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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 24th, 2021

Dear family:

Recently a visitor to the parish began to speak to me about things political. At a critical juncture, he paused and said, "It is my constitutional right not to reveal who I voted for..." I had not asked and typically I do not - because it is a matter of conscience for all of us. If the electoral results are to be believed, of those who voted, there are nearly as many supporters for each candidate.

But to make his point, our visitor said, "I voted for [.....]." Given his caveat and a previous question he had asked me, I was surprised not only that he told me, but also who he voted for. Judging merely from his conversation, one could have assumed that he had likely voted for a certain candidate. He had voted for the opposite!

Sadly, it is clear already that the child in the womb will be the first to suffer from the change in our politics. So, too, those who defend the civil rights of the unborn. The madam speaker of the House spoke disrespectfully of those who voted with their conscience regarding the right to life. She said that it "gives me great grief as a Catholic" that Catholics voted for pro-life candidates.

The Archbishop of her diocese responded to her slander and disrespect in an enlightened and reasoned way.

"Christians have always understood that the commandment, 'Thou shall not kill,' applies to all life, including life in the womb. Around the end of the first century the Letter of Barnabas states: 'You shall not slay the child by procuring abortion; nor, again, shall you destroy it after it is born' (#19). One thousand, eight hundred and sixty-five years later, the Second Vatican Council affirmed: 'Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes' (Gaudium et spes, n. 51).

"I myself will not presume to know what was in the minds of Catholic voters when they voted for the Presidential candidate of their choice, no matter who their preferred candidate was. There are many issues of very grave moral consequence that Catholics must weigh in good conscience when they vote. But one thing is clear: No Catholic in good conscience can favor abortion. 'Right to choose' is a smokescreen for perpetuating an entire industry that profits

from one of the most heinous evils imaginable. Our land is soaked with the blood of the innocent, and it must stop.

"That is why, as Catholics, we will continue to speak out on behalf of those who have no voice to speak for themselves and reach out to, comfort and support those who are suffering the scars of the abortion experience. We will do so, until our land is finally rid of this despicable evil." (Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, January 21, 2021)

May God reward his faithful bishop, Fr. Flum

March for Life- ~~PLAN (A)~~
PLAN (B)

We may not be marching in DC on the 29th this year, but we will be praying, sacrificing, and witnessing for life, all the same. Here is the schedule of events:

Thursday, Jan. 28th, 2021

8 PM: Holy Hour for Life with a sermon, rosary, and benediction

9 PM-9 AM: All Night Eucharistic Adoration for Life
(Sign up in the binder at the back of the church or online)

Friday, Jan. 29th, 2021

9 AM: Pro-Life Mass – guest preacher Fr. Ben Garcia of Our Lady Help of Christians in Waldorf.

10 AM: Carpool to the Waldorf Planned Parenthood. Please do not park in the Nick's parking lot as they have asked us not to. We will pray the Rosary together (all mysteries) on the public sidewalk along Route 5. Bring your pro-life signs and gear!

"Abortion has become the greatest destroyer of peace, because it destroys two lives: the life of the child and the conscience of the mother."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Jan. 17, 2021

St. Michael Offertory Collection \$5,713.00

St. Dominic Offertory Collection \$1,114.00

May God reward your generosity!

The Challenge of St. Joseph

Join us in making our yearly resolutions as a parish and mission family:

1. **To memorize and pray daily the ancient prayer to St. Joseph that you will find in this bulletin.** When we pray we are entering into a conversation with God, the angels or the saints. St. Joseph has a special relationship with us as our spiritual father. Go to him daily with confidence.
2. **To receive God's mercy in confession monthly** as our Lady requested at Fatima. While the ailments of our body cry out for medicine and a doctor's care, too often we ignore the voice of our soul which cries out for God's mercy found in the sacrament of Penance. After his baptism by John, Jesus began his ministry with the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel!"
3. **Spend 15 minutes of unbroken prayerful silence each day in the presence of St. Joseph** (of whom no word is recorded in Sacred Scripture). The absolute best place for this is in Adoration at St. Michael church.

Ancient Prayer to St. Joseph

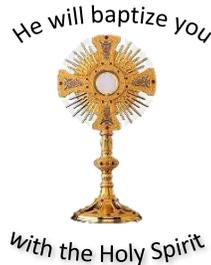
(This prayer dates to 50 AD.)

Oh, St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	01/23/21	5 PM	Ann Proctor +
Sunday	01/24/21	8 AM	Francis Garland Proctor +
Sunday	01/24/21	10 AM	Deacon Alfred Miller, Jr +
Sunday	01/24/21	11:30 AM	PARISHIONERS
Monday	01/25/21	7 AM	Elizabeth Stecklein
Tuesday	01/26/21	8 AM	Patricia Gray +
Wednesday	01/27/21	7 AM	Mary Margaret Stecklein
Thursday	01/28/21	8 AM	Milagro Brown
Friday	01/29/21	7 AM	Donna Cranford +
Saturday	01/30/21	8 AM	Amy Zager



Come, Holy Spirit!

Bring your gifts before Jesus in the Eucharist where our true Treasure lies. I urge you to consider making a weekly commitment to adoration. These hours are not yet

committed to:

Thursdays: 5-6 PM

Saturdays: 9-10 AM, 1-2 PM, 6-7 PM

Sunday: 4-5 PM

Please consider having one family member in the Church adoring Jesus for an hour each week. If you would like to be on our **substitute list**, call the office (240) 681-3551.

Please Pray for

the Souls of the Faithful Departed

*Frances Brooks, Aloysius Briscoe,
Donna Jean Cranford and Joseph Aviles.*

Let Perpetual Light shine upon them.

May they rest in Peace. Amen.

Please PRAY for our SICK

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Christopher Becker, Eddie Bond, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, Keith Brown & Family, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Greg Connick, Mary Connick, Leah Danielson, Diane DiSandro, John DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Mr. Maida, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Michael Proctor, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Garland Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Traci Renner, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Savannah Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Juanita Wilson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Belinda Windsor, Beverly Windsor, Caroline Yashinski, Carmelita, Cheryl Young, Lewis Young. Jesus, heal and console us!

Thank you for the Bear Hugs!!!

Medstar St. Mary's Hospital wants to thank all of you from St. Michael and St. Dominic who donated for the Bear Hugs for Healing program. "Your kindness and generosity supply a much needed "bear hug" to anxious children in the Emergency Dept. and those recovering from surgery."