through inspection of the ceiling and walls. What we have discovered is that there is going to be more plastering work than we had originally anticipated. Unfortunately, some of this plaster repair involves the area where the stencil is. We've made the decision to paint over the stenciling and replace this with pre-painted wood appliqués—sort of like a crown molding. Things are progressing well but we still have several months of work to do.

While it will be xeveral months before we get back into church, I thought it might be good to think about how we might want to celebrate our return. The expereince we have been going through is really a one in a lifetime experience. Lots of folks have already had a hand in getting the repair work done so far.

So how shall we celebrate? Some people have suggested having a pot luck dinner. Others thought this would be a good time to do a new parish directory. Maybe you have some other ideas. Chick Duncan has agreed to chair a group of people to begin making some plans. If you would like to help, give him a call 812-205-3900.

Fall Festival is just around the corner. The PTO and the Knights are always looking for people to help with the booth.



Sign up today to help at the PTO Booth. Sign up online https://ttsu.me/stjff2023. Call Dave Schmitt (812-598-0559 to help at the Knights of St. John Booth

> Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

COULD YOU EMBRACE THAT?

I said to God, "Let me love you." And he replied, "Which part?" "All of you, all of you," I said. "Dear," God spoke,

"you are as a mouse wanting to impregnate a tiger who is not even in heat. It is a feat way beyond

your strength and courage. You would run from me if I removed my mask." I said to God again. "Beloved, I need to love youevery aspect, every pore."

And God said. There is a hideous blemish on my body, though it is such an infinitesimal part of my Beingcould you kiss that if it were revealed?" "I will try Lord, I will try." And then God said, "that blemish is all the hatred and cruelty in this world."

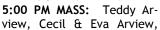
St. Thomas Aquinas, OP



CELEBRATION OF

THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Dorothy Fitch, Cecil Bernard Arview Jr. 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: Robert Hillenbrand, Walter & Mary Hillenbrand, Jim & Kathy Flynn, Tom Lutz, Linda Herrel, Lavern & Mary (Gilles) Fehrenbacher, Janet Sheppard, Joseph Bender (1918)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Ludovicus Miller (1865), Peter Baumgart (1867), Infant Lunkenheimer (1867), Infant Born (1867), Infant Goezhauser (1867), Henry Hillenbrand (1913), Charles (2000) & Mildred

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Anna Bauer (1920), Michael Kelle (1955), Tony (2020) & Violet Weiss



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 SAINT VINCENT dePAUL

7:30 AM MASS: Carol Schnauz (1866), Peter Helferich (1872), Maria Efinger (1895), Kasper Hillenbrand (1907), Franciscus Hillenbrand (1912), Nicholas Wolf (1924) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

ST. WENCESLAUS, ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ AND COMPANIONS NO MASS: Wendelin Meyer (1857), John Laugel (1971), Peter Forstel (1875), Dorthea Freyhaut (1875), Mary Rexing (1921), Raymond (1966) & Mary Schmitt, Susann (2022) & Leonard Angermeier

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

7:30 AM MASS: Margaret Seib (1858), Elias Pfeiffer (1859), Gertrude Baehl (1860), Albert Urich (1917), Frank (1935) & Caroline Goebel, Erma (1979) & Barthol Rexing, Jane Raben (2011)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: John & Beulah Gramelspacher, Bud & Sharon Werner, Francis Spitzer (1890), Caspar Schorlan (1914)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Joe James, Linda Herrell, William Rosenberger, Charles & Edna Rosenberger, Chuck Rosenberger

10:30 AM MASS: Leo & Berta Waninger, Bernardina Frank (1886), John Kercher (1887), Sebastian Riedfort (1890), Catharine Laugel (1914), Mary Gerteisen (1934), Charles Baylor (2010)



STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

ANNIVERSARY

September 17, 2023	\$ 15,208.46
September 15, 2023 Auto Draft Collection	\$ 10,966.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 14,650.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 168,795.66
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 175,800.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 65.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 6.00

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REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN
TOTAL PLEDGED \$746,372
RECEIVED TO DATE \$371,868

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May we continue to be blessed by your faithful financial support to our parish and to our outreach ministries. Remember that you can SEND YOUR COLLECTION THROUGH THE MAIL:

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THE RETREAT AT LEISURE LIVING: Margaret Kafel

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SOLARBRON TERRACE: Rose Weiss

EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

September 24: Lindsey Dosher, Kathy Fehrenbacher, Samuel Heldt, Jay Smith

September 25: Pam Endress, Richard Fehrenbacher, Adam Fenwick, Delaney Maurer

September 26: Cloey Lamble, Brinley Mehringer, Ole Olsen, Janice Tenbarge

September 27: Osborne Collins, Patrick Fehrenbacher, Riley Hertel, Karen McDonald, Vail Spaetti

September 28: Kurt Forcum, Maggie Lamble, Ron Miller September 29: Toni Askins, Phil Dosher, Brooks Elfreich,

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September 30: Kayla Gerth, Jaymi Hohler, Elizabeth Schmitt, Nathan Werner

September 24: Randy & Cecilia Kuester September 25: Pat & Shari Kempf,

George & Joan David September 26: Brandon & Kacie Gambrel

September 27: Craig & Laura Elpers
September 28: Ron & DeeDee Eickhoff.

Keith & Jackie Smith, Ryan & Ali Niemeier

September 29: Jeff & Julie Kempf, Brian & Stephanie Bates

September 30: Dan & Sharon Voelker



Please remember in your prayers **Teddy Arview**, the father of Renee Werner who died last week. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their families and friends.

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



Most of the inhabitants of the planet declare themselves believers, and this should push religions to enter into a dialogue with each other oriented towards the care of nature, the defense of the poor, the construction of a network of respect and fraternity.

A dialogue between the same sciences is also indispensable, given that each usually closes itself within the limits of its own language. Specialization tends to become isolation and absolutization of one's knowledge. This prevents environmental problems from being adequately addressed. Equally, an open and respectful dialogue is needed between the various ecological movements, among which there is no shortage of ideological struggles. The gravity of the ecological crisis requires us all to think about the common good and to move forward on the path of dialogue which requires patience, asceticism and generosity.

CHAPTER SIX

ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND SPIRITUALITY

Many things have to redirect their course, but first of all it is humanity that needs to change. There is no awareness of a common origin, a mutual belonging and a future



shared by all. This basic awareness would allow the development of new beliefs, new attitudes and lifestyles. Thus a great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge emerges which will involve long processes of regeneration.

BET ON ANOTHER LIFESTYLE

Since the market tends to create a compulsive consumerist mechanism for placing its products, people end up being overwhelmed by the whirlwind of unnecessary purchases and spending. Obsessive consumerism is the subjective reflection of the techno-economic paradigm.

What Romano Guardini already pointed out happens: the human being accepts ordinary objects and the usual forms of life as they are imposed on him by rational plans and normalized machines and, on the whole, he does so with the impression that all this is reasonable and fair. This paradigm makes everyone believe that they are free as long as they retain a claimed freedom to consume, when in reality those who possess freedom are those who are part of the minority that holds economic and financial power.

In this confusion, postmodern humanity has not found a new understanding of itself that can orient it, and this lack of identity is lived with anguish. We have too many means for scarce and stunted ends.

When people become self-referential and isolate themselves in their consciousness, they increase their greed. In this context, it does not seem possible for anyone to accept that reality places a limit on him. In this horizon there is not even a true common good. If this is the type of subject that tends to predominate in a society, the norms will be respected only to the extent that they do not contradict one's own needs. The obsession with a consumerist lifestyle, can only cause violence and mutual destruction.

TO BE CONTINUED

REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

CAMPAIGN GOAL \$600,000 PLEDGED TO DATE \$746,372 TOTAL PAID TO DATE \$371,868

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

Donna Helfrich Busan

St Ann Altar Society

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.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPONSOR A CHILD'S EDUCATION IN HAITI





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. We are always looking for new people to match

up with the children in St. James Parish in Haiti.

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. (812-618-5945) or email him at ereffett@sbcglobl.net

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CPC)

PARISH GOAL \$130,270.00 PLEDGED TO DATE \$37,085.00 NUMBER OF PLEDGES 76

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 (partial list):

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