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

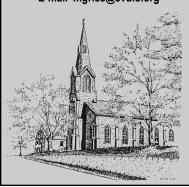
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MARCH 12, 2023 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear friends,

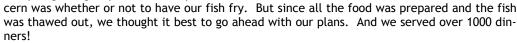


Wow! What a week this has been.! The tragedy of our church roof being torn off as a result of the tornado that descended upon us last Friday has been overshadowed by the outpouring of love and offers of help we have received. Where do we begin. So many of our friends from

parishes throughout the diocese have reached ot to us with offered of prayers and support. The school children in or neighboring parishes have been praying for us and the students of Westside Catholic even sent cookies to all our students.

Our friends from St. Paul's UCC have offered their help as did the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. And I received numerous accounts of people in church communities far and wide who have been praying for us.

The storm had barely passed and people were already beginning to pitch in to help. Our immediate con-



Another group of young folks came together on Saturday morning to help move all the things we needed to be able to celebrate Mass in our multi-purpose (gym) building. They did it so well and so easily you would have thought this was a common occurrence. Special thanks to Frank and Dave Hertel for setting up the sound system and getting cameras all set up so we could continue to record the mass. Special thanks to Tom and Mary Goedde for putting signs together directing people to come to mass in our gym.

And we were able to set up a new "chapel" in the rectory for weekday mass and Eucharistic Adoration. This past week we not only had our usual Monday Adoration but we also had our 24 prayed for vocations Tuesday and Wednesday. My dog, Kiska loved it. She made several hours of adoration as well as coming to mass! More people to greet! I have to say there was something special about all the work going on in repairing the church and at the same time people in our chapel praying right next door.

Our immediate concern, after figuring out if we were going to have our fish fry, was to get some kind of temporary covering over the church to protect the inside from rain damage. Even as the winds were whipping around on Friday afternoon, we were beginning to formulate a plan to take care of things. A special word of thanks to Matt Bishop from Empire Construction for taking the lead on this. By Monday morning there was a beehive of activity going on. Trucks and cranes, excavators, mobile lifts and moveable scaffolding was being hauled in and put into place.

Empire Constriction employees Kevin Elpers, Brandon Fehrenbacher, Brad Elpers and March Elpers brought a lift on Saturday to do an initial inspection of the place. Gary Hodge from Hodge Design Service was here on Monday morning to do a structural inspection of the church and steeple. He was able to give us his opinion (church and steeple are still in good shape) the same day that it was safe for us to continue our work. That does not usually happen that fast.



Pal Nash, our insurance adjuster was on sight by Friday evening and, working with Matt, gave us the go ahead to proceed with our emergency repairs. Empire Construction, Lehman Roofing (Todd lehman) and Electrical Maintenance Company (Ted and Tammy Glaser) shut down their other job sites so they could come and work on our project.

Mike Weber from Midwest Roofing supplied all the Ice and Watershield within 24 hours. Seth Klenck was on sight Monday morning along with Matt Koch and several other Klenck Company employees to start debris removal. Jay Sparks from Elite Insulation provided spray foam to enclose the wood beams in the church to prevent water leaks. We reached out to Allan Scott from Scott Crane Service and they were able to get s a large crane here within two hours. Monday we reached out to Joe Helming who did the cooper roof on or steeple and he came by the next day to take care of some repairs. Mike Fetcher came on Saturday to take pictures of our church using a drone camera. This gave Matt Bishop some close up views of the damage and helped him formulate a plan to being our repairs.

So many folks coming forward to help. How we have been blessed! Having considered all the fact, we cannot be any other way than joyful. Fr. Gene Schroeder



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM MASS: Ed, Helen & Jim Loehr, Marty Kissinger, Kathleen Melton, Jerry & Drexel Brothers, Maria Hoefling (1877), Carolina Zeggling (1899), Thomas Kempf (2014)

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MASS: Joe James, Joe & Delores Elpers, Bill & Marian Elpers, Gus & Verena Bender, Roman, Dorothy, Doris & Ed Senninger, Emil & Bud Hopf

10:30 AM MASS: Eric Seib, Darlene & Don Baumgart, June Weiss, John Straub, Paul D. Curtis, Ferdinand Baehl (1860), Margaret Urich (1881), Dionysius Mayer (1910), Infant Macke (1916), Francis Weiss (1972), William (1977) & Alice Pfister

MONDAY, MARCH 13 LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 PM MASS: John & Beulah Gramelspacher, John Bernhard (1878), Francis (2007) & Christine Voelker), Tony (2013) & Eileen Ruminer

TUESDAY, MARCH 14 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 PM MASS: Bernard & Mary Drone, George Brack (1880), Mary (1980) & Raymond Schmidt, Kate (2009) & Al Schmitt

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS: Valentin Effinger (1875), Joseph Baumgart (1881), Anna Baumgart (1883), Henry Bender (1916)

THURSDAY, MARCH 16 LENTEN WEEKDAY

NO MASS: Maria Fischer (1878), Anna Urich (1881), Herman Tenhumberg (1960), Pet Sauer (1995), June (2000) & Tony Weiss (2000), Valada Pace (2001)

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 SAINT PATRICK

7:30 AM MASS: Jack & Rosemary Freeman, Henry Happe (1873), Bernard Moutoux (1880), Thelma (1972) & Albert Scheu

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM MASS: Mary Rexing, Jeff Schneider, Regina Ochsner (1879), Paul Buehner (1982), Marianna (2013) & Joe Elpers

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MASS: Robert & Margie Harpenau, Dean Trowbridge

10:30 AM MASS: Agatha Ziegler (1872), Henry Angermeyer (1920), Joseph (1986) & Josephine Goebel (1986), Cecilia (1988) & John Reising, Olen (1994) & Betty Metz



WEEKDAY MASS AND MONDAY EUCHARIST ADORATION WILL BE IN OUR NEW CHAPEL IN THE RECTORY. ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR

SETTING P FOR MASS...As we go forward we will need to set for mass each week. A number of folks have offered their help. **To make things simple, we are going to set up for mass each Friday at 3 pm.** Come and join us. Many hands make the work quick and easy for all of us.

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a lifechanging relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as



HAPPY

well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

March 5, 2023		\$	21,983.00
WEEKLY BUDGET		\$	19,692.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE		\$	646,039.91
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

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GOOD SAMARTIAN: Doris Head RIVER POINTE: Keith & Beverly Jones

March 12: Evan Freeman, Chris Moutoux March 13: Amelia Hartz, Carolyn Lipper, Sheila McGehee

March 14: Chick Duncan, Cyril Gerteisen,

Selene Gumbel, Mitchell Karcher, Kyla Kares, Jenna Klueh

March 15: Lea Elliott, Brad Elpers,

Brittney Hollingsworth, Scotty Kirk, Ella Weber

March 16: Barbara Angermeier, Tom Angermeier, ANNIVER
Carol Fechtmeister, Reigns Straus, Sterling Straus

March 17: Dax Brown, Joshua Clem, Karen Hellenberg, Russell Jansen, Abby Stratman, Shane Wessel

March 18: Katelyn Mochau, Rachel Refenes, Charlie Voelker

THANK YOU.... for all your expressions of sympathy and cards after the loss of Jorhdan, our grandson's wife and mother of our 2 small great grandchildren. Thanks to Fr. Gene and Kristan Gilles for coming to Newburgh to do the services at Cory's request. It has all been so appreciated. *Cory*, *Richard & Imagene*



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS Once again we are inviting you to remember your loved ones at Easter. Send your contribution along with the names of the people you want to remember to the parish office (through the collection or through the mail) by April 3rd. The names will be published in the Easter Bulletin.

Please remember in your prayers Howard Rutledge the grandfather of Brittany (Ruttledge)
Fehrenbacher, and Ed Senninger, the cousin of Fr. Gene Schroeder who died last week. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their families. Last week, when we prayed for Shawn Wildt, we failed to mention that his wife

Dana is a cousin of Missy Singer.

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 and seeing the real presence of God in all things.



Today there has been a notable anthropocentric excess which, under another guise continues to undermine any reference to something common and any attempt to strengthen social ties. This is why the time has come to pay attention again to reality with the limits it imposes. This in turn constitutes the possibility of a healthier and more fruitful human and social development.

An inadequate presentation of Christian anthropology has ended up promoting an erroneous conception of the relationship of the human being with the world. Many times a Promethean dream of world domination has been transmitted which has given the impression that caring for nature is for the weak. Instead, the correct interpretation of the concept of the human being as lord of the universe is to understand him as a responsible administrator.

The lack of concern for measuring the damage to nature and the environmental impact of decisions is only the evident reflection of a disinterest in recognizing the message that nature carries inscribed in its own structures. When the importance of a poor person, of a human embryo, of a person with disabilities is not recognized in reality itself - to give just a few examples - it will be



difficult to hear the cries of nature itself. Everything is connected. If the human being declares himself autonomous from reality and constitutes himself absolute ruler, the very basis of his existence crumbles.Instead of carrying out his role as God's collaborator in the work of creation. man replaces God and so it ends up provoking the rebellion of nature.

This situation leads us to a permanent schizophrenia, which goes from the technocratic exaltation that does not recognize a value of its own in other beings, to the reaction of denying any particular value to the human being. But humanity cannot be ignored. There will be no new relationship with nature without a new human being. There is no ecology without an adequate anthropology.

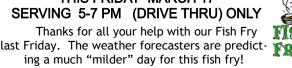
When the human person is considered only one more being among others, which derives from a game of chance or from a physical determinism, there is a risk that the awareness of responsibility will fade in people. A deviant anthropocentrism does not necessarily have to give way to a "biocentrism", because this would imply introducing a new imbalance, which will not only not solve the problems, but will add others. A commitment to the world cannot be demanded of the human being if his peculiar capacities of knowledge, will, freedom and responsibility are not recognized and valued at the same time.

The critique of deviant anthropocentrism should not even overshadow the value of relationships between people. If the ecological crisis is an emergence or an external manifestation of the ethical, cultural and spiritual crisis of modernity, we cannot delude ourselves to restore our relationship with nature and the environment without restoring all fundamental human relationships. When Christian thought claims a particular value for the human being above other creatures, it gives space to the appreciation of every human person, and thus stimulates the recognition of the other. Openness to a "you" able to know, love and dialogue continues to be the great nobility of the human person.

TO BE CONTINUED

IT'S FISH FRY TIME

THIS FRIDAY MARCH 17 SERVING 5-7 PM (DRIVE THRU) ONLY





COME HELP US PREPARE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 **BEGINNING AT 1 PM**

We'll need help to cut up and prepare all the ingredients for the potato salad and slaw.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16 BEGIING AT 2 PM

We'll need help preparing our famous sweet/sour slaw and packaging it in containers

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 BEGINNING AT 3 PM

We will need help frying the fish and putting the carryout meals together for the carryout. We'll be working mostly in the meeting room. And we need help cleaning up after all the meals have been served. Check the emails for updates. You can also volunteer by calling Elisha Dewig (812-798-7098) or the parish office (812-963-3273).

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO JOIN US FOR A GREAT DINNER

HELP US GET OUR CEMETERY READY FOR THE LAWN MOWING SEASOI

To help us get ready for our lawn mowing season, we ask that you remove any decorations around your cemetery tombstones that might get in the way of our lawn mowing Remember that flowers and plagues must be atcrews. tached securely to the tombstone or flower vases. Shepherd's crooks, statues, balloons, and the like are not permitted as they are a hazard to our mowing crews.

We believe it is important for all those who are placing flowers on the graves of their loved ones to periodically check them. We have found that some people will place artificial flowers on the grave and then never come and check on them. In the meantime, the flowers get faded and shredded and begin to disintegrate thus causing bits of flowers to be scattered all over the cemetery. Thanks for your help in keeping our cemetery a place of honor and respect as well as a safe place for our lawn mowing crews.

We're still looking for people to join our lawn mowing crews, especially our big mower crews. Maybe you could be one of these people. the parish office (812-963-3273), Randy Fehrenbacher, (812-453-5397) or Randy Tenbarge (812-205-5139) to offer your help or for more information. You'll help our parish save money, and you'll help keep our grounds looking nice.

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