



BENEDICTION EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.



\$264,990.00

Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall

Happy Birthday!

- October 17... .. Darlene Eicher, Ellen Williams
- October 18..... Allison Rockey, Callie Watson
- October 19..... Erin Hagan, Charlie Volk, Bob Wendell
- October 21 Emily & Evan Burwinkel, Jane Cadwallader

AROUND THE PARISH

- **Pat Adams will be holding a Card Sale** (holiday cards and occasion cards) to benefit St. Vincent de Paul after Masses on October 21st and October 22nd.



HONORING OUR VETERANS

- **Veterans Day Celebration Mass November 12, 2017, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.**
- **All Veterans in our parish community or community at large are invited to be our special guest at the Mass and luncheon.**
- **St. Mary Youth Group** invites the entire parish to join us at the luncheon to honor our Veterans in Father Luehrmann Hall.
- **Veterans:** Permission is granted to wear the service dress uniform of your service for Active Duty, Reserve, and Retired Veteran. For those Veterans who no longer have access to the uniform, please wear a shirt, or ball cap representing your branch of service.
- **Jim Winner wants to put in the bulletin a quote from John Wayne after learning he had cancer,** "When you stop fighting, that's death."



SERMON FOR TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I still remember the worst day in my life...56 years ago in the fourth grade. I was running late for school. I quickly threw on my clothes and grabbed my shoes from under the bed. My bedroom was dark because I lived in a basement where there were no windows. As I walked down the school bus aisle, kids started to laugh at me but I didn't know why. One kid yelled out, "Didn't your momma dress you today?" This line brought even more laughter. Finally the kid sitting next to me said, "Look down at your feet." To my horror I saw why they were laughing at me. I put a brown shoe on my right foot and a black shoe on my left. I wanted to take both shoes off but I would look even sillier walking around in stocking feet. At least my socks matched.

I hurriedly ran to my classroom desk glad that my teacher didn't see my shoes. I placed my feet real far under my chair to hide them. Everything was going pretty good but that didn't last long. My secret fell apart when the teacher called out, "I will call upon a student I select to come to the front of the class and talk about last night's homework assignment. Let's start with Mike Paraniuk." I slowly walked to the front like a condemned man walking the plank of a ship. I would have gladly jumped in the ocean instead of standing in the front where all could see my black and brown shoes. All the kids laughed. The teacher, Mrs. Gavin, was trying to hold back laughing at me but even she couldn't hold back the snickers. The teacher made me sit back down. Embarrassed beyond words I returned to my desk. I remember the laughter of the kids. I cried many painful tears that day.

God gets very angry when people are mistreated. Treating others badly has no place in the Kingdom of God. We have to be so careful not to use our words and deeds to hurt someone. Jesus just told two parables where those who mistreated His servants were severely punished. I believe in your judgement God will not have to punish you. You will punish yourself. I remember reading about a man who had his life review. He was shown an incident of road rage where at a red light he got out of his car and viciously yelled at the other driver ahead of him for driving too slow. What he didn't know was that the driver was an elderly man whose wife just died at the hospital. He was crying so hard he couldn't see the road. In his review the road rage guy felt all the pain he inflicted on that grieving husband. He wrote, "I felt the pain of what hell must be like from the pain I inflicted on him." Remember the old saying, "What goes around comes around?" Jesus says it like this, "The measure you measure with will be measured back to you." The hurt you inflict on someone else will come right back to haunt you in your judgement. The kindness you measure out will come back to you as righteousness. Isaiah describes this friendship with God as "juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines." If God had a nickname, it would be "sweetness".

God wants everyone with Him in the Kingdom of Heaven. But you have to come to God correct with a soul properly dressed. The Wedding garment symbolizes the gifts of grace God has given you to do the work in His Kingdom of wiping away tears by making other people's lives better and happier. If by unkind words and hurtful deeds you strip someone of their dignity, their self-worth and the respect they deserve, then you will find yourself naked when you stand before God. If God doesn't see His garment of righteousness on you, then you will live in the very darkness of the suffering you caused others. There are already too many tears of suffering in this world. God wants you dry those tears. Don't add to them.