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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 19, 2023

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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

The basic requirement for the sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage is that you be a practicing Catholic. One parent must be a practicing Catholic to present a child for Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 P.M. 7:30 am – 7:50 am before daily Mass or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

The sacrament is for anyone you know who has any continuing or serious illness or at point of death, or is having surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament. Contact Fr. Sebastian at (906) 440-4193

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

Diane, Barb, Eric, Pat, Joan

Roger Tourangeau, Jan Carter, Jean Way

Amanda, Mike Mosher, Shelly Polaczyk

Attention parishioners. We will start with our prayer list back in the weekly bulletin. If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209. This will be the new corner for the names. The Mass intentions are now listed in the weekly calendar.

CATECHETICAL CORNER

Life after Death

<u>Particular Judgment, When and Where:</u> In our previous episode we have seen that there will be a particular Judgment, immediately after one's death. Now the question arises, when and where will be that Judgment? There was a good deal of controversy throughout the first century as to the details and circumstances of the Particular Judgment, but the Second Council of Lyons, in 1274, decreed that souls free from sin are at once received in Heaven, and half a century later, Pope Benedict XII defined, "The souls of those who depart this life in the state of mortal sin descend into Hell immediately after death and are there subject to infernal torments."

The common opinion of theologians is that Particular Judgment will take place where death occurs and that it will be instantaneous. At the moment of death the souls will be internally illuminated as to its own innocence or guilt and will immediately, on its own initiative, make its way to Heaven, to Hell or to Purgatory.

It is the desire of God that all should attain a destiny of eternal happiness. Those who are quite unfit for it, as a result of their death in deliberate mortal sin, will go to Hell; those who are not quite fit, owing to the presence of venial sin or some spiritual debt still due to the justice of God, will go to Purgatory; those who are quite fit will be admitted at once to Heaven.

Eternal Punishment (Hell)

The major religions believe that man's soul is immortal and even after separated from the body the soul will continue to live. All these religions, including Christianity are unanimous in their belief that there be a judgment at the end based on the deeds of every human being; those who have done good deeds will go to Eternal Life (Heaven) and those who have done wicked deeds deliberately and die without any repentance for their deeds will be condemned to eternal punishment which is called Hell. Though the Jews didn't have a clear picture of Eternal Life and Eternal Punishment, still we see reference to Eternal Punishment in Old Testament prophetic writings. Jesus speaks in the gospels about those two realities to great extent, but we don't see him using the word, Hell anywhere in his preaching. But Eternal Life and Eternal Punishment is well expressed in many places in the gospels. Let us see some of the quotes from the Scripture.

Scriptural Basis

Matthew 3:12; Luke 3:17: John the Baptist said that the Lord will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire. This unquenchable fire is the state of eternal separation from God, which the Church has called 'hell' for 2000 years. Some of the Protestant communities no longer acknowledge the reality of hell.

Matthew 25:41: Jesus says, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

Matthew 25:46: Jesus says, "They will go away into eternal punishment" which refers to eternal fire or hell. Mark 9:47-48: Jesus refers to hell as where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched. It lasts forever.

1Thessalonians 1:6-9; "The angel will come with flaming fire and the disobedient will suffer punishment of eternal destruction. It is important to note that destruction means eternal exclusion from the presence of God.

(We will continue next week).

We will be having a THANKSGIVING DAY MASS on Thursday at 8:00 AM. All who come are encouraged to bring canned goods for the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY				
Mon.	Nov. 20 th	8:00 A.M. – Mass – For all of our special intentions		
Tues.	Nov. 21st	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 A.M Mass – Julia Desy (10 th Anniv.)		
Wed.	Nov. 22 nd	Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 8:00 A.M Mass – A special Intention Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 P.M NO CCD Classes		
Thurs.	Nov. 23 rd	Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr Thanksgiving Day – Parish Office Closed 8:00 A.M Mass – Mass of Thanksgiving 7:00 P.M NO Smear League		
Fri.	Nov. 24 th	Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs 8:00 A.M Mass – All Souls in Purgatory Parish Office closed		
Sat.	Nov. 25 th	Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr 3:00 P.M Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M Mass – Emil & Georgina Dubord		
Sun.	Nov. 26 th	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 8:00 A.M Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Nancy Marenger		

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

82 envelopes returned for Sunday, Nov. 12th

Adult Offering	\$3,201.00
Loose	96.00
General Maintenance	10.00
Fuel	85.00
Total	\$ 3,392.00
Budgeted weekly Income & Expense Shortage	\$4,389.42 \$ 997.42

THANK YOU to all who donated, bought, or volunteered in some way to make our pasty sale another huge SUCCESS! We made 2,200 pasties plus the ones we had for lunch. Making a profit of \$10,356.44

THE ANGEL TREE IS UP...The St. Vincent de Paul Society asks that when you take a tag from the tree, please return the gift unwrapped with the tag attached to the gift. Thank you for helping brighten children's Christmas. They need to be returned by December 3rd.

Ladies of the Parish Christmas Party – Dec. 5th

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Christmas party, **December 5**th, which starts at 5:30 pm. The cost for the night is \$15 for a catered chicken & meatball meal, and if you want to participate there is a \$10 gift exchange. We also collect toys for the baskets. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun event! *If you plan to attend, please sign up at the back of Church by November 30*th.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- **Nov. 19th** Prayer is something more than asking God to run errands for us.
- Nov. 20th When you begin to dislike someone, do something nice for him.
- Nov. 21st Tolerance is a virtue, but the greatest crime of our age has been the toleration of wrong.
- **Nov. 22nd** What makes life worth the living is our giving and forgiving.
- Nov. 23rd Love me for what I am, Not what you want me to be.
- **Nov. 24**th If you can think of nothing for which to give thanks, you have a poor memory.
- Nov. 25th Lord show me the way I can somehow repay the blessings you've given me today.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love. For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN....If you would like your own subscription to the WORD AMONG US please contact the parish office to put your name on the list!

St. Anthony/St. Thomas Annual Dinner Bazaar 2023 St. Thomas Parish Hall

Sunday, Dec. 3rd, serving Ham, Pigs in a Blanket, Meatballs, etc., serving from 11:00 to 2:00 pm. Adults \$15, ages 6-15 \$7, 5 and under free with adult. There will be a bake sale, silent auction, raffles, 50/50 a silver dollar and craft sale.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday	Tuesday
1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-62	2 Mc 6:18-31
Lk 18:35-43	Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday	Thursday
2 Mc 7:1,20-31	1 Mc 2:15-29
Lk 19:11-28	Lk 19:41-44

Friday	Saturday
1 Mc 4:36-37	1 Mc 6:1-13
Lk 19:45-48	Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

Ez 34:11-12,15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46



The 56th Annual U.P. Catholic Services Appeal has started. Our goal for this year is \$41,006.97. Thank you to all who have returned their pledge cards.

Services Appeal To date we have received 104 pledges totaling \$29,985. Thank you! There are still 78 outstanding cards.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Fire Starter's Catholic Young Adult Group is for people in their 20's and 30's in Delta County. This group welcomes all including young families. They have monthly gatherings and share the Word in each other's lives. For more information please contact Megan Hansen at 906-280-2665 or find them on Facebook

BACKPACK PROGRAM

Holy Name School is looking to improve on providing quality food for their student Backpack Program. The Backpack Program helps provide certain identified students with nutritious, non-perishable, and easy-to-prepare food items. The program is for elementary through high school students.

If you like to donate or have any questions on this great program, please contact Rachel Sierpien at ras2600@yahoo.com or call/text 703-678-5101. There is a list of items they could use posted in the glass case at the entrance of church.