From the Pastor's desk

Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022

There is a story from a book entitled, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, authored by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen. The title of the story is, "The Circus." It goes like this: "Once when I was a teenager, my father and I were standing in line to buy tickets for the circus. Finally, there was only one family between the ticket counter and us. This family made a big impression on me. There were eight children, all probably under the age of 12; you could tell they didn't have a lot of money. Their clothes were not expensive, but they were clean. The children were well behaved, all of them standing in line, two by two behind their parents, holding hands. They were excitedly jabbering about the clowns, elephants and other acts they would see that night. One could sense they had never been to the circus before. It promised to be a highlight of their young lives. The father and mother were at the head of the pack standing proud as could be. The mother was holding her husband's hands, looking up at him as if to say, 'You're my knight in shining armor.' He was smiling and basking in pride, looking at her as if to reply, 'You got that right.' The ticket lady asked the father how many tickets he wanted. He proudly responded, 'Please let me buy eight children's tickets and two adult tickets so I can take my family to the circus.' The ticket lady quoted the price. The man's wife let go of his hand, her head dropped; the man's lip began to quiver. The father leaned a little closer and asked, 'How much did you say?' The ticket lady again quoted the price. The man didn't have enough money. How was he supposed to turn and tell his eight kids that he didn't have enough money to take them to the circus? Seeing what was going, my dad put his hand into his pocket, pulled out a $20 bill and dropped it on the ground. We were not wealthy in any sense of the word! My father reached down, picked up the bill, tapped the man on the shoulder and said: 'Excuse me, sir, this fell out of your pocket.' "The man knew what was going. He was not begging for a handout but certainly appreciated the help in a desperate, heartbreaking and embarrassing situation. He looked straight into my dad's eyes, took my dad's hands in both of his, squeezed tightly onto the $20 bill, with his lip quivering and a tear streaming down his cheek, he replied: 'Thank you, thank you, sir. This really means a lot to me and my family.' My father and I went back to our car and drove home. We didn't go to the circus that night, but we didn't go without" -- because we answered the question Jesus' posed to Peter, 'Do you love me?' And I learned how to answer that question in my life."

Let us love one another as He first loved us,

Fr. Dennis

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[Jesus] then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
JOHN 21:16

Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 1st:

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Monday, May 2nd:

Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119; John 6:22-29

Tuesday, May 3rd:

I Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19; John 14:6-14

Wednesday, May 4th:

Acts 8:1b-8; Psalm 66; John 6:35-40

Thursday, May 5th:

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66; John 6:44-51

Friday, May 6th

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117; John 6:52-59

Saturday, May 7th:

Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116; John 6:60-69

A WORD FROM Pope Francis Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services….Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all. PATRIS CORDE, DECEMBER 8, 2020

First Holy Communion at St. Mary's has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 7th during the 5:00 PM Mass.

MASS & ADORATION

Saturday, April 30th
9:00 AM SM—+Martha Schiwal by Leo & Marylou
5:00 PM SM—+Eugenia Stagl by Richard Stagl

Sunday, May 1st
8:30 AM—+Steve & +Bertha Anton by Duane & Kathy Schwab
10:30 AM SM—Pro Populo

Monday, May 2nd
7:30 AM SM— Communion Service

Tuesday, May 3rd
6:00 PM SM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:45 PM SM—Rosary, Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00 PM SM—+Willard Beaudoin by Theresa Tarpo

Schedule Change **Wednesday, May 4th**
2:10 PM SM— +Eugenia Stagl by Family
6:00 PM SM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM SE—+Grandparents of John & Marietta Hollinger

Thursday, May 5th
7:30 AM SM — +Family of Joseph Schwartzbauer by Patty Flohr

Friday, May 6th
7:30 AM SM—Violet Dobitz by Louann Dobitz & Family
7:00 PM SE—Saint Elizabeth Christian Mothers

Saturday, May 7th
5:00 PM SM—First Holy Communicants

Sunday, May 8th
8:30 AM SE—+Steve & +Bertha Anton by Duane & Kathy Schwab
10:30 AM SM—Pro Populo

Confessions will be offered before each daily Mass and before Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Mary's.

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

May 7th & 8th

MINISTRY	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 10:30AM
Lector	Diane B.	Jim G.
Altar server	Will S./Zack J.	Levi V./Jameson V.
Rosary Leader	Martina S.	Maureen G.
Gifts	Marc Wolf Family	Kent & Angie M.

Collection Report St. Mary's

April 23rd & 24th, 2022

Adult		Youth
$ 715.00	Envelopes	$0.00
$ 0.00	Loose Plate	
$ 715.00	Total	
$ 11724.00	Monthly Total	Rice Bowl-$114.35

Saint Elizabeth's Liturgical Ministers

May 1st

	Sunday 8:30 AM
Lector	
Mass Server	
Ushers	
Gift	

Collection Report St. Elizabeth's

April 24, 2022

Adult		Youth
$ 0.00	Envelopes	$ .00
$ 0.00	Loose Plate	
$ 0.00	Total	
$ 2363.00	Monthly Total	

Knights of Columbus Council #5477

Meetings held monthly at the Lefor KC Club. For more information contact **Fran at 483-6091**

Knights of Columbus Council #9675

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday at St. Mary's. For more information contact **Mike at 701-290-2493**

Keep in your prayers our deceased loved ones:

+Arlene Schaefer, +Jim Krebs, +Lea Madler, +Juanita Koppinger, +Eleanor Kilwein, +Dorothy Kohl, +Kevin Schaefer, +Drew Madler, +Fran Serr, +Harvey Herberholz, +Shirley Sticka

Saint Mary's Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 2nd: Scarlett Vearrier; May 3rd: James Gardner, Katie Schmidt, (A) Bonnie & Gerald Jung; May 4th: (A) Diane & Ervin Binstock, (A) Mischelle & Jerry Rebel; May 5th: (A) Shawn & Shelly Wolf; May 6th: Bernice Gyolai, Nick Rettinger; May 7th: Jess Schulz; May 8th: Hayden Turner, Bryce Urlacher

Saint Elizabeth Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 5th: Jessica Schneider

St. Mary's Announcements: *Wednesday, May 4th there will be Mass during the final Faith Formation class for this school year. *Graduation Mass will be held at St. Mary's on Sunday, May 22nd during the 10:30 Mass.

St. Elizabeth Announcements:

*Coffee and rolls will be on May 8th following Mass. *Parish Council May 18th after Mass.

Dickinson Catholic Adults is geared towards adults (21-50) from the Dickinson area who are seeking community and to deepen their faith. Our next event will be on Friday, May 13, at 6:30 PM at 618 Palm Beach Road, Dickinson. Father Christian Smith will be our featured speaker. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. For childcare options, please email dickinsoncatholicadults@gmail.com For more information, join our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/dickinsoncatholicadults/) or email dickinsoncatholicadults@gmail.com

Stewardship

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters." • Stewardship Thought: Do we ever take the initiative in giving of our time, talent and treasure, or do we always wait to be asked?

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Belinda Lynch, Doretta Wiegum, Nicole Leck, Gene Wert, Rick Schaefer, Anthony German, Kent Candrian, Dan Mollman, Rod Crane, Katy Kautzman, Bob Barnes, Bart Rohan, Cooper Craig, Derek Benz, Theresa Tarpo, Todd Leach, JoAnn Urlacher, Josie Steier, Katie Stolz, Bonnie Benz, Andy Prokop, Elven Kaufman, Suzette Printz, Linda Reisenauer, Howard Schiwal, Yvonne Fettig, Kim Kuhn, Bonnie (Krebs) Dick

Assisted Living and Nursing Home Residents: Duane Grundhauser, Leona Schiwal, Violet Dobitz, Theresa Tarpo, Beverly Held, Theresa Decker, Marilyn Wert, Gilbert Buzalsky, Mary Hanson, Joe & Aggie Wandler, Charlotte Krebs, Sylvia Koppinger, Leona Gordon, Donnella Koppinger, Willie Emmil, Frances Heick

Do You Love Me?

Three times Jesus asked Simon Peter: "Do you love me?" (John 21:16). This is the same Peter who earlier had sworn three times that, even if everyone else deserted Jesus, he never would. He was so sure of himself. Now, realizing the unreliability of his loyalty to Jesus, Peter is not so quick to answer with such self-confidence. Note that Peter did not reply with a straightforward, "Yes!" Rather, he amplified each response with the telling words: "You know…." With these words he acknowledged that Jesus could read his mind and heart, that he knew Peter's genuine love of him despite his all-too-human weakness. This itself was an act of faith. This simple exchange did not humiliate Peter. That was not Jesus' way. They both understood what Peter had done, and they both knew how brokenhearted it had left him. Peter was humbled—not by Jesus, but by the recognition of his own human frailty. Despite this, or perhaps because of it, Jesus commissioned Peter to be leader among his followers. Another person might have chosen a more reliable man. However, there is great strength and wisdom in a leader who has learned from experience how circumstances might cause otherwise brave people to turn their backs on their responsibilities and run from danger. Such a leader will challenge while being compassionate and stand firm while being understanding. This is the kind of leader Jesus chose, for he knew that Peter would be that kind of leader.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre: **Where was St. Joseph during Jesus' crucifixion?** It's impossible to know for certain when Joseph died, since the Gospels don't refer to it. By the time Jesus starts his public ministry, Joseph had disappeared. We know for sure that Joseph lived at least until Jesus was twelve (see Luke 2:42). While Joseph scholars have many ideas, most believe Joseph probably died around the time of Jesus' baptism and before the wedding feast at Cana, when Jesus was about thirty years old (see Luke 3:23). That's because Mary is mentioned at the wedding feast, but Joseph is not (see John 2:1–12). And, while Jesus is preaching, the only ones looking for him are his "mother and brothers" (see Matthew 12:46–49, Mark 3:32– 34, and Luke 8:19–21). Finally, while dying on the cross, Jesus entrusts his mother to the disciple John, who took her to his home (see John 19:27). If Joseph had been alive at the time, this wouldn't have been necessary. Thus, it's entirely likely that Joseph died with Jesus and Mary at his side, giving his death great significance in popular devotion. From ancient times, Christian traditions have held that Joseph died in the arms of the Virgin and Jesus. The origins of Joseph as the patron of a happy death can be seen as early as the second century.

From Husband, Father, Worker: Questions & Answers about St. Joseph

Continue to pray for our students who will receive their First Holy Communion **Saturday, May 7th at Saint Mary's**. Please remember Kaydon Herberholz, Kinzlee Messer, Ben Schmidt, Rylee Sonsalla, Luke Urlacher, and Ayria Wolbaum in your prayers. Also, Hadley Kuhn who will receive her First Holy Communion at St. Elizabeth. May God bless these children and their families as well, that the Holy Eucharist may remain the foundation of their families' spiritual lives.

Today is our parish's God's Share Appeal. **Christian stewards recognize Christ as the giver of all our many gifts. We are grateful for these many gifts and are eager to give back and return some of these gifts in appreciation to show our love for Christ and one another. All of us share as Christ's disciples in the mission of the Diocese of Bismarck. Only together, can we accomplish God's work. Please prayerfully consider a very generous gift to this year's appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation and with your gift we can do it. Remember, no gift is too large nor too small.**

Thank you to those who have generously donated to our needy fund. Donations to this fund at this time or throughout the year are greatly appreciated. Funds may be given to Father, dropped off at the office or put in the weekly collection and noted 'needy fund'. Our fund is currently around $1500.00.

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Mass Schedule

St. Mary

Tuesday: 7:00 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:30 AM
Last Saturday: 9:00 AM (Adoration Chapel)
Saturday: 5:00 PM; Sunday: 10:30 AM

St. Elizabeth

Wednesday: 7:00 PM
First Friday: 7:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary—Tuesday: 6:00 PM; Adoration Chapel at your convenience

St. Elizabeth—Wednesday: 6:00 PM

Marriage: Contact Pastor at least nine months prior to your wedding date.

Baptism: Pre-Baptism preparation session required.

Anointing of the Sick: By request.