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Build the Kingdom of God*

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Saturday: 6:00 pm @ St. Isidore
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*Welcome to all visitors this weekend.
We are happy you could join us!*

PARISH THEME: RETURN TO ME AND RENEW YOUR SPIRIT

To Our Parishioners & Friends

1. OUR PARISH THEME:

Last Sunday we unveiled the parish theme for the 2021/2022 liturgical year. The theme is **RETURN TO ME AND RENEW YOUR SPIRIT**. This theme is enshrined in the scriptural verse we find in Jeremiah 15:19a: “Therefore this is what the Lord says: ‘If you return, I will restore you; you will stand in my presence.’ ” This divine request seeks our return to communion with him, to the worship of him, and to the obedience of him. And when we return to this is communion, worship, and obedience, the result will be the promised renewal and restoration of our lives and circumstances.

It is striking to relate this theme to the original request made to Adam and Eve after the fall. God proved to be solicitous towards them and came calling them, “Where are you?” God knew they were concealing themselves from him. He wanted them to return to him and have their fearful and disappointed lives and spirits renewed. Since that time, he has not ceased extending his open hand to us, bidding us to come back to him.

We have chosen to reflect on this theme throughout the year as a parish. It is my hope that this will serve as a reminder and an invitation to allay our fears, challenges, struggles, and concerns, and be encouraged to keep steady in our relationship with God. And that we believe God is pleased to see us stand in his presence and worship together.

Evidently, church attendance in all parishes and among all denominations has plummeted further since the pandemic began. Here in our parish, the story is not different! Some of our parishioners, families, and friends are still uncertain, or don’t know whether it is safe to be back with the community for worship and other activities. While we can’t ignore the science behind the pandemic, there is also a divine urging that those who are his people do not disconnect from him. And we must also respond to our baptismal vocation to build the parish community together by actively practicing our faith and urging others to do the same.

During the year, our religious education program, ministries, committees, and other groups will seek to align activities to our theme. I encourage families and individuals to meditate daily on the theme so that together we may direct our actions and services to reflect it.

2. GIFT FROM MY MOTHER

Last weekend during Mass, I presented a gift from my mother to the parish; it was a chasuble designed with “kente” fabric. I mentioned that my mother made the gift to express her gratitude for the love and concern our parishioners extend toward her. However, I didn’t mean that she sewed the chasuble herself. No! The chasuble was sewn by The Infant Jesus Sisters, a local religious congregation in Ghana. Mama Paulina only placed the order for it to be made.

Many blessings upon you!

Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier

What happens when you tell a group of First Communion Candidates that the contents in the tube is a sin they have committed, and you tell them to squeeze it out on the table for everyone to see. Then you tell them that if they put it back where they found it, it will be like they never sinned in the first place.

The look on their face as they tried to put their sin back in the tube it came from said it all. No matter how hard they tried to put it back in the tube it didn’t work. It is like that when we sin, we can’t put it back like it did not happen.

Then they were told that there is a way to make your sins disappear like they never happened, and they were all ears. “**How,**” they asked? By going to reconciliation and telling Fr. their sins and receiving absolution. Now that is “**Good News!**”



Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

- Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
- Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
- Wed : Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
- Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

NEW REGISTERED FAMILY: We welcome Matthew & Jenna O'Rourke to our parish family.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry



Please continue to pray for our group who will be going to NCYC November 18th through the 21st.

Thank you to all our fellow parishioners who have been praying for the group that will be going to the National Catholic Youth Conference from November 18th through the 21st. We ask for your continued support and prayers as we prepare for our spiritual pilgrimage.

Wednesday, October 27th
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Friday, October 29th
8:30 am - Doris McElmeel

Sunday, October 31st
8:30 am - Pat Pisarik



Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday, October 26th
6:30 pm - Parish Council Mtg.

Wednesday, October 27th
6:00 pm - FF grades 4th - 8th
7:00 pm - FF high school

Saturday, October 30th
6:30 am - 8 am - TMIY (That Man is You) All men are welcome to attend.

Sunday, October 31st
NO FF CLASSES
*Anointing of the Sick

Trunk or Treat after Mass at the lower level parking lot. Adults get your vehicles ready, it time to **Trick or Treat!**



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Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,423.08

Contributions Received

October 17, 2021	
Budget, Adult.....	\$ 1,625.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 157.37
On-line ACH	
Budget, Adult.....	\$ 5,445.00
Total Collected	\$ 7,227.37
YTD collection needed.....	\$86,769.28
YTD collections received	\$84,554.39
YTD	\$ 2,214.89

Liturgical Ministers October 31st

- Sacristan: Jim Kendall
- EM: Cindy Kendall Pete Bahl
Pam Kraus Mark Kraus
- Lectors: Youth
- Servers: Landon Stolte Selah Loyd
- Hospitality: Mike & Ruth Clark family
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