

From the Pastor—October 14, 2018

Memories of Bob For those who have experienced the death of loved ones, especially a sudden death, you understand the significance of the first anniversary of the loved one's death. My sister Mary's husband, Bob, died on October 18, 2017. Several memories are most prominent. One is when Bob looked me in the eye on the day after his initial stroke. He apparently couldn't talk, because of the damage already done, but his inability to speak wasn't as memorable as when he looked me in the eye. It would be my last look from him in a conscious state. Which leads to my next memory...on the Sunday morning of the second day after the initial stroke, I was heading to Giltner for the 10:30 Mass at St. Joseph's. My sister had left a voicemail during the 8:30 Mass at St. Mary's to call her. The sound of her voice indicated the urgency. When we talked, live in person, she said, "He's not going to make it." I couldn't believe it—stunned and shocked are two words that only begin to describe how I felt. I didn't mention anything to the congregation that day at St. Joseph's because I didn't feel like it would do much good for me to try to express what I hadn't had the time to process. My memories are also of the familiarity with I-80 from the numerous voyages to Lincoln and of the brother priests who assisted our family and me during our sad time. *** Please pray for Bob, his dad, and his 11 siblings; and our side of the family, Mary, her son Will, Mark (my brother), my parents, and me.

Adoration and Daily Mass I can't explain adequately the beauty of adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. He is truly in the tabernacle, awaiting your visit and mine. And if no one visits him for several hours, or even for days at a time, think of his Holy Loneliness. He longs to see us! He waits so patiently. I live the closest to his Real Presence, and I neglect him so often for other things. We make important short or long drives all over the place for essential errands and appointments and activities...how often do we stop by church to visit the one who gives us the ability to make all these travels? I have asked that St. Joseph Church in Giltner be kept open during the day, and St. Mary's is open every day as well. Stop by and see Him! *** Daily Mass, for some, is impossible to attend because of work and life commitments. Could it be that you are called to come to daily Mass? When you really want to pray for a loved one in trouble, for a friend going into surgery later that day, for success in your children's lives, daily Mass is the best place to pray. When you celebrate days like your birthday or your parents' anniversary date, or the day that you entered the military or were sworn in as law enforcement, daily Mass is the best place to give thanks and praise to God almighty. *** Bishop Conley is asking for more fervent Adoration in all parishes. He will lead a procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the State Capitol on Sunday, November 4. Many of us travel into Lincoln for important events...is a procession with Jesus in the Eucharist around the State Capitol led by our Bishop an epic-enough event to merit a trip into the Capital City? *** This Adoration campaign in our parishes is meant to be led by the laity. My way is usually to have people feel moved to volunteer, without seeming like they are "doing it because

Father asked them". I would love to have a cadre of people devoted to working with me to promote Adoration in our parishes. Are you called to help? *** Love Jesus more and more, especially at Adoration and Daily Mass!!!

The Gosnell Movie I learned during the Life Chain last Sunday that the new release movie "Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer" is now showing in Grand Island at the Conestoga Mall. The maker of the film spoke to us participants at the Walk for Life in Lincoln in January of this year. The film is a true story of the investigation and trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell and how the political and media establishment tried to cover it up. The media doesn't want you to see the movie, either. This is not a movie for the faint of heart, nor for little ones. It is rated PG-13. I have not seen it yet, but I hope to.

Pope's Prayer Network During the month of October, the Holy Father is asking for special prayers for the Church by offering the Prayer to St. Michael as well as the Sub Tuum Praesidium. The Apostleship of Prayer, now called the Pope's Prayer Network, has made the flyer which is on the reverse of this page to help us pray.

New Secretary St. Mary's and St. Joseph's welcome our new secretary, Lori Humphrey. Lori and her husband live on a farm near Giltner. She grew up in Iowa (Council Bluffs). Diane Schleichardt will continue to lead the way on all things financial, and her office space will be moved to Classroom A. Lori will oversee all non-financial matters. Lori will work out of Classroom D, where Diane had been working. Welcome, Lori!

Spirit Radio Morning Prayer I will be the Morning Prayer priest, Oct. 15-19. Tune in to 91.5 FM at 7:10, 8:10, and 10:15, or listen on-line at SpiritCatholicRadio.com

RCIA (Catholic Instruction Class) I am appealing for volunteer assistance in leading our RCIA class for Catholic instructions in the faith. Please know that your help would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming at Mass

October 13-14 – Adoration Sunday. You will be given the opportunity to commit to the spiritual blessings of spending time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

October 20-21 – Mission Sunday. We have the opportunity to support missionaries throughout the world.

Bishop's Appeal for Vocations [*re-published from last week*] The brochure of seminarians is always anticipated greatly by many in our diocese. Careful observers may note some men pictured last year have discerned away from seminary life. Note the two pairs of brothers (the Winter's and the Wahlmeier's), of which Winter's older brother, Father Evan, is already a priest. Peter Foley's dad is Lt. Gov. Mike Foley and his mother, Susan, is a sister to Fathers Mark, Dan, and Leo Seiker. York native Tony Bedient is now a deacon. He and his wife, Jessica, were newlyweds when they were hit by a drunk driver in an accident in west Omaha. Jessica died from her injuries. Tony recovered, and has now received both the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders. Dale Alder's aunt and uncle are St. Mary's parishioners. I am sure others of you have personal connections to these 42 men. Please pray for them and put the brochure on your refrigerator door to facilitate your remembering to pray.

God Bless You!

Father Grell