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—A TIME TO GIVE THANKS AND REMEMBER—

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November is a time to give thanks and to remember. It is a time to pause and thank God for the many blessings in our lives and to remember that all is a gift. Every moment of our lives, every breath that we take is a pure gift from God. As I get older I seem to become more and more grateful for the basic gifts of life each and every day. I have come to realize that it has a lot to do with my own interior life. I am convinced that gratitude itself is a gift from the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit within the fills me with gratitude in all circumstances.

At the Last Supper Jesus took the bread and He blessed and broke it and He gave thanks and said, "This is My Body which is given up for you." Then he took the chalice and gave thanks and said, "This is My Blood poured out for you." Jesus is offering His life for us on the Cross of Calvary and He is giving thanks. He is giving thanks that He has the opportunity to take our place and die for our sins, to pour out His love and His life for us.

My own life of gratitude began at the foot of the Cross. Many years ago, before I even contemplated priesthood, I attended a parish mission. The priest was of the same order as Fr. Maximilian Kolbe. He told the story of Fr. Kolbe in excruciating detail. Fr. Kolbe was the man who stepped forward and took another prisoner's place on death row at Ausch-



The word *Eucharist* means *To Give Thanks*

witz. Fr. Kolbe spent 14 days in a starvation bunker with 10 other prisoners and died on August 14, 1941. Francis Gajowniczek was a young man in his late 20s. He was the last of the ten prisoners chosen at random to die because someone had escaped the concentration camp during the night. Francis cried out for mercy in the name of his wife and children. Fr. Kolbe was standing behind him in line and stepped forward and offered to take his place. It was a miracle that he was allowed to do so. Mr. Gajowniczek survived Auschwitz and spoke at the canonization ceremony for Fr. Kolbe. He said that he thanked God and Fr. Kolbe each and every day for the gift of life.

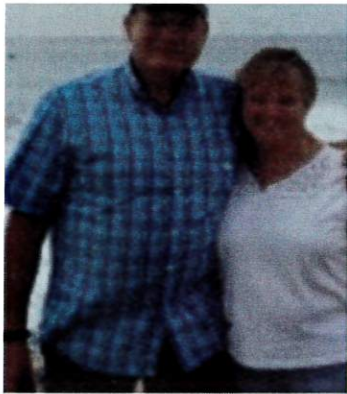
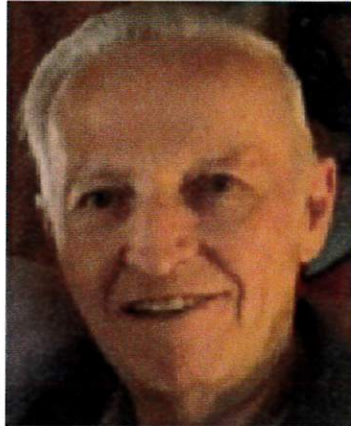
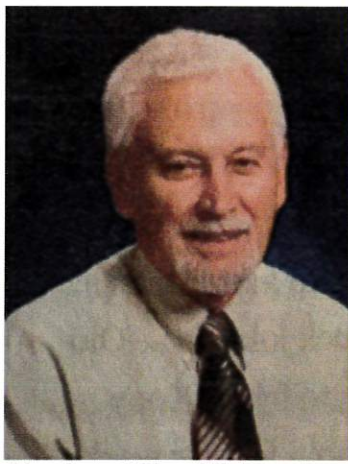
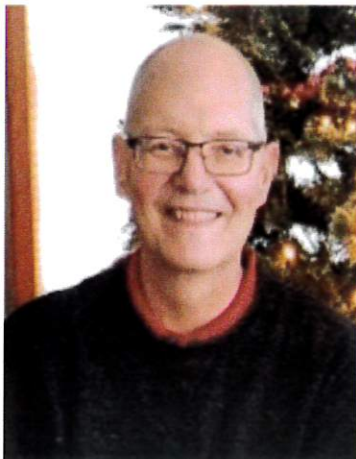
At that point in the story the priest giving the mission pointed up at the Cross and said, "Did not Jesus do the same thing? Didn't He step forward and take your place? Didn't He die for you?" At that moment I fell to my knees, tears came, and I was filled with gratitude. I was 33 years old and the gratitude has never left me and I pray that it never will.

As often as I verbalize it I feel that words always fall short in expressing my gratitude for this wonderful parish family that God has blessed me to serve. As I pray for all of you every day I also thank God for all of you.

In Christ, in Gratitude,
Fr. Glenn

Pumpkin Fest 2020



**Linda L. Morse****6/3/1950- 11/30/2019****Richard J. "Pete" Cherrette****9/23/1933-12/7/2019****Jean T. (Peaden) Anys****8/23/1935 - 5/8/2020****Regis Mary Walling****5/24/1933- 2/6/2020****John Eskil Johnson****10/10/1926 - 3/1/2020****Charles "Chuck" Gunning****12/26/1936 - 7/12/2020****Robert Joseph Mohar****5/19/1932 - 7/22/2020****Gordon Leo Johnson****10/18/1931 - 8/1/2020****Deacon Warren Vonck****12/21/1961-1/ 25/2020**

I was assigned as Warren's *Deacon Mentor* when he was accepted into deaconate formation in 2000. This mentor's responsibility was to guide the candidate and his family spiritually, educationally and as a friend on their journey together toward ordination to the permanent deaconate. I remained as his *mentor* until his passing earlier this year. In recent years the role reversed and Warren became my mentor. He led me spiritually and he was a cherished friend. Initially God sent me to him and his family but in reality, God sent him to me and my family, Rest in peace my mentor and friend. *Dcn. Scott Jamieson*

We Remember



Digital Outreach During Difficult Times

On May 12, 2002, Pope John Paul II wrote to the world:

Dear Brothers and Sisters

The Church in every age continues the work begun on the day of Pentecost, when the Apostles, in the power of the Holy Spirit, went forth into the streets of Jerusalem to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in many tongues (cf. Acts 2:5-11). Through the succeeding centuries, this evangelizing mission spread to the far corners of the earth, as Christianity took root in many places and learned to speak the diverse languages of the world, always in obedience to Christ's command to preach the Gospel to every nation (cf. Mt 28:19-20).

But the history of evangelization is not just a matter of geographic expansion, for the Church has also had to cross many cultural thresholds, each of which called for fresh energy and imagination in proclaiming the one Gospel of Jesus Christ. The age of the great discoveries, the Renaissance and the invention of printing, the Industrial Revolution and the birth of the modern world: these too were threshold moments which demanded new forms of evangelization.

Now, with the communications and information revolution in full swing, the Church stands unmistakably at another decisive gateway. It is fitting therefore that on this World Communications Day 2002 we should reflect on the subject: "Internet: A New Forum for Proclaiming the Gospel".

With the advent of Covid-19, Holy Mother Church has been thrust into digital evangelization as never before. Believing all things work together for those who love God (Romans 8:28) our parish has risen to the challenge, implementing various ways to stay connected. Some of them are showcased below.



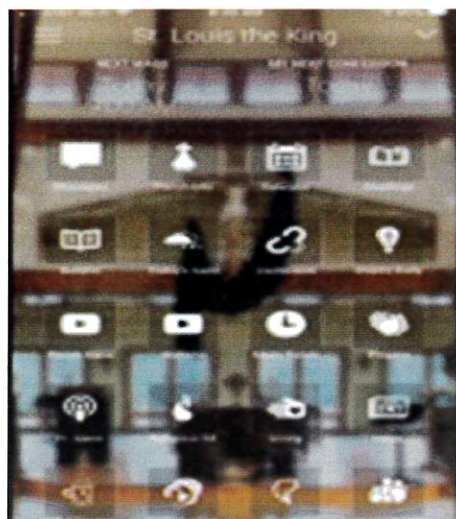
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