



Dear Parishioners,

I want to express my gratitude for the nice reception last Saturday evening to celebrate my 25th Anniversary of Ordination. I appreciate all who were present and thank especially the members of the Ladies' Guild, the Knights of Columbus, and the Parish Council who organized the reception. Thank you to those who made donations to our building fund for the new religious education center building and know my gratitude for the personal gifts and congratulations that you blessed me with. As I said at the reception, it is a blessing that my silver anniversary occurred in the Lord's Providence here at St. Joseph's that I could share this milestone with all of you.

Have a wonderful and grace-filled week.

God bless, Fr. Gutowski

JUNE 10 THRU JUNE 16

Monday	Priest's Intention
Tuesday	Loretta Patry
Wednesday	Anne Boro
Thursday	Msgr. James Cain
Friday	Communion Service
Saturday	Angie Sokol
Sunday	People of St. Joseph



STORM CHASER SIGN UP SHEET

Sign-up sheets are in the church for the Baseball game with the Storm Chasers on June 20th. Sign up and come on out to the ballgame for a fun night with fellow parishioners.

THEY DIED IN THE SERVICE

One Sunday morning a pastor noticed a little boy was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the vestibule of the church. The child of seven had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up and stood beside him, and gazing up at the plaque he said quietly, Good morning, son."

"Good morning, Pastor," replied the young boy not taking his eyes off the plaque. "Sir, what is this?" Johnny asked.

"Well, son, these are all the people who have died in the service," replied the pastor. Soberly they stood together staring up at the large plaque.

The young boy's voice barely broke the silence when he asked quietly, "Which one, sir, the 8:30 or the 10:30?"



10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep."

Good News Reflection

June 9, 2013

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17:17-24

Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13

Galatians 1:11-19

Luke 7:11-17

This Sunday's Gospel reading is a message of hope for any situation. Think of the widowed mother as a symbolic Mary and her dead son as Jesus. This incident foreshadowed Christ's resurrection.

See the dead son as anyone you know who has left the faith, or anyone who has been wounded or abused, or anyone who has lost much in a disaster such as a fire or flood or storm.

"God has visited his people" is the good news. The Spirit of Christ can drive out fear, despair, anger, and thoughts of revenge. "I tell you, arise!" Jesus is saying. Our heavenly Father has new life to give.

To "arise" might mean getting back to normal routines. It means standing up to the abuser and drawing a boundary that says "no more." It can mean walking away from someone who's causing harm, and seeking experts who will help with the recovery process.

In a resurrection, there is always something new: a new way of dealing with the problem, or a new place to work or a new parish to join, or a new courage and inner strength to live a changed life.

To "arise" always includes a new understanding of the Father's protective love, which comforts us in the midst of evil and leads us from tragedies into triumphs and from woundedness into recovery. God

protects us through the decisions that he guides us to make, but if we ignore his guidance and end up suffering from our error, he still says, "Rise up! A new day is dawning!"

Jesus is a redeemer who overcomes death by making good arise from the ashes – despite all obstacles. We make ourselves vulnerable to life-destroying evil by the bad choices we make, but Christ is always at our side helping us despite our mistakes and sins.

Even when we don't ask for it, he is helping us. How merciful he is! Even when we don't accept the help he provides, he doesn't stop doing more. How caring he is!

Hope is not wishful thinking. It is the awareness of God's goodness. As you grow stronger in hope, evangelize this hope to those around you who need to hear Jesus say, "Arise!"

Questions for Personal Reflection:

In what ways do you need new life? Think of people you know who are suffering or have lost faith. How can you help them receive Christ's message of "Arise!"?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

How does believing in God's goodness help us find hope? How does hope drive out fear, despair, anger, or thoughts of revenge?

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