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BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 16TH THROUGH 22ND 2023

MON. 16 8:00AM (Manley) Special Intention of Susan Meyer

TUE. 17 No Mass scheduled.

WED. 18 No Mass scheduled.

THU. 19 8:00AM (Manley) +Cory Hanke requested by Tom & Michelle Heimes

7:00PM (Elmwood) +Joseph Murphy requested by Dort Murphy

FRI. 20 6:00PM (Manley) **EXPOSITION AND HOLY HOUR**

7:00PM (Manley) +Don Stillwell requested by Sherry Kunz

SAT. 21 8:00AM (Manley) Special Intention of Rich & Pam Goudie Family

SAT. 21 5:00PM (Manley) +John Parson requested by Dort Murphy

SUN. 22 9:00AM (Elmwood) **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISHES.**

11:00AM (Manley) +Dody Padrazo requested by Jim & Peggy Meyer

CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:50PM.

Sunday: ½ hour before each Sunday Mass, as time allows.

From a letter to the Corinthians by Saint Pope Clement:

(Pope Clement I succeeded Pope Cletus in the year 91A.D. Clement died a Martyr in the year 99.)

God's blessing must be our objective, and the way to win it our study.

“Why was our father Abraham blessed? Was it not because his upright and straight-forward conduct was inspired by faith? As for Isaac's faith, it was so strong that, assured of the outcome, he willingly allowed himself to be offered in sacrifice. Jacob had the humility to leave his native land on account of his brother and serve Laban. He was given the twelve tribes of Israel.

Honest reflection upon each of these examples will make us realize the magnitude of God's gifts. All the Priest and Levites who served the Altar of God were descended from Jacob. The manhood of the Lord Jesus derived from him. Through the tribe of Judah, kings, princes and rulers sprang from him. Nor are his other tribes without their honor, for God promised Abraham: ‘Your descendants shall be as the stars of heaven.’ (Genesis 15:5, 22:17)

It is obvious, therefore, that none of these owed their honor and exaltation to themselves, or to their own labors, or to their deeds of virtue. No; they owed everything to God's Will. So likewise with us, who by His Will are called in Christ Jesus. We are not justified by our wisdom, intelligence, piety, or by any action of ours however holy, but by faith, which encompasses all the rest; the one means by which God has justified us from the beginning. To Him be Glory forever and ever. Amen.

What must we do then? Give up good works? Stop practicing Christian love? God forbid! We must be ready and eager for every opportunity to do good and put our whole heart into it with faith and devotion. Even the Creator and Lord of the universe rejoices in His works. By His supreme power He set the heavens in their place; by His infinite wisdom He gave them their order. He separated the land from the waters surrounding it and made His own Will its firm foundation.

By His command He brought to life the beasts that roam the earth. He created the sea and all its living creatures, and then by His power set bounds to it. Finally, with His own holy and undefiled hands, He formed man, the highest and most intelligent of His creatures, the copy of His own image. Then, when He had finished making all His creatures, God gave them His approval and blessing: “Increase and multiply”, He charged them. We must recognize, therefore, that we have been graced by good works, and that even the Lord Himself took delight in the glory His works gave Him. This should inspire us with a resolute determination to do His Will and make us put our whole strength into the work of living a Christian life.”

[Reading this in the Divine Office of Readings makes me wonder what all the difficulty was (and still is for many) about our focus on “good works”. Good works do not bring about faith any more than a trophy makes a good ball player. Our good works, sacrifices and offerings are the result of our faith, putting our faith into practice. And the graces we receive strengthens and builds upon that gift of faith. In light of what St. Clement wrote, please read: (James 2:14-26).]

PLEASE FAST & PRAY ON MONDAYS: Planned parenthood in Lincoln is now performing abortions on Mondays. Pray for mothers and fathers to choose life for their babies and may they receive all the support, strength and holy guidance they need.

SAINT MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY DUES: Our Altar Society is now collecting dues for 2023. Ladies of Saint Mary's Parish are asked to pay \$10.00 to Pat Miller or Sue Ronhovde or Diann Stille. Your prompt payment is appreciated.

RETREATS AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE: Was one of your New Year's resolutions to dive back into your faith life? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverley has several retreats to help foster that relationship with God. “Meet Me at the Well: Women's Spiritual Exercises” January 19th -22nd with Regnum Christi “Unbound: Freedom in Christ” February 3rd -5th with Fr. William Holoubek “Winter Symposium” February 10th -11th. with the LDCCW
www.goodcounselretreat.org Email at: office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 786-2705.

VILLA MARIE SCHOOL'S FUNDRAISING DANCE AND AUCTION: Coming January 27th at **The Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln.** To receive general admission tickets or reserve a table and bid on auction items, or just to make a donation. Text: **vmdance23 to 243725** or go to <https://bidpal.net/vmdance23>

MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made” for girls age 9-13 and their mothers will be held **Saturday, January 28th, 2023 from 9 am to Noon at the John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln.** This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$25 per mother/daughter or \$35 per family in person. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/motherdaughter>



On the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, learn to prioritize the important things. Give the gift of time to each other this new year! **The next Encounter Weekend is February 10-12th in Lincoln.** For more information visit our website at: www.wvme.org Register early!

DATE NIGHT: *Make time for your Vocation! The Family Life Office invites you to a date night out on **February 14th, 6-9 pm** at **UNL Newman Center Rosary Hall** with Vanessa Neuhaus, a family and marriage therapist, speaking. The topic is "Boundaries and Marriage". \$45 for dinner/drinks/apps for two or come for free to the talk and go out to eat on your own (will also be streamed). More info/registration at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/datenightfeb> Limited free babysitting available!*