

The Pastor's Corner

CRUSHED BY INFIRMITY

It didn't really do much good to complain on the Belken Farm. If we started to complain about an inconvenience, big or small, usually there was one simple reply: offer it up. Have a lot of homework? Offer it up. Have to go and fix fence in the summer heat? Offer it up. Someone causes you suffering by what they said? Offer it up. We would often roll our eyes- but we knew that mom and dad were right.

Why were they right, though?

The first reading speaks of someone who is "crushed by infirmity." Though this is an Old Testament prophecy, it is a New Testament event where Christ is beset by the weight of our sin in His Passion and Death on the Cross. We are all familiar with this idea. Where things shift gears, though, is in the Gospel. James and John ask to sit at Jesus's right and left. Jesus corrects them- and asks if they can drink His chalice. They respond that they can. They do not know it, but that chalice is a cup of self-emptying. This is a cup of sacrifice, not of monarchy or power. They are to pour themselves out as servant leaders, and not those that will enjoy some sort of temporal throne. They share in Christ's work- and we should as well.

How are we to do this? Offer it up. When the person cuts you off in traffic? Offer it up for the salvation of souls. Unite it to Christ. When someone speaks poorly of you- and you don't deserve it? Offer up the suffering- don't retaliate. When the many trials and tribulations happen in life that cause us sufferings?

Offer it up. Be like Christ.

-Fr. Belken

WHAT WOULD AMENDMENT 3 ACTUALLY DO?

THE FACTS

1. Put women at risk
2. Prohibit any regulation of abortion
3. Shield negligent health care professionals
4. Permit abortion even when the unborn child can feel pain
5. Eliminate parental notification or consent
6. Allow abortion at any time for any reason
7. Open the door to taxpayer-funded abortions

Vote
NO
on
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SAFEGUARD THEM BOTH

Get all the detailed facts at www.mocatholic.org/abortion



Readings for Next Sunday

**The Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
October 27, 2024

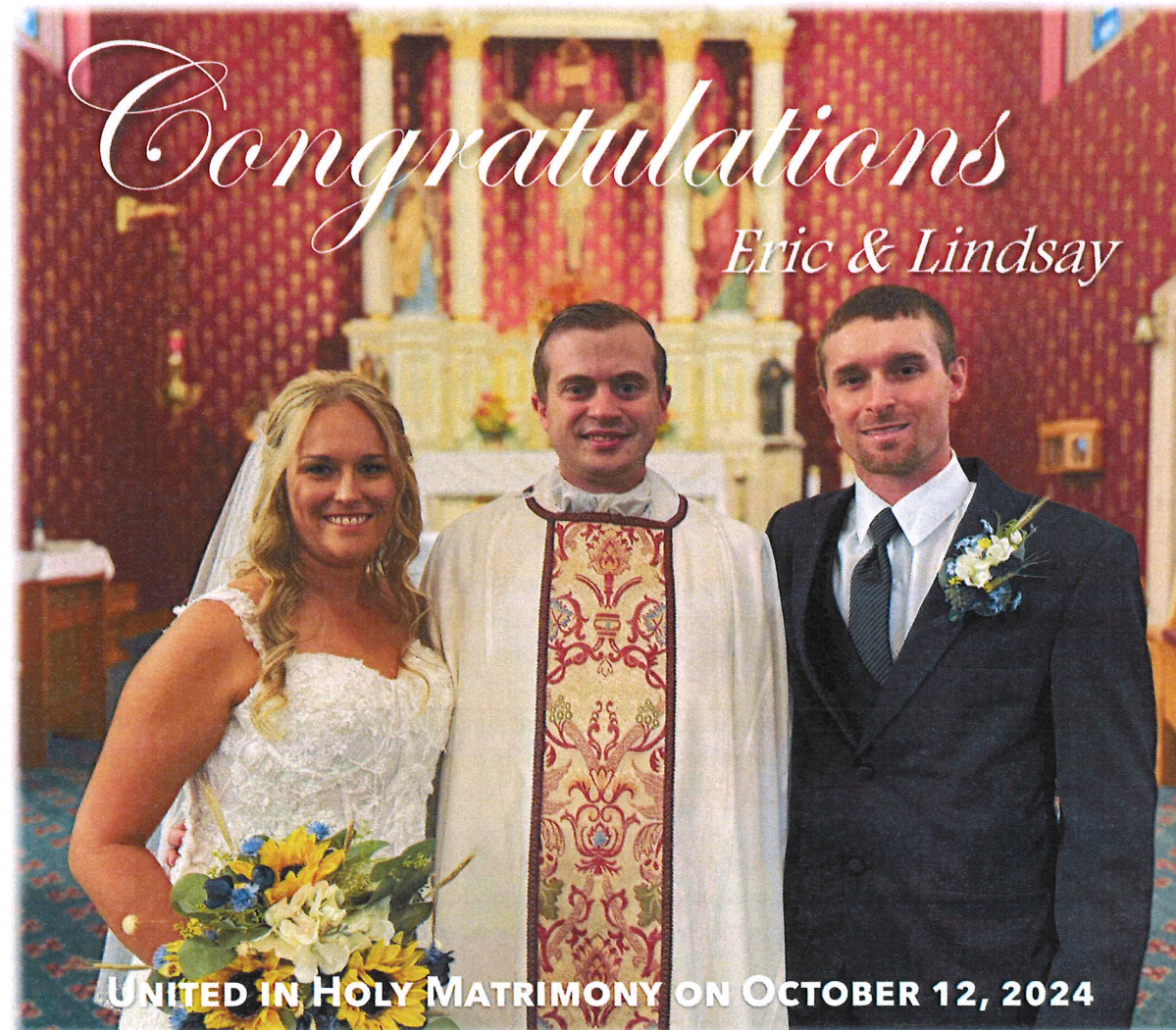
Jer 31:7-9
Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · OCTOBER 20, 2024



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20-26, 2024
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Mass Schedule					
Sat.	Oct	19	4PM	Bill Brucker	Thu. Oct 24 7AM Lefty & Ida Seyer
Sun.	Oct	20	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri. Oct 25 7AM Charles & Lucille Heuring
Mon.	Oct	21	No Mass		Sat. Oct 26 4PM Alex Jr. & Vera Burger
Tue.	Oct	22	6PM	Lorena Beussink	Sun. Oct 27 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	Oct	23	7AM	Leonard Kluesner	

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. OCT 20-Dorothy Deason, OCT 27-Margaret Heuring.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

October 13, 2024: Loose \$98.25, Envelopes \$2551, Total: \$2649.25.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Joshua & Sonya Glastetter
Frank & Cindy Glueck, Alice Gosche, Steve & Jackie Griffith, Chris & Sherri Grojean.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd MEET ME AT THE GROTTO WITH BISHOP RICE. Please join Bishop Rice in praying the rosary in honor of the Blessed Mother immediately after Mass. Please bring a lawn chair. Refreshments will be served following the rosary.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, ST. LAWRENCE PARISH FALL DINNER & COUNTRY STORE. Times: 10:30AM-1PM. Serving turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, slaw, buttered potatoes, green beans, drink & homemade desserts. Adults: \$15, Children (6-12): \$6, 5 & under free. Come out and support St. Lawrence.

ST. DENIS RUMMAGE SALE. Please join us for our 1st annual Rummage Sale on November 2-3! We are accepting donations, so clean out your closets! The sale hours on November 2nd are 9AM-4PM, then on the 3rd from 11AM-4PM.

JESUS IN DISGUISE FOOD PANTRY. We need your help. Your gift of \$25 would help us provide a turkey and all the trimmings to one of our families for Thanksgiving. Please place your check or cash in an envelope marked for Food Pantry in the collection basket or bring to the church office by November 10th. Thanks to all you help us keep our Food Pantry running.

REMINDER

Confirmation classes continue this Wednesday, October 23rd at 7PM at St. Denis.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat. Oct 26 4PM	Shannon Schumer
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Oct 26 4PM	Linda Essner/Jamie Essner
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Oct 26 4PM	Mr./Mrs Jeff King
Servers:	Sat. Oct 26 4PM	Bennett Essner/Isabell Crook/Wyatt Farrow
Ushers:	Sat. Oct 26 4PM	Blake Burger/Brett Burger/Daniel Burger/Heath Burger

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Oct 27 8:30AM	Jim Pinkston
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Oct 27 8:30AM	Linda Essner/Kari Bickings
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Oct 27 8:30AM	Dorothy Deason/Ashley Lasters/Ashley Dirnberger
Servers:	Sun. Oct 27 8:30AM	Vanelope DeShaney/Charleigh DeShaney/Drew Essner/Brooke Reeves
Ushers:	Sun. Oct 27 8:30AM	Debbie Reischman/Beth Kern/Carri Dock/Lisa Vetter

JOB OPENING. Saint Denis School in Benton is looking for a teacher for their Pre-K 4-5 year old classroom. For more details or information, or to apply, please contact Lindsay Wikle at 573-545-3017 or at lindsay@stdenisbenton.org. Please offer up some prayers for this search.

COUNTRY STORE. The “Country Store” during our annual Fall Dinner needs your support. Please show off your talents and donate crafts, sweet treats, baked goods, our famous dry noodles and dumplings, holiday décor, etc. Let’s fill up the “Country Store” with items for sale. Items can be dropped off in the Parish Center on Saturday, November 2nd or early Sunday, November 3rd. Please let’s all be generous.

THANK YOU. Thank you for thinking of our family during our time of loss, your sympathy & kindness is deeply appreciated. Thank you for the prayers, visits, food, and wonderful. meal after Mass. -Margie Klipfel Family.

SEMINARIAN. Over the next few weeks, a new face will be around! Mr. Daniel Dunn, one of our diocesan seminarians who is on pastoral assignment, will be with us as he is shadowing Fr. Belken and entering into parish life in both of our parishes from October 23rd -November 13th. Please reach out and make him feel welcome when you see him!

