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“What you do to the least...” Homosexuality

“You too are my brother! You too are my sister!”

(This article will not deal with same sex marriage)

In the March 10, 2014 issue of *America*, Rev. John Langan SJ offers a new way to look upon our brothers and sisters who are labeled as homosexuals. He bases his thoughts on these words of Pope Francis, “Who am I to judge?” Langan offers four basic ways to look upon brothers and sisters who are called homosexuals, and who too often become the object of ridicule, bullying, even blackmail.

The first position to take is one of humility. We have to admit that we know so little about alternative lifestyles. We don’t know the causes, or the biological reasons, or the historical experience that helped to shape a sexual orientation. In all humility, admit ignorance.

Secondly, respect is to be shown for the dignity of homosexual persons, all of whom are children of a loving God. Any dialogue is to be marked with civility, compassion, and charity. Desires that homosexuals cease to exist are completely unacceptable; those guilty should repent of such thinking and/or speaking.

Thirdly, realism is necessary in dealing with the challenges that are inherent in dealing with sexual orientation of another. To expel one with a different sexual orientation from the church deprives the church of gifts, even if the act may look like a detestation of evil. It is important to remember that homosexual attractions are not in themselves sinful, but homosexual actions are sinful.

Lastly, during this time of scrutiny, we are to be patient with ourselves. As Americans, we desire a quick fix; in this area, haste is not the answer. The process may be long and tedious, and answers wanted may be long in coming. In the meantime, reflect again and again on the words of Pope Francis, “Who am I to judge?”

There is an urgent need for a new form of pastoral ministry in the church and in society, a ministry marked with compassion and love for the dignity of all God’s children.



February 18, 2015

Masses with distribution of ashes are 7:00 AM at St. Bernard, Belpre and 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart.

✠ Lenten Devotions ✠

Stations of the Cross and Benediction
each Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

Feb 1 ~ Children’s Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass
 Feb 1 ~ Parish Outreach Meeting, 11:30 AM
 Feb 3 ~ Adult Religious Formation Team Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Feb 3 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Feb 3 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft
 Feb 4 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-8), 6:30 to 7:30 PM
 Feb 4 ~ PSR Class (Gr. 9-12), 7:00 to 8:00 PM
 Feb 4 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM
 Feb 5 ~ 46th Annual Knights of Columbus Sausage Supper
 Feb 7 ~ Eucharistic Minister Training, 9:00 AM, Church
 Feb 8 ~ Children’s Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass
 Feb 8 ~ Lector Training, 1:00 PM, Church
 Feb 8 ~ Valentine’s Bingo Party, 5:30 PM
 Feb 10 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft
 Feb 11 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-8), 6:30 to 7:30 PM
 Feb 11 ~ PSR Class (Gr. 9-12), 7:00 to 8:00 PM
 Feb 11 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM
 Feb 12 ~ Stewardship Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
 Feb 15 ~ Children’s Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass
 Feb 15 ~ Eucharistic Minister Training, 1:00 PM, Church
 Feb 17 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 12:00 Noon
 Feb 17 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft
 Feb 18 ~ Ash Wednesday Masses:
 7:00 AM, St. Bernard, Belpre ■ 6:30 PM, Sacred Heart
 Feb 18 ~ PSR Students attend Ash Wednesday Mass w/Family
 Feb 18 ~ RCIA, following Ash Wednesday Mass, Parish Office
 Feb 19 ~ Pawnee County Blood Drive, 12:00 to 6:00 PM
 Feb 19 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
 Feb 20 ~ K of C All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry, 5:00 to 7:00 PM
 Feb 20 ~ Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM
 Feb 21 ~ Lector Training, 9:00 AM, Church
 Feb 22 ~ Children’s Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass
 Feb 22 ~ Greeters & Ushers Training, 1:00 PM, Church
 Feb 24 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, Choir Loft
 Feb 25 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-8), 6:30 to 7:30 PM
 Feb 25 ~ PSR Class (Gr. 9-12), 7:00 to 8:00 PM
 Feb 25 ~ RCIA, 7:00 PM
 Feb 27 ~ Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM
 Feb 28 ~ Greeters & Ushers Training, 10:00 AM, Church



Parish Valentine’s Bingo Party
Sunday, February 8th ♥ 5:30 pm

The Parish Outreach Commission is hosting a Valentine’s Bingo Party on Sunday, February 8th. Everyone is invited to come to the SHS auditorium to play Bingo and enjoy refreshments! We ask you to bring a few items for bingo prizes along with a finger food. Drinks will be provided.

Bring a guest and enjoy a fun evening!

FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMISSION

- ❖ Met January 20th
- ❖ Members present: Bob Haymaker, G.L. VonFeldt, Dennis Wilson, Jim Damm, Don Jensen, Leon Sanders, Jack Molleker, Kathy Couchman, Pam Huffles & Fr. Warren.
- ❖ Minutes of the December, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.
- ❖ The group reviewed the financial reports for December reflecting \$45,685.48 in income and \$25,866.60 in expenses for a net income of \$19,818.88. The balance sheet showed assets of \$592,826.53 compared to \$570,488.12 at the end of December 2013.
- ❖ The mechanical system to the Church HVAC is working much better with The new computer hardware installed.
- ❖ M & F Plumbing inspected the humidifier in the rectory for mold. There was no mold found. Mildew was cleaned from the unit and was reconnected and now operational.
- ❖ Justin Nienhaus, representative from Walsh & Associates was here on January 13, 14 & 15. He has been working with Pam on software setup and other ground work before the capital campaign gets into full swing.
- ❖ Next meeting: February 17, 2015 @ 12:00 Noon.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- ❖ Met January 15th
- ❖ Members present: Matt Stucker, Philip Hammeke, Dennis Theis, John Keltz, Michael Klemens, Sr. Rebecca & Fr. Warren. Unable to attend: Mary Perez, Nicki Roof. Guests: David Zecha, Tom Giessel & Justin Nienhaus from Walsh & Associates.
- ❖ Minutes of the November, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.
- ❖ Scheduled the calling list for servers.
- ❖ Justin Nienhaus from Walsh & Associates has been in Larned gathering information to begin our capital campaign. The parish is using the bulletin, monthly newsletter and parish website to pass along information and answer questions parishioners have regarding the building project.
- ❖ Nicki Roof offered her resignation from Pastoral Council. Berny Unruh has agreed to serve the remainder of her term, which ends in June.
- ❖ Next meeting: February 19, 2015 @ 6:30 PM.

SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY

- ❖ Met January 18th with 18 members attending in addition to Sr. Rebecca Otter and Grand Knight Brian Haberman.
- ❖ The minutes of the November 2nd meeting were read and approved.
- ❖ Kathy Kazmaier presented the treasurer's report through the end of 2014. The year ended with a balance of \$4,780.83. Receipts were added in January of \$476.10 with no disbursements, leaving a current balance of \$5,256.93. Kathy recommended that the budget for 2015 remain the same as 2014. A motion was made and passed.
- ❖ A committee of both the Knights of Columbus and Altar Society was formed to plan a parish meal/event celebrating the conclusion of our capital campaign for a new education/parish center in conjunction a raffle/silent auction will be held with proceeds going to the capital campaign.
- ❖ Pam Huffles reported that the current Dillons reward program will be changing and ending January 31, 2015. Effective February 1, 2015 a new program called Community Rewards will begin. Credit will be given to Sacred Heart through purchases made using your Dillons Plus Shopper's card. Parishioners will need to enroll either by computer or phone using Sacred Heart's organization number 10363. If in need of assistance contact Pam at the Parish Office.
- ❖ Sr. Rebecca presented information about a Women's Retreat for the ladies of our parish to be held Friday evening, March 13 through Saturday noon, March 14 at a Hunting Lodge north of Burdett. The invitation comes from Sr. Rose Mary Stein, the Director of Adult Education at the Diocese of Dodge City. More information to follow.
- ❖ Next meeting: April 19, 2015 @ 5:00 PM

PARISH OUTREACH COMMISSION

- ❖ Met January 11th
- ❖ Members present: Ann Ellis, Toni Novotny, Brian Haberman, & Fr. Warren. Unable to attend: Stacy Sanger, Lisa Burgess, Gretchen Whittington & Connie Mauney.
- ❖ Arranged to have gifts delivered to our newly registered in the parish.
- ❖ A thank you was extended to all who helped with the Christmas Dinner.
- ❖ Discussed having a Valentine's Bingo Party on Feb. 8th at 5:30 PM.
- ❖ Next meeting: February 1, 2015 @ 11:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

- ❖ Met January 8th
- ❖ Members present: Mary Klinge, Don Kazmaier, Sheryl Giessel, Brenda Langdon, Mary Mitchell, Elaine Coulson, Sr. Rebecca Otter & Fr. Warren.
- ❖ The minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented.
- ❖ Identified categories that were missed on the sign up form that will be added to next year's form.
- ❖ Jim Mitchell has compiled a spreadsheet with all the data from the stewardship sign up. A master list will be given to Pam for the parish office. It was suggested that we provide a notice in the newsletter outlining the results of the stewardship drive.
- ❖ Next meeting: February 12, 2015 @ 6:30 PM

ADULT RELIGIOUS FORMATION COMMISSION

- ❖ Met January 6th
- ❖ Members: Sr. Irene, Sr. Rebecca, Diane Dodez, Lynne Eck, Mary Mitchell, Regis Lopata & Fr. Warren
- ❖ The minutes of October 7, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.
- ❖ Sr. Irene shared her topics for the "What you do to the least" column for the Sacred Heart Beat.
- ❖ Topics for the monthly Adoration/Holy Hours were chosen.
- ❖ Set dates and times for training for new and continuing liturgical ministers, including Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans and Greeters & Ushers.
- ❖ Discussed setting up faith-sharing sessions for Lent. At this time, plans were made to have sessions regarding questions about marriage, as Pope Francis has asked for the Church's input on this topic.
- ❖ Next meeting: February 3, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

DECEMBER 2014 FINANCES

INCOME:

Collections	26,179.16
Special Donations	1,432.00
Endowment	
Interest	5.58
Farm	
PSR	8,697.13
Fundraisers	594.40
Miscellaneous	<u>8,777.21</u>
TOTAL	\$45,685.48

EXPENSES:

Stewardship	2,177.21
Salaries	13,488.90
Insurance	1,471.50
Utilities	3,393.85
Maintenance	185.54
Improvement	
Office	1,751.16
PSR	965.09
Farm	1,238.86
Miscellaneous	<u>1,194.49</u>
TOTAL	\$25,866.60

February Birthdays

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| (01) Wendy Sundahl | (16) Brandon Bartz |
| (02) Kennedy Bird | (17) Jessie Fox |
| (03) Kraig Froetschner | (18) Ken Jording |
| Alexandra Garcia | Lupe Perez, Sr. |
| Leon Sanders | (19) Coleen Houser |
| David Sanger | Brennan Kelty |
| (04) Dorothy Keenan | (20) Tiffany Loya |
| Austin Kimble | Lucy Sickles |
| Okey Nwachukwu-Udaku | Mary Smith |
| (06) Kale Whetstone | (21) Karl Grover |
| (07) Frank Garcia | Jeret Johnson |
| Tracy Rector | David Schartz |
| Jacob Simmons | (22) Doug Smith |
| (09) Maxine Herman | (23) Mary Beth Herrmann |
| Lydia Murphy | Ryan Lemuz |
| Michael Pelaccio | (25) Don Jensen |
| Audrey Sanger | (26) Victor Kreutzer |
| (10) Greg Finger | Sue Latimore |
| (12) Chase Kruse | Lynn Streit |
| (13) Maverick Munden | (28) Billy Walker |
| Phil Schreiber | (29) Marvin Slagle |
| (15) Gage Collins | |
| Jenna Fisher | |
| Bob Haymaker | |
| Marley Palmer | |



February Anniversaries

- (04) Chuck and Darlene Orth
 (05) Greg and Deanna Finger
 (09) David and Kathy Hammeke
 (13) Dan and Christina Ryan
 (14) Bruce and Stacie Kozlowski
 (15) Brad and Michele Collins
 Bert and Mary Lou Frisbie
 (18) Jamie and Gretchen Holopirek
 Regis and Kathy Lopata
 (20) Kraig and Amy Froetschner
 (28) Jacques and Jo Molleker
 Rosendo and Amanda Cenicerros

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed,
 Call 285-2035. We want to include everyone.

† DIED IN CHRIST

Troy Davis ~ January 16, 2015

KNIGHTS FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Feb. 3 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Feb. 5 46th Annual Sausage Supper (G)
 Feb. 14 Wedding Reception/Dance (R)
 Feb. 20 All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry (G)
 Feb. 28 Duck's Unlimited (R)

Knights of Columbus

46th Annual Sausage Supper

Thursday – February 5, 2015
 5:00 to 7:30 PM

Adults: \$9.00 Under 12: \$5.00
 Preschool: Free

K of C Hall on Scenic Drive
 1216 M Road



Remember with Prayer

Coletta Meier	Elora Robinson
Mary Schartz	Grace Sloan
Fheno Perez	Pat Thompson
Maxine Ackerman	Elsie Jones
Grace Perez	Mickey Perez
Phyllis Neidig	Mary Ann Schartz
Kindra Perez	Clayton Kelty
Jayden Waller	Amy Herter
John Harmon	Catherine Orth
Sharon Larsen	Joyce Greathouse
Betty Tauscher	Susan Colglazier
Fr. Warren Stecklein	Carol (Bartz) Eaton
Fr. Charles Mazouch	Sr. Clara Ann Fluech
Mary Beth Herrmann	Ryan Shelton

All of our men and women serving in the
 United States military



A Lenten Invitation From Pope Francis

“Who am I to judge?” has become one of the favorite themes of Pope Francis. To move the Church toward being a compassionate Mother to the faithful, the Pope gathered many church leaders in a Synod in 2014 to study some worrisome practices, especially regarding the sacrament of marriage. In preparation for that Synod, the laity was asked to offer input on a series of questions. Major decisions were not made at that Synod, but the Pope and Church leaders recognized the need for additional responses from the folks in the pews.

A series of 46 questions are now presented to the Catholic world. “Please offer suggestions for compassionate responses to problems which now trouble a great number of faithful members and keep them from full participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

During Lent of 2015, Sacred Heart Parish will be offered opportunities to gather in study groups to discuss the questions that come from the Pope and his advisors. What ways can our parish suggest to promote compassion in the lives of those greatly in need of receiving mercy and forgiveness?

Responses from each study group will be summarized and directed to Rome. All adult members of the parish are invited to become a part of a study group. Very seldom is the laity asked for input by Rome. Let this be a valuable opportunity!

Fr. Warren and the Adult Religious Formation Commission



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Friday – March 13 – 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Friday – March 27 – 5:00 to 7:00 PM

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Preschool: Free

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Proceeds go toward charitable causes