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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 31st, 2021

Dear family:

The March for Life was cancelled this year. So, we gave witness locally in the hope that hearts will turn toward the unborn who are unaware of the danger that threatens them. First, we prayed all night before the Lord. All of you who participated in our vigil before the Holy Eucharist have accomplished silently and in hiddenness what we could not do this year down on the Mall.

While we would rather have gone to the Mall for the March for Life this year, there was a sort of fittingness to our prayerful response. When the Son of God leapt down from heaven, he was adored by the angels, the shepherds and Mary and Joseph in the silence and hiddenness of the stable of Bethlehem.

The birth of our Savior began in such loving attentiveness and adoration, but the Holy Family's March for Life would soon begin as they fled to Egypt to save the child from Herod.

Today's Herod is still seeking the unknown child in the womb, yet to be born, using irrational arguments to justify the abominable. "No one should be burdened with a child they do not want." "It is a woman's right to choose (to kill her own child)!" When you hear the rallying cry, "Women's health is at stake!" remind yourself that the little girl in the womb has a right to her life and health as well. That is true even if she suffers from ill health or Down's syndrome or her mother's drug addiction.

St. Joseph of course did the right thing – he risked his life to save the life of the vulnerable son of Mary. Knowing that Herod was an unreasonable and violent man, St. Joseph fled with his family in an act of bravery that preserved the life of Jesus and saved the Virgin mother from unspeakable sorrow.

We imitate St. Joseph when we publically stand in witness to the value of each human life. Life matters – each life is individually created by God and as such is an integral part of the human family. It is sad but true that there are men and women so callous that they will publically advocate for eliminating the right to life of certain members of the human family. This must be met with compassionate opposition, so we prayed the Rosary outside of the clinic in Waldorf. St. Joseph, heedful of the inspiration of the angel, took action to save the life of his vulnerable son. We have the same opportunity to be heroes.

Defend the little ones in your office conversations or wherever you can influence hearts! Those who defend abortion want to see pregnancy care centers closed, because they are successfully providing for the needs of those women and their families. Our pregnancy care centers need your support. Let us defend their right to encounter and care for women in crisis.

May our love of God include his unborn children, Fr. Flum

From the new Administration two days after the inauguration regarding the legalization of abortion:

"Today marks the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark ruling in Roe v. Wade.

In the past four years, reproductive health, including the right to choose, has been under relentless and extreme attack. We are deeply committed to making sure everyone has access to care – including reproductive health care – regardless of income, race, zip code, health insurance status, or immigration status.

The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to codifying Roe v. Wade and appointing judges that respect foundational precedents like Roe. We are also committed to ensuring that we work to eliminate maternal and infant health disparities, increase access to contraception, and support families economically so that all parents can raise their families with dignity. This commitment extends to our critical work on health outcomes around the world.

As the Biden-Harris Administration begins in this critical moment, now is the time to rededicate ourselves to ensuring that all individuals have access to the health care they need."

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The phrases "reproductive health care" and "the right to choose" are political labels for abortion. The new administration is making it a priority to expand the use of contraception and the right to choose to kill children under the pretext of "health care". Those who made it possible for this to happen now have the blood of the innocents on their hands. Consider that in the United States there are approximately (2017 statistics):

Abortions per day: 2,362

Abortions per hour: 98

1 abortion every 96 seconds

How could anyone wash their hands 2,362 times a day? Ask Lady Macbeth. Thanks be to God for the grace of sincere repentance and the Sacrament of Confession!

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Jan. 24, 2021

St. Michael Offertory Collection \$4416.00

St. Dominic Offertory Collection \$1525.00

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	01/30/21	5 PM	PARISHIONERS
Sunday	01/31/21	8 AM	Francis Garland Proctor +
Sunday	01/31/21	10 AM	Clara Thomas +
Sunday	01/31/21	11:30 AM	Pietro & Diane Flaim
Monday	02/01/21	7 AM	Michael Patrick O'Neill +
Tuesday	02/02/21	8 AM	Laura Schreyer
Wednesday	02/03/21	7 AM	Donna Cranford +
Thursday	02/04/21	8 AM	Jayne Cassella +
Friday	02/05/21	7 AM	Staff of Archbishop Neale
Friday	02/05/21	7:30PM	Francis Garland Proctor +
Saturday	02/06/21	8 AM	Michael Patrick O'Neill +

He will baptize you



with the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit!

Bring your gifts before Jesus in the Eucharist where our true Treasure lies. 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, 5-6 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 and Mr. Dennis R. Wuerl, Sr,
brother of Cardinal Donald Wuerl.*

Let Perpetual Light shine upon them.

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, Vaughn 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!



The 2021 Annual Appeal is here! This year's theme is **Seeking Christ** to remind us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the one, true source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Parishioners will be asked to make a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal next weekend. Your gift will also be credited towards our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at appeal.adw.org.

