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Sunday 32A, Nov 12, 2023

Sat, 11-11, StA	5:00 pm (Patty Griffith)
Sun, 11-12, StsPP	8:30 am (Parishioners)
Sun, 11-12, StA	10:45 am (†Jack & MaryJane Sittarich)



**PARISH PRAYER LIST:** Loretta Althoff, Brenda Burger, Mary Ellen Krump, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Steve Metzen, Jim Mitchell, Travis, Steve Cerkas, August Dockter, Larry Jagodzinski, MaryAnn Franks, Jerry Muth, Kristen Czekala, Jake Fuller, Tyrell Fauske, Nettie Mauch, Loran Palmer, Patricia Herschberger, Kate Cook.

Intercessory prayer asks “on behalf of another. It knows no boundaries and extends to one’s enemies” CCC 2647. Please let us know who (with their permission) we can lift up in prayer. Thnx.

asleep. At the announcement of his arrival, they get ready to welcome him.

Those waiting fall into 2 groups: the wise & the foolish. They are very similar, but not exactly. What distinguishes the wise & the foolish is a very small thing, yet it makes all the difference when a problem arises.

The problem is this: “*the bridegroom was long delayed.*” It’s been a problem for the Church from the be-

ginning: with *delay* comes the danger of love growing cold.

So, the little thing that makes the big difference between the wise and the foolish virgins is the flasks of oil.

Their tiny clay lamps held little oil. Foreseeing a possible delay, half the maidens carried small refueling vessels, very practical. The other half of this bridal party went to get fuel and missed the groom's arrival.

What's the little thing in your life, the flask of fuel, that makes all the difference?

## Last Week's Giving

Mantador: Plate \$146.00  
Envelopes: \$580.00  
Capital Campaign: \$105  
Grain Check:

Mooreton: Plate \$92.24  
Children \$  
Envelopes \$270.00



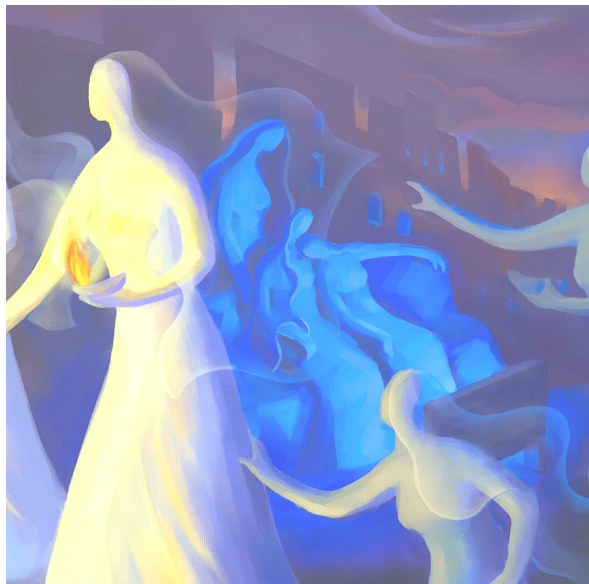
**FUEL ON HAND.** In the Creed we profess that Jesus “will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead”. What began with Adam & Eve created in God’s image ends with Christ’s Final Judgement. Such are the two bookends of human history.

As his death drew near, Jesus often referred to his Final Coming. The parable of the 10 virgins is one of the stories Jesus tells to cast light upon this mystery.

At 1st century weddings in Palestine, friends and relatives of the bride would meet the groom when he came to bring his bride to her new home. They awaited him with baited breath.

That's an event. How about a lifetime? What does it mean to stay awake for Jesus the Bridegroom's Return?

The 10 maidens awaiting the Bridegroom fall



**Plea for Peace.** As war in the Holy Land rages on, Pope Francis keeps calling for a ceasefire “in the name of God” along with corridors for humanitarian aid into Gaza and the release of all hostages being held by Hamas. His immediate goal is a stop to the killing. The Vatican has long advocated for a 2-state solution in Israel and Palestine with a special status for Jerusalem. It remains to be seen if such a possibility is even viable anymore.

**Parish Council Nominations.** We are waiting to hear back from nominees before we determine if an election is necessary.

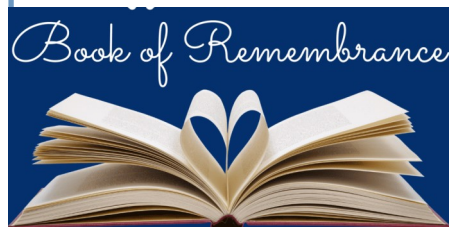
**DOCTRINE OF HOPE.** In our 2nd Rdg, Paul says Christians don’t grieve like those who have no hope. When darkness seems to prevail at times, for ourselves and for others, we need reasons to hope.

In Peter Kreeft’s *Every Thing You Ever Wanted to Know About Heaven, but Never Dreamed of Asking*, the author compares Purgatory to reading a book.

“Purgatory is reading the already-written book of your life with total understanding and acceptance—the total understanding that comes only *from* total acceptance” (65). With the story of life having ended, we can re-read our stories from God’s perspective, without fear of condemnation and without rationalization. Purgatory frees us to confront our histories and understand our choices and their consequences.

“In Purgatory, we do not make different choices but only see and understand clearly all our past choices” (64). Paybacks, lies, infidelities, greed, lust, sarcasm, indifference and violence ripple through families and communities. They infect the culture and affect not just the people who were hurt, but sometimes down to the third and fourth generation as people reel from the wounds inflicted.

In Purgatory God reveals the truth of our lives. Denial is no longer a possibility. God delivers us from any delusions and brings us into reality, into knowledge, into responsibility. This is the suffering and the grace of that state of passage the Church has traditionally called Purgatory. To be continued next week....



**A BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE IS ON DISPLAY IN EACH CHURCH. DURING NOVEMBER, WRITE THE NAMES OF THOSE DEPARTED SOULS FOR WHOM YOU WISH US TO PRAY THROUGHOUT THIS MONTH. COMMENTS, PRAYERS, WHAT YOU’RE GRATEFUL FOR IS ALSO WELCOME.**

**ALSO, SEE ENVELOPES TO USE TO HELP SUPPORT THE GREAT WORK OF OUR CEMETERIES.**

*Blessings upon Kattie & Bobby Szudera,  
wed at St. Anthony’s on Sat, Nov 11!*



**RCIA**—candidates meet this Tue, Nov 14, at the Mooreton Rectory, 7 pm.



One way to give thanks for your health, and take care of those around you, is to donate blood. Every three seconds someone in this country needs blood and 250 volunteer blood donors are needed in this region every day! Join us Thursday, November 16th

at St. Anthony Church for our community blood drive. Appointment are available from 3:45pm to 7:00pm. Contact Bailey at 701-361-2142 to schedule your appointment. Or online at Vitalant.org – donate now – blood drive code: Mooreton.

**Keeping God’s House Beautiful, October**  
**Sts PP:** \*Marilyn Lingen, Memory Mauch, Liane Mauch, Kathy Marohl  
**St A:** \*Rhonda Erbes, Bethany Mauch, Celeste Whitebear, DeeAnn Mauch, Cindy Braun, Renee Griffith



### THIS WEEK’S CELEBRATIONS:

Doug Birchem, Todd Klosterman, Taylor Nelson, Brenda Klosterman, Ashton Mauch, Esther Mertes, Paislee Erbes, Arnel Onchuck, Tim Pellman, Andrew Mauch

**Esther (& Ted †) Mertes,  
Ron & Jackie Lingen**



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOV 15, BUDGET MTG, MOORETON

NOV 16, BUDGET MTG, MANTADOR

NOV 23, THANKSGVG MASS, 8:30 MANTADOR

DO WE ALSO WANT ONE IN MOORETON AT 10:30?

