LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Last Sunday and Monday I had an incredible time at our LIFE celebrations – because of the unbelievable energy and enthusiasm of our LIFEers! Perhaps the only thing that could have made my experience remarkably incredible would have been if I had the opportunity to sit and meet and with every person present. Many thanks for your remarkable openness to sharing and growing in this – our journey of faith – which we walk together. At these celebrations, we began our month-long deep dive into our theme I believe! Foundations of our Catholic Faith – the Creed. I am so looking forward to gathering with you again on October 20th and 21st! If you, yes – you who might be reading this and haven’t yet gotten around to registering for LIFE, or if you might like to come and see what LIFE is about and if it’s for you: your participation is more than welcome; just let me know (lucycoleite@email.com). A little about today’s first reading from Habakkuk. I’d like to share part of a reflection that resonated with me and is taken from The Word Among Us. Today’s reading speaks about waiting, and – waiting some more, sometimes feeling overwhelmed and wondering if God is present in what seems to be endless waiting. “Nobody likes to wait. Whether we’re waiting for a traffic light to turn green or awaiting the birth of a child, time seems to drag. Even if we tell ourselves that our wait will soon be over, we still feel eager for everything to hurry up. This must be how the prophet Habakkuk felt as he looked out at his beloved Jerusalem. We hear Habakkuk pleading: ‘How long, O Lord?’ … ‘How long?’ Habakkuk asks. ‘How long will you delay your plan?’ We pray, ‘God, be merciful to us. Come and teach me how to wait in faith!’ God’s answer is, ‘The vision still has its time’ (2:3). God’s vision, his plan, is still unfolding. He is not standing by helplessly, watching you struggle. Try your best to hold on; put your faith in his love and his mercy. Even if it seems to be taking forever, don’t give up. God still loves you. He will always love you. God promised Habakkuk that those who hold onto their faith in him ‘shall live’ (2:4). That includes you. Prayer: Lord Jesus, I believe in your love and mercy. Come and teach me how to wait in faith!

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The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2019

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): If you or someone you know would like to become a Catholic, or if you are an adult Catholic who needs Confirmation, please contact Jane Parrillo at jpparrillo@yahoo.com.

Soup Kitchen Needs

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.)
2 loaves bread
2 bottles Italian salad dressing
2 (1 pound) boxes butter (sticks only)

If you would like to help with any of the above items, please call Sylvia Bunker at 683-0320. You may drop off your donations at the Rectory anytime before 3pm on Tuesday, Oct. 15. With your help we were able to serve 87 meals in September. Thank you to all who helped make this possible.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Sunday, September 26/7, 2019

Weekly Collection

$4107.00

Electron Giving

$ 841.00

The Second Collection this weekend is the Seminary Collection.

Thank you for your generosity!!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1-2,21/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-9/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15,2:1-24/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:1-12/Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tim 2:8-10/Lk 17:11-19

Please pray for all the men and women who have served and who currently serve in the armed forces, and the military commanders who lead them. Pray also for our homeless Parishioners and the sick of the Parish (including those in hospitals and nursing homes). Pray for the unborn, the premature, and the fragile among us so that we may deepen our respect for life at all stages.

The Children’s Homily is offered for our young Parishioners during the 10:30 Mass on this Sunday, 10/6, and also 10/13 and 10/20. At the start of the Liturgy of the Word, the children are called forward to the Altar to receive a blessing, after which they proceed to the Parish Center where they learn about the Sunday Scriptures with their Catechist. The children rejoin their families to worship together.

The Diocesan Office of Life and Family is offering the “Finding Hope” support group at St. Lucy’s Parish Center on Thursdays beginning Oct. 10 from 7 to 8:30pm. This free program provides a healing environment for sharing and topics related to separation/divorce in all of the light of our Catholic faith. For information contact Peter at 421-7833 (x 217)

FORMED: The Catholic Faith. On Demand. Augustinian Institute Radio Theater presents “The Legends of Robin Hood” which is about a man thrown into a fierce struggle to balance his deep faith with a call to action in a violent age. St. Lucy’s subscribes for you. Go to formed.org, click on “sign in” and go to St. Lucy’s.

St. Lucy’s St. Vincent de Paul Conference NextGen Info Meeting will be held on Sun., Oct. 6 at 6pm in the Parish of the Word. What is NextGen? It’s a YOUTH component of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and is a very meaningful way for young people to offer service and leadership opportunities while growing in faith. Participation in NextGen also allows young people to meet other teens with the same heart for service. NextGen provides opportunities for a variety of schedules, personalities, likes, and skills. Not everyone is called to serve in the same way, if artistic, it may be to create signs; or a younger child can make greeting cards for shut-in’s or those in nursing care. If your teen or younger child may enjoy learning about or becoming a part of a NextGen program at St. Lucy’s, please attend the Info session!

Reminder: SVDP will meet on this Thursday, Oct. 10 at 4pm and Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 7pm in the Parish Center.
Visiting the Sick: When a family member is in the hospital, please notify Sr. Sheila Murphy at 847-6153 (x205).