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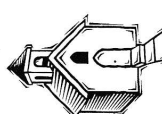
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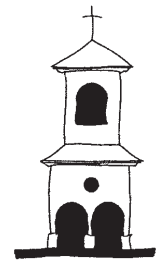
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June 23, 2007 — Nativity of St. John the Baptist

PASTOR'S CORNER

I commend our parishioners for supporting our parish with their contributions to our weekly collections. I commend, in particular, those who faithfully give to our weekly collections even if they have limited financial resources. I also appeal to our parishioners who seldom if ever offer any contribution to our weekly collection: please support your parish faith community. The weekly collection requires our attention during the summer and early fall months when contributions to the parish weekly collection fluctuates. Church giving should be "planned," not on the spur of the moment. Particularly so during the summer and early falls months when so many parishioners go away on vacations, or take long weekends away from home. During the summer and early fall months, please keep planning your contributions to our parish weekly collections whenever you are anticipating that you are going to be away on any given weekend. Our parish depends, directly, on our weekly collections to keep going, while operating expenditure keep increasing not allowing us any "extras."

— Fr. Marcellus

STEWARDSHIP

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.'" —Luke 10:2

Collection for June 16 \$ 388.76
 (Amounts reported do not include restricted funds)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 7: Parish picnic. Meat will be provided. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the church entry with what you'd like to bring.

ST. JUDE BIRTHDAY CORNER

Eva Rollins: Thursday, July 28.

OUR PRIESTS

"In many parts of the Church today it is still the scarcity of priests which creates the most serious problem. The faithful are often left to themselves for long periods, without sufficient pastoral support. As a result their growth as Christians suffers, not to mention their capacity to become better promoters of evangelization." —Pope John Paul II, in his Encyclical, *I Will Give You Shepherds*, #6

THE PRIESTLY VOCATION

"Jesus . . . established a close relationship between the ministry entrusted to the apostles and his own mission: 'He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me' (Mt. 10:40); 'He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me' (Lk. 10:16). Indeed, in the light of the paschal event of the death and resurrection, the fourth Gospel affirms this with great force and clarity: 'As the Father has sent me, even so I send you' (Jn. 20:21; cf. 13:20; 17:18)." —Pope John Paul II, in his Encyclical, *I Will Give You Shepherds*, #14

OUR WORLD

"Despite many contradictions, society is increasingly witnessing a powerful thirst for justice and peace; a more lively sense that humanity must care for creation and respect nature; a more open search for truth; a greater effort to safeguard human dignity; a growing commitment in many sectors of the world population to a more specific international solidarity and a new ordering of the world in freedom and justice. Parallel to the continued development of the potential offered by science and technology and the exchange of information and interaction of cultures, there is a new call for ethics, that is, a quest for meaning -- and therefore for an objective standard of values which will delineate the possibilities and limits of progress." —Pope John Paul II, in his Encyclical, *I Will Give You Shepherds*, #6

ANGEL STORIES

The Ring of the Telephone

Location: Poplar Grove IL USA

by: Ellen Nipper

I will never forget when I was in my teens I decided to make some soup for myself on the stove. I grabbed a clear glass pan, filled it with water and turned the gas pilot on and put the lid on top for the water to boil. My father was sitting at the kitchen table reading about 5 feet away and my mother was in the living room. As the water started to boil in the pan, my phone rang in my room, and as any teenage would do when the phone rang, I ran to answer it. I picked up the phone and there was no one there. I started back to the kitchen. As I was just about to turn the corner, the glass pot exploded, throwing boiling, hot sharp glass threw the air of the kitchen. My father was facing away from the stove and was unharmed. If it wasn't for an angel that called me I would have been right in front of the stove when it exploded. That truly made me believe that I have a guardian angel.

Curtain Call / Top of the Mark

Location: Wilmington, DE USA

by: ST Wein

Remember those little three step ladders that say, "Don't Stand On This Top Step"? Well, I did. I was all alone, trying to put curtain rods up in the sunroom of my 'rehabbed' house to gain a little privacy. There was nothing to hold onto, no wall close enough and of course I couldn't lean on the Andersen windows. As I got to the forbidden step with both feet, unweildly curtain rod in one hand, hammer, nails and and bracket in the other, I started to fall forward. I saw the cement floor and various assorted unpacked boxes of junk coming toward me with rapid speed. I had reached a falling angle of about 45-degrees when suddenly my body was pushed back to a standing position on the little ladder, which I immediately dismounted and stood in back of; dumbfounded in disbelief, weeping, still holding the rod, hammer, nails and bracket.

A few nights later, I climbed the stairs to get to my bed. I had my midnight snack on a tray - some crackers, a pot of jam, a full glass of milk and I remember thinking I shouldn't have taken a full glass of milk, nor carried the full pot of jam because the tray was heavy and I had to use both hands to carry it. My age and physical condition are such that I should have been holding the railing, but that darn tray was so important, I used both hands. At the top step I lost my balance and started my forward falling trick again, but somehow was righted once again and not even a drop of milk was spilled. I reached my bed, sat down, started weeping again and thanked my angel for getting me there. Wouldn't you think my angel would tire of my stupidity? They are all very understanding, patient and kind.

Horse Story

Common advice from knowledgeable horse trainers includes the adage, "If the horse you are riding dies, GET OFF!" This seems simple enough, yet, in the business of government we don't always follow that advice. Instead, we often choose from an array of other alternatives which include:

1. Buying a stronger whip.
2. Trying a new bit or bridle.
3. Switching riders.
4. Moving the horse to a new location.
5. Riding the horse for longer periods of time.
6. Saying things like, "This is the way we've always ridden this horse."
7. Appointing a committee to study the horse.
8. Arranging to visit other sites where they ride dead horses more efficiently.
9. Increasing the standards for riding dead horses.
10. Creating a new test for measuring our riding ability.
11. Comparing how we're riding now with how we did ten or twenty years ago.
12. Complaining about the state of horses these days.
13. Coming up with new styles of riding.
14. Blaming the horse's parents. The problem is often in the breeding.
15. Tightening the cinch.
16. Discussing advantages and how to measure skills of dead horse riding.