

Humility in Prayer

Dear friends in Christ,

In today's gospel, Jesus teaches us what prayer is and what it is not. The passage presents us with two different experiences of prayer. On the one hand, prayer is not a moment of professing our righteousness before God; rather, it is a sacred time of acknowledging our human frailty and recognizing the need for God and others in our daily life. The profession of how righteous we are leads to the slippery slope of putting other people down. But a true prayer with humility has the potential of recognizing the worth of another human being. Remember, humility is not thinking less of the self, but thinking of the self less often. Let us pray for the virtue of humility this week.

Appreciation

Our annual Oktoberfest last Wednesday was spectacular with great food, music, and camaraderie. I thank the Altar Society, Alice and Sarah Stadelman, Sharon Hennick, Tom and Mary Duncanson and everyone who contributed their time, treasure and talent to give our parish family a joyful and memorable celebration. May God continue to bless each one of you.

As some of you may have noticed, we are in the process of switching my office with the copy room. Initially, I thought it would be a simple switch that would only require moving furniture from one room to another. However, it turned out that the copy room needed to be repainted. I thank Jim Upton and Greg Daigre for the many hours they put into moving furniture, heavy file cabinets and other office items from one room to another, as well as prepping and repainting the copy room and many other works they did during this process. I also thank one of us, who wishes to remain anonymous, for donating the base board for the room. I am profoundly grateful to each of you.

Making FORMED available and accessible to every parishioner is one of the projects close to my heart. I was overjoyed a couple weeks ago when Guy and Janet Hawthorne donated two TVs and sound bars for the youth room and one of the classrooms so that both children and adults in our parish can access FORMED and other faith content during our religious education and faith formation classes. Thank you, Guy and Janet, for your generosity and kindness.

Finally, I am happy to announce that our parish leaders' retreat moderator and I have worked out a date for retreat. It is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 2019. I have no doubt that it will be an enriching experience. Please find more details on the next page and mark your calendars.

May the grace of God continue to guide and bless your lives.

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