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Don't fall for the misinterpretations of what true humility is all about. Final chapter

Humble people have a good effect on those around them

Being truly humble and living authentically makes other people feel comfortable. They know they don't have to walk on eggshells because humble people aren't always defensive or trying to impose themselves on others. Humble people know how to recognize when they are wrong, ask forgiveness, look for help, and publicly acknowledge their own mistakes. They're easy to be around because they don't feel the need to impose their opinion or to be right all the time. They aren't afraid of criticism, because they don't need to protect a false image of themselves. Humble people are grateful, able to recognize other people's generosity, and they are empathetic, knowing how to be compassionate with other people's shortcomings.

In short, far from making us negative, unproductive people who denigrate themselves and never realize their potential, true humility makes us more human, free, mature, compassionate, and grateful.

Miguel Pastorino and Matthew Green - Aleteia



PARISH BULLETIN JUNE 28, 2020









St. Joseph Parish-Fairview N13740 Fairview Rd Fairchild WI 54741-8514 715-964-5201

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception and St Joseph!

It is rare when I read a story from the Bible and find myself unaware of it. I have read through the Bible twice and studied theology in seminary. However, on occasions a passage strikes me as utterly new. There is such joy in discovering a passage that I previously overlooked. - As a result my bulletin column will be a bit longer this week:)

Today's first reading is one of those Biblical stories. The accounts of the prophet Elisha are absolutely remarkable. The miracles God performs through him are some of the most incredible in all of Scripture. I would encourage you to read from chapters two through nine in the Book of 2 Kings to learn more about him.

The story today relates the goodness of a married woman in providing lodging and food for Elisha. She furnished a little room for the prophet with a bed, table, chair and lamp. This simple act of kindness moved the heart of God so much that Elisha eventually announces to her that God will bless her with a child (for she had been previously without children). At this she says, "You are a man of God; do not deceive your servant." Yet she conceived and gave birth to a son.

This is where the story stops in our reading from today. However, if you continue the passage, one finds later in the text that the child as a young boy complains of his head hurting, and moments later dies in the lap of his mother. She grieves greatly and immediately takes the child on a donkey to the prophet Elisha. In deep sorrow she cries, "Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not beg you not to deceive me?" Her despair deeply moves Elisha. The prophet then stretches himself over the child (in the form of a cross) placing his mouth on the child's mouth, his eyes on the child's eyes, and his hands upon his hands. The child then miraculously rises from the dead and is returned to his mother.

Life in all its richness demands sacrifice. One falls in love, gives life and then that very life may be taken. I think of all the mothers who have had to bury their children. Perhaps you are one of those mothers. This is a pain that is absolutely unbearable. Yet we see in this story a woman of virtue and deep love, finding hope by turning to the church for solace and help. Whenever we love deeply, we will also run the risk of hurting greatly. A life absent of love is lifeless and bland. God loves us too much to leave us there. He leads us into love, even if that means our hearts will break. He desires us to experience a profound love, for as St Pope John Paul II says, it is in a complete gift or oneself that we discover ourselves. We discover God's love for us, by the concrete actions of self-sacrificial love.

The woman in today's reading performed an act of simple kindness to the prophet Elisha, by providing him lodging. God then wished to lead her to a deeper love. He gave her a child. You who have been parents know the great joys and trials of

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MASS SCHEDULE Sun 8:30 am St Joseph

10:15 am Immaculate Con. Facebook live at 10:15AM

Tue-Fri Immaculate Conception

Sat 4:30 pm IC Spanish

CONFESSION

Wed 5:00-7:00 pm at IC Sat 4:00-4:30 pm at IC Sun 8:00-8:25 am St Joseph

Saturday June 27

4:30 PM Mass IC Hispanic †Members of All Three Parishes

Sunday June 28 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Mass at St Joseph's

†Leopold & Aurelia Trazcek (R Traczek)

10:15AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15 †Deceased Members of the George & Kujak Families

Monday June 29

Private Mass

Tuesday June 30

†Fr Cassidy, Fr Ziegelmaier, Loretta Zurowski (M&C Kaufman)

Wednesday July 1

†Richard Gilles (L Schnur)

Thursday July 2

Continued Good Health of Amy Traczek (R Traczek)

6:00 PM Bible Study at Immaculate Conception in person and through ZOOM app

Friday July 3

†Deceased Members of the Kaufman Family (M&C Kaufman)

Saturday July 4

4:30 PM Mass IC Hispanic †Members of All Three Parishes

Sunday July 5 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Mass at St Joseph's †Shirley Petznick (D Bedell)

10:15AM Mass at Immaculate Conception Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15

†Martin & Dorothy Kalina (B Meacham)

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Immaculate Joseph John

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We also have a website:

www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org

HOME VISITS

Home visits are postponed unless it is an emergency.

Fr Dan: (715)964-5201 or (715)218-8391

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Contact Jolene Janke at 715-964-6334 venmj@centurytel.net to ask for prayers. If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain and pray for others, contact Jolene. The Power of Prayer is Amazing!

Please pray for all on the Prayer Chain, as well as our Active Military: Geralyn Csizmar, Joseph Janke, Katie Kotschi-Nelson, Frank Üeker, Derek Laufenberg, Logan Meacham, Madeleine Searles, Michelle Thompson, Luke Hansen, Brandon Ripp, Alex Ripp, Andrew Elfering, Holden Mitchell, Cameron Lane and Seth Johnson. (Please let us know when your soldier is no longer deployed.)

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parenthood. Through this story God commends you for your sacrifice of parenthood. It is an entrance into sacrificial love.

The sorrow expressed by the mother in today's story, never turns to despair. Rather she turned to the source of all blessing, to God himself. She travelled with a donkey to see the prophet Elisha. When something in life goes terribly wrong and sorrow grips your heart, visit a priest, visit the church. Do not worry about bothering the priest. The priest is meant to be bothered. A priest desires to help. The woman went to the prophet and received help. In her case, Elisha spread himself over the child (foreshadowing the cross of Christ) and raised her son from the dead. When you visit a priest, the priest will anoint the sick person with the holy oils of the church. The oils are placed on the skin of the person, similar to the action of Elisha in laying himself on the young boy. The usage of oils in the sacrament communicates God's grace of healing. Physical miracles can happen if God so wills. However, every time a sacrament is celebrated the soul is healed. Our hope is in the Resurrection, and the sacraments lead us to the grace of the Resurrection.

Look to your church (the physical buildings in Alma Center and Fairchild) as a hospital where your soul is renewed and healed. This happens in all of the sacraments and on a regular basis through the Sacraments of Confession, Holy Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick. The sacraments you receive in these churches will raise your body and soul to participate in the Resurrection.

Please do not hesitate to call if you are in need. I am here to offer assistance and spiritual care. You are also in my prayers Trust greatly in Jesus as we continue through this difficult time St Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church – Pray for Us

Fr. Dan Thelen

Congratulations!!

We congratulate Arturo Vigueras on his Diaconate Ordination. One more year of study and preparation, and he will be ordained a priest!

If you wish to send him a note of congratulation, his address ARTURO VIGUERAS

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6/21	IMMAC. CONCEPTION	ST JOSEPH
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Sunday Fund Day Winner!!

Sunday, June 21, 2020 \$50 winner is Rilan Pishaw

More Congratulations!!

Many exciting events in our parishes!

We congratulate Lucca D'Huyvetter and Jaden Rowekamp on their Confirmation today, June 28th.

We congratulate Haley Woof on her Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation on July 4th.

We congratulate Jasmine Sanchez on her Confirmation July 4th!

Resuming Sunday Mass

Public Mass has resumed again on Sundays. There is no obligation to attend. The following guidelines will be helpful for those who plan to come.

Schedule

Sunday

- 8:30am Mass at St Joseph (at 25% capacity) approx. 40
- 10:15am Mass at Immaculate Conception (at 25% capacity) approx. 60
- 10:15am FacebookLive Mass

Several points for attending Mass

- 1) We will still continue the Live Stream Mass. The time of the Live Stream will be at 10:15 am
- 2) The Sunday Mass obligation is not in effect. So it is not a 'sin' to miss Mass during this present time. However, you are still required to honor the Sabbath by setting that day aside for prayer and rest.
- 3) As Mass resumes, we will only be able to allow the churches to filled to 25% capacity. To accomplish this at St Joseph we will have half of St Joseph parish come one Sunday, and the other half come the following Sunday. At Immaculate Conception we will do the same thing: half of the parish will come one Sunday, and the other half the other Sunday. Thus you will be able to attend Mass every other week.
- 4) Parishioners with a last name starting with the following letters are invited to participate in the corresponding Sunday Mass. There is no obligation to attend. This is simply an invite for those who wish to attend.

July 5 - M-Z July 12 - A-L

If it is not your week to attend Mass, you can still come and wait in your car. If the 25% limit is not filled, the ushers will invite you into the church.

- 5) Ushers will meet you at the front door and guide you to your pew. They will ensure proper spacing.
- 6) Masks are encouraged but not required. You can bring your own from home if you have one, or you can get one at Mass.
- 7) Gloves can be worn. But they must be removed when you receive Communion.

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Confessions We will hold Confessions at these times, or call Fr Dan at his cell number (715-218-8391) and set up a time.

5:00 pm-7:00 pm—Wednesday at IC 4:00 pm—4:30 pm—Saturday at IC 8:00 am-8:30 am—Sunday at St Joseph

Rosary Join Fr Dan on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings at 8pm for an online Rosary. If you are interested in joining contact Fr Dan and he will send you the link for the ZOOM

Money Counters-meet at IC 9:00am

Wed. Jul. 1: Hagedorn, Baumann

Wed. Jul. 8: Hagedorn, Connelly

Wed. Jul. 15: Elfering, Baumann

We need more counters. If you are willing, and available on Wednesday mornings, let us know.

ENVELOPES AND DONATIONS

If you are not ready to come back to Mass yet, you are welcome to mail your contributions to 341 W Main Street, Alma Center, WI 54611. The envelopes will be sorted and deposited in the appropriate church.

We encourage you to sign up for Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). This ensures that your donations are in on a regular schedule, and it helps keep the counters from handling money touched by others, which is safer and healthier for them.

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