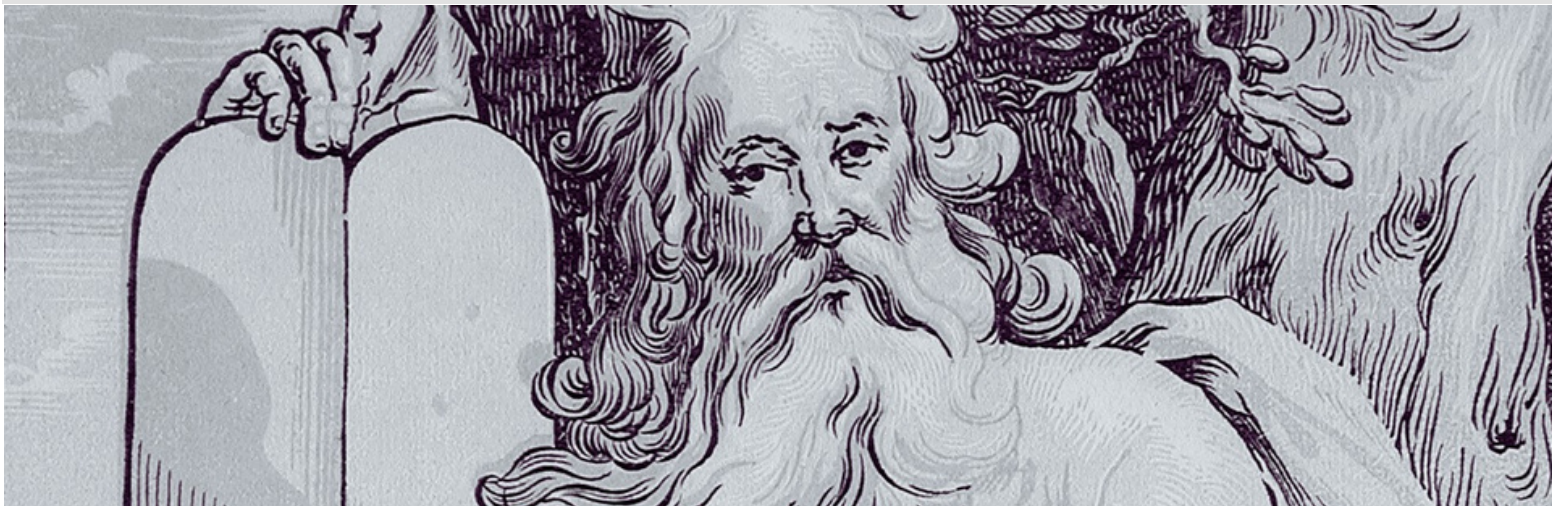




SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Question of the Week

30. Why is faith a personal act, and at the same time ecclesial?

Faith is a personal act insofar as it is the free response of the human person to God who reveals himself. But at the same time it is an ecclesial act which expresses itself in the proclamation, "We believe". It is in fact the Church that believes: and thus by the grace of the Holy Spirit precedes, engenders and nourishes the faith of each Christian. For this reason the Church is Mother and Teacher.

Fr. A's Explanation

A few years ago, I was hiking with a group of friends in Colorado and the guide was giving us the rules before we went on the trail. At the end, he said, "This forest is my Cathedral."

This sounds like a nice statement, and in a certain sense, it is true. In a limited sense, we can say that God does reveal himself in book of nature. Through the beauty of the mountains, the trees, and all the other gorgeous sights, we see a small participation in the beauty of God. In experiencing nature, we can get a glimpse of God's wonder.

Yet, in another sense, his statement misses the point, for it entirely individualizes the experience of Faith. We as Christians firmly believe that faith is not just a personal experience. Too often, especially in the United States, we see the human being as an individual unit. This could be called the worship of the I or the ego. All that matters is my personal thoughts, feelings, and

desires. This, however, is a profoundly impoverished view of what it means to be human. We are born from a family, into a family, and we live as a family. We are both individuals and participants in the community. Each of those experiences are unique and central to the identity of what it means to be human.

Our rugged individualism is easily disproven by common human experiences. When we are sick, we need others to care for us. When we are lonely, we need other's company. When we are ignorant, we need other's instruction. To be human is in part to need community.

The Faith, then, to be expressed in a human way needs to be expressed as part of a community. It is good to see a walk, a hunt, a hike, or the mountains, as one way to experience God. But, that cannot take the central place. The central place of faith, just like every human experience, is to experience God as part of the community of believers.

Faith is then personal but it is also radically communal. It is because of this that it is a profoundly human reality.

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Saturday - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am
Wed., Thurs., & Fri., - 7:15am

Confessions:

Saturday - 4:00-4:50pm
30 Minutes before every Mass

Adoration:

Wednesday: 8:00am-9:00pm
in the Church

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THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:38-48

Announcements		
<p>Ministers</p> <p>Sacristan 02/21 -02/27: Phyllis Krueger</p> <p>Lector & Minister: 02/18: Jana Redeker 02/19: Shirley Langley 02/25: Jana Redeker 02/26: Rosemary Martin</p> <p>Weekend Servers: 02/18: Brayden Lienemann, MC Trey & Lilly Lienemann 02/19: Ethan Redeker, MC Kamryn & Andon Temeyer 02/22: John Musick, MC Gabby Coughlin Reece Johnson 02/25: Blake Skalsky, MC Brailey & Thayne Schmidt 02/26: Kaleb Arnold, MC Bryce & Adriana Weeden Gabriela & Daniel Coughlin</p> <p>Offertory Gift Bearers: 02/18: John & Linda Dieker 02/19: Derek & Lisa Temeyer 02/25: Mike Skalsky Family 02/26: Gabriel Weeden Family</p>	<p>Mass Intentions:</p> <p>Sat. 02/18 5:00 pm For the Parish Sun. 02/19 8:30am +Bertha Trear Mon. 02/20 No Mass Tue. 02/21 No Mass Wed. 02/22 6:45am +Clarence Schmidt 5:45pm For the Parish Thu. 02/23 7:15am +Mary Dee Brinkman Fri. 02/24 7:15am +Corrine Frizell Sat. 02/25 5:00pm Jerry & Doris Redeker Sun. 02/26 8:30am For the Parish</p> <hr/> <p>Collection Last Week:</p> <p>Envelope: \$ 2,095.00 Plate: 219.00 Black/Indian Mission 25.00 Leaven 275.00</p> <hr/> <p>TOTAL: \$ 2,614.00</p> <p>If you are unable to attend mass, contributions can be mailed to the church at P. O. Box 165, Olpe, KS. 66865</p> <p>THANK YOU!</p>	<p>United States Army: SGM Matthew S. Richter, Sgt. Austin Burenheide, Grant Fath, Major Jacob Haag, Pvt. Cory Owen Air Force: Master Sgt. Andrew Stevenson Marines: Lt. Col. James Bechtel</p> <hr/> <p>St. Joseph Prayer List Mary Beth Bonitatibus Alex Conley Dana Dengler Susan Haag Makenna Hoelting Bernadine Kehres Debbie Markowitz Brian Martin Barb Merry James Nunley Olivia Pimpl Mrs. Ken Redeker Doris Redeker Jerry Redeker Mike Redeker Richard Scheve Danny Schmidt Dorothy Schmidt Greg Schonhardt Mike Wecker Scott Wendling Sonny Wendling Brian Zweimiller</p>

Archbishop's Call to Share

In today's Gospel, Jesus gave a radical commandment – "When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one to him as well" (Matthew 5:39). Today, it is cliché and remains radical, because it has the power to change hearts and nations.

Ask Gandhi. Even though he wasn't Catholic, Gandhi leveraged the power of nonviolence to bring about a new kind of revolution. His peaceful tactics inaugurated a massive movement which eventually resulted in economic independence for India.

With that we might also reveal the power of such a disposition in our lives! Christ himself did not hide his face "from insults and spitting" (Isaiah 50:6). We all experience being "struck on the cheek" in various ways. We want our parish and archdiocese to be a haven where people can find the strength to face the evils in their lives. When you support our Archbishop's Call to Share appeal, you help increase our ability to heal and sustain the bruised and weary. Through your generosity of prayer, gifts, and good words, we can continue to offer the bread of angels to the hungry and make Call to Share shine brightly! God bless you.

CCD News

Religious Education Schedule

- 02/18 First Reconciliation - 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.
- 02/22 Ash Wednesday - Everyone Meet at the Church
- 03/01 Class
- 03/08 Class
- 03/05 NO CLASS - Spring Break
- 03/22 Class
- 03/29 Class - Music practice for Easter for Elementary students at 7:50 in church

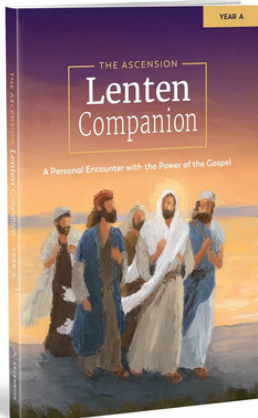


Sacred Heart Parish is hosting a sale for the Shiloh Home of Hope for parenting and pregnant mothers. The sale is on Saturday, March 4th, at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have sale items, please take them to the Parish Hall on Friday, March 3rd between 3:00 - 8:00 pm.

These mothers are in need of gently used items for babies and toddlers as well as maternity clothes. Car seats will not be accepted. The donated items will be turned into cash for the pregnancy center.

In addition to the sale, the 6th grade CCD students will be collecting wipes, size 5/6 diapers, and children's clothing sizes, 2T-5T. All donations can go into the diaper dumpster in the back of church beginning Ash Wednesday and ending on Palm Sunday.

Please consider giving a donation in support of this service project for moms. If there are any questions, please call Rose at 620-794-6353.



We have ordered 20 copies of the "The Ascension Lenten Companion". There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for those interested. Since there are only 20 copies available, it will be first come first serve according to the sign-up.

Knight's News

- The Knights are currently selling lottery tickets to benefit the Knights Building Fund. Many Knights have tickets to sell but if you want some and have not been contacted, please reach out to Mike Cole, Doug Schmidt, Danny Schneider, Les Barnhart or Steve Kuhlmann. This is likely our last year for the Lottery, so let's make it a great one.
- The Knights hall will be closed for the month of February to have work done on the floors. Meals on Wheels will continue to use the back room each day as well as the yoga girls and the Knights meeting on February 15th. All other events are cancelled for the month.

January \$25.00 Winners

- 01/01 Cheyenne Sage
- 01/02 Leon Brown
- 01/03 Macy Wecker
- 01/04 Tony Hedrick
- 01/05 Haley Cole
- 01/06 Chuck Pettijohn
- 01/07 Maren Ratcliff
- 01/08 Kathryn Whitcomb
- 01/09 Ace Dieker
- 01/10 Colton Redeker
- 01/11 Makenna Broyles
- 01/12 Damon Redeker
- 01/13 Molly Kuhlmann
- 01/14 Addison Irwin
- 01/15 Katie Carlson
- 01/16 Chelsey Schmidt
- 01/17 Connie Stead
- 01/18 Jenny Schmidt
- 01/19 Bryson Brown
- 01/20 Michael Wendling
- 01/21 Riley Wagner
- 01/22 Brian Flott
- 01/23 Ted Skalsky
- 01/24 Liesa Wecker
- 01/25 Mike Wecker
- 01/26 Blake Mitchell
- 01/27 Thayne Schmidt
- 01/28 Jessica Rogers
- 01/29 Maddie Blaufuss
- 01/30 Andrew Wendling
- 01/31 Cooper Barnhart