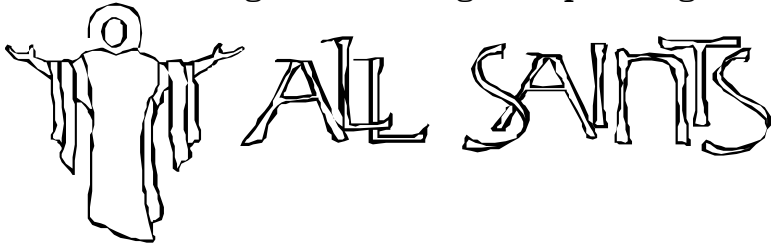


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October 15th, 2017 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal p 212 et seqq.): Isa 25:6-10 • Ps 23:1-6 • Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 • Mt 22:1-14

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Glenda Massey, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Karen Castellon •

Designated collection: For the renovation of the St. Hedwig's Cathedral

***God still looks at the world and says:
"You are my beloved Child in whom I am well pleased"***

After all the horrific news we are used to hearing these last weeks, it is hard to believe that God still loves this world. After what happened in Las Vegas and in other parts of the world, it is hard to believe that God still smiles upon this world, as does a mother upon her child. Our spontaneous impulse is rather to protest, to condemn, and to point out the world's faults, the world's sin, its injustice, and the world's indifference to God. But the world is still God's creation; it still lives under God's original blessing, and is still loved by God. The original chaos of creation was full of both *life* and *potential*. And so is our world today. Our world is still spinning and creating itself under the influence of God's breath.

Creation has reached marvelous achievements. Just look around. And these achievements reflect both God's greatness and our human cooperation with God's power. The world, creation, reality do still honors both God and humanity. But it also is a very mixed reality.

On the one hand, the world is full of goodness, of generosity, sincerity, creativity, imagination, and ingenuity. Daily we see real advancement in moral sensitivity, knowledge, art, and technology.

On the other hand, the world is also full of infidelity, sin, injustice, and greed. The world is full of many other rampant forces that constitute a virtual conspiracy against the poor, against compassion, against creation and sustainability. It is a world within which progress itself often comes at the expense of the poor. A world where progress itself causes us to be blind to those who fall through its cracks.

All these negative aspects notwithstanding, too often we – as Christians - tend to see the world *only* negatively. Irrespective of whether we are liberal Christians or conservative Christians, whether in our faith, in our friendship with Jesus we are more "into piety" or more "into justice", irrespective of this we do not "weep over" the world in sympathy as Jesus wept over Jerusalem. "*Weep over the world in sympathy*" ... no, we often rather tend to stand in complete judgment against the world, refusing to recognize and bless the world's goodness.

What can we do as Christians? Ultimately, what we must do as Christians, as friends of Jesus, is to show the world the cross of Christ. Is to make the world aware that the one whom it commonly rejects, the one whom it crucifies, the poor one, the helpless one, the unnoticed one, the insignificant one, is the cornerstone for the final progress of the world, of humanity.

Within all the goodness and sin of this world, our task is to stand with the poor and bring the expertise of the poor, which is the wisdom of the cross, to all the dialogue and planning that goes into helping shape our planet. But we can do this only if we view the world through a prism of hope within which we bless its goodness and challenge its sin. When we see the world through God's eyes, when we love it as God does, then we believe that, in the end, all will be well – because God loves his creation and will never stop to do so.

Cf http://liturgy.slu.edu/27OrdA100817/reflections_rolheiser.html

Combined Confirmation Class meets TODAY at St Bernard's at 4:45 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME! *Visiting for the first time?* Please introduce yourself and tell us where you are from at the end of Mass, so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake in the Community Hall!

Attendance on October 8th: 98

Collection: All Saints: €220.26 Catholic Schools: €28.91



Eagle Service Project



Rowan McConvey has elected for his Eagle Scout Project to work on the beatification of the grounds.

His project will see the reseeding of the grassy areas beside the church and the installation of a bench.

Rowan and other scout volunteers will supply the muscle but we need your help to cover the expenses which are estimated to be €600.00.

Please stop by Rowan's table in the fellowship hall after Mass to learn more and to offer your donation to this worthy project.

Special Halloween Hospitality

After Mass on October 29th we will have a special Hallows Eve Hospitality with suitable beverages and ghoulish treats!



Young children are welcome to knock on the door to the room full of ghosts, goblins and zombies and say "trick or treat" to win a sweet.

But, only knock on the door if you are really brave!

All Saints Council elections are coming up in November. If you are interested in running, the deadline for submitting your paperwork is October 29th.

See Mike Hoth for additional information.

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

Mark your calendars:

- October 22nd – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass
- November 7th - **Girl's Confirmation Class** meets at 1330 at Family Pedussel's house.
- November 8th - **Boy's Confirmation Class** meets at 1800. Location TBA.
- November 12th – **Combined Confirmation Class** meets at St Bernard's from 1645 – 1845 h.
- November 12th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass
- November 13th - **Girl's Confirmation Class** meets at 1330 at Family Pedussel's house.
- November 19th - **Girl's Confirmation Class** meets at noon at All Saints (nursery).
- November 24th – **Thanksgiving Dinner** in the Fellowship Hall from 18:00 h onward. Please volunteer with Konrad Giersdorf to help with the set-up and take down of the hall or to be a helper in the kitchen during dinner. Don't forget to sign-up so we know how many we will need to prepare for.
- November 26th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass
- December 1st – **Christmas Tree arrives.** Tree set up / decorated and church decorated with ivy beginning at 17:00 h. Volunteers to help with the tree and church decorations should contact Konrad Giersdorf.
- December 3rd – **Annual Christmas Caroling** at Elder Folks Home starting at 1500 h.
- December 3rd – **Combined Confirmation Class** meets at St Bernard's from 1645 – 1845 h.
- December 7th, **Boy's Confirmation Class** meets at 1800 at Family Dethlefsen.
- December 10th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass

October 22nd, 2017, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

Lector: Jennifer Attah • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Heide Doblhofer, Thomas Schmidt • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Reich Family • Designated collection: World Mission Sunday: MISSIO

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