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PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

We all know that self-denial is a thing unavoidable in this world sometimes. Self-denial is one of the most basic facts of life, part of being human. Because our lives are not composed of infinite realizable possibilities, every time we make a choice of any sort we deny ourselves something.

To take an obvious example, a human being cannot enter a genuinely deep love-relationship with somebody and at the same time chase after every charming face that happens to pass by.

In today's gospel reading Christ says: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it, but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it."

God confronts us always with a choice. Meeting God means facing up to a choice. And, because this is a choice that involves the whole of their existence, most human beings spend most of their time running as fast as they can away from meeting God, doing everything they can to avoid having to face that choice. Finding salvation is not a matter of winning points. Accepting God's initiative, opting for God, means opting for what our society labels failure. This, of course, sounds depressing, but is it so really?

The famous German mediaeval Dominican mystic Meister Eckhart said in one of his sermons: "Since it is God's nature not to be like anyone, we have to come to the state of being nothing in order to enter in to the same nature that He is."

As Christ stated in today's Gospel reading: "Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it, but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it."

Dying to oneself, forgetting oneself, self-denial -- this is, of course, completely meaningless and destructive and in fact phony if it is seen as an end in itself, or even as a useful tool for us to succeed in doing something. The genuinely great martyrs made neither of those mistakes.

There was, we Christians know, a death that brought life into the world, and it is that death which we are summoned to enter -- a death in which there is no darkness but only light, the light of resurrection.

Loss and failure are the things many of us most deeply fear. Yet, if we can see our loss and failure within the context of the message that has been addressed to us in this gospel text -- in other words, if we will only allow God to let us see them within the overall shape of the divine plan for humanity's salvation -- then we shall start to become free.

Fr.Maschio.

CHRISM MASS

Bishop Hoepfner will be offering the Chrism Mass on Thursday, September 17th in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston, 3:30 pm vespers, 4:00 pm Mass. Two members from each parish are welcome to attend and receive the Holy Oils for our parishes. If you are interested in attending, contact Father Maschio or Pam Hunt.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY August 29th
 Holy Mass 5:00 PM Hallock
 An end to coronavirus and civil unrest

SUNDAY August 30th
 Holy Mass 9:00 AM Hallock Heather Schlenker

Holy Mass 10:45 AM Lancaster Pro Populo

MONDAY August 31st
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Mark Roczniak

TUESDAY September 1st
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Walt Crummy

WEDNESDAY September 2nd
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Special Intention

THURSDAY September 3rd
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Andi Olsonawski

FRIDAY September 4th
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Sophie Gubbels

SATURDAY September 5th
 Holy Mass 5:00 PM Hallock Mark Roczniak

SUNDAY September 6th
 Holy Mass 9:00 AM Hallock Andi Olsonawski

Holy Mass 10:45 AM Lancaster Pro Populo

MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass intentions received thus far have been assigned so now is a good time to submit your Mass intentions. Masses can be requested from the parish at anytime, for the living or the dead, or for any good intention. A \$5 offering is customary for each request.

PRAYER LIST

Those who are Sick, Struggling, Recovering
 Catherine Klegstad
 Elmer Hungate
 Sophie Olsonawski
 Eleanor Kraska
 Cathy Cleem
 Iver Cleem
 Janet Olsonawski
 Dion Turgeon
 Jeanette Forfang
 Kim Short
 Wayne Stewart
 LeRoy Vonasek
 Renee Stewart
 Don DeLorme
 Robb Brown
 Joel Muir

Deceased Loved Ones
 Mark Roczniak
 Betty Lockman
 Susan Weaver
 Andi Olsonawski
 Walt Crummy
 H Jeannie Howe
 Louise Docken
 Kristen (Hunter) Erickson
 Verona Karboviak
 Angie Plaine
 Alice Carlson
 Lois Pantzer
 Don Cheshire
 Maynard Docken

Email the parish office with those you would like listed above for prayer each month.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

Saturday September 5th 5:00 PM St. Patrick
 Sacristan: Jeff Reese
 Ministers: Volunteers

Sunday September 6th 9:00 AM St. Patrick
 Sacristan: Jerry Olsonsonawski
 Servers: Hayden Olsonawski & Noah Olson
 Commentator: Hank Noel
 Lector: Pam Hunt
 Ushers: Joel Muir & Keith Urbaniak
 Money Counters: Keith Urbaniak & Ron Anderson

Sunday September 6th 10:45 AM Holy Rosary
 Ministers: Volunteers

BULLETIN BITS - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26)
 St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent, and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

MINI BAZAAR

St. Patrick's Bazaar will be a little different this year. Instead of having it at the City Hall, the plan is to have a mini bazaar set up in the driveway of St. Patrick's on September 24th. There will be a bake goods and canned goods for sale as well as the raffle.

ADORATION SIGN UP

There are signup sheets in the entry of the church for adoration this Wednesday beginning at noon until 6:00 pm. Please consider signing up to spend one hour with our Lord.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This year, due to the pandemic caused by the Corona virus, it was impossible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Holy Land. At the request of Pope Francis, the 2020 Pontifical Good Friday Collection is to be taken up the weekend of September 13, 2020. On September 13, 2020 the special collection for Latin America was scheduled also. Bishop Hoepfner is asking that parishes take up the special collection for Latin America the following weekend of September 19-20.

ST. PATRICK'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

July 2020 Charitable Contributions:

In-Church Contributions: \$9015.63
 On-Line Contributions: \$2296.67