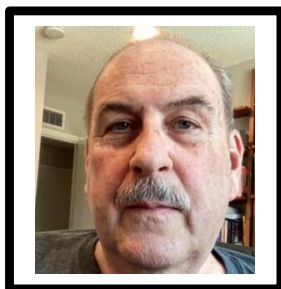


A Voice for Vocations



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DISTRICT DOINGS

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OUR MISSION is to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, deaconate and lay ministries and, through this, to deepen our members' personal faith. life.



MARCH

3rd Anne Champagne
10th Gloria Suess
13th Loretta Callopy
20th Sister Louise
28th Raul Serna

APRIL

23rd Rosemarie
Tsutsumi

WE'RE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

The day was Sunday, and I was at Mass, which had already started, when a family with three small children crowded into the pew in front of me. The children had brought with them what appeared to be their complete collection of toys, which they spread out on the pew and began to play. Now their play was not loud as their parents continually told them to "be quiet," but it was in my full line-of-sight, which I found to be a huge distraction. "What is the matter with these parents?" I found myself thinking. What were toys doing in church during Mass and, annoyingly, in the pew in front of me? The "battle of the toys" continued throughout Mass, and I found myself becoming angry with this little family, forgetting the real reason I was at Mass.

The homily, this Sunday, was centered around Jesus preaching to the crowds; however, I continued to find myself mentally correcting the children in front of me while not really paying attention to the words being spoken. Suddenly it was time for Communion and the children put away their toys, filled out of the pew and walked towards the front of the church with their little arms crossed in front of them. Each child stopped in front of the priest and received their blessing and then walked back to their seat with arms still folded. For the remainder of the Mass the toys stayed in their bag, and the children knelt with their parents until time to exit the church.

When the Mass was over, the family exited the pew and walked to the front of the church where each of the children each bowed to the altar and filed out the door. What was this "pious" person who sat behind the little family doing? He was leaving the church embarrassed

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LENTEN SELF-EXAMINATION

As we complete our Lenten activities, I would like to share some insights, a few highlights from a recent presentation at a gathering of Ignatians West, on the topic of "faith-based service." The talk was based on the book *The Good Life-Where Morality and Spirituality Converge* by Richard M. Gula.

Faith-based service is more about, in our daily lives, living a "life of service" instead of following a checklist of volunteer endeavors to which we donate our time and treasure. It consists more of an awareness, and an attitude, to see opportunities in our daily lives where we are able to live out our Christian beliefs by responding to the needs of those around us. Our spirituality should lead us to a "deeper vision of life . . . a style of life that is grounded in our commitment to God." This leads us to "flourishing as authentic human beings."

Some prominent virtues that are associated with faith-based service or volunteerism include:

Humility: What are my gifts/talents to be freely given? Do I re-check my motives often through the lens of humility?

Gratitude: Do I offer thanks to God for the blessings in life? Am I grateful to him even for the challenges and difficult times, which allow me to grow?

Self-esteem: Do I accept myself as being worthwhile, apart from my achievements? Do I enjoy being who I am and doing what I can?

Justice: Do I treat everyone with dignity as they deserve, created in the image of God?

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and ashamed. From the time that the family entered the pew in front of me until the time of communion, I felt anger at what I was considering an interruption to my personal prayers. I realized that I had lost the real reason for the Mass as I turned my attention to this little family and not to the Mass itself.

As I was driving home from church, I told my wife what I had experienced during Mass, at which point Kathy asked me if I had listened to the homily. The homily, which I had not paid attention to, centered around Luke 18:15-17, "Permit the children to come to me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Talk about an "aha moment!" Now you might expect that after this I would welcome sitting next to small families at Mass. Well, I do still have those "stiff neck" feelings every now and then, but they are always followed by remembering that it's Sunday, and those children are loved especially by Jesus, and Jesus' love is the real reason I am at Mass.

I heard a story a few days ago and found myself remembering that little family at Mass: "Grandpa was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a voice that sounded like praying. He asked her what she was doing. She explained: 'I'm praying, but I can't think of exactly the right words. So, I'm just saying all the letters. God will put them together for me because he knows what I am thinking'." May we all find the innocence of a child as we conclude this Lenten Season.

We're Proud Of Our Members!

Catholic Charities Auxiliary hosting
Inspirational Catholic Women 2023 event
 Catholic Charities Auxiliary is hosting its Inspirational Catholic Women 2023 event, "Servants for Christ," on April 28. The gathering begins at 5 p.m. in the Arboretum on the Christ Cathedral campus. The guest speaker is Amy D'Ambra, CEO and founder of My Saint My Hero.

Kathy Robinson



Reserve your seat to celebrate this remarkable servant of God. Please contact treasure@occursillo.org
 Tickets: \$150.00 each



ANDY SISON

Let us all pray that God's will be done in Andy's inquiry into the Diaconate which he began on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. If he becomes a Deacon candidate, he will be required to participate in a series of workshops and training over a five-year period! May the Holy Spirit inspire, strengthen, and guide Andy.

LENTEN MEDITATION

In the words of Pope Francis . . .

"Fasting helps us to keep our spirit in shape. It makes us appreciate things for their true worth; it reminds us that life must not be made dependent upon the fleeting landscape of the present world. Almsgiving, practiced far from the spotlight, gives peace and hope to the heart. It reveals to us the beauty of giving, which then becomes receiving, and thus enables us to discover a precious secret: our hearts find more joy in giving than in receiving (Acts 20:35)." *15 March 2023*

On behalf of The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, we invite you to join us in helping the dear neighbor.

An afternoon of food, music and companionship, featuring the art of our own Sisters and other local artists, silent auction, wine pull, fund-a-need, lacemaking demonstration, and more!

**Saturday, May 6th, 2023
 3:00 to 6:00 pm**

St. Joseph Center Garden and Welcoming Center
 440 S. Batavia Street
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ART IN THE GARDEN

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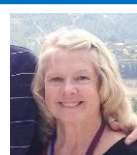
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APRIL SPEAKERS

**APR 5 Gail Gresser, Dir. Campus Ministries
 Mt. St. Mary's University
 Subject: "Easter Tridium"**



APR 19 Anne Champagne



Subject: TBD

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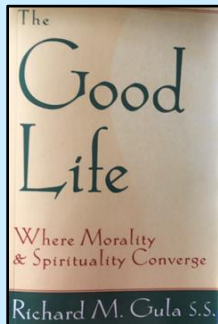
Do I keep in mind the common good as expressed in the Catholic tradition?

Solidarity: When offering service do I listen? When we want to hear the “needs” of others, we enter into solidarity with them in our shared humanity.

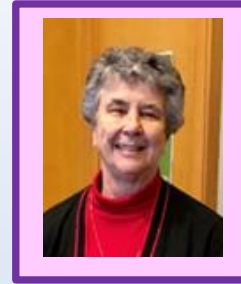
Hope: Do I see the virtue of hope as heroic? Do I believe, through the goodness of God, that there is always the possibility of betterment, rather than falling into despair? Do I acknowledge that in maintaining hope, I am living with direction?

A few questions we can ask ourselves are: **Who am I? Whose am I? Who am I called to be?**

Within the last few weeks, Pope Francis addressed a group of volunteer charity workers. He reminded them of the great joy in serving the poor. He asked that they remember that those whom they serve are people with names and faces. He asserted that charity was like a slow-growing forest which those engaging in faith-based service are nurturing, and admonished them to not lose sight of the good work that they are doing for love of God and for each other.



**Bio of our lovely Spiritual Advisor
Sr. Louise Ann Micek, CSJ**



Sister Louise began teaching in the late '60s at St. George School in Ontario and at Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Habra. After a few years, she was called to Papua New Guinea for the congregational ministry to the people there. She continued her teaching ministry and was a member of a parish team. Apart from some home visits and a year and a half as a substitute teacher, Sister Louise Ann was in the South Pacific for two decades. When she returned, Sister Louise Ann began working in detention ministry and served as the General Secretary of the Congregation. In 1996, she became director of Bethany, which helped women in transition to self-sufficiency, a role she remained in for 18 years. Sister Louise Ann now serves as a program assistant at the St. Joseph Justice Center. In her ministry, she asks positive questions, such as, “How can we do something to make the situation better?” She wants to bring social awareness and energize the community into action. We are so blessed to have her in our Serra Club!

MARCH SPEAKER



JIM DAZE, long-time member of Serra, on March 15 spoke to our club on **THE KOREAN MARTYRS**. Jim and his wife, Peggy many years ago went to Korea and adopted their son. They have a special interest in and love for that country. Jim has studied the history of the Catholic Church in Korea and particularly the martyrdom which was a major part of that story for the first hundreds of years since it was introduced from China. Jim offered the fascinating stories of several notable martyrs and accounts of their dreadful martyrdoms. Presently there is a significant Christian-Roman Catholic presence in that country and we are privileged to have several priests in our diocese of Korean descent and a fine Korean Center which is most interesting to visit.

Thanks so much, Jim for a most interesting and enlightening presentation!

HEARTS ON FIRE
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THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023
5PM - 8PM

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"The Internal
Lenten Journey"



St Augustine and the confessions

- Looking inward
 - Examining my past memories
 - Things that make me angry and upset
 - Depressed
 - Scared and frightened



Our own Story

- my own hurt
- My own darkness
- My own pain