FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT **MARCH 21 , 2021**

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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Annunciation of the Lord, Thurs., March 25: In the midst of our Lenten journey, we pause for a moment to recognize that nine months from this Thursday we will celebrate Christmas! At daily Mass we will offer the Gloria and the Creed (genuflecting at our profession of Christ's Incarnation). NINE MONTHS prior to His Birth, we acknowledge our Savior's CONCEPTION - the actual beginning of His Incarnation - His Human Life!

With the feast of the Annunciation, the Catholic Church officially and liturgically acknowledges when all human life begins - at conception! To me, the greater mystery is not faith in the Incarnation, but humanity's disbelief as to when life begins. How can so many "good" Catholics and Christians approve of abortion at any time throughout those nine months? IT'S A BABY! LIFE at its very beginning!

And yet this past election cycle, the Edison exit poll estimates that 52% of all Catholic voters went to Biden, the most anti-life politician ever to come to power. (His running mate would be worse than him if she takes over.)

As we gather to acknowledge and celebrate Christ's Conception, let us pray for all abortionists' conversion and that all Catholics demonstrate their "goodness" by never choosing to vote for any politician who advocates the killing of unborn babies.

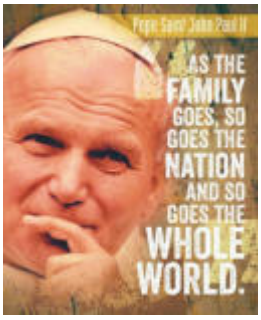
SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS by Leah Klett:

6. "It is finished!" (Jn 19:30)

When He uttered these words, Jesus was just moments away from concluding His ultimate work as a Man offering Himself as our atoning sacrifice, shedding His blood for our sins. Jesus had triumphed over the grave; "Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame" (Heb 12:2).

Writes B. F. Westcott: "The earthly life had been carried to its issue. Every essential point in the prophetic portraiture of Messiah had been realized (Acts 13:29). The last suffering for sin had been endured. The "end" of all had been gained. Nothing was left undone or unborn. The absence of a definite subject forces the reader to call up each work which was now brought to an end."

In dying, Jesus also sealed Satan's fate. It was through Jesus' death that "He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb 2:14).



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2. Education

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39. The mission to educate demands that Christian parents should present to their children all the topics that are necessary for the gradual maturing of their personality from a Christian and ecclesial point of view. They will … take care to show their children the depths of significance to which the faith and love of Jesus Christ can lead. Furthermore, their awareness that the Lord is entrusting to them the growth of a child of God, a brother or sister of Christ, a temple of the Holy Spirit, a member of the Church, will support Christian parents in their task of strengthening the gift of divine grace in their children's souls.

The Second Vatican Council describes the content of Christian education as follows: "Such an education does not merely strive to foster maturity...in the human person. Rather, its principal aims are these: that as baptized persons are gradually introduced into a knowledge of the mystery of salvation, they may daily grow more conscious of the gift of faith which they have received; that they may learn to adore God the Father in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:23), especially through liturgical worship; that they may be trained to conduct their personal life in true righteousness and holiness, according to their new nature (Eph. 4:22-24), and thus grow to maturity, to the stature of the fullness of Christ (Eph. 4:13), and devote themselves to the upbuilding of the Mystical Body. Moreover, aware of their calling, they should grow accustomed to giving witness to the hope that is in them (1 Pt. 3:15), and to promoting the Christian transformation of the world."

The Synod, taking up and developing the indications of the Council, presented the educational mission of the Christian family as a true ministry through which the Gospel is transmitted and radiated, so that family life itself becomes an itinerary of faith and in some way a Christian initiation and a school of following Christ. Within a family that is aware of this gift, as Paul VI wrote, "all the members evangelize and are evangelized."

By virtue of their ministry of educating, parents are, through the witness of their lives, the first heralds of the Gospel for their children. Furthermore, by praying with their children, by reading the word of God with them and by introducing them deeply through Christian initiation into the Body of Christ - both the Eucharistic and the ecclesial Body - they become fully parents, in that they are begetters not only of bodily life but also of the life that through the Spirit's renewal flows from the Cross and Resurrection of Christ.

In order that Christian parents may worthily carry out their ministry of educating, the Synod Fathers expressed the hope that a suitable catechism for families would be prepared, one that would be clear, brief and easily assimilated by all.

Reflection: To my CCD Families, I invite you to take a close look at your children's CCD books, read their lessons along with them, and remain actively involved in their Religious Education. After all, you are to be the primary educators in the ways of Faith for the children entrusted to your care.

ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

Catholic	Parish Target	$21,664.00	
Ministries	Total Pledges	$ 1,662.00	(8%)
Drive	No of Gifts	22/340	(6%)
2021	Actual Rec'd	$ 1,662.00	(8%)

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Collection 3/14/2021: Adults $3143; children $41; loose $89; candles $36; Utilities $22; angel fund $22; Mandeville $10; **Total deposit $3403.00** Development $147; Christmas Club $20

SA Office Closed: The St. Aloysius Parish Office will be closed until late Friday morning, Mar. 26, so Ann can get her second Covid shot.

Holy Thursday Food Pantry Collection: Items for the Cresson Food Pantry will be collected at St. Aloysius Church over Palm Sunday weekend (Mar. 27-28) and at St. Francis Xavier Church on Holy Thursday (April 1). There is a particular need for personal care items, bath/toilet items, and kitchen/laundry items. These would include: soap, deodorant, toothpaste, detergent, dish soap, razors, shaving cream, cleanser, etc. Thank you for your generosity!

SA Church Easter Decorating: Decorating for Easter at St. Aloysius Church will start at 8:00 AM on Friday, April 2 (Good Friday). All are welcome to help.

Power House Sub Sale: You may pick up your orders on Wed, Mar. 24 from 10:00am - 12:00pm and from 4:00 to 5:30pm in SA hall. April's Sub Sale will benefit the good work of our Catholic Daughters of America.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY : For many Catholics, going to Mass has been a weekly habit since they were small children; and yet those Catholics can often feel like they are just `going through the motions' and not really understanding what truly *happens* at the Mass on a spiritual level.

Bishop Guilfoyle's student evangelization organization is hosting a 3-week presentation aimed at helping adult Catholics get more out of the Mass and really understand what happens there. "The Mass (Revealed)" will be held from 6:7:30pm on Sunday evenings at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church I Altoona, and is open to ALL interested adults or teens of any age! Sessions will be held in the Church, where appropriate spacing and masking will be observed.

Fr. Peter Crowe will present on March 21st, and on March 28th a group of teens will give personal testimonies about the experiences of worship and the Eucharist. There is no cost to attend.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Catholic	Parish Target	$19,184.00	
Ministries	Total Pledges	$ 3.830.00	(20%)
Drive	No of Gifts	36/351	(10 %)
2021	Actual Rec'd	$ 3,395.00	(18%)

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Collection 3/14/2021: Donations will be in next weeks bulletin.

FX Liturgical Ministers needed: Lectors, Servers and Eucharistic Ministers are being requested to contact the parish office if they will be attending the Palm Sunday Mass, Holy Thursday Mass and the Good Friday Service. We would also like to know if their might be Lectors available for the Divine Mercy Novena, April 5th through the 10th. Please contact the office before Friday the 26th of March.

EASTER TICKET RETURNS: Please return your Easter Tickets by the 26th of March so that we can have them ready for the drawings.

Jesus Speaks to Faustina and You
By Susan Tassone
Tough Love

It is because you are not of this world that the world hates you. First it persecuted Me. Persecution is a sign that you are following in My footsteps faithfully. (Diary, 1487).

Reflection: Jesus taught St. Faustina to love her persecutors, even when she didn't feel like it. Practicing mercy means putting love into action – willing the good of our neighbor in all things. When mistreated, be at peace and do good to those who hate you. C.S. Lewis wrote: "To love at all is to be vulnerable… If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one … lock it us safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket – safe, dark, motionless, airless – it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable." To be like Christ, we need the "tough love" of the Cross, a love that is vulnerable but indestructible.

Prayer: Lord, take away my feelings and give me Your feelings. Jesus, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Admission $21.00 Doors Open 5:00pm
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As we all know, ASCS was first impacted by Covid in March 2020, when we left school and did not return. Little did we know on that day the changes that would be coming. Rather than restate what we have all gone through since then, I would like to take time to extend my appreciation to all of you. Everyone, including staff, students, parents, volunteers, supporters, benefactors, parishes, and the diocese never gave up hope that we would persevere through the unknown waters of a pandemic. Some went above and beyond to make sure we stayed afloat. As we continue to wade through what is, hopefully, the ebbing tide of Covid, may you know your kindness, efforts, and support do not go unnoticed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Mrs. Maurer

Thank you to the anonymous donor who donated two new touchless water fountains and to Norm Myers, Fred Gailey, and Matt Golden for installing them for our ASCS students! We are grateful!

Save the date for our annual ASCS Basket Raffle on Sunday, April 18. We will be holding a walk-thru event and drawing our winners live via social media.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE 9:15 to 10:45

Mar: 21 CCD Classes
Mar; 28 No Class Palm Sunday
Apr; 4 No Class Easter
Apr; 11,18, 25 CCD Classes

FUTURE EVENTS

Pack the Pantry: Students in 9, 10 and 11th grades

Our collection is scheduled for Sunday April 11th. Students in the Confirmation preparation classes are asked to bring their 50 items to the St. Aloysius Hall on Sunday morning at 9:00am.

CONFIRMATION MASSES

St. Francis Xavier - Wednesday- April 14- 6:30pm
St. Aloysius - Wednesday- April 21- 6:30pm

Divine Mercy Novena at St. Francis Xavier Church

Fri, Apr 2 - Prayers at 7:00pm
Sat, Apr 3 - Prayers at 3:00pm
Sun,Apr 4 - Prayers at 7:00pm
Mon-Sat, Apr 5-10 - Novena Prayers & Mass at 7:00pm
Divine Mercy Sunday - 8:00am at FX & 11:00am at SA

FX Sanctuary Lamp-- None Listed
SA Sanctuary Lamp – NEUGEBAUER FAMILY

Mass Schedule MAR 22 TO MARCH 28

JPII NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

MON - MARCH 22
8:00am FX NO MASS

TUE - MARCH 23
8:00am SA PATRICK BIANCONI (family)

WED - MARCH 24
8:00am FX JOHN McGARRY (McGarry family)
8:00pm SA 24 HR. ADORATION

THURS - MARCH 25
8:00am SA LOUISE MENTCH (Ethel)
8:30am ADORATION
7:00pm Holy Hour
8:00pm Confessions

FRI. - MARCH 26
9:00am FX ROBERT BEHE (L Behe & family)
1:40pm FX ASCS STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00pm SA STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SAT MARCH 27
11:00am Conf/Adoration @ FX
3:30pm SA ROSARY
4:00pm SA PEOPLE OF SA AND FX PARISHES

SUN MARCH 28
7:30am FX ROSARY
8:00am FX PATRICK KENT (Olsick family)
10:30am SA ROSARY
11:00am SA PALMY BIANCONI (family)

Dustbusters: SA M. Vargo, C/E Hanlon, P Lilly
FX Maxwell DeAngelo

Triduum & Easter Sunday Schedule

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm at FX
Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm, FX
Saturday Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection, 8:30pm, SA
Easter Sunday, 8:00am at FX & 11:00am at SA

Blessing of Easter Baskets will take place on Saturday, April 3 at Noon at St. Francis Xavier Church. Children are invited to bring their baskets as well.

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