THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER **APRIL 18, 2021**

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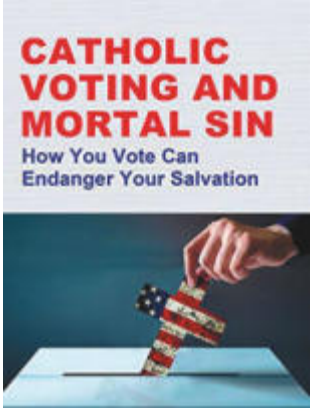
From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Did you hear about Murder on the Pony Express? This past week I read from the Washington Free Beacon (via The Loop by CatholicVote.org) that Joe Biden gave the green light for at-home, self-administered chemical abortions. "The FDA said it will allow the prescription of an abortion pill, mifepristone, through the mail, reversing Trump administration restrictions…" Once again, this Godless Democratic Platform President and its minions can't make it any easier and convenient to murder unborn babies! And now they are forcing our US Postal Service and Letter Carriers to participate in their slaughter of the Holy Innocence by requiring them to deliver these abortion pills.

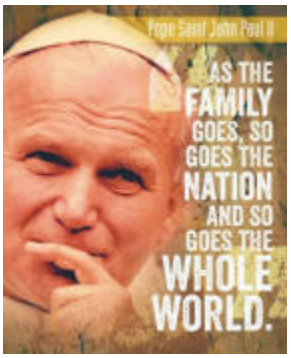
Prior to our last elections, the American Bishops had an opportunity (and a duty!) to speak up about the immoralities of the current Democratic Platform; to warn Catholic Citizens that their vote would actually support and promote all these evils against families, babies, marriage, and gender confused individuals, but most of them failed to do so - and a few Bishops even added to their immorality by supporting them. Is it any wonder why the Roman Catholic Church is shrinking in active participants?

Since the Bishops did not warn us, I expressed my own warning that a vote for this "in-name-only Catholic" and his administration would cause a dramatic increase in the number of abortions - and he is proving me right with his mail-ordered abortion at home pills!



It will be a while until we get another chance to vote in more Pro-Life / Pro-Family lawmakers. Until then, we must stay informed and involved by contacting our Representatives when needed so that our government remains "for the people and by the people". You can do so by subscribing to The Loop by CatholicVote.org who make it possible and easy to stay informed and to get involved. When we stand before God, we will have to give an account on how we used our vote, and on everything that our vote helped bring about - for good or for evil.

Whenever I think the problem is too big, I sometimes ask God why He allows this; "Why don't you do something about it?" After a while the answer always comes: "I did do something about it - I made you!" Lord, we pray: give us the courage to do something about it. Amen.



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III - PARTICIPATING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY

The Social and Political Role

44. The social role of the family certainly cannot stop short at procreation and education, even if this constitutes its primary and irreplaceable form of expression. Families therefore, either singly or in association, can and should devote themselves to manifold social service activities, especially in favor of the poor, or at any rate for the benefit of all people and situations that cannot be reached by the public authorities' welfare organization.

The social contribution of the family has an original character of its own, one that should be given greater recognition and more decisive encouragement, especially as the children grow up, and actually involving all its members as much as possible.

In particular, note must be taken of the ever-greater importance in our society of hospitality in all its forms, from opening the door of one's home and still more of one's heart to the pleas of one's brothers and sisters, to concrete efforts to ensure that every family has its own home, as the natural environment that preserves it and makes it grow. In a special way the Christian family is called upon to listen to the Apostle's recommendation: "Practice hospitality," and therefore, imitating Christ's example and sharing in His love, to welcome the brother or sister in need: "Whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

The social role of families is called upon to find expression also in the form of political intervention: families should be the first to take steps to see that the laws and institutions of the State not only do not offend but support and positively defend the rights and duties of the family. Along these lines, families should grow in awareness of being "protagonists" of what is known as "family politics" and assume responsibility for transforming society; otherwise, families will be the first victims of the evils that they have done no more than note with indifference. The Second Vatican Council's appeal to go beyond an individualistic ethic therefore also holds good for the family as such."

Reflection: So when are the bulk of us "Intentional Disciples of Christ" going to stop complaining and lamenting about how bad our government has been for the fostering and upholding of traditional families, and take definitive steps to tell our lawmakers to stop redefining what makes for a family according to God's design?

I'm glad they did, but it is shameful that 16 States actually had to pass laws to prevent doctors from providing transgender mutilations and hormone replacement therapies to minors who experience gender confusion. PA was not one of these States! You can contact our Representatives via CatholicVote.org to make your concerns known. I did!

ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

Catholic	Parish Target	$21,664.00	
Ministries	Total Pledges	$ 8,453.00	(39%)
Drive	No of Gifts	53/340	(16%)
2021	Actual Rec'd	$ 8,178.00	(38%)
M/M F Gailey, Jr.	P. Lee		

Collection 4/11/2021: Adults $2730; children $42; loose $65.80; Easter $610; Rent $150; Candles $6; Utilities $73; angel fund $68; Holy Land $26; Holy Thurs. $31: **Total deposit $3,801.80** Develoment $39; Christmas Club $26; Lenten folders $60; flowers $10; Mother's Day $35:

SA Financial Statements: If you would like a financial statement for 2020, please contact Ann @ 814 886-2235 or staloysiuschurch@dioceseaj.org

Power House Sub Sale: You may pick up your orders on Wed, April 28 from 10:00am to Noon and from 4:00 to 5:30pm in SA hall. Thanks for supporting the good works of our Catholic Daughters of America this month!

Saint John Paul II and the Church's devotion to Saint Joseph

"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety. Then he went down with them to Nazareth, and was obedient to them." (Lk 2:46-49)

Saint John Paul II speaks of the Church's devotion to St. Joseph: "This patronage must be invoked as ever necessary for the Church, not only as a defense against all dangers, but also, and indeed primarily, as an impetus for her renewed commitment to *evangelization* in the world and to *re-evangelization* in those lands and nations where religion and the Christian life were formerly flourishing and are now put to a hard test."

"Besides trusting in Joseph's sure protection, the Church also trusts in his noble example, which transcends all individual states of life and serves as a model for the entire Christian community, whatever the condition and duties of each of its members may be." *Homily of St. John Paul II,* Solemnity of St. Joseph, 19, March 1998. **2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center*, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.**

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Catholic	Parish Target	$19,184.00	
Ministries	Total Pledges	$ 10,205.00	(53%)
Drive	No of Gifts	63/351	(18 %)
2021	Actual Rec'd	$ 8,925.00	(47%)
M/M R Bono	L Maxwell	M/M J Murphy	

Collection 04/11/2021: Adults $1997; loose $70; Children $36; Holidays $5; Easter $642; Energy $16; Initial $5; Development $18; Angel Fund $33; Candles $8 Sanctuary $10; Divine Mercy Candles $181; Cath. Rg. $16; Holy Thurs.$25; Mothers Day $25; Good Fri. $30; **Total Deposit $3117:** Cemetery $10; Church Improv. $60

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HIGHWAY CLEAN UP: Saturday, April 24, 2021. Volunteers will meet at St. Aloysius Parking lot at 8:00am. Volunteers welcome!

Jesus Speaks to Faustina and *You* by Susan Tassone

The Courage of True Mercy

I am giving you three ways of expressing mercy toward your neighbor: the first - by deeds, the second - by word, the third - by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me.... You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (Diary, 742).

Reflection: False mercy is common today. It tickles the ear; it trivializes sin. But without repentance, mercy is dales. Because society today relativizes truth and attacks Christian morality, people enmeshed in various situations embrace a false mercy that sooths their conscience. But the Gospel calls us to radical conversion in Christ. Showing false mercy, we cajole people to embrace sin's false allurements – not the true mercy of God, which their souls desperately need. To love our neighbor, we must show true mercy, not displaced compassion, by proclaiming the Gospel truth. Putting love of God and neighbor into action demands that we show true mercy through deeds, through words, and by prayer. We must not shrink from this or try to excuse ourselves from this duty toward others.

Prayer: Lord, let me love my neighbor by bringing them truth wrapped in mercy – in deeds, in words, and by prayer. Jesus, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

We're on Facebook! St. Aloysius and St. Francis Xavier are both on facebook. Join our groups to stay connected, share pictures, parish events and news.

All Saints Catholic School

Take your chance on beautiful baskets at our ASCS Basket Raffle, Sunday, April 18, 11 am to 3 pm at Saint Aloysius Church Hall. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we ask that you please wear a mask and maintain 6 feet of distance. Please be courteous of others, purchase and place your tickets, then exit the building; we would prefer to not have a large gathering of people to comply with CDC guidelines. Tickets will be drawn live on the All Saints Catholic School Facebook at 3:30pm. Winners will be notified accordingly. Thank you for supporting All Saints Catholic School!

Congratulations to the following ASCS students for their winning entries in the Sankertown VFW Aux. Post 7377 Patriotic Youth Coloring Contest: 2nd grade- Nick Bradley, 3rd grade- Aubrey Noll, 4th grade- Abigail Hines, 5th grade- Brenden Newfield.

It's time to register for the 2021/22 school year! Call us at 886-7942, visit our school website at www.allsaintscresson.org, or email allsaints@ascsknights.org if you want a faith-filled, family-based atmosphere with small classes for your child's education.

ASCS is currently in need of a substitute teacher in kindergarten for the end of this school year. If interested, call 814-886-7942.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE 9:15 to 10:45

Apr: 18, 25 CCD Classes
May: 2 Last Day of CCD

FUTURE EVENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
May 2, 2021 St. Francis Xavier Church 8:00am
St. Aloysius Church 11:00am

April 25, 2021

Prayer for World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the consecrated life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate. Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability. Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call. Inspire Parents, families , and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service. Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for religious sisters, broters, deacons, and priests to live in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized. Disrupt our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creatively with a daily 'YES!' Amen.

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 19 TO APRIL 25

JPII NO MASSES UNTIL FURHER NOTICE

MON - APRIL 19
8:00am FX No Mass

TUE - APRIL 20
8:00am SA PATTY McCONNELL (Hodgson family)

WED - APRIL 21
8:00am FX ROBERT STEVENS (Mary Kay Meese)
6:30pm SA CONFIRMATION
ST. ALOYSIUS & ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
9:00pm SA 24 HR ADORATION

THUR - APRIL 22
8:00am SA MARGARET & BERNARD CASSIDY (daughter)
8:30am ADORATION
7:00pm Holy Hour
8:00pm Confession

FRI - APRIL 23
9:00am FX ANN IAPALUCCI (Catherine)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SAT - APRIL 24
11:00am Conf/Adoration @ FX
3:30pm SA ROSARY
4:00pm SA FOR THE PEOPLE OF SA &FX PARISHES

APRIL 25
7:30am FX ROSARY
8:00am FX JIM KOLAR (wife Claudia)
10:30am SA ROSARY
11:00am SA BERNARD MAZUR (wife/family)

Dustbusters: FX Maxwell - DeAngelo

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Admission $21.00 Doors Open 5:00pm
Early Birds 6:30pm Reg Games 7:00pm
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2
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NO FOOD BROUGHT IN.

BINGO NEEDS YOUR HELP. We need Callers for Monday Evening, if we could get four it would make it easy and you would only have one night to call. Please consider answering this request and give the Bingo crew the necessary help they need. Call Mike @ 814 934-5924 for more information.

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