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17 SEPTEMBER, 2023

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM FATHER CHUCK

Oktoberfest Dinner Tickets

I hope this explanation will help you to understand our Oktoberfest dinner tickets situation. The reason for me writing this is to clarify our needs. We need an accurate count for the number of people from our parish family that will be eating the Oktoberfest meal. Litterdale cathering prepares the meal and they charge us \$13.00 for each meal so we need an accurate count. If our count is not accurate then we have to pay for each meal even if people do not attend the dinner. What I am asking you to do is this: When you buy your tickets for Oktoberfest, **KEEP YOUR DINNER TICKETS**, but mark on the return sheet that you have purchased your dinner tickets and that you will be eating the dinner. I made a great mistake last year and over estimated the number of people attending the dinner, thus it costs us over \$4,000.00 since we have to pay for all the dinners. If you have any questions about this please contact the office and we will explain it. I am hoping that we have close to 600 dinners as that would be a great improvement to the number of people attending Oktoberfest.

Oktoberfest Worker Sign Up.

We will again have the sign up to work Oktoberfest this Sunday. I spoke about this last Sunday that when we work together that we grow together as a parish family. The form to sign up is three pages long and there are many opportunities to help with Oktoberfest.

Oktoberfest tickets.

The Oktoberfest tickets are on the table in the back of the church. Please pick them after mass and return them as soon as possible. I believe that we have one of the best raffles this year and the prizes are something that everyone can use and enjoy.

Music Ministry.

One of the most important ministries is the music ministry. We are so blest to have three different music groups in our music ministry. Steve Beck is our parish organist, we have the four o'clock music group and we have the 10:00 a.m. music ministry. If you have music talent and would like to share this talent with us please contact me at the office. It is so important for our parish family for all of us to use our talents to proclaim the goodness of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

A Special Bishop

Several people have asked me who the special bishop is that I pray for at each mass. Bishop James Golka is the bishop of Colorado Springs. He was my student at Grand Island Central Catholic. He calls me to talk about the church and his life as the bishop of Colorado Springs. He has a tremendous gift and if you want to experience his gift of preaching he gives a reflection on the mass reading every week. You will be inspired if you listen to his teaching and preaching.

So Many Experts.

One of the things that fascinates me every year is that so many people become experts on how their football team should have played the game and how incapable every coach is. It amazes me that after a loss the number of players who should be benched and the number of coaches who should be fired. My suggestion is that all of these people should put their names in the next time there is an opening for coach for their team.

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Readings for September 24, 2023
1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24;27a
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	9/19	8:00 am	Bill Fritzsche
Wed	9/20	8:00 am	Gabriel Applegate
Thur	9/21	5:30 pm	Isabelle O'Grady
Fri	9/22	8:00 am	McGrath Family
Sat	9/23	4:00 pm	Jerome & Margaret Kasperbauer
Sun	9/24	8:00 am	Gabriel Applegate & Family
Sun		10:00 am	Mary Alice Wickham
Sun		Noon	Linda Schmitt & Mary Ferry

SATURDAY, 4PM September 23, 2023
ALTAR SERVERS: George & Audrey Garst, Caroline Reineke
LECTORS: Christina Beck, & Wally Bussey
EUCH MINISTER: Mike Sommer
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben

SUNDAY, 8 AM, September 24, 2023
ALTAR SERVERS: George & Audrey Garst, Caroline Reineke
LECTORS: Jim Marshall, Jim Pidgeon
EUCH MINISTER: Sheryl Garst
USHERS: Dennis Coughlin, Eric Ledger

SUNDAY, 10 AM September 24, 2023
ALTAR SERVERS: Abby Lighthipe, Ben Rosenberger, Nathaniel Biederman
LECTORS: Jon & Maureen Garrigan
EUCH MINISTER: Barb Nielsen
USHERS: Dave Bristol, Dan Lighthipe, Bryan Carolus, Margine Henry

SUNDAY, NOON September 24, 2023
ALTAR SERVERS: John Duitsman, Payton & Ben Johnson
LECTORS: Anne Rohling, MiKayla Yanovich
EUCH MINISTER: Janet Hogsed
USHERS: Chris Olson, Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovic

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I read this just recently and it is a thought provoking great thought. The author stated: "Hollywood movie stars exist for only one reason: to show the rest of us that no amount of money, fame or pleasure will bring us happiness". My thought for the week is for all of us to thank Jesus for the simple blessings which bring us our greatest happiness.

In last weeks bulletin I accidentally put the wrong week in the Server's Schedule. I was a week ahead. This week is correct for next week. Sorry for any inconvenience this caused anyone.

September 23 & 24 is Priest Appreciation Sunday. The Council Bluffs Serra Club asks that your please remember to thanks our priest for all they do for us: Rev. James Ahenkora, Rev. Luis Mejia, Rev. Charles Kottas, Rev. Paul Monahan, Rev. Glen Wilderding, Rev. Maxwell Carson, Rev. Michael Berner, Rev. Dean Nimerichter and Rev. Jacob Epstein. Pray for their sacred ministry and for an increase in religious vocations in the Des Moines Diocese.

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- Advice to people my age and older: Do not sit on the floor without a plan on how to get back up.
- Nobody told me that when you get a husband, the ears are sold separately.
- We never worried about our TV's being stolen in the 80's. It took four people just to move it a few inches to the left.
- The squirrels must be expecting a cold winter. They're gathering more nuts than usual. Yesterday my cousin disappeared. Just kidding Jan!!!
- Buying groceries is starting to make me wonder what a pine cone tastes like.
- That awkward moment when a zombie is looking for brains and walks right past you.
- I want buns of steel but I also want buns of cinnamon.
- Me: "I'm still tired from all the CrossFit this morning."
Mike: "It's pronounced 'croissant' and you ate 4 of them."
- Pilates....I thought you said pie and lattes.
- I just want to apologize to the people I called old at 40 when I was 18.
- I tried starting a day without coffee once..My court date is pending.
- Shout out to all the married folk out there waiting for their spouse to fall asleep on the couch so they can watch on TV what they really want to.
- Fitness instructor: Have you ever done a Marathon?
Me: Like on Netflix?
- Mike: I shaved and put on a clean shirt, we got in the car and drove somewhere together, we spent the evening there and even had a bite to eat, did we not?
Me: A trip to Costco is NOT a date Mike.
- When I get old, I'm not sitting around knitting. I'm going to be clicking my "Life Alert Button" to see how many firemen show up.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK, STAY SAFE, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, September 17-Women's Retreat leave at Noon
Wednesday, September 20-Rel Ed 6:15, Confirmation 6:15
Sunday, September 24-Coffee and rolls after 8 & 10 mass
Monday, September 25-Knights of Columbus 6:00
Wednesday, September 27-Rel Ed 6:15, Confirmation 6:15
Monday, October 1-Committee Meetings
Wednesday, October 4-Rel Ed 6:15, Confirmation 6:15
Thursday, October 5-Altar Society 6:00

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