

STEWARDSHIP

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ETERNAL LIFE

“What must I do for eternal life?” Our achievements are not enough. Our virtues are not sufficient. Even our keeping of the commandments seems not to still the question. We have kept all these things.

“Jesus looked at him with love.” Thus he looks upon the longing of us all. He speaks: “There is one thing you lack. Go and sell what you have and give to the poor; you will then have treasure in heaven. After that come and follow me.” At these words the man’s face fell. He went away sad, for he had many possessions. Somehow, the very things we keep, the gifts we cannot bear releasing, hold us in a grip of sadness. There is a double melancholy here. We are sad at not being able to let go of all the assets we once thought protected us and ensured our safety; for we now know that what we imagined was security is somehow bondage.

Our locks and guards have fastened us in. Sadder still, we know we can never become safe enough, anyway. Try as we may to channel our infinite desires into retirement plans, we are haunted by our fragile bones and blood. There is no insurance policy strong enough to prevent death. No Rock of Gibraltar to secure us. No provident company that can prevent the pain of our humanity. Whatever that phrase of Jesus means, it suggests an unnavigable journey, an impossible task. So who can be saved? No one. Not by one’s own providence and power. So it is that to be born into eternal life we must loosen our tight clutch on all the securities and gifts we hold so dear. It is almost impossible for those secure in rich endowments to understand such mysteries. What need, after all, is there to call upon the God who made us, the God for whom all things are

possible? For the poor, whether in things or spirit, it makes lovely sense.

from Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ

POPE FRANCIS has requested “the faithful of all the world to pray during the month of October 2018, that the Holy Mother of God place the Church beneath her protective mantle: to preserve her from the attacks by the devil, the great accuser, and at the same time to make her more aware of the faults, the errors and the abuses committed in the present and in the past, and committed to combating without any hesitation, so that evil may not prevail.”

The Pope has also asked for the prayer **Sub tuum praesidium** and the **Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel** be added at the end of the Rosary, after the usual closing prayer. Found at USCCB.org.

USCCB website

PET PARISH ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Meets today after our 10am Mass in the Library. All are welcome!

Meeting Summary 9/9: Your parish engagement team held its monthly meeting on Sept. 9. All OLOW permanent community members are encouraged to participate in this team and attend its meetings on the 2nd Sunday of each month, following the 10am Mass. Lena Sanders gave a presentation on her perspective on the cultural virtue of “Saintliness.”

Fr. Craig reported on a number of topics, including the success of the Welcome Week activities, and the Encountering Christ capital campaign and priorities for using OLOW’s share to fund facility repairs and improvements. Also, he is thinking about a possible “Catholicism 101” series during the Spring semester.

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Tom Deming reported on capital campaign activities, efforts to find businesses to partner with for advertising opportunities, and updating parishioner records. He announced that online giving to OLOW is now much easier due to our adoption of the eCatholic service. Elsa Thorn reported on recent and planned Women of Wisdom activities, including Welcome Week receptions and providing free lunches to the students on October 9.

The team discussed plans for this year’s Christmas Party for the permanent community, to be held on Friday, December 7 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. This event will include singing, dinner, and a white elephant gift exchange.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Fr. Craig will be out of the office this week
Tues.– Thu. Oct. 16– 18th

Communion Services

No Mass/ No Confessions
Mon. Oct. 15th & Fri. Oct. 19th
12:30pm Mass and
11:30am Confessions

“Encountering Christ”

Good news!

The result of meeting our pledge goal produces an awesome opportunity for our community! Now instead of 30% we will receive 70% of all pledged amounts to OLW from now on.

Be sure to come to Mass on Oct 21st or Oct. 28th. These are our commitment weekends.

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WE PRAY

Please join us in prayer for the members of our parish in need of healing and spiritual support.

“Pray for one another...effective prayer can accomplish much.” James 5:16