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The Church of
St. Mary

JULY 14, 2019
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✦ **TURN TO THE LORD IN YOUR NEED,**
AND YOU WILL LIVE. ✦



**PICK UP YOUR
ST. MARY'S CAR RAFFLE
TICKETS**

St. Mary's Parish Car Raffle ticket sales have begun. For each of our 2,100 registered parish families, there is an envelope with your name on it to be picked up in the Commons Area.

In the envelope you will find a letter and 5 raffle tickets. We ask that each family sell or purchase the raffle tickets. The ticket price of \$20 remains the same as last year. Grand Prize is \$20,000 Juettner Bucks to be used towards the purchase of a new car at Juettner Motors or \$15,000 cash.

We appreciate your ongoing support of the raffle, the one and only fundraiser for our parish!



**RECOGNIZING THE CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY
"FEED THE HUNGRY"**

YOUR COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE, PEACE AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION
IS SPONSORING THE

JULY FOOD CAMPAIGN



Please check your car trunk & closets for our St. Mary's blue bags for the collection of food. We ask that you kindly return them.

- Pick up a bag or monetary donation envelope from the display tables at the church entrances.
- If you have easy recipes you would like to share, please print them and include with your donation.
- Return the filled bag to the Commons Area. Monetary donations should be placed in the collection baskets.

FROM OUR PARISH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

❖ At the end of June, Amy and I traveled down to Iowa to visit a good friend from St. John's. When traveling, I enjoy learning about what other churches are doing to increase the vibrancy in their faith community. I am always looking for some good ideas to help us improve.

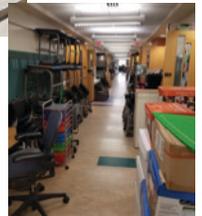
So, after Mass on Sunday, we took a tour of their school. This particular Catholic School was K-12 which added a whole new element that we do not have here at St. Mary's. But one thing stood out that we do have here at St. Mary's. We are blessed with parishioners who believe in Catholic social teachings and are willing to treat their employees with respect by offering just wages and benefits.

One of the sad realities at the school in Iowa, and many Catholic schools across the country, is that their parish does not pay their employees a fair and just wage. Because of this, the local public school regularly hires away the best teachers from the Catholic school. Good teachers are in demand and when the wage and benefits are significantly different, it is difficult to retain any employee for very long.

Although we struggled with our regular offerings this past fiscal year, I believe that we will turn things around and increase those regular contributions in this new fiscal year that began July 1. All parishioners here at The Church of St. Mary have responsibility for 31 employees who are full-time and eligible for benefits. If we are to live out our Catholic social teachings, we need to continue to pay our employees fair, competitive wages and benefits allowing us to retain top-notch employees and continue to increase our parish vibrancy.

❖ Now that the Senior Expo has been held and July is here, the custodians are working hard at maintenance items in the school. Besides the normal scrubbing of the carpets, and stripping of old wax and applying new wax to all the hard flooring, here are a few additional significant items scheduled to be completed in the school and elsewhere around campus this summer:

- o Replacement & upgrade of wi-fi network throughout campus - completed
- o New Wi-Fi coverage in Lighthouse (Scout house) in north parking lot
- o New computer/internet access in Religion & Prayer Room in the school
- o Replace carpet in the kindergarten rooms
- o Complete refinishing of the gym floor
- o Replacement of wall pads in the gym
- o Replace broken up concrete to south entrance to church/commons area
- o Replace grates/tree stumps in courtyard with concrete
- o Repair busted up steps and handrail at west exit out of commons area



❖ Notice, below, that we have a little different format to communicate our weekly Financial Giving. Hopefully, this helps keep everyone informed on the progress of our weekly offertory giving. Remember, this is your parish community. Get involved, and whatever you do, do it well!

With gratitude,
Todd Wentworth

THANK YOU to the following for serving the funeral luncheon of: Dot Bubendorf - Arlene Larson and Team 4

+We wish to offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of Dorothy "Dot" Bubendorf.

— BAPTISMS —

**Jessiah Michael - Child of Brian & Toni Diede
Ahnah Noel - Child of Brian & Toni Diede
Teagan Nicole - Child of Jared & Amanda Volesky**

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

| | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>BUDGET*</u> | <u>VARIANCE FROM BUDGET</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Envelope | \$ 20,735 | \$ 26,413 | \$ (5,678) |
| Electronic | 2,139 | 6,731 | (4,592) |
| Other | 3,271 | 2,490 | 781 |
| Weekend - July 7 | <u>\$ 26,145</u> | <u>\$ 35,634</u> | <u>\$ (9,489)</u> |
| Year-to-Date Offerings | <u>\$ 26,145</u> | <u>\$ 35,634</u> | <u>\$ (9,489)</u> |

** Total year budget is spread equally over 52 weeks.
Detailed financial reports may be viewed at the Parish Office.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

DIOCESAN RURAL LIFE CELEBRATION Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 18, 2019 for the annual Rural Life Celebration, "Care for God's Creation: A Legacy of Faith." The event will be held at the Randy and Amanda Hartung farm in St. Anthony (40607 County Road 153, Freeport 56331), and begins with Mass with Bishop Donald Kettler at 10:30 AM, followed by special guest speaker Joe Gill of KASM Radio out of Albany, MN. Join us as we celebrate them and our diocese's legacy of rural life! Find out more at Catholic Charities' website:

<https://www.ccstcloud.org/events#UpcomingEvents>

ATTENTION LECTORS AND SERVERS We are currently working on schedules for September - November. If you have dates you are not available, please contact the parish office by July 19.

320-763-5781 or stmary@stmaryalexandria.org.

WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF MORE SERVERS, especially at the 5:00 PM and 8:00 AM Masses. Boys and girls, grade 3 and older, are invited to this ministry. According to Pope Francis, "Serving at the altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus." Training will be provided. Contact the parish office by July 19 so you can be included in the upcoming schedule.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA will meet for the Annual Picnic at St. Mary's Great Hall on Thursday, July 18 at 5:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share (plates and utensils will be provided). Bring your spouse or potential member. Hope to see you there!

ST. MARY'S FALL RUMMAGE SALE will be held on Saturday, September 21, 8:00 - 11:00 AM. Sale items may be dropped off at the school on Friday, September 20, 4:00 - 7:00 PM. **NO ELECTRONICS PLEASE!** We are going green, so please bring your canvas bags for shopping. Help will be needed on Friday and Saturday. If you can help, contact Carol at 815-1208.

 **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on Monday, July 22, 1:00 - 7:00 PM and Tuesday, July 23, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Appt/info, call Janet at 320-763-3381.

PRAYER CORNER

If you or someone you know in our parish community is sick or ill, or has a family member who could use our prayers, please call our Parish Nurse, Kathy Fischer, at 762-2320.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Ruth Partington, Carol Peterson, Betty Schlosser, Dan Woods, Kevin Richmond Sr., Andrew Herges, Phyllis VanKempen, Dan Ridler, Dennis Craig, Rosemary Rehovsky, Marie Peterson, Jelena Newmann, Donna Onstead, Barb Durand, Doloris Lorsung, Patty Suchy, Betty Henshaw, Andrew Eckhoff, Doug Kuiper, Bruce Rivers, Jerry Anderson, Virginia Schultz and Dorothy Jennissen.



ABOUT LIFE

JUSTICE PEACE AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION (JPIC): ELIE WIESEL, A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR, RECEIVED THE NOBLE PEACE PRIZE IN 1986. In his acceptance speech, as in his writings, he answers the question of a young boy in the concentration camp: **CAN THIS BE TRUE?** "AND NOW THE BOY IS TURNING TO ME: "Tell me," he asks. "What have you done with your life? What have you done with my future? **And then I explained to him, that the world did know and remained silent.** And that is why I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure sufferings and humiliation. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men or women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must – at that moment – become the center of the universe. Our lives no longer belong to us alone; they belong to all those who need us desperately."

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

-Pope Francis

Visit St. Mary's Sanctity of Life online, at <http://sanctityoflifestm.org/> for information and resources.



FAITH FORMATION

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A CALL TO SERVICE 2019

Some of our youth attended **A Call to Service** in June. They served at 4 different sites in the Twin Cities making a difference in others' lives, as well as their own.



NOT CATHOLIC? BEEN AWAY FOR A WHILE? Been coming to Mass with your spouse for some time and are wondering what you have to do to be Catholic? What does it mean? Something happened—or not—that you have been away from the church for quite some time and are thinking about getting things in order with your spiritual life? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process for you. It is a time for searching and growing in faith. We have a team who dedicates themselves to helping people on their faith journey. Call Fr. Steve at 763-5781 with inquiry questions.

ALL ARE INVITED to attend an ongoing, First Monday of the Month Prayer Service, from 5:30-6:00 PM at Fr. Darin Didier's gravesite to pray for the greater good of the consolidation of our Area Catholic Communities (ACC), for the future of St. Mary's, and for our world. For questions, please contact Sue McCulloch at 320-491-7006 (text or call).

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Tuesday evenings in the Great Hall immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass. Call Mike at 759-1911 for more info.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Thursday mornings in the Commons Area of the church at 6:00 AM. Call Mike at 759-1911 for more info.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Rosary - Sundays (before Mass) 7:35 AM & 9:35 AM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Please join us this summer as we study Bishop Barron's "CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players". We'll be inspired by six people who responded to God's grace to change the world:

St. Francis of Assisi, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Benedict and Michelangelo. No charge and no homework for this study! Offered both Saturday mornings and Sunday evenings. For further details call Sandy 320-760-8283 or Kim 320-808-3669.

ST. MARY'S PRAYER LINK: If you have a prayer request, please send to Wosepkak@aol.com or phone Kelly Wosepka at 320-815-4655 or Julie Desautels at 846-1842. All prayer requests will be kept confidential.

DIVINE MERCY HOUR: Mondays from 3:00-4:00 PM. Contact Barb Nei at 846-0022.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, Sharing One Hour with the Lord Adoration is one way you can make prayer and spending time with the Lord a greater priority in your life. Please consider being a regular adorer for our chapel. For more information, please contact Sue at 320-491-7006 or tscamcculloch@charter.net.

Open times:

Mon: 3-4 AM; 10-11 AM; 10-1 PM; **Tue:** 7-8 PM

Wed: 3-4 AM, 5-6 AM; 9-10 PM; 11-midnight

Thur: 3-4 AM; , 8-9 PM; **Fri:** 3-4 AM; 11-noon

Stewardship

Me! A Caretaker?

“This is my home and this is my family. I’m no caretaker.”

That would probably be our reaction if someone came to us and tried to tell us that the things we have do not really belong to us. And yet that is exactly what the Bible tells us. In Psalm 24:1 we read, “The Earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.”

Is not everything we have a gift from God? The Apostle Paul writes to the Christians at Corinth, “What hast thou that thou didst not receive?” (1 Cor. 4:7) Every Christian knows that the answer to this question is, “Nothing.” God has given us everything we have, even life itself. Because all that we have and all that we are belongs to God, we do not spend our time, our strength, and our money to please ourselves, but to please God.

What does this mean? Specifically, how can we live to please God? Certainly God wants us to spend part of our time, talent and resources on ourselves and our families. God has given us our lives and expects us to enjoy them in God’s service. God also wants us to give for the needs - both physical and spiritual - of others.

How can we best do this? By giving to our church and community. Christ founded the church to preach to the world and to minister to the needy in God’s name. Whenever we give to the church we are doing this work for Christ. We do not give to the church because we expect to receive anything



in return. We give to the church because that is what God wants us to do with our money. Remember that it is not ours, but God’s; we are simply the caretakers.

How much then should we give to the church? The New Testament offers several answers to this question. When Zacchaeus, the dishonest tax-collector, became a Christian he told Jesus that he would give half of his wealth to feed the poor. (Lk 19: 1-10) When Mary of Bethany realized that Jesus was soon to be crucified, she bought the most expensive gift she could find to give to him. (Jn 12: 1-8) When Barnabas, the Levite from Cyprus, became a Christian, he sold all the land that he owned and brought the money to the apostles. (Acts 4: 36-37) The action of each of these individuals was different and yet each was giving their money in a way that was pleasing to God.

How can we be sure that our gifts are

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Human life is the first and greatest gift of all and carries great responsibilities with it.

As Christians, we know that our lives are sacred trusts. We are the stewards of those lives; God depends on us to use them to accomplish God’s purposes.



Excess Baggage

In the last century, a tourist from America paid a visit to a renowned Polish rabbi, Hofetz Chaim. He was astonished to see that the rabbi's home was only a simple room filled with books, plus a table and a bench.

"Rabbi," asked the tourist, "where is your furniture?"

"Where is yours?" replied Hofetz Chaim.

"Mine?" asked the puzzled American.

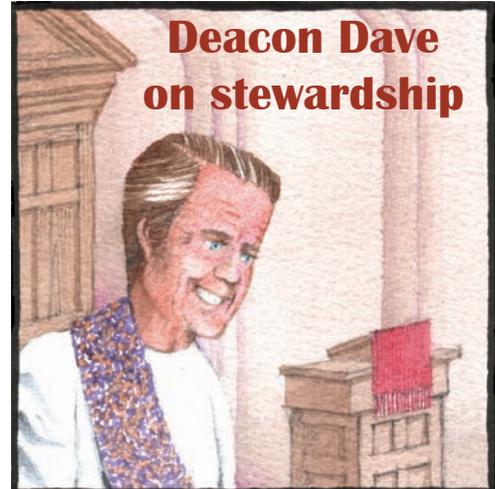
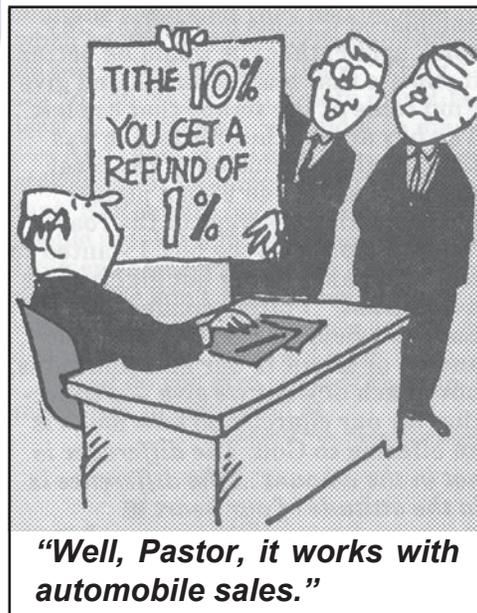
"But, I'm only a visitor here. I'm only passing through."

"So am I," said the rabbi.

Experienced travelers learn how much baggage is just enough. They take what they need and leave behind the non-essentials that would only be a burden. To move freely, they travel light. Visitor, traveler, pilgrim - whatever word we use - each one of us is only "passing through."

How we go through life depends a lot on what each of us decides is essential in the things we own, the attachments we form, the ideas that shape our lives.

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Deacon Dave on stewardship

"Ask and you shall receive." Do you believe it? There are those who will answer a flat no; that it's impossible to prove God rewards us or answers our prayers. Too many prayers they say go unanswered, while rewards can usually be attributed to hard work or blind luck.

Others are doubtful, skeptical. They've prayed for pay raises, improved health, a happy marriage, and some of their prayers are answered and some are not. They picture a God of moods who reacts as inconsistently as most parents do with their children.

Both the disbeliever and the confused skeptic fail to consider one all-important element in a working relationship with God. Faith. It is obvious, too, that neither has honestly tried God's generosity by putting God first in their lives; by giving God their complete, no-exceptions trust.

The attitude you develop is all the reward you'll need; the certainty that God won't fail you and the realization that your role in life, your place in God's plan, is as important to God as anyone.

Put your trust in God and prove it by giving of yourself, to God and to others, and no force on earth can turn you from happiness. Think not of receiving, but of giving. Think not of having, but of being made as a living example of God's grace. Only then can you honestly say you have tried God's generosity. 

How do we know when we have given enough of ourselves?

Our life is peaceful.

Our children become generous, too.

We are sensitive to others' needs.

We remember those who have no food.

We begin to trust in God.

We see our problems in a new light.

We feel the Lord present with us.

Learning to Trust

Charles Swindoll, in one of his many poignant meditations, shared a humorous list of requirements for trusting or mis-trusting a dentist. It begins with the heading, “Never trust a dentist...”:

- Who wears dentures;
- Whose drill is driven by a system of pulleys connected to three mice on a treadmill;
- Who sends you a Christmas card and charges you for it; or, who sprays his equipment with Lysol to sterilize it.

We laugh at the list, but the image of going to a new dentist for the first time is a helpful measure of our ability to trust. We live in an age of suspicion and caution when it comes to placing our confidence in anyone who promises to solve our daily problems.

And it has infected our faith, at least that part of our faith that has to do with trusting in the promises of God. God gives us all we have, and we can trust God to provide for our needs.

Deciding to participate fully in giving of our time, talent and resources requires a deep faith; trusting that what is left over for our own use will be enough for our needs and the needs of our loved ones as well.

Those who make the decision to put God first in their lives, find their faith deepened and, far from being impoverished, they find themselves enriched both spiritually and materially.

Pray about it. What is God calling you to do? 

Now it came to pass that, as the time of vacation drew near, a certain member of the church bethought him of cool streams where fish were found, and his children thought of sandy beaches by the sea, and his wife thought of the mountains. And this parishioner spoke and said: “Lo the hot days come and my work lieth heavy upon me. Come, let us depart and go where fishes do bite, and where the cool winds bring refreshment and the land is beautiful about us.”

“Thou speakest words of wisdom,” said his wife. “Yet three, nay, even four, things must we do ere we go.”

“Three things I think of, but not a fourth,” said her husband; “that we ask our neighbors to minister unto our flowers, that we arrange for our grass to be mowed and watered, that we have our mail forwarded; but no other thing cometh to my mind.”

“The fourth is like unto the other three, but greater than all,” said his spouse, “even this: that thou dig into thy purse and pay the church pledge, in order that the good name of the church may be preserved, that the heart of the treasurer be made glad, and that it may be well with thee. For verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou wilt have when thou dost return.”

And the husband replied, “Verily, thou art noble and wise among women.” And he did pay his pledge for the summer, and the treasurer rejoiced greatly, saying, “Of a truth, there are those who care for the good of the church.” 

Every act of faith tends to enrich the one who makes it. For most people, it is an act of faith to contribute a significant portion of their incomes to the programs of the church. Developing adequate faith for tithing is certain to bring deeper involvement in and stronger commitment to the church. Great spiritual enrichment will result.



Me! A Caretaker?...

pleasing to God? Here are some suggested ways:

Pray about your giving. When the offering basket is passed in church imagine that it is Jesus who is holding it. Put into it what you would not be ashamed for him to see. Through your giving show him how much you are willing to sacrifice for him, who sacrificed his life for you.

Consider the needs of the church. Consider what your church can do in the name of Christ at home and around the world if you give generously. Ask yourself, "What kind of church would this church be if every parishioner gave just as I do?"

Consider the Biblical standard of the tithe. Before Christ came to save his people they were commanded to give a tenth of their income to God. Now that Christ has come can we give any less?

All people are caretakers. Nothing belongs to us; everything belongs to God. Not everyone realizes this, but Christians do and strive to please God in the use of all that God has put in their care.

"Yes, I'm a caretaker - God's caretaker!" 

Excess Baggage...

More and more people say they'd like to make changes in the way they live. Louis Harris commented that we may be coming to the point "where accumulation of physical possessions and steadily increasing consumption would no longer be as central to people's concerns ... This would mark a striking turn-about in the country's thinking."

But any major change in the way we live is going to require decisions by millions of individuals, in their personal and public lives, in answer to the question: "How do I want to travel?"

On a personal level, questions like these may be helpful to anyone who is serious about finding out what to hold onto and what to let go:

- What possessions do I have that cause more trouble and worry than they're worth?
- Do I weigh myself down by longing for more than I need or can afford?
- Do I waste valuable time and energy on things that don't really matter?
- Does the desire for "bigger, better, more" crowd out the values of intimacy, communication and the giving of affection?
- Do I feel good about my work, the persons in my life, myself?
- If I had only three months to live, what would I let go of and what would I hold onto? 





Farm to Fork



Reasons to Shop Your Local Farmers Market

Freshly picked fruits and vegetables are high in nutrition and flavor.

- ✓ Food found at the farmers market is often picked within 48 hours of the market. Ripe produce is packed full of heart healthy nutrients.

Try a new fruit or vegetable.

- ✓ Have you ever tried rhubarb or ground cherries? Farmers often grow and sell unique foods that are only found in the Midwest.

Support your community.

- ✓ When you shop locally, you get to meet the person who is growing your food and support our local economy. It helps our farmers continue growing year after year. Beyond fruits and vegetables, some farmers sell eggs, jams, meat and fresh bakery items

Get the whole family involved.

- ✓ Let your kids help pick out something new to try. Have them ask the farmer questions about their farm or the foods they are selling.

Enjoy the outdoors.

- ✓ Some markets offer community meals, provide activities for kids, and some accept SNAP/EBT benefits. Although every market is different, they all give us a chance to enjoy being outside!

This summer, check out a farmers market near you! For more information: Visit nutrition.gov or minnesotagrown.com

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In July, St. Mary's received \$6,600 to help subsidize our Catholic school. This has been an annual gift from the Diocese of St. Cloud and comes from the proceeds received for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. So, for those of you who send your child to our Catholic School and for those of you who have contributed to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, THANK YOU! Bishop Kettler is passionate about passing on our Catholic faith to our children. If you have not yet contributed this year to the appeal, contributions are always accepted.



CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

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|---------|----------------------------|---------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| 7/7/19 | Jeff Schmitt, Alexandria | \$35.00 | 7/11/19 | Randy Olson, Wendell | \$20.00 |
| 7/8/19 | Brian Klimek, Alexandria | \$20.00 | 7/12/19 | Pat Trudel, Moorhead | \$20.00 |
| 7/9/19 | Dave Hartness, Alexandria | \$20.00 | 7/13/19 | Dustin Thornburg, Alexandria | \$20.00 |
| 7/10/19 | Melissa Crosby, Alexandria | \$20.00 | | | |

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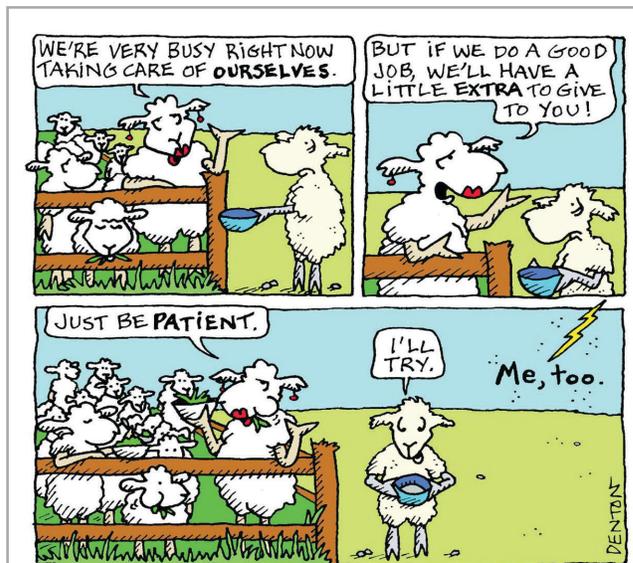
Where Do We Stand?

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Deuteronomy 30:10-14 - God's command clear
- ▶ Colossians 1:15-20 - Christ's fullness and reconciliation
- ▶ Luke 10:25-37 - The good Samaritan

Christianity has a long-standing tradition of teaching "natural law," the belief that all people can understand and agree with objective, universal moral teachings, regardless of their religion or education because they flow from nature. Because we all have a conscience, we can discern what is objectively good and what is objectively evil. Accordingly, anyone who hears Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan should recognize that it is the Samaritan, not the priest or the Levite, who does the right thing when he comes upon the victim who was beaten and robbed.

The lawyer who was testing Jesus in the finer points of the law knew it was the Samaritan who acted as a neighbor, but he had trouble swallowing this fact because the Jews despised Samaritans. The irony is that the Good Samaritan wasn't Jewish and didn't live according to the letter of all the 613 Jewish laws. What is even more ironic is that the priest and the Levite who passed by the victim were following the letter of the law which said they shouldn't touch a person who is bleeding, lest they become defiled themselves. If they were defiled they would not be allowed to minister in the Temple or function in the



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"This command that I enjoin on you today... is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts."

Sheepish Question:

How do I define—and carry out—love for my neighbor?

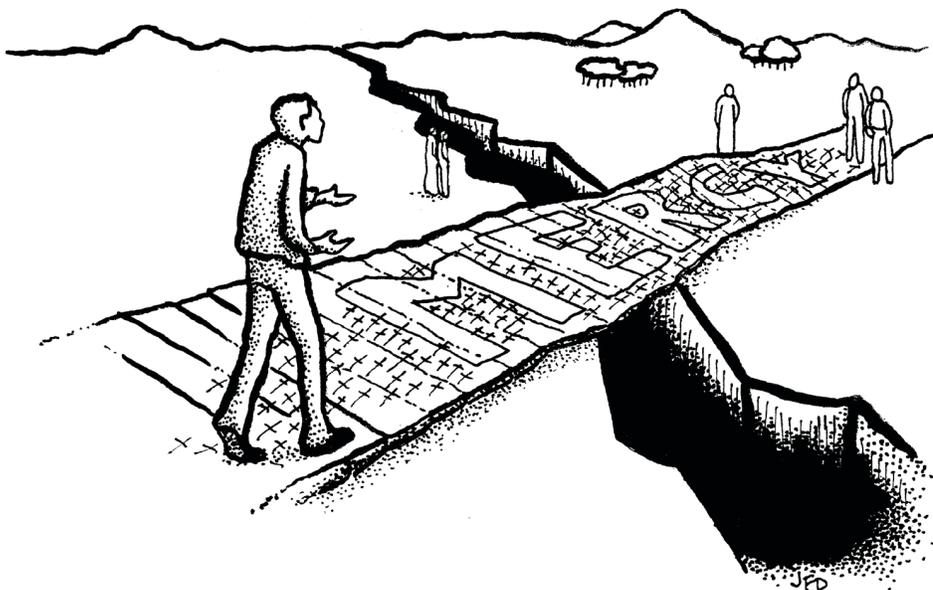
community without first going through a detailed process of purification.

What this passage comes down to is the question: Where do we fall? Do we fall on the side of the lawyer, the priest, and the Levite who know and keep the letter of the law, or do we fall on the side of the Good Samaritan who responds spontaneously out of compassion because it is the right thing to do?

Questions of the Week

- ① When have you, like the priest and Levite, passed by someone who needed help, maybe with good reason?
- ② Share an example of a time when you or someone you know, acted like the Good Samaritan, even though it was a sacrifice.

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Mon. Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34—11:1
Tue. Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wed. Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thurs. Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Fri. Ex 11:10—12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Sat. Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21
Sun. Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tue. 5:00 PM +Stephen Bartos
Wed. 8:30 AM Andrew Thorstad
Thurs. 7:00 AM No Mass
2:00 PM Windmill Ponds +Mayme Rajdl
Fri. 8:30 AM +Evelyn Boogaard
Sat. 5:00 PM +Richard Merten, Sr.
Sun. 8:00AM +Dale R. Dahlheimer
10:00 AM For the Parish

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