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TOGETHER

"From the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female.*" - Mk 10:6

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Mon-Thurs ..... 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
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Mass Schedule

Saturday ..... 4:30 pm
Sunday ..... 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Monday & Tuesday ..... 8:15 am

Baptisms

Third Sunday of every month

Sacraments of Healing

Reconciliation:

First and Third Saturday of the month ..... 9:00 am
Or by Appointment

Anointing

Last Saturday of the Month Following Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday After Mass until 11:00 am

Parish Giving Report

Weekly

Budgeted Amt..... $7,505.00
Actual Amt. $6,721.00
Surplus/(Deficit)..... $(784.00)

Year to Date

Budgeted Amt..... $102,640.00
Actual Amt. $144,493.21
Surplus/(Deficit)..... $41,853.21

Collection Report: 9/26/2021

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Online Giving..... $1,050.00
Capital Imp. $5.00
TOTAL..... $6,726.00

Mass Attendance..... 284

Worship & Ministry Schedules

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 2	4:30 pm		For All Parishioners
Sunday, October 3	8:00 am	✝	Laura Vanderstappen
	10:30 am	✝	John Palmer, Sr.
Monday, October 4	8:15 am	✝	John Palmer, Sr.
St. Francis of Assisi			
Tuesday, October 5	8:15 am		Special Intention for Marie Concetta Digate
Wednesday, October 6			
St. Bruno, Priest			
Thursday, October 7			
Friday, October 8			
Saturday, October 9	4:30 pm		For All Parishioners
St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest; BVM			
Sunday, October 10	8:00 am	✝	Jim Lanphier
	10:30 am	✝	Douglas Smith
			Health Intention for Mary Therese Lieb

LECTORS

Saturday, 10/9	4:30 pm	G. Hall
Sunday, 10/10	8:00 am	T. Schauf
	10:30 am	P. Pankus

USHERS

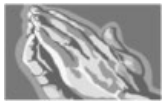
Saturday, 10/9	4:30 pm	Therese/Christopher
Sunday, 10/10	8:00 am	Jay/Dean
	10:30 am	Charlie/John
		Mark

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF CARE

Friday, 10/8	10:00 am	R. Pilarski
Atrium/Sherwood Lodge		
Sunday, 10/10	9:15 am	K. & J. Dayon
Golden Years Retirement Village		

Parish News

Remember in Your Prayers



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Traynor Family
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Louise Tuma
Mark Voltz
Mary Frances Weber

Lord, also hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Week Ahead

Monday, October 4
8:15 am Mass
8:45 am Rosary
1:00 pm Staff

Tuesday, October 5
8:15 am Mass
9:00 am -11:00 am Adoration
6:00 pm Human Concerns
6:00 pm FF Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 6
10:00 am Grace Group
6:00 pm Communion of Saints

Thursday, October 7
9:00 am Holy Dusters
6:00 pm RCIA

Friday, October 8

Saturday, October 9
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, October 10
8:00 am Mass
10:30 am Mass
7:00 pm AA Meeting

Grace Group Resumes

The Grace Group would like to invite all women to join us as we take an in depth study of the Eucharist. There is much to learn to increase our love, understanding and reverence for this holy sacrament- the Source and Summit of our faith!
We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10:00 am in classroom 1. We always begin with the rosary and conclude between 11:30 and 12 noon. Please consider joining us.
All are welcome!

Communion of Saints Study

The Communion of Saints Study group that has been meeting on Wednesdays has a new start time. Beginning this Wednesday, October 6th the group will meet at 6:00 pm in the Church.

Emergency Prayer Chain

The St. Benedict Emergency Prayer Chain is made up of members of our parish family. They would love to assist you and those you know by offering the power of prayer, when you are experiencing a crisis situation. Please email Judy Zebrowski with your intentions, or if you would like to volunteer to join the prayer chain. The email address is emergencyprayerchain@gmail.com

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Children of God

Mason Carsten Van Vuren
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Wedding Banns

I Nick Masellis, Nadine Hassan

Happy 95th Birthday

We wish Marie Concetta Digate a very Happy 95th Birthday as she celebrates her special day this week.

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/ Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
Monday:	Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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Weekly Reflection

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

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Afghan Refugee Collection

The first pick up of donated items for the Afghan Refugees took place this week. A representative from Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, hauled more than five large moving boxes containing diapers, baby clothes, underwear, sweat pants, ponchos, hairbrushes, toys, and other requested items. The outpouring of concern and generosity is most appreciated. We will continue to collect the same items for the next two weeks. Or, you may shop online at the Amazon Smile account that has been established for the refugees. The site provides a wide variety of needs to choose from and will be shipped directly to Catholic Charities.

For those who prefer to provide financial support and make a monetary donation, please send your check to Catholic Charities, 3710 East Avenue South, LaCrosse, WI 54601.

Catholic Retreat for Singles

Mid-life Singles (mid-30's to 50's): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (northern suburbs), on Nov 12-14, 2021. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is $215 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

Sanctuary Candle Intention

This week's Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Donald Mnichowicz

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Therein lies the...rib

"If I were God…" is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.*

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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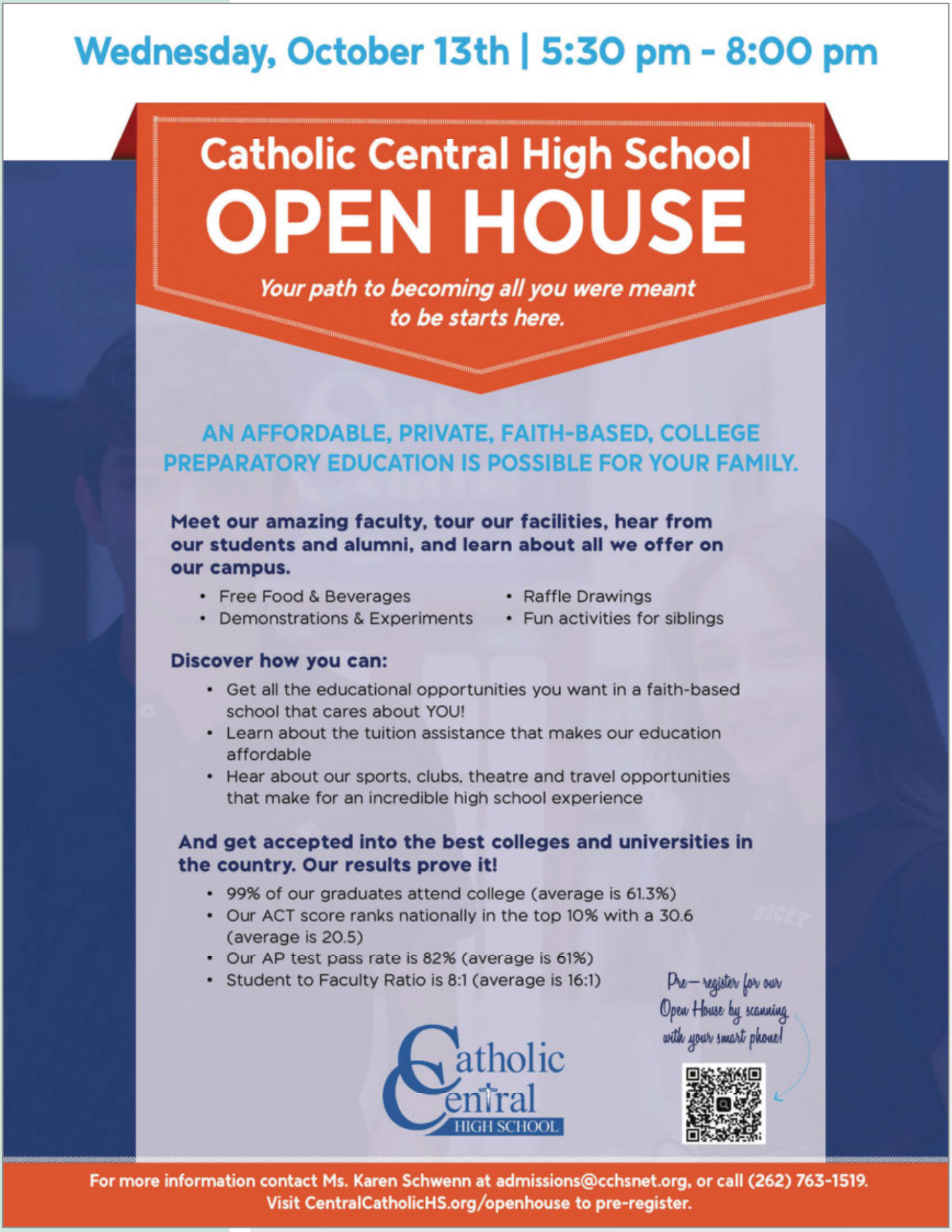
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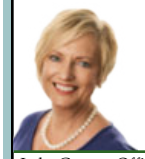

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