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Saturday-5 PM Sunday-8 & 10:30 AM

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Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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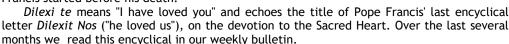
OCTOBER 19, 2025 THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear friends,

Last week, Pope Leo released a special letter, technically called an Apostolic Exhortation, entitled Dilexi Te. An Apostolic Exhortation is a teaching document from the pope, which often aims to encourage a particular virtue or activity. Like many papal encyclicals, apostolic exhortations have often developed themes of the Church's social teaching. Just as Pope Francis

completed the exhortation that was started by Pope Benedict XVI, Lumen Fidei, Pope Leo XIV now completes the work Pope Francis started before his death.



Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation is addressed to all Christians on love for the poor. This exhortation is all about God's love for the most vulnerable and marginalized people in our society. Beginning today and for the next several months we will read Pope Leo's

thoughts on the Christian life for the first time. Signed on the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the document imparts the lesson that St Francis learnt personally and embodied—that a preferential love for the marginalized can renew both the Church and society.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

P.S. Another 11 families have made their pledge to our Catholic Ministries Appeal inching us ever closer to our goal. So far, 39% of our parish families have helped us reach 70% of our goal. With the help of the remaining 60% of our parish families I am confident we will be able to reach, and even exceed our parish goal.

BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY OCTOBER 26



IN MEMORY OF HEIPCAVE Mary Stratman 8 AM -- NOON IN THE GYM



CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CPC)

PARISH GOAL \$131,040.00 PLEDGED TO DATE \$ 91,100.00 70% APPEAL 201 39%

NUMBER OF PLEDGES AVERAGE PLEDGE \$453.23

Our stewardship goal is to give 1% of our gross income to the CMA. Thanks to the following people who have returned their pledge card.

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MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR COMMON EFFORT!

What I Have Learned So Far

Meditation is old and honorable. so why should Inot sit, every morning of my life, on the hillside. looking into the shining world? Because, properly attended to, delight, as well as havoc, is suggestion. Can one be passionate about the just, the ideal, the sublime, and the holy, and yet commit to no labor in its cause? I don't think so. All summations have a beginning, all effect has a story, all kindness begins with the sown seed. Thought buds toward radiance. The gospel of light is the crossroads of indolence, or action. Be ignited, or be gone.



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Joann Schoenstein, Fran Happe, Ron Happe, Don & Darlene Baumgart, Henry Zeggelink (1873), George Rexing (1902)



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Kate Wittgen, Richard & Gertrude Emge, Sr. Judith Emge, OSB, Mary Pat Smead, Charles, Richard, Walter, Melvin and David Emge. Doris Ann Martin, Martha Steckler, Charlotte & Don Titzer, Leo & Marie Gumbel

10:30 AM MASS: Dolores Schroeder, Jeanette Goedde, for the needs of all the people in our parish, Mary Shelton (1961), John (1965) & Rosa Schmitt, Rosemary (1991) & Virgil Spaetti MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

6:30 PM MASS: Henry Angermeier (1857), Infant Murphy (1865), Elisabeth Golzhausen (1872), Urban (2002) & Betty Will, Herman Schmitt (2024)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Art & Mary Weiss, Edward & Marguerite Wittgen, Carol Goedde (1999), Clarence & Mildred Rexing

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ST. JOHN PAUL II

7:30 AM MASS: Sarah Hinton, Francis & Rosemary Seidl, Michael Freihaut (1880), Mary (1980) & Anthon Wolf, David Cartwright (2021), Cindy Bonds Conaway

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 ST.JOHN CAPISTRONO

NO MASS: Matthaeus December (1858), Helena Lampers (1876)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM MASS: Urban & Marty Kercher, Rosina (1952) & Joseph Effinger (1952), Joseph (1978) & Mary Schneider (1978), Monie (2023) & Floyd Titzer

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 THIRTIETH SUNDSAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Frank Matthews (1982), Mary(1989) & Joseph Schneider, Paul (2016) & Marlene Hasselbrinck, George David (2024), George, Dean, Arlene & Goeffrey David, For the needs

of all the people in our parish SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 THIRTIETH SUNDY IN ORDINARY TIME

OF GOD 8:00 MASS: Elmer & Henrietta Koberstein, Stephanie Purcell, Joe MERCY Of ME & Winnie Schu, Srs. Mary Othmar, Rose, Dolorosa, & Karlene, OSB, Srs. Huberta, Celina, Honera OSF, Srs. Mary Benedict & Adelina SP

10:30 AM MASS: John Freppon (1869), Anna Weiss (1877), Bartel Bender (1910), Merl Effinger (2014)



Please remember in your prayers *Kate Wittgen*. the sister of Barb Rexing who died last week. May God's peace be with Barb and all her family and friends.

COME JOIN US THE ST. JOE MEN'S **CLUB MEETING THIS COMING** MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 7 PM

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

Today's theme is perseverance—Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we too must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

OCTOBER 11, 2025	\$ 19,207.46
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 187,888.75
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 230,250.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 25.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 5.00

Saluting our young stewarts: Beatrice, Pul, Peter, Bernadette & John Reckehoff

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

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OCT. 20: Margaret Angermeier

OCT. 21: Megan Altstadt, Jensen Burk, Roger Hall,

Taylor Koester, Jennifer Muensterman

OCT. 22: Dana Grasso, Becky Heidorn, Jerad Muensterman

OCT. 23: Rodney Baehl, Jayne Downs,

Carson Englert, Jodi Fehrenbacher, Fred Happe

OCT. 24: Lucas Murray, Nancy Ruminer,

Lauren Voelker, Heawther Wingert

OCT. 25: Ava Baumholster, Colby Brown, Brendan Elpers,

Kathy Hall, CJ Martin, Brandon Werner

OCT. 19: Tom & Donna Blythe (40 Years!)

OCT. 20: Dave & Lori Wolf, Acott & Ashely Gaiser, Ron & Tennille Schell, Eric & Carrie Reffett

OCT. 21: Bob & Marilyn Mossberger,

Lee & Tracy Watson, Rich & Connie Harpenau, Rick & Clare Baylor, Joyce & Glenn Lewis



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

THANK YOU.....I can't begin to express how much it meant for fr. Gene, Kristan, Debbie and Cindy to provide such a lovely service for John. Manh compliments were received. And thanks to the funeral committee for the food and hospitality. Youe kindness and care brought comfort, relief, and peace of mind duign a very challenging time for us.

Cecilia Koch on bahlf of all the family of John Koch



hildren's Liturgy CHILDREN (age 4 thru 2nd grade) ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AT THE 10:30 AM MASS EACH SUNDAY



WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 18-19 5 PM (L)

Ministres lyn Hutchinson, Sis & Katie Jarboe 8 AM (L)

Terry Drone (EM) Brian and Ann Craney,
LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) Marcia Frey Terry Drone 10:30 AM (L) Chad Martin (EM) Angie Will Sally Kempf, Cecelia Koch Kitty Deig

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 24-26 5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe, (EM) Donald & Brandon Werner, Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier 8 AM (L) Tom Blythe, (EM) Rodney and Paula Baehl, Lisa Cook Darlene Appler, 10:30 AM (L) Janre Scheller, (EM) Paul Hillenbrand, Amy Cody, Jena Wessel Rachael Schnaus

Please join us in October as we pray the rosary before each of our weekend Masses. We will begin praying the rosary twenty-five minutes before Mass.



Join Pope Leo this month in Praying the Rosary for Peace

--COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES--

Thanks to all those who have taken a care package to be filled out for our college students. Please return the filled packages this weekend

IGIOUS EDUCATION

That Man Is You-Wednesday at 5:30 The Chosen Bible Study Wednesday at 6:45 pm Women's Book Study "Blessed is She" Friday 8:30 am

RCIA (for those who are interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith) Sunday at 9 am

Boot Camp Exercise Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 5 am For information about any of the above contact Jessica Reckelhoff, email jreckelhoff@evdio.org, 812-598-1151 CELL, 812-963-3273 OFFICE

COMING OUR WAY......

MEN'S CLUB BURGOO \$20/ GALLON OCTOBER 26 BEGINNING AT 7 AM PREPARATION DAY--OCT. 25 7 AM





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 1-3 PM FOR INFO CONTACT HADLEY 812-430-4310

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FAMILY POTLUCK AND GAMES NIGHT NOV. 1

Join us for a Family Potluck, Bingo, and games in the gym. Bring your favorite

POTLUCK DINNER side dish and join is some bingo and other games night this comng November 1st after the 5:00 Mass. Contact Jessica Reckelhoff to register!



Mater Dei Open House Thursday, November 6th . 6-8 pm To RSVP and skip the registration line, scan the code or visit materdeiwildcats.com. Contact

Jill Seiler at jseiler@evdio.org for more info.

Mater Dei Band Craft Show and Vendor Fair, Saturday, November 29, 9-2 at the Mater Dei Hig School

ON LOVE FOR THE POOR

We are reading from the Apostolic Exortation Delexi Te of Pope Leo to all Christians on the Love of the Poor

"I HAVE LOVED YOU" (Rev 3:9). The Lord speaks these words to a Christian community that, unlike some others, had no influence or resources, and was treated instead



with violence and contempt: "You have but little power... I will make them come and bow down before your feet" (Rev 3:8-9). This text reminds us of the words of the canticle of Mary: "He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Lk 1:52-53).

This declaration of love, taken from the Book of Revelation, reflects the inexhaustible mystery that Pope Francis reflected upon in the Encyclical Dilexit Nos on the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ. There we saw how Jesus identified himself "with the lowest ranks of society" and how, with his love poured out to the end, he confirms the dignity of every human being, especially when "they are weak, scorned, or suffering." As we contemplate Christ's love, "we too are inspired to be more attentive to the sufferings and needs of others, and confirmed in our efforts to share in his work of liberation as instruments for the spread of his love."

For this reason, in continuity with the Encyclical Dilexit Nos, Pope Francis was preparing in the last months of his life an Apostolic Exhortation on the Church's care for the poor, to which he gave the title Dilexi Te, as if Christ speaks those words to each of them, saying: "You have but little power," yet "I have loved you" (Rev 3:9). I am happy to make this document my own - adding some reflections — and to issue it at the beginning of my own pontificate, since I share the desire of my beloved predecessor that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor. I too consider it essential to insist on this path to holiness, for "in this call to recognize him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to imitate."

CHAPTER ONE A FEW ESSENTIAL WORDS

Jesus' disciples criticized the woman who poured costly perfumed oil on his head. But the woman saw in Jesus the lowly and suffering Messiah on whom she could pour out all her love. What comfort that anointing must have brought to the very head that within a few days would be pierced by thorns! It was a small gesture, of course, but those who suffer know how great even a small gesture of affection can be, and how much relief it can bring. Jesus understood this and told the disciples that the memory of her gesture would endure: "Wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her" (Mt 26:13). The simplicity of that woman's gesture speaks volumes. No sign of affection, even the smallest, will ever be forgotten, especially if it is shown to those who are suffering, lonely or in need, as was the Lord at that time.

Love for the Lord, then, is one with love for the poor. The same Jesus who tells us, "The poor you will always have with you" (Mt 26:11), also promises the disciples: "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20). We likewise think of his saying: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). This is not a matter of mere human kindness but a revelation: contact with those who are lowly and powerless is a fundamental way of encountering the Lord of history. In the poor, he continues to speak to us.

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