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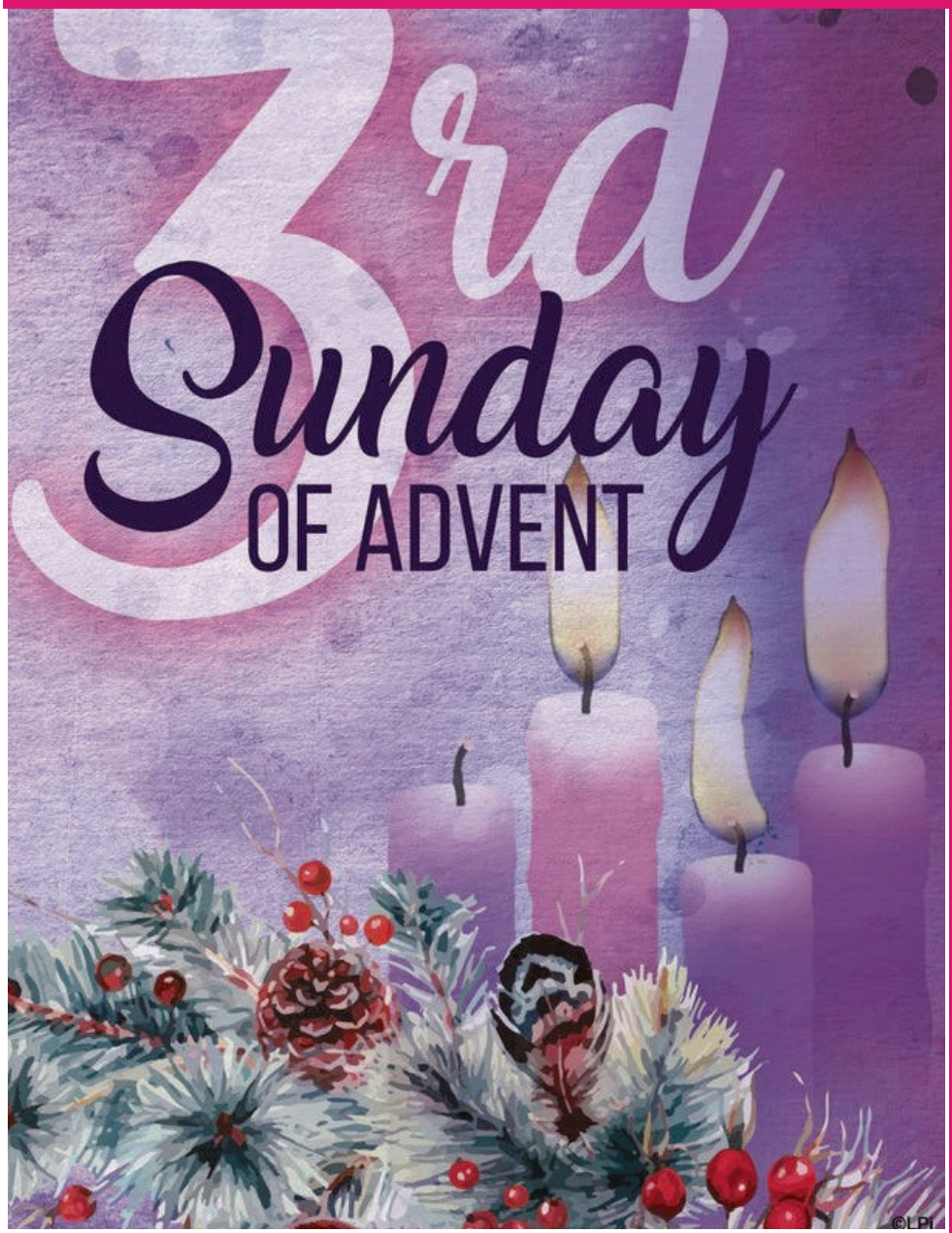


Parish Staff

Barb Aarhus, SH Secretary
Crystal Nelson, SC Secretary
Alice Spinler, HT, SH, SC Bookkeeper
Janet Miller, HT Facility Calendar, 507-451-1385

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm, SH
Sunday: 8:15 am, HT
Sunday: 10:00 am, SC

Reconciliation

Baptism

Please call the office to register a date for baptism. First time baptisms requires preparation with priest.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Classes are held at St. Columbanus from September through April.

Marriage

Contact the SC Parish Office at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required.

Care of the Sick

Call the office

Christian Burial

SC Parish Office, 507-583-2784

December 12, 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

MASS INTENTIONS
December 13 - 19, 2021

Thursday, 12/16:	**Mary Emerick**
SH 8:30 AM	
Saturday, 12/18:	**Frank Aerts**
SH 5 PM	
Sunday, 12/19	
HT 8:15 AM	**George Svator**
SC (BP) 10 AM	**For the Parish**

Weekly financials

Sacred Heart Nov. 28, 2021 - $1,392.00
Dec. 5, 2021 - $2,563.00

St. Columbanus 12/5 $820.00

Holy Trinity 12/5 $1689.00

Liturgical Roles
WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 18-19, 2021

Sacred Heart, Hayfield – Sat Dec 18th– 9 AM

Lector:	Janette Kiefer
EM:	April VonRuden
Greeters:	Jim Laumann's
Counters:	Dave & Deb
Ushers:	Jim Aarhus, Roger Hahn
	Eric Severson, Matt Rutledge

***St. Columbanus**, BP~Sunday, December 19th, 10:00 am*

Lector:	Mary Kittleson
Euch. Min.:	Katie Wencl & Sue Zwiener
Ushers:	Mike J., Robert S., Kevin W.
Counters:	Team 4

Holy Trinity
LEC – Al Rysavy
EM – Dawn Ritter
SERVERS – Cameron Wencl & Jayden Wencl
USHERS – Tom Wencl & Bob Prokopec
GREETER – Craig & Melissa Schammel

Cluster Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

HOLY TRINITY:

SACRED HEART:

Sun. Dec.12: Class and confessions

Sat. Dec. 18: Preschool during Mass

Sun. Dec. 19: No Faith Formation Classes

Sat. & Sun. Dec. 25 & 26: No Preschool or Faith Formation Classes

ST. COLUMBANUS

Sunday school is held in the church basement during mass. Kids ages 3-kindergarten are welcome to join.

Wednesday, December 8, from 6:45-7:15--Dress Rehearsal!
Students 1st grade-6th grade---Please try to attend all practices!

New Class Times:
Elementary 6-6:45
High School 6:45-8

HELP NEEDED!
St. Columbanus is in need of substitute teachers for Wednesday night faith formation classes. Please contact Krystal at 507-475-1425 if you're able to help out!

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for December

Pope Francis prayer intention for Catholics to pray for in December is for Catechists. The work of Catechists – to teach the faith in both word and example – is one of great importance.

Catechists have an invaluable mission for the transmission and growth of the faith. The lay ministry of catechist is a vocation; it's a mission. Being a catechist means that you "are a catechist," not that you "work as a catechist." It's an entire way of being, and we need good catechists who are both companions and teachers.
We need creative people who proclaim the Gospel, but who proclaim it neither with a mute nor with a loudspeaker, but rather with their life, with gentleness, with a new language, and opening new ways. In many dioceses, on many continents, evangelization is fundamentally in the hands of a catechist. Let us thank catechists for the interior enthusiasm with which they live this mission at the service of the Church. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, with joy and much peace.
~Pope Francis

Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2021

Totals As Of November 19, 2021

Parish	2021 Goal	Amount Given Pledged	Percent of Goal	Number of Donors	Balance Left
Holy Trinity	$ 7,800	$3,300	41.77%	18	$4,570.00
Sacred Heart	$ 7,353	$7,557.90	98.71%	25	$ 98.10
St. Columbanus	$11,769	$7,850	61.18%	39	$4,569.00

Sacred Heart Christmas Flowers

Anyone wishing to donate towards the Christmas flowers for the altar in memory of someone should pick up an envelope next to the bulletins at either entrance and fill it out and put it in the collection or give it to Barb Aarhus. We would like them returned by Dec. 20.

Thank you to our Sacred Heart catechists: Cecilia Miller, Christina Beaver, Brooke Hoebing, Stacy Tempel, Jessica Buer, and Ann Johnson.

The women of Holy Trinity Catholic Church will be packing Christmas Boxes for our parish on Monday December 13 at 1 pm. If you have any food items you would like to donate please drop off by December 12th in the church basement. We will be baking cookies on December 9th. Please bring your own ingredients for your favorite cookies. You may make at the church, bring your dough, or bring the finish product. Thank you for all who can help.

KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Sacred Heart

Prayer: Public (bulletin) – Barb Aarhus, 477-2458
Prayer Chain: (private) – Barb Schimek, 365-8033
Or Sue Richardson, 477-3434

Chris Hahn, Virginia Buelt, Michele Klennert, Brian Klocke,
Pat Towey, Sr., Kathleen Stanton, Ron Vogel, Dennis Tempel

All Military members and their families as well

Holy Water

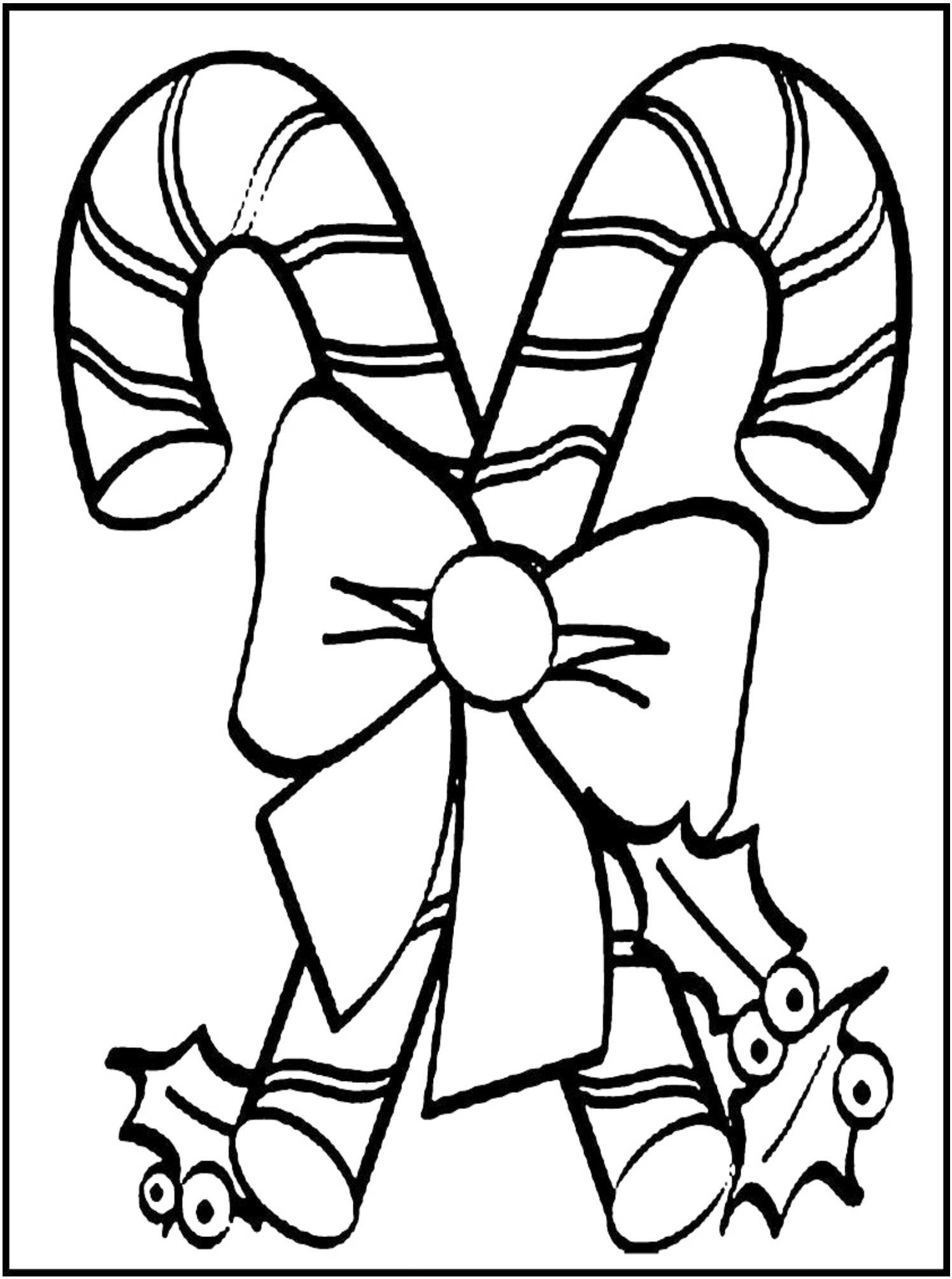
Question:

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

Answer:

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!



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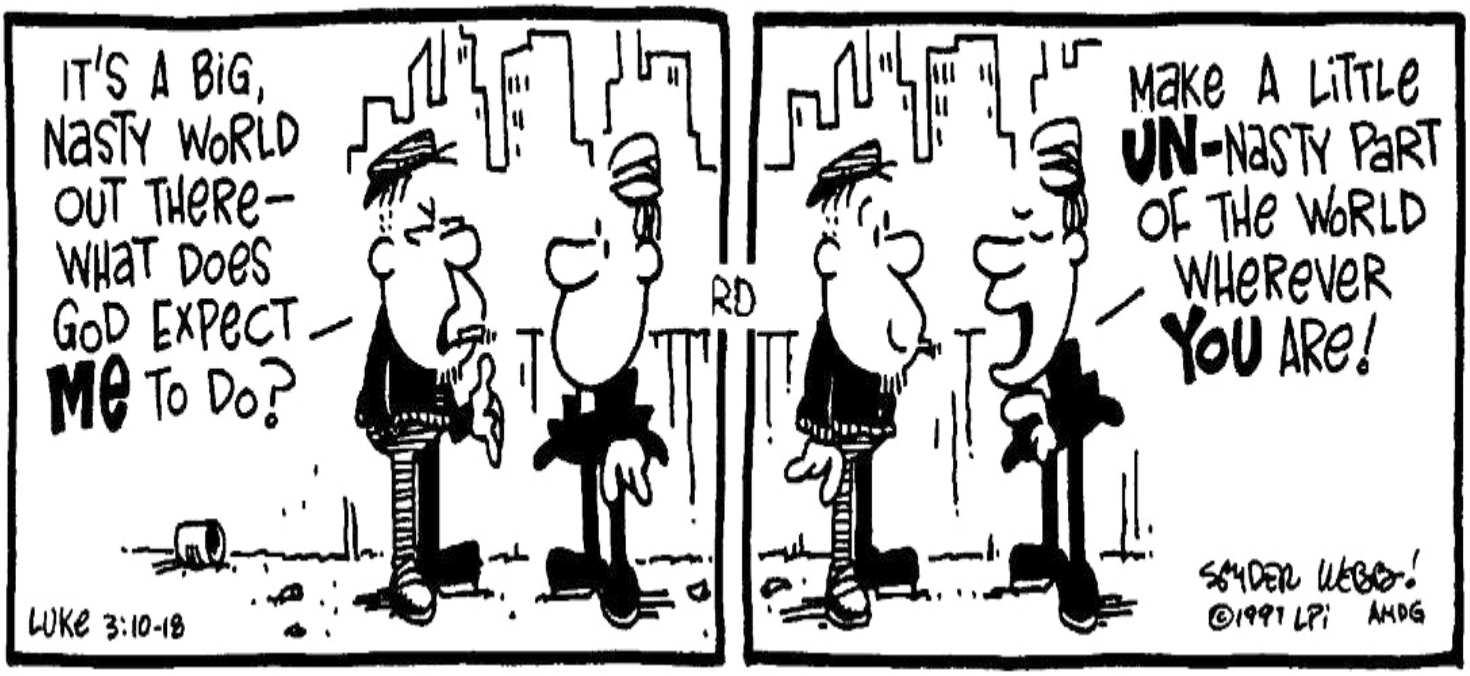

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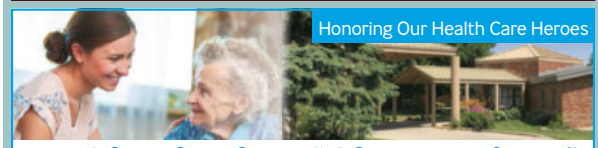

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