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GIVE IT *all* TO GOD
THE *good* & THE *bad*

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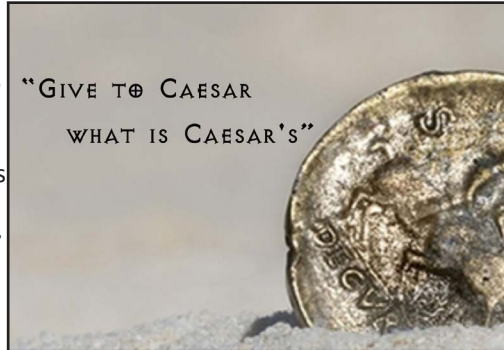
October 18, 2020

The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Matt...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the First Reading, the Prophet Isaiah speaks God's message to Cyrus, who is called "His anointed". The Prophet speaks of the way that God had chosen Cyrus and opened doors for him so that he might be successful. This Cyrus guy must have been a great leader of the Chosen People, right? Just based on what the Prophet is saying, Cyrus must have been one of the greatest of all Israelites, don't you think? Well, guess what? He wasn't an Israelite. In fact, when Isaiah spoke these words, Cyrus was one of the greatest oppressors of Israel, holding them in exile. He was Cyrus the Great, King of Persia. However, God changed Cyrus' heart and Cyrus not only freed the people to go back Israel, but he also rebuilt their city and their holy places!



When I was in the Seminary, I was having a conversation with one of my professors, Fr. Tom Acklin. I was telling him about some of the stuff that I was struggling with and he asked me to describe for him how I pray. What I came to realize was that the way I was praying was kind of fake. I was saying the things in prayer that I thought I should be saying, asking for what I thought I should be asking for. I wasn't being authentic. I wasn't really sharing my struggles with God, and because of that, I wasn't allowing God to love me fully. I asked Fr. Acklin if God really wanted the bad stuff along with the good, the things I disagreed with the Church about, as well as what I agreed with, the stuff that I didn't think was so holy, as well as what was holy. He said yes. "God wants it all."

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." He was being tested by the Pharisees and Herodians who were trying to get Him in trouble with the rulers. Jesus takes a coin asks whose image is on it. They tell Him that it is Caesar. So Jesus says, give it to the man whose image is on it. So what does God get? Where is God's image and likeness found so that God can be repaid? On the Herodians themselves, and the Pharisees, the Israelites, and you and me. We are created in the image and likeness of God. So repay to God, Jesus says, what belongs to God and that is your very self. Jesus says give yourself to Him. Your entire self! God wants it all!

If you're like me, there are parts of you that you might think God doesn't want. There are things in compartments in your mind and heart that you don't want to open to Him. Why would God want those things? Because God loves you, all of you, the authentic you, and all that comes with it! If you think that God couldn't do good with those things you and I keep from Him, just remember what He did with the Great King of Persia. God turned this man into the great liberator and rebuilder of Israel! If God can do that, I am pretty dang sure He can make good stuff out of the bad stuff in us. So be authentic! That is the "you" God loves. Hold nothing back. God wants it all!

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt

ON OCTOBER 8, FIVE NAMES WERE SUBMITTED TO BISHOP ZUBIK FOR HIS FINAL SELECTION OF OUR NEW PARISH NAME. NAMES SUBMITTED ARE: OUR LADY OF THE FIELDS, ST. CLARE OF ASSISI, ST. HUBERT, SALVE REGINA, AND ST. KATERI.

How were those names selected? Earlier this month, Fr. Matt and Fr. Lou met with Advisory Council, which includes Pastoral and Finance Council Members from each Church. They discussed the final nine names and information collected from Parishioners' feedback. Your feedback was appreciated and played an important part in the decision process. During the discussion, Fr. Matt noted that Our Lady of the Fields had twice as many returns than any other name. St. Clare was included because St. Francis was requested by many Groupings and St. Clare was not. Both were strongly supported in the survey and both recognize the Franciscan history important to much of our Grouping. We had to choose between St. Jude and St. Kateri. Both had good support in the survey but again, St. Kateri was the more unique choice based on the fact that many more Groupings were considering St. Jude. Fr. Matt took the information that was discussed and then discerned the final list. Please continue to read the bulletin and check the website for merger updates.



The month of October is dedicated to the **Most Holy Rosary**. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. For a "How to Pray The Rosary" guide log onto the Parish website. It's on the homepage.

October is also **Respect Life Month**, and this year's theme is "Live the Gospel of Life". It is inspired by commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's encyclical "The Gospel of Life," defending the right to life for children in their mothers' wombs, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the marginalized. Resources around the theme are available at USCCB's respectlife.org. The Gospel of Life provides a blueprint for building a culture of life filled with love, promoting that the decisions we make be rooted in the Gospels, imitating Christ.



OCTOBER 19-25

MONDAY:

EPH 2:1-10; PS 100:1B-5; LK 12:13-21

TUESDAY:

EPH 2:12-22; PS 85:9AB-14; LK 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY:

EPH 3:2-12; IS 12:2-3, 4BCD-6; LK 12:39-48

THURSDAY:

EPH 3:14-21; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; LK 12:49-53

FRIDAY:

EPH 4:1-6; PS 24:1-4AB, 5-6; LK 12:54-59

SATURDAY:

EPH 4:7-16; PS 122:1-5; LK 13:1-9

SUNDAY:

EX 22:20-26; PS 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 THES 1:5C-10; MT 22:34-40

PARISH NOTES

~ Thank you for **registering weekly for Masses** that are celebrated on the weekends. **This process needs to continue for a while longer.** We will let you know ASAP when it is not necessary! Keep in mind that NO REGISTRATION IS NEEDED for attendance at open prayer times, confessions, and weekday Masses, not including the school-only Mass at 10am on Wednesdays.

~ **World Mission Sunday is this weekend, October 17 and 18.** A second offertory will be shared between our assigned Missionaries, School Sisters of St. Francis, and the yearly Mission appeal for the universal church.

~ **2021 Lottery Calendars are in!** Purchase them Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9am-Noon in the SW office. \$20 each with 1,000 calendars for sale. Winners determined by the three-digit PA Lottery "The Daily Number," pulled at 7pm. Cash winnings figured by the amount of money on that calendar day. Winners paid at the end of the month.

~ Our Grouping continues to move ahead with **the merger process**, with **January, 2021**, as our completion goal. If you would like merger updates, sign up on the website under the "Merger Information" dropdown.

~ Parents are required to take a **Baptismal Prep Class** prior to having

your first child baptized, or if it has been a few years between children. In-person classes are not available now, and online Zoom classes are being scheduled. To register for a Zoom session or to schedule a baptism, contact Barb at 724-445-3713 x4.

For our Veterans & Families

~ Every December, **"Wreaths Across America"** honors Veterans by placing wreaths on graves throughout the U.S. and abroad. The mission is to honor and remember the Fallen, and to teach our younger generation about the value of their freedoms. Each wreath is \$15, and they will be placed on graves near December 19. Order forms are on the website. Sponsored by our own Knights of Columbus Council 14103. **Deadline is Monday, November 16.**

~ **Butler County StandDown, "A Hand Up...Not a Hand Out"** is **Friday, November 6**, Tanglewood Center, Lyndora, Noon-2pm, with Veterans-only hour 11am-Noon. (Proof of Veteran status required). This program serves homeless veterans, service members, their families, community members and any family in need.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Joshia & Melissa Conklin
on the baptism of their children
CADIE MARIE
CODY DOUGLAS
BRODY JOSHIA
on October 11, 2020

MAY JESUS ALWAYS BE THEIR LIGHT



Sympathy is extended to the family of:

Viola Mae Boltz

whose Funeral Mass was October 12, 2020
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.



Congratulations!
Kevin & Alexandria
Kummer

married on October 10, 2020
at St. Wendelin Parish



Parish Offertories

October 10 & 11 Offertory
will be listed next week.

Monday-Sunday, October 19-25 ~ MASSES, CONFESSIONS, OPEN CHURCHES

Monday, October 19

Noon Mass at MD
For Ron Thoma
By Val McElroy
Open church 11am till Mass starts

Tuesday, October 20

8am Mass at SW
For Cryl Hesidence
Open church after Mass till 10am

Wednesday, October 21

10am School-only Mass at SW
(Due to building capacity limitations)
For Diane Neal
By Butch & Betty Bopp
(Open church temporarily
suspended for school Mass)

Wednesday, October 21 *continued*

6pm Confessions at MD
Open church 6pm till Mass
starts at 7pm at MD
For Patricia Huf
By Jennifer Gregor

Thursday, October 22

8am Mass at SW
For Mary & Joe O'Donnell
By Larry & Cathie & Family
Open church after Mass till 10am

Friday, October 23

Noon Mass at SJ
For Rose Filges
Open church 11am till Mass starts

Saturday, October 24

11am Confessions at SW and MD
and 11:45am at SJ
4pm Mass at SW
For Phil Summerville
By Hiland's Women's Golf League

Sunday, October 25

8am Mass at MD
For Patricia Liberto
By Lowell & Colleen Schanti
9:30am Mass at SJ
For Parishioners of St. Joseph,
Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin
11am Mass at SW
For Anna Daugherty
By Family

Grouping Information

This week's St. Wendelin School
Student of the Week is:

ISSIAC WALLER

Issiac was a student here through 2nd grade, left for a short while, and decided he missed us so much he returned for 5th grade. Issiac is currently in 6th grade and loves all his subjects. He enjoys Cheri's lunch tacos since tacos are his favorite food. In his free time, Issiac enjoys gaming. His nationality is Irish so his favorite holiday is St. Patrick's Day. Congratulations to this week's St. Wendelin School Student of the Week, ISSIAC WALLER!

Scout Project HELPING

THE HOMELESS

A member of our Parish Grouping is working on a homeless project for Girl Scouts called Blessing Bags. Donations will be accepted after each Mass at all Churches the weekend of November 21 and 22. She is hoping to make up 100 bags to hand out through area homeless shelters.

The following donations are needed:

finger nail clippers, finger nail files, wash clothes, hand warmers, gum, little bottles of water, band-aids, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, bars of soap, deodorant, pocket tissues, combs, chap stick, new thick socks, winter hats, alcohol wipes, hot cocoa, cheese crackers, hard candy, instant oatmeal packets, granola bars, fruit or applesauce cups, hand sanitizer

Helping the Homeless: On the Go Bags



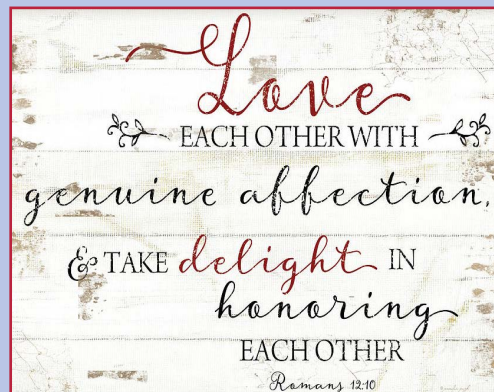
Catholic Identity Program

This program highlights a variety of virtues and values through short lessons, prayers, Scripture references, and more.

This Week's Virtue:

HONOR

Honor is the recognition of human dignity we offer by showing respect for other people, their names, and reputations.



ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER is ON!



Basket Raffle, too!

Drive by St. Wendelin Church on Sunday, November 15 to get your DRIVE THRU Turkey Dinner

We'll be serving the mouth-watering meal including turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, coleslaw, cranberries and a delicious pumpkin dessert from noon to 5pm.

While you wait for your meal to be readied, you'll have an opportunity to purchase tickets for the PTG Basket Raffle, all from the comforts of your own car. Prefer to just grab your meal

and go? That's ok, too, because Basket Raffle tickets will be available for pre-purchase online via the SWS and Parish websites soon. Dinner tickets available for \$10 each, only at the event on

November 15, no pre-sale.

BAKERS & HELPERS NEEDED! Sign Up Online

Willing to help? Bakers & Volunteers are needed and welcome! Are you a baker itching to get in the fall mood? We are looking for and accepting Pumpkin Pie, Pumpkin Rolls or Pumpkin Cupcakes and lots of them!

If you can spare some time, check out the Sign-Up Genius Link, on the school and parish websites and available now. Help is needed the day of the dinner and the week before.

ONLINE PURSE RAFFLES

DRAWINGS ARE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 6PM

Tickets for the main raffle are \$20 each, which gives you a chance at winning one of 12 purses. There is also a side raffle for a chance for one winner to win three amazing purses. And there is a chance on the 50/50. To purchase tickets for any of the three raffles, use the links on the school or Parish website:

<https://www.stwendelinschool.com/>

<https://www.stwendelinbutler.com/>

Pictures will be posted of the main ticket purses

leading up to the event on the school's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Wendelin-School-311866048839741/>

You can also get tickets from Nicole Karenbauer (724-290-8611) or contact her with questions.

