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HOLY WEEK IS NEAR

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is winding down and Easter is coming. This means we will be having our Holy Week liturgies from Palm Sunday (April 14th) to Easter Sunday (April 21st).

These last weeks of Lent and the beginning of Easter are a time to rededicate ourselves to our Christian faith. This is the time to do penance and to concentrate on conversion. Many of our parishioners have been attending daily Mass, coming to special religious services, and giving to charity.

Do not become discouraged if you have not been paying attention to Lent, you can still benefit from this holy time of the year. Maybe Holy Week is a time to think more about your religious life. We meditate on the most basic mysteries of our faith. We reflect on the passion of Jesus on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. On Holy Thursday, we contemplate the gift of the Eucharist. On Holy Saturday, we come together to remember our Baptisms. We have left darkness behind and have been enlightened by Christ. On Holy Saturday, we rejoice in the truth of the Resurrection of Jesus.

We remember during this special time of year that we are never far from the mercy of God. Jesus came to show us the way, the truth and the life. I would encourage all parishioners to make attendance at our Holy Week celebrations a priority. We try to schedule the services so that all might attend.





JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY MASS (Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper) – April 18, 2019 – 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY (Friday of the Passion of The Lord) – April 19, 2019 – 3:00pm Service

Blessing of Easters Baskets

SATURDAY, April 20, 2019 – 10:15am/St. Francis Chapel

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL – April 20, 2019 – 8:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21, 2019

7:00AM, 9:00AM & 11:00AM MASSES

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS!

David & Courtney Brickner

Adelaide, David

Fernando & Luzaurora

Fernando, Marcos

Ansberto & Rosa Cervantes

Ansberto

Dennis & Cheryl De Smet

Marcario & Sanjuana Martinez

Samantha, Diego, Manuel

Mark & Kathleen Meyer

Lawrence & Phyllis Paprocki

John & Kathy Ruckauf

Stephen & Jackie Sottos

Juliana Villalobos

Jen Wood

SETON WALK-A-THON

Seton Catholic School will hold its 14th Annual Walk-a-Thon on Friday, May 17. This year's theme is "Walk and Roll"! Over 500 students will walk from the Seton campus to Prospect park and back to raise funds to update our technology. Each student receives a free t-shirt courtesy of our generous sponsors: DeLeon-Thompson, Inc., GETT Industries, Ltd., McLaughlin Motors, Mississippi Valley Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, P.C. and Southeast National Bank. Students will be collecting donations in April at select Masses. Please consider any size donation to sponsor a student's efforts!

I hope to see you at church on these inspiring days. Invite a friend to come with you.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark DeSutter,
Pastor

P.S. *The Today Tomorrow Together* Campaign continues to have success. If you have not made a pledge, please send yours in. So far, Christ The King, Sacred Heart and Seton Catholic School have collected over \$4,000,000. All three institutions are approaching or exceeding minimum goals set by our fundraising group, The Steier Group. Sacred Heart would like every stained-glass window sponsored in our church. We would also like to be able to add onto our church building so we could have a gathering space that is accessible for families and those in need. A nice drop off area and fully-accessed new restrooms that are user-friendly for all. Please help us get closer to our goals. We thank the parishioners who have given so far. Information about all this and an opportunity to pledge can be found at www.catholicitogether.com.

MEET OUR DEACON CANDIDATES: MATT MARTEL

How has your faith impacted your life, in big or small ways? Having faith in our Merciful, Loving and Just God, along with the teachings of Holy Mother Church, gives meaning to ALL of Life's big questions and puts them in their right perspective and priority! I know we are made for something greater than this life here and now! This life is temporal! We are created for heaven and union with God! I Trust in the promise of Our Loving God as we hear:

"What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him." - St. Paul in 1 Cor 2:9

What led you to consider becoming a deacon? How did you make the decision? The seeds of faith were planted early as a youth by going to church with my parents and going to catechism classes through the 8th grade. I always had a belief in God and while growing up felt the need and desire and made the effort to go to church. I had a "Pentecost" moment on a TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekend almost 20 years ago! (I went as an adult observer.)

That weekend "Enlivened" and "Energized" my Spirit! It set into motion a desire to learn about the Catholic Church and a yearning to receive the Holy Eucharist (daily)! It led to many more TEC weekends, which led to Cursillo, then to prison Cursillo. Those weekends gave me many opportunities to be a servant of God.

Being involved with prison Cursillo the past 15 years we do a Cursillo at the Henry Hill Correctional Center in Galesburg. Throughout the year I'm around my faith-filled, loving prison Cursillo family. Over the years, I've had the pleasure to meet and serve with a number of deacons and priests. Serving with all of them, occasionally one might say "have you ever considered becoming a deacon" or "you'd make a good deacon"! Those type of comments, for the most part, opened my heart and mind to the possibility.

How did you make the decision? It's not a decision I've made, if it's God's Will, by His Grace I'll be ordained a deacon.

I'm still (and always will be) in a formation process! Over time, I've learned to say "Yes" when the Holy Spirit prompts me to serve! The grace and blessings I've received have brought many tears of joy!

How has the discernment and training process impacted you and your families' lives? For me, very powerfully! It's a great joy to be around and get to know the Diaconate Class 11 family, who have a longing and desire to Love and Serve Our most Loving God! They understand "Spiritual Warfare" and know that "Souls are at stake"!

As far as my family, I come from a large family of 14 (4th to the youngest) and have 3 adult daughters. Currently, we are all over the map when it comes to living and practicing our faith. A few go to church, but most don't. We are no different than most families, in regards to living lives caught up in worldly pleasures and the mindset of our culture.

What have you learned through this process? To this point, the need and value of a strong spiritual family. How to deepen and grow in faith and knowledge. That the disciplines and many years of solid formation leading up to this point have been so valuable!

What things have been most interesting to you? The clergy speakers during the weekends are well versed and talented on a wide variety of topics. They make learning and growing in faith, fun and gratifying. The presenters of the Introduction to Philosophy have made it fun, interesting and challenging. To have the opportunity to form friendships with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, who have felt that tug on their heart and are open and responding to God's Will! To know and understand that we all have many crosses and sacrifices to bear.

What do you hope to share with parishioners as a deacon? My love for the Catholic Church and my love for Mary, Our Blessed Mother, the beauty of Catholicism the Sacraments and all her teachings, and the many ways to build and maintain a solid spiritual foundation.

MEET OUR DEACON CANDIDATES: JOE TERRONEZ

How has your faith impacted your life, in big or small ways?

I went to church when I was young, and I even thought about being a priest, then my parents split up, and we stopped going, as my mom did not have a car. When I was 16, I met my wife, Debbie, and I started going back to church, because it was one of the few places I could see her, as she went to a parochial school. So my faith increased, as she showed me what a real Christian was. Also her mother, Martha, was so devout, and I truly loved her. She helped me by leading as an example! We were married after seven years of dating, engagement, and started having children right away. We had five children over an 18 year span. It was tough, as Deb worked in the home, but God always provided, and we were in love. I was in the social work field, mainly the Illinois Department of Corrections, and with coaching for over 20 years and working on my master's degree. I was gone a lot. So I became a lukewarm Catholic. Church on Sunday (sometimes) and some prayers once in a while. Then we left the church for about five years, and with prayers from our mothers, and realizing we were only hurting ourselves, we came back to a new church (Sacred Heart) with a vengeance! Then in 2006, I went on a pilgrimage and came back changed (as Debbie said). My prayers became so much more real. This increased my faith so much. I was volunteering, then doing Cursillo, which was another big boost, eventually helping with Cursillo and joining the Hill prison Cursillo team. I felt so happy as my life took on more purpose, for Christ.

What led you to consider becoming a deacon? How did you make the decision?

I had been asked to discern about becoming a deacon in 2011, and I was very interested. At that time, Deb and I decided it was not possible with our last two boys still at home. Then we were asked again in 2016, and we decided to go to the orientation meeting. I talked with Father Mark, and after our discussion, he recommended me. When my mom found out we were discerning two years ago, she starting telling everyone at her memory care center. That put added pressure on me. She passed away last May, thinking I was close to finishing the program. She has been an added incentive, as we have been discerning, and will continue to do so. We are not involved in this program because we are "more worthy"

than any of you, because we are not. If we finish, and make it through to ordination in May of 2022, I figure it's because if God could use St. Paul, then he can use me. I'm definitely still a work in progress.

How has the discernment and training process impacted you and your families' lives? Time is probably the biggest issue. We meet one weekend a month with all those in the Diaconate Program, from Friday to Sunday evening, with homework, studying, tons of good reading, and of course prayer. We do have to miss some wrestling meets of our son, Daniel, and three grandsons, our other son, Jon's coaching, and other life events. We had a big family meeting and got everybody's approval before we started. I think about and talk to God every day, with Liturgy of the Hours, and examination of conscience. I know he is present with me many times a day. I can't escape him, and I don't want to. I have served in the social work field for over 39 years before retiring last December. Now we're going to step it up a big notch.

What have you learned through this process? What things have been most interesting to you?

It takes a lot of time and sacrifice to be in this program, but we have nothing to lose, it's a win-win situation, even if we don't make it. I learned that I have a lot to learn, and a long, long way to go, to possibly become a deacon for Sacred Heart Parish. Interestingly, I have met, and am becoming friends with some very devout Christians at Sacred Heart, and in the Diaconate Program. I have a more appreciation for deacons, and priests. Finally, the power and vast world of the Liturgy of the Hours Prayers has strengthened me.

What do you hope to share with parishioners as a deacon? With your support, Sacred Heart's guidance and Deb's, I hope to share GOD's love and prayers with everyone I meet. I know we all can be forgiven, no matter what we have done, we are all GOD's Children. He is patiently waiting for us. So being a bigger part of Sacred Heart, will greatly strength us and, in return, help us to serve Sacred Heart.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Most of you likely know Don Lewis as a friendly face from Pew Pals, parish council, facilities committee, or the countless other ministries and social events that he's helped with over the years. We sat down with Don to talk about the capital campaign, the parish's past projects, and the future at Sacred Heart.

One thing to remember about Don is that, though he's been retired 20 years, he's never stopped over-seeing projects. Over the years, Sacred Heart has seen its share of tuckpointing efforts, and Don has been the "sidewalk superintendent" for many of them. You may have seen him up in the lifts, observing the work and helping with measurements from small patch jobs to re-sealing nearly half the church. The tuckpointing included in the capital campaign truly finishes the job, helping the parish to avoid additional tuckpointing which may cause interior damage.

Another project he's happy to see to completion is the protection of our stained glass windows. About fifteen years ago, they were appraised at a value in excess of \$3 million. Their evaluation was part of a campaign to perform emergency repairs on the majority of windows that were in danger. "This campaign," Don explains, "is for restoration that will last a lifetime. Once professionally restored, the windows will be virtually maintenance free up to 100 years."

As with tuckpointing, Don was heavily involved in the last window restoration project and saw the true workmanship and artistry that goes into protecting and restoring these windows. Each panel is deconstructed underwater for protection, each individual pane of glass is polished, protected, and restored, and the re-leading is reapplied by hand, by artisans who have been working at their craft for over 20 years. Don says "If you think the windows are beautiful now, just wait. When the restoration is done, they'll glow - the colors will be so much brighter."



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation allows us to be sealed in faith with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thus, strengthening our Christian life.

Forty-eight eighth graders from Seton Catholic School and our Sacred Heart Religious Education Program will make their Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 28th at 2:00pm with Monsignor Dale L. Wellman officiating.

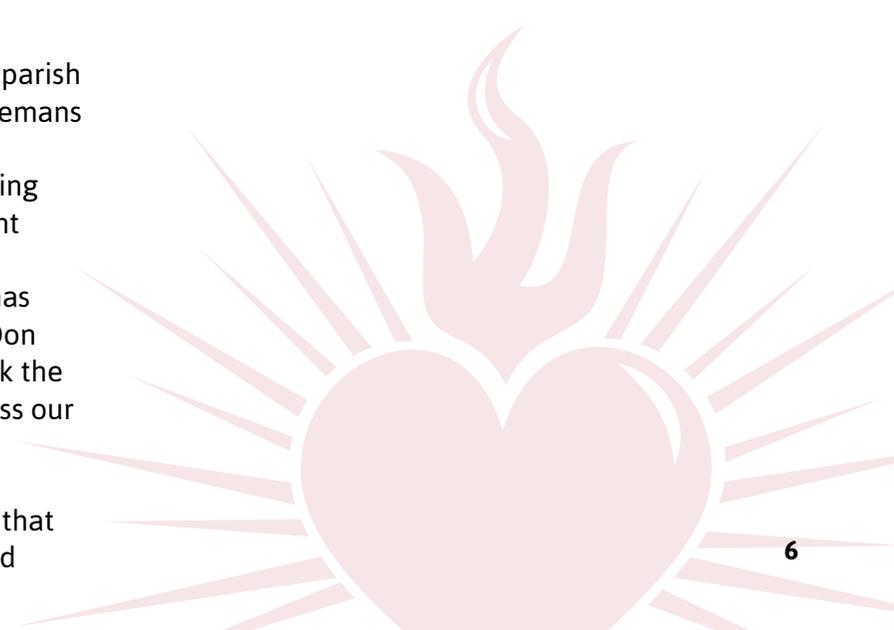
We ask that you keep all of these young adults in your prayers.

If you've attended Fr. Mark's Epiphany Party in past years, you may have taken a stroll around the parish rectory. What you likely didn't see was the cost that goes into maintaining the space - according to Don, it's much larger than what our parish needs, and "old windows, a leaky roof, and an antiquated heating system" makes it a maintenance nightmare and replacing the rectory a must.

But a smaller rectory makes room for what our parish needs most: a gathering space for community. Culemans Hall is a great resource, but "we're lucky if 30% of people at a Mass are willing to walk across a parking lot to visit with one another," says Don. The current accessible entrance to the church is a steep ramp exposed to the elements, and the main entrance has many stairs. Before the capital campaign began, Don and the Facilities Committee had an architect walk the property and sit down with parish leaders to discuss our needs.

Their conclusion? We can build in the footprint that we already have, while keeping the parking lot and

playground, and adding the amenities that we need. The plans to the new addition includes not only an accessible entrance and a gathering space, but accessible restrooms for everyone along with changing stations, a new Blessings gift shop, a bride's room, and a small service kitchen for other parish events.



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- Sundays: 7, 9, 11 a.m.
- Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.
- Daily Masses (M-W): 6:30 am, 8:30 am; TH: 6:30 am, 9:00 am (when school is in session or unless otherwise noted in the parish bulletin); FRI: 6:30 am only
- Saturday Morning: 8:30 am

Confessions

Saturday During Lent: 2:45 p.m. - 4 p.m.
and by appointment, call 762-2362.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

(St. Francis Chapel) During Lent:

- Wednesday: 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- First Friday: 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

