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From our pastoral council president

Have you ever been told you are a good listener? Have you ever been with that one person who really listens--puts everything down, and is focused on you and you alone? It is such an important skill, listening. To one another. To our families. To our friends. To that small, quiet voice in our hearts. To our "gut", which in essence, is God.

How often do we truly listen? This requires slowing down, and being silent and being in silence. Quieting our hearts and our minds, and quieting our world. It requires putting our phones down and shutting off the television and the radio. To

be there for each other, to help each other. It takes time, but it is time well spent. If we are listening in prayer, and are quiet enough, we may even hear God speak back.

At Parish Council, we begin our meetings with Lectio Divina, a meditation of the next Sunday's gospel. We read the Gospel, quietly reflect on what we are hearing God say to us through His Divine reading, whether this be in our hearts or in our minds. We then discuss with each other what may have brought comfort to us or what may have challenged us by what we heard. It is a beautiful way to begin our meetings. If you would like to try Lectio Divina, you can go to Catholic.Bible and give it a try. This is just one more way to listen to God!

I wish you peace and all good.

--Missy Marchant



Did you know?

We've come to the last church window in our series, and it's probably the one we can most identify with: the Holy Family, quietly at work in their home.

Little is said about what Jesus home life was like. Jesus was taught the family trade, carpentry, probably from an early age. It was physical work. A carpenter of that time was typically a woodworking craftsman who built furniture and utensils, doors, and door frames, and prepared roofing beams. This tells us Jesus and Joseph were very likely robust men with calloused hands and strong muscles. Jesus knows what it is to labor for his daily bread.

In this window, Joseph and Jesus are working together. Mary appears to have a long strand of fiber in her hand and across her lap. Perhaps she was sewing, or getting ready to weave family garments. They were each doing what was necessary for the good of their little family, and it's hard to imagine that any of them were complaining about their lot in life. They were caring for each other.

Around them are the arches and spires one might see in a church, referring undoubtedly to the "domestic church" which our families are called to be, filled with generous labor and daily prayer. Their family is the perfect model to emulate.



Festival has something for everyone

Now's the time to mark your calendars so that nothing else takes precedence over participating in **Corpus Christi's fall festival**, October 14-15.

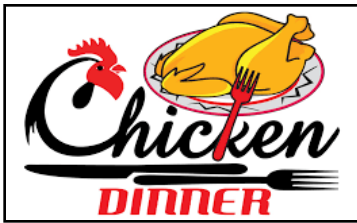
Just as families gather together to celebrate birthdays and holidays, our parish plans this yearly celebration to have fun, eat good food, win prizes, spend time together--and in the process, bring in some funds to help with the big-ticket costs our parish faces this year.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, after the 4:30 Mass until 6pm, parishioners can browse the bake sale for goodies to take home, purchase cash raffle and bucket raffle tickets and bid on silent auction items. In other words, something for everyone.

Sunday will see the main events after the 7:30am and 10:30am Masses. Here's the schedule.

In the social hall:

- The bake sale will continue until everything is gone. Cash raffle (tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25) and bucket raffle tickets can still be purchased, and bids made in the silent auction.
- 11am-1pm is the yummy chicken dinner everyone looks forward to. Pre-sale prices are \$14 in advance and \$15 at the door for adults. Children ages 5-12 are \$7. Four years and under are free.



for a while after the drawing.

In the Maple Street parking lot:

10am-1pm emergency vehicles will be on display. Kids as well as adults can see what they look on the inside and how they operate. The school playground will be available for the kids to wear off some excess energy. Other outdoor games for young and old will be ongoing.

10am-2pm A mobile bar and refreshments will be available.

Fr. Ryan stressed at the August parish council meeting that it's important the festival be a success, not only because it builds camaraderie within the parish, but also because we're looking at some major



expenditures that are part of keeping up the buildings on our campus.

This year, all festival proceeds are dedicated to pay for our \$265,000 share for replacing the school boiler/HVAC system.

(The school pays for the other half.) That's in addition to the \$180,000 subsidy we pay for the support of the school itself.

In addition, Fr. Ryan said we had to drain one of our endowment funds to cover a \$170,000 deficit in the budget, so parish support of fund-raising efforts like the festival is extremely important.

Last year's harvest festival proceeds were to pay for an ADA bathroom near the social hall. Plans for that are still in the works, but the money has been set aside for now until work on

the boiler is completed.

So, there are lots of reasons to make the fall festival a priority on your calendar. We can help care for our parish family home while having fun in the process. See you there!

Dig out those prized recipes!

Last year's bakers outdid themselves with tasty treats for the bake sale at the fall festival. We invite those same bakers to bring in more of those family favorites for the rest of us to enjoy--and for first-timers to bring things, too!

Bars, breads, cookies, pies and other kitchen concoctions will be displayed with pride and snapped up by hungry

families. This year, there's no need to price your donations--always a difficult task. The bake sale committee will take care of that for you.

Watch the bulletin for more details as we get closer to the date, and use the intervening time to scour your cookbooks and recipe boxes for irresistible goodies. We can't wait to see what you come up with.



Mission trip teens share fun, faith

The array of goodies on the tables wasn't nearly as inviting as the smiling faces and friendly approach of a contingent of teens who returned last month from a Life Teen mission trip to Texas.

The gathering was one of two such evenings at St. Joseph Church held for patrons of the trip--and for anyone else who wanted learn what these young people did and what they learned while helping others.

It was impressive to hear. Record breaking heat and humidity high to make air drinkable didn't stop them from painting, cleaning, gardening, doing whatever was needed--without complaint--and making friends with the people they helped. They still found time in the evenings for playing games, attending Mass, or spending time in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

While we munched on goodies and sipped homemade punch, the teens stood at the front and shared their experiences, and a slideshow proved how much was asked of them and how generously they responded.

Maybe it's easier to let them speak for themselves. The following are some of the comments posted on Facebook by youth minister Sarah Gavin.

"Our trip to Dickinson, Texas, was so eye opening and healing. The entire group of people were so welcoming, loving, supportive, and kind. Our community helped each other grow in our faith and helped each other become more vulnerable and open to God.

"Our worksites were hot, sweaty and sometimes gross, but being put in those places helped me become less judgmental and more grateful for what I have.

"The

sessions taught me new ways to pray and that prayer doesn't have to be all structured and formal. I learned that I loved singing with everyone and I think singing this week has made me feel more connected with God than I ever have.

"This trip was so changing over this week and I know these experiences and people I met will still impact me after I get home."

--High school girl

"The mission trip to Texas affected me in many ways. Throughout the week I was able to grow closer to God and help people that were not able to help themselves.

"I was able to become more open and comfortable with my faith. I enjoyed the peace of going to Adoration and being able to just talk to God."

--High school boy

"This mission trip has affected me in a couple of ways.

"I grew closer to God and I also made new friends. I really connected with Jesus during one of our many Adoration sessions when every person was belting their hearts out and it was beautiful and I had a real connection with Jesus. It was a very powerful moment for me.

"I also met new people. I went from never knowing this one boy to being very close with him so we shared many special moments during worship and out of worship. I strongly believe the friendship we share will last a long time."

--High school boy

And from Sarah herself:

"Real life story:

"• Teen boy running.

"Me: why are you running in this heat? You just showered.

"Him: I'm running to confession!

"• Another teen boy walking with me.

"Me: what are you up to?

"Him: I forgot my water bottle at the volleyball court. Then I'm heading to Reconciliation

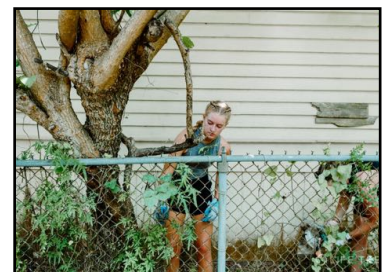
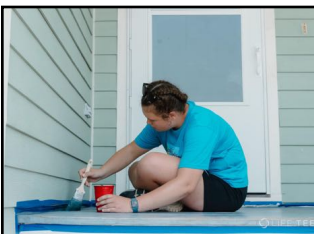
before Mass.

"• Me in a meeting: where is (name)?

"Kyle: Reconciliation

"This is for real. Wow."

This is our young Church.



Treasuring Jesus in the Eucharist

A bishop, dressed in a white cassock, walks into a church guarded by soldiers in combat dress and carrying automatic weapons. Inside, the church has been turned into a barracks. Soldiers lounge at the tables and listen to music.

“We are here to remove the Blessed Sacrament while the town is occupied,” the bishop says.

The soldiers defy him, and one uses his assault rifle to destroy the tabernacle and the crucifix above it.

Shocked and intimidated, the bishop turns and walks out of the church. But as he reaches his car, he stops. He looks at the crowd which has gathered, his people silently watching him. Suddenly, he turns and with determined step marches back into the church, past the soldiers, and straight to the tabernacle, where he begins to gather up the hosts that lie scattered on the ground. As bullets pound the wall above his head, he continues his task until, his mission completed, he is expelled from the church by force.

It is a scene from the 1989 film “Romero,” and is one of many stories of people willing to die to protect the Eucharist because they know that the Eucharist is really and truly the Body and Blood of Jesus.

On May 13, 1799, the day after Pentecost, as their army retreated north through Italy, a small detachment of 20 French soldiers broke off from the main force and entered the Cistercian monastery of Casamari, where they were welcomed by the prior, Fr. Siméon Cardon, and given food and drink. Despite the hospitality of the monks and driven by the anti-Christian rhetoric of the French Revolution, the soldiers proceeded to assault the monks and pillage the monastery.



Many of the monks fled, hiding in a neighboring wheat field.

Of the few brave souls that stayed behind, three attempted to prevent the desecration of the Eucharist, gathering up the precious hosts which had been scattered. They were 74-year-old novice master Fr. Dominik Zavrel, a native of Prague; Fr. Albertin Maisonade, originally from Bordeaux; and Br. Dositeo Ciovaglia di Pofi.

As they finished their task, they were brutally attacked by three soldiers, who hacked at them with their sabres. Zavrel and

Maisonade died on the spot, while Br. Dositeo managed to escape and survive his wounds.

In an epigram by the 4th-century pope Damasus affixed to his tomb, we learn that a man named Tarcisius gave his life to defend the Eucharist rather than betray it into the hands of a pagan mob, who killed him. Although we know nothing else about him, except *possibly* that he was a deacon, later retellings of his story depict him as a youth and an acolyte, which has led to his becoming the patron saint of altar servers.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen used to tell a story of the martyr who inspired his well-known Eucharistic devotion. During the Boxer Rebellion in China at the turn of the 20th century, soldiers broke into a Catholic church, arrested the priest, and destroyed the tabernacle, scattering the 32 hosts it had contained.

That night, one of the parishioners – a young Chinese girl – sneaked into the church and spent an hour in Adoration before the scattered hosts before consuming one of them. She did this every night for 32 nights, and it was on the final night, after all the hosts had been safely consumed, that she was caught and killed by one of the guards.

Paul Comtois, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, had such a great devotion to the Eucharist that he persuaded the Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec to grant him permission to keep the Blessed Sacrament in a tabernacle in the private chapel of his official residence. When a fire ripped through the house on February 21/22, 1966, Comtois, after ensuring his family and guests had exited safely, returned to the chapel but never made it out alive. The assumption has been that he was trying to retrieve the Eucharist from the tabernacle.

A year later almost to the day, on February 20, 1967, a local child set fire to the wooden church of St. Philip Neri in Rochester, New York. The pastor, Fr. George Weinmann, ran into the church to retrieve the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle. Although the Blessed Sacrament was saved, Fr. Weinmann died two days later, presumably from the effects of smoke inhalation.

So far, we haven’t been asked to give our lives for the Eucharist. But is our faith deep enough that we would be willing?

--From a blog by Kristina Glicksman

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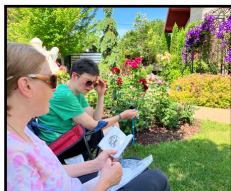
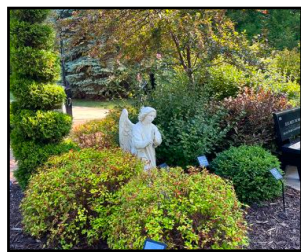
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Feast of Corpus Christi



For the second year, the feast of our parish was celebrated with an outdoor procession with a stop for prayer and then refreshments in the social hall afterward. A new banner, given in memory of Greg Stephan by his wife Cheri, graced the altar and is now is in the vestibule. We are a parish focusing on the truth that the Eucharist is truly Jesus himself, Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity.



The clematis framing Mary in the garden was cut back to eliminate a lot of deadwood, and the shrubs trimmed so the angel is once again visible. Left, Leslie and Gina Cross with other members of the Tuesday rosary group.



Elise Tlachac made her First Communion here while visiting grandparents Mark & Mary Tlachac. Her parents are Adam & Erica Tlachac.

Ryan Reif of the diocesan chapter of the World Apostolate of Fatima, spoke before the movie "Fatima," was shown, hosted by Catholic Financial Life and our Fatima prayer cell that meets First Friday after Mass at 9am.



Ask Fr. Ryan



Q: Can the wine used at Mass be any kind of wine?

A: No, the wine must be taken from grapes. Of course, the wine that's there at the beginning of Mass disappears at the moment of Consecration and only appears to be wine afterwards because it has been replaced by the Blood of Jesus. But the wine at the start of Mass must be from grapes for the sole reason that that is what Jesus used at the Last Supper. Every Mass that we celebrate is a participation in Jesus' Last Supper with the Apostles, so the elements of unleavened bread and grape wine must be used for that participation to remain intact.

(If you have a question for Fr. Ryan, email him at fr.ryan.krueger@yahoo.com. Or mail your question to 25 N. Elgin, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.)

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