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PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

This Sunday's Gospel reading gives us some real, concrete instructions from Jesus with regard to how we should handle conflict. His prescription is to talk about things openly, honestly and directly, person-to-person. Jesus wanted people who had been hurt to talk directly to the one who hurt them and to lay things out in an honest fashion, in hopes of having the issues worked out. He wants from this direct communication is reconciliation.

Jesus wants all of His people to be reconciled to one another, not so that one is right and one is wrong, but that both can come together and put their differences behind them. What He really wants is for the person who has been sinned against to engage in forgiveness, so that that person can get his or her life back in order, no longer bound by anger and resentment that can extinguish the flame of Christian love.

The great writer, C.S. Lewis in his book, *The Great Divorce*, describes Hell as a great, huge, dark place where there is no contact between people. He says that Hell started out small, but people quarreled with one another and moved away from each other. Then there was another quarrel and the people moved farther away. And so on, and so on, until finally no one could even see anyone else. And there they lived, alone in the darkness. That's what Jesus wants us to avoid.

For, Paul says, "the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." Love here does not mean hearts and flowers. This kind of love is about care for the other person's well being. Wanting what is best for the other person, even when he or she has made you angry. That's what Christ did - and does - with us every day.

If there is someone who you know holds a grudge against you for something you did, or were perceived to have done, either recently or ages ago, apologize and sincerely ask forgiveness. Likewise, if there is someone who comes to you and asks forgiveness for something that has caused you to hold a grudge against them, grant them forgiveness.

To ask forgiveness is not weakness. And to grant forgiveness is not to condone what someone has done. They are merely steps toward reconciliation. Relationships are important to God. But God doesn't only care about our relationship with Jesus, God cares about our relationships with each other.

Relationships matter but they require a lot of effort to keep them healthy and good. When I need some extra motivation to do my part, I imagine what God would do in my situation. If we all do our best to follow Jesus' teaching on confronting others in love when they sin against us, we will realize the fulfillment of Jesus promise in Matthew 18:20: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

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.

LADIES GUILD MEETING

There will be a ladies guild meeting on Sunday, September 13th, after the 9:00 am Mass. We will be preparing for the bazaar so make plans to attend!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY Holy Mass	September 5 th 5:00 PM Hallock	Mark Roczniaik
SUNDAY Holy Mass	September 6 th 9:00 AM Hallock	Andi Olsonawski
	Holy Mass	10:45 AM Lancaster Pro Populo
MONDAY Holy Mass	September 7 th 8:00 AM Hallock	Maynard Docken (1 year Requiem)
TUESDAY Holy Mass	September 8 th 8:00 AM Hallock	Andi Olsonawski
WEDNESDAY Holy Mass	September 9 th 8:00 AM Hallock	Mark Roczniaik
THURSDAY Holy Mass	September 10 th 8:00 AM Hallock	Andi Olsonawski
FRIDAY Holy Mass	September 11 th 8:00 AM Hallock	Mark Roczniaik
SATURDAY Holy Mass	September 12 th 5:00 PM Hallock	Charlie & Lu Trudel
SUNDAY Holy Mass	September 13 th 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 Roczniaik
 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 12 th 5:00 PM	St. Patrick
Sacristan:	Hank Noel	
Ministers:	Volunteers	
Sunday	September 13 th 9:00 AM	St. Patrick
Sacristan:	Earl Karboviak	
Servers:	Wesley Sugden & Avery Wiese	
Commentator:	Gloria Cedergren	
Lector:	Carol Olsonawski	
Ushers:	Nathan Olsonawski & Dean Bergeron	
Money Counters:	Hugh Hunt & Jerry Olsonawski	
Sunday	September 13 th 10:45 AM	Holy Rosary
Ministers:	Volunteers	

BULLETIN BITS - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." (Ezekiel 33:7)

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

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

August 2020 Charitable Contributions:

In-Church Contributions: \$6039.00
 On-Line Contributions: \$2441.67