

Community of Blessed Sacrament

Fall Festival 2017

Sunday, October 22, 2017



33 1/2 x 26 1/2

Quilted Wall Hanging Raffle

Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10

BE NOT *Afraid*

When battered by life's storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, "Do not fear: I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10).

He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God.

Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.

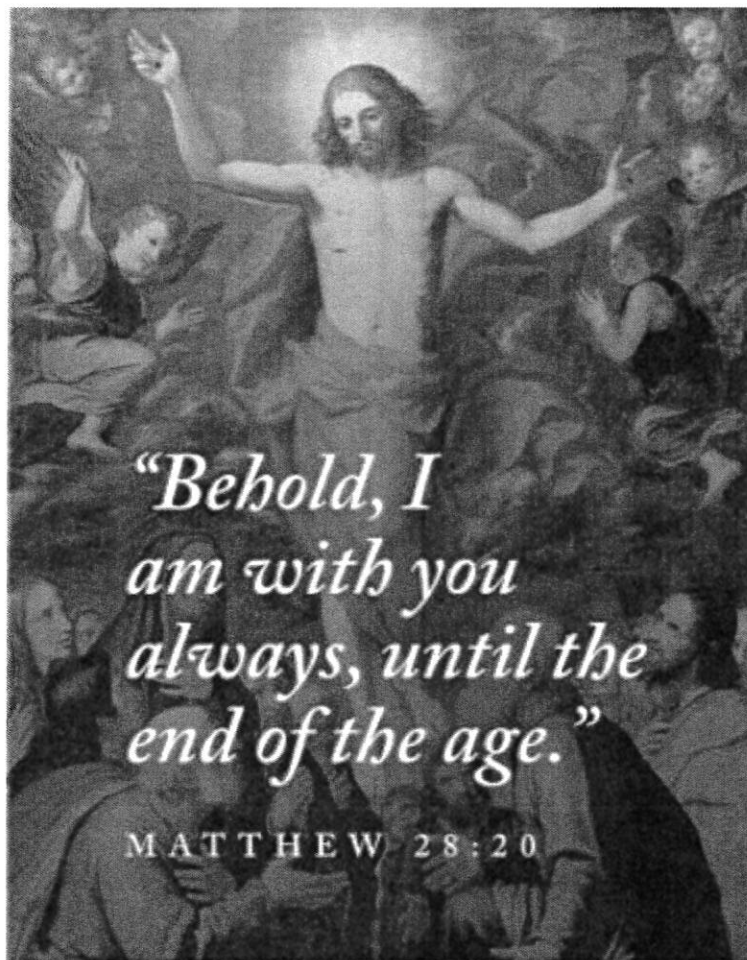
He is *always* with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go.

Go be my hands and feet to a world enslaved by fear. Go to the woman who is unexpectedly pregnant and fears the future. Go to your friend who fears reprisal at work because he takes a stand for the protection of human life. Go to your aging parent in failing health who fears being a burden. And go to others, too, for their support.

We don't need to have everything figured out. We can simply follow the

guidance of Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us.



RESPECT LIFE

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Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally-The rosary rally is planned to mark the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. The event is planned for Noon on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Lincoln Park, Waterloo, followed by a social at Queen of Peace (which is also the rain location). All are invited to come together in prayer and community. The plan is for small groups to gather throughout the park, praying the rosary in their native language, which can provide a vivid witness of the universality of our faith. To take part in the rosary rally, simply come to the park ready to pray!

Time & Talent Survey Weekend - October 14 & 15, 2017

Our annual survey of parishioners will be held at all Masses the weekend of Oct 14 & 15. Please prayerfully consider how you can share your gifts from God through support of our Parish ministries and participate in our survey at Mass or, you may do so now by completing an online survey at:

blessedsacramentwaterloo.org/time-and-talent-survey

Please note: Over time, the information in our database has become outdated and inaccurate. To ensure the most up-to-date information, we will be removing old Time & Talent Survey information and replacing it with the updated and current information from this year's survey. Therefore, it is essential that everyone participates this year. Thank you for your continuing commitment to witness the love of God through worship, service and life-long faith formation.



Fr. Putz Legacy Society is our Blessed Sacrament effort to offer our parishioners some useful information for your estate planning. Our hope is that as you provide for your family's future, we can share the benefits to you of providing for your parish family's ongoing presence and vitality as well. Save Sunday evening October 29 at 6:30 pm to join Fr. Tom for a brief presentation and your questions to be addressed by an estate planning professional.

Mental Health Awareness-Are You Aware? Join us Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6:00pm at St. Anthanasius Parish Center, 635 Stevens St., Jesup, IA. All are welcome! Mental illness can strike anyone, it knows no age limits, economic status, race, creed or color. We offer for presentation a Community Panel of Speakers, Questions/Answers, Social and Refreshments. You are not alone, please, see flyer in the Gathering Space.



40 Days for Life-Now through November 5, our community unite with hundreds of others around the world for a major simultaneous pro-life mobilization. Faithful believers are praying that these efforts will mark the beginning of the end of abortion. During these 40 days we will be praying outside Planned Parenthood in Cedar Falls everyday, for 12 hours. If you interested in joining and praying contact Kie at 319-231-5711 or faithluth@aol.com.

FALL FESTIVAL is Sunday, October 22, 2017. VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP IS GOING ON NOW!



Thank you to all who have signed up thus far. Help is especially needed in the following:

Pie/cake cutters from 11:30-1:00

Plant Sale workers (all shifts)

Snack Room workers

Children's Games & Activities

Set-up/Clean-up

Kitchen (1st & 2nd shift dish washers, along with workers for carry-out meals);

Please consider which of these areas you are willing to help, as your help IS NEEDED!

Questions? Please contact the Parish Office: 233-6179, or Maggie England: 939-8409.

Thank you!