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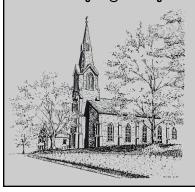
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SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,



Situational Awareness. That's a term you'll find many people using. It has to do with being aware of your environment and all the people in that environment. Good leaders are ones who notice things and understand how they might impact the things you are trying to do or trying to prevent.

Jesus talked about situational awareness as well. Now, he didn't use those exact words. Instead he talked about how we must learn to "stay awake," to "be prepared." He was constantly trying to get the disciples to develop "situational awareness," and bemoaning the times when they didn't

seem to be able to do this. Recall his words in the Garden of Gethsemane when he asked the disciple to "stay awake and pray." When he returned and found them asleep, we hear him say, "could you not stay awake and keep watch with me?"

Paying attention, staying awake, situational awareness are all very human realities. And because they are so human, we often don't think they have anything to do with religion or faith. But nothing could be farther from the truth. Learning how to notice things around us and being



aware of the feelings that get trigger us is at the heart of our faith life. The saints often spoke about this as "contemplation." And they would tell us that learning how to live a contemplative life is what we are all called to do.

My bet is that most people would dismiss any notion of living a contemplative life. That is something monks and nuns who live in monasteries do. It's way beyond anything I might be able to do. But the contemplative way of life is so called because it's the way of life devoted to the cultivation of contemplative experience. That's our starting place. To contemplate means to observe carefully, to pay close attention. Most of the things that we notice, we notice in passing, on our way to something else; then, every so often, something gives us reason to pause. Something catches our eye or draws our attention, and we're drawn for a moment to ponder or to reflect on that which awakened us in this way. These moments pass and the real question then for us is, "What happens next?" All too often, unfortunately, nothing happens next. The gate to Heaven opened and your cell phone went off. You were already late to a meeting. Nothing happened next. But sometimes what happens is that although the moment has passed, you reflect back upon it, and you realize that the subtle moment was an encounter with God. That is "situational awareness" at its finest.

I've been wondering just how to teach people to have this "situational awareness." I think it begins young. And it begins with simple things. Now that school is back in session I have been encouraging, cajoling and sometimes even nagging our students to notice things around them. Things like the trash that is lying on the floor that can be picked up and put in the wastebasket. Things like picking up the water bottle that I left in the gym. Things like

picking up the kickball that was left in the playground area and returning it to is proper place.

Situational awareness also means turning out the lights and turning off the airconditioning in rooms that are no longer being used. Not only does this help us reduce our utility bill, but it also helps us develop an ability to be aware of things around me. There is a straight line from these simple ways of noticing to those "holy moments" when we are aware of God in our life.

I'd like to believe there is a purpose to my "nagging" and "cajoling" others, as initiating as it might seem to others. I'd like to think that when we can be aware of such simple things, then we can move on to being aware of the suffering of those around us. And if we can do that, perhaps we can move on to being aware of the goodness of people who may not see the world the way I do, or believe the way I believe. And if we can do this, perhaps we can then be aware of the people facing famine and starvation throughout the world.

It all begins when we choose to embrace a contemplative way of life. It's learning to do what Jesus told us to do when he say "stay awake, pay attention"

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

For My Young Friends Who Are Afraid There is a country to cross

you willfind in the corner of your eye, in the quick slip of your foot —air fardown. a snap that might have caught. And maybe for you, for me, a high, passing voice that finds its way by being afraid. That country is there, for us, carried as it is crossed. What you fear will not go away: it will take you into yourself and bless you and keep you. That's the world, and we all live there. —William Stafford



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

LABOR DAY WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE TIME: 7:30 AM MASS: Michael Wolf (1857), Sophia Beckerle (1867), Edward (1969) & Justina Weiss, Theresa (1979) & Frank Maurer, Dorothy Schneider (1999), Thomas (2004) & Ruth Rice, Marlene (2016) & Paul Hasselbrinck

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Edna Blandford, John Seibert, Matilda (1965) & Martin Ritter, Ida Dewig (1980), Lamar Montgomery (1995)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Domino Wolf (1868), Ava Marie Brorman (1870), John Erbacher (1879), Anna Rexing (1891)

THURSDAY, SPETEMBER 7 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Robert Witting (1884), Leo Helfrich (1894), Paula Koch (1973), Evelyn (2000) & Walter Weis (2000), Norma (2012) & Francis Maurer, Susan Smith-Tyring (2019)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30 AM MASS: Ludovicus Brack (1880), Alberta French (1985)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm MASS: Doug Bradley, Michael Fischer, Rebecca Ann Black, Members of the Parish, Maria Wernet (1881), Marian (1990) & Bill Elpers, Alice Keil, (1990), Bronislaw Kijonka (1993), Mel Luigs (2018)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: James & Mabel Blythe, Bill (2012) & Marian Elpers, Alice Keil, Robert & Margie Harpenau, Dean Trowbridge, Dolores Elpers, Carlos Romero



10:00 AM MASS: Anna Straub, Robert & Paul Straub, Edward Weiss, Bob Jenkins, Bob Schull, Tony, Leroy & Henry Weiss, Joseph Schenk (1871), Elisabeth Bender (1924), Goeffrey David (2019

PLEASE NOTE: This coming Monday is Labor Day. We will have mass at 7:30 am rather than our usual time of 6:30 pm. Mass will be in our temporary chapel in the rectory. Also, since this is a holiday, we will NOT be having Eucharistic Adoration on this day.

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and Sisters, he urges, ".... offer your boides as a living sacrifice, holy and pleason to God."



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Congratulations to Ali (Raben) and Ryan Niemeier on the birth of their daughter Poppy Jo Congratulations to Sydney (Seger) and Matt Kelly on the birth of their son Kallahan "Kal" Terrance Kelly

SEPTEMBER 3: Denise Allison, Josh Elfreich,

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HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY



Please remember in your prayers Doug Bradley, the nephew of Ron Miller and brother of Amy Schneider, Me and our next door church neighbor Michael **Fischer** who died recently. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of the Bradley family and especially with Michael's wife Lorrin Fisher, his four children Kya, Charlie, Jade and Luke.

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

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



When questions about the environment and the economy arise, some react by accusing others of pretending to irrationally stop human progress and development. But we must be convinced that slowing down a certain pace of production and consumption can give rise to another mode of progress and development.

Efforts for a sustainable use of natural resources are not a useless expense, but an investment that may offer other economic benefits in the medium term. If we are not restricted in our views, we can discover that the diversification of a more innovative production with a lower environmental impact can be very profitable. It is about opening the way to different opportunities, which do not imply stopping human creativity and its dream of progress, but rather channeling that energy in a new way.



For example, more а creative and better oriented path of producdevelopment could the correct disparity between the excessive technological investment for consumption and the scarce one to solve

urgent problems of humanity. It could generate intelligent and profitable forms of reuse, functional recovery and recycling; it could improve the energy efficiency of cities; and so on.

Productive diversification offers vast possibilities for human intelligence to create and innovate, while protecting the environment and creating more job opportunities. This would be a creativity capable of making the nobility of the human being flourish again, because it is more dignified to use intelligence, with audacity and responsibility, to find forms of sustainable and equitable development, within the framework of a broader conception of the quality of life.

In any case, if in some cases sustainable development will involve new ways of growing, in other cases, in the face of the greedy and irresponsible growth that has been produced for many decades, it is also necessary to think about slowing down a bit, to put some reasonable limits and also to go back before it's late.

We know that the behavior of those who consume and destroy more and more is unsustainable, while others still fail to live in conformity with their human dignity. This is why the time has come to accept a certain degrowth in some parts of the world by providing resources so that we can grow healthily in other parts. Benedict XVI said that "it is necessary that technologically advanced societies be willing to favor behaviors characterized by sobriety"

In order for new models of progress to arise we need to change the global development model which implies reflecting responsibly on the meaning of the economy and its purpose, in order to correct its dysfunctions and distortions.

TO BE CONTINUED

REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

CAMPAIGN GOAL PLEDGED TO DATE

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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

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 prepares 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

- Ladies of Charity Vendor/Craft Event AREA EVENTS
 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
- Catholic Build for Habitat Barbecue Fundraiser September 9.
 CALL 812-423-5623 TO ORDER or online www.evansvillehabitat.org
- DIOCESAN GREEN MASS: Saturday, Sept. 16 at Sts Mary & John Parish, 11 am, celebrating the gift of creation and praying that we be good stewards of creation.

THANK YOU... Thanks to the wonderful meal and hospitality you offered to the family of Linda Elpers. What a gift of love to sacrifice your time to give the comfort of a meal to a grieving family. It was much appreciated. You all were the face of Christ to us.

The Family of Linda Elpers

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