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Salvation to Eternal Life is the Free Gift of God, It is Not Automatic, Cheap or Limited to some People: Our salvation or our privilege to be saved and participate in the eternal glory of God is not automatic, neither is it Cheap and there is no favoritism about it, that is, it is not limited or meant for some selected people or race. First, to be saved and obtain eternal life is the free “*gift of God*” (Cf. Romans 6: 23). Eternal life is attained through Jesus and is free to all who believe: “*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life*” (John 3: 16; Cf. Romans 5: 15-18). So, salvation is not something that can be purchased or merited by way of good works but is freely bestowed by God (Cfs. Ephesians 2: 8-9; Galatians 2: 16). Second, salvation is not automatic, that is, a once and for all affair. We work at it and keep working for our salvation until we die to meet our Creator-God. We cannot just sit and think or presume our way to God. As we desire or hope to be saved and go to heaven, we are to work for it. Part of our effort in order to be saved and inherit eternal life requires faith, hope, charity and making choices. Third, our salvation which leads to eternal life is not something cheap since nothing comes easy in life. Salvation costed God and His Son Jesus Christ. In order to save us, God who is Divine took human form, in His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Even when Christ came it was not enough because He suffered and died on the Cross before He rose to set us free. Since Jesus did not have it easy when He reconciled us to God, it is not going to be easy for us humans either. We who have been saved have to put up with other demands of our salvation before we are able to possess eternal life. We might sometimes have to bear our cross in order to be true disciple of Jesus (Cf. Luke 14: 27, 33). Part of the price we have to pay in order to be saved and be with God might include putting up with division within our own family or doing something in order to stop it (Cf. Matthew 10: 34-36). The command by Christ in today Gospel reading to strive to enter through the narrow door and the call by St. Paul in the Second Reading to discipline ourselves are clear examples that salvation to eternal life is never cheap but imposes some demands on us (Cfs. Luke 13: 24; Hebrews 12: 11). Lastly, salvation and the attainment of eternal life is never for certain selected few but is open to all who believe and work for it. Although our free human response to the gifts of God plays a role in our salvation, there is no favoritism when it comes to those who will enter the Kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is open to all since “*People will enter from east, west, north and south*” (Lk 13: 29). The kingdom of God will house blacks, whites, the rich, the poor, men, women and children. All are welcomed in the kingdom pf God.

Our Salvation and Eternal Life Depends Jesus: We are saved and have access to eternal life through Christ. Jesus declared himself to be the way to salvation and eternal life: “*Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me*” (John 14: 6). Our salvation depends on Jesus and this is the reason why Jesus was approached with this question about how many will be saved. Jesus warns that we can be excluded if we do not strive to enter by the narrow door. The door which Jesus had in mind was himself. I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved (Cf. John 10: 9). God sent his only begotten Son, to open the way for us to have full access to the throne of God's grace (favor and blessing) and mercy (pardon for our sins). Through Jesus' victory on the cross we are freed from slavery to sin and made sons and daughters of God and citizens the Kingdom of heaven. So it is through Christ that we are saved and made to attain eternal life.

Our own Role when it Comes to Salvation and Eternal Life: There are many things we have to accomplish if we want to be saved and inherit eternal life with God. We cannot just think, dream or imagine our way into the kingdom of God. Although we are saved through Christ, we have to do something in order to get to heaven. First, it is because we are saved and are able to see God in eternity by doing something that when Jesus was asked: “*...Lord, will only a few people be saved?*” (Luke 13: 23), He responded: “*Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough*” (Luke 13: 24). Second, salvation and the attainment of eternal life with Jesus is also possible when we follow Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life: “*Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me*” (John 14: 6). Third, keeping the commandment is also necessary in order to be saved and enter eternal life with God. Hence when the lawyer asked: “*Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?*” (Matthew 19: 16), Jesus responded: “*Why do you ask me about the good? There is only One who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments...*” (Cf. Matthew 19: 18-21). Fourth, in order to be saved and get to Heaven and obtain eternal life we must be perfect as God Himself is also perfect: “*So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect*” (Matthew 5:48). So, all human beings have the call to good and avoid evil.

Closing Prayer: *May the grace and blessing of God remain with us each day as we strive to enter through the narrow gate. May we who have chosen to follow Christ do good so that we will dwell in the Holy presence of God forever.*

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

“*For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.*” Luke 13:30 Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “What have you done with the gifts I have given you?” How will you respond?

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Raphael	St. Gabriel
Needed Each Week:	\$2,467.41	\$2,807.70	\$815.76	\$533.66
Needed Year-to-Date:	17,271.87	19,653.90	5,710.32	3,735.62
Actual Year-to-Date:	19,595.05	20,696.67	5,137.75	4,821.35
Date: August 14, 2022:	1,658.00	2,215.00	486.00	303.00
Other Collections:	246.14	100.00	149.00	20.00

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

Saturday, August 20, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael

4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael

4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael

(Mary & Walter Macek)

6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel

6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel

6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel

(Oliver DeRocher)

Sunday, August 21, 2022

8:00am Reconciliation at St. Catherine

8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(William Kramer)

10:30am Rosary at St. Anne

11:00am Mass at St. Anne

(Sally Yoder)

Monday, August 22, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

(For all families to enjoy the last week of summer before back-to-school time)

9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

(For all Farmers, Livestock and Crops)

9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Richard LaBonte)

5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration and

Reconciliation at St. Catherine

Thursday, August 25, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Clair Rauch)

9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

Friday, August 26, 2022

No Mass Today

Saturday, August 27, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael

4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael

4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael

(Ron Beyer)

6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel

6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel

6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel

(Chris Kinsley)

Sunday, August 28, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Flavia Gagnier)

11:00am Mass at St. Anne

(Norma Somers)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THIS SUNDAY!! ST. ANNE'S WOMEN'S GROUP:** Organizational Meeting to re-instate a women's group at St. Anne will be held in Maria Hall Sunday, August 21 following Mass. All women interested in having input into organizing this group please plan to attend.
- **ST. GABRIEL MEN'S CLUB:** Meeting on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.
- **COFFEE & DONUTS ~ A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SOCIAL TIME WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS!**
St. Catherine: The next Coffee & Donuts will be Sunday, August 21st following mass.
St. Anne: Coffee & Donuts will be after mass on Sunday's!
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**
- Volunteers needed in the St. Anne Cemetery to fill in the potholes. There is a pile of topsoil behind the shed. Please contact the office to get all the details.
- **ST. ANNE'S ~ Volunteer Cleaners** needed for the months of September - December!
- **MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

SUNDAY:

IS 66:18-21,

HEB 12:5-7, 11-13,

LK 13:22-30

MONDAY:

2 THES 1:1-5, 11-12,

MT 23:13-22

TUESDAY:

2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17,

MT 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY:

RV 21:9B-14,

JN 1:45-51

THURSDAY:

1 COR 1:1-9,

MT 24:42-51

FRIDAY:

1 COR 1:17-25,

MT 25:1-13

SATURDAY:

1 COR 1:26-31, M

T 25:14-30

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday:

Rev. . Matthew Furguele

Monday:

Rev. . James Gardiner

Tuesday:

Vocations to the priesthood
and all religious

Wednesday:

Rev. Donald Geyman

Thursday:

Rev. Joseph Graff

Friday:

Rev. John Greene

Saturday:

All Seminarians

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FOR CHILDREN WHO WISH
FOR **JUST ONE GIFT**

COMING BACK SOON!

Our 3rd Annual - Box of Joy

Box of Joy brings hope to children in developing countries, providing them with memorable Christmas gifts and a much needed of God's love.

Now is the perfect time of year to start shopping for small, unique gift items that will fit in standard shoebox (about 12" x 5" box).

For a shopping guide go to:
ResurrectionACGR.org/boxes-of-joy/



BAKE SALE AT ST. RAPHAEL NEXT WEEKEND: AUGUST 27

St Raphael is holding a bake sale please bring or plan on buying a scrumptious dessert. Proceeds go to help pay for refreshments after mass and other events.



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL '22

Catholic Service Appeal (CSA) provides the financial support for a number of important services maintained by the Diocese of Gaylord. It is expected that the parishioners of each parish will provide the assigned amount of support projected by the Diocese as that parishes' goal.

As of Monday, August 15, 2022:

St. Anne has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$15,465 which is 66.1% of our goal. We need an additional \$7,927. To date, 49 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 29.9% of our members. St. Catherine has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$25,445.00 which is 91% of our goal. We need an additional \$2,659.00. To date 75 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 54% of our members. St. Gabriel & St. Raphael have both reached there CSA goal in contributions but not in participation.

If you have not already contributed or pledged, please do so soon! It is imperative that we reach our goal. Thank you to all who have responded so far!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POLISH DINNER ~ SEPT. 11

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a polish dinner (Polish kielbasa, Swedish meatballs, and ham, plus sides) after the Posen Potato Festival Parade, on Sunday, September 11, 2022, from Noon to 4:00 p.m.. The dinner will be at the K of C Hall in Posen, 10813 Michigan St., Posen 49776. Tickets are \$10:00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5 - 13 years old, and free for under 5 years old. The dinner is a fundraiser to buy an ultrasound machine for the Options Pregnancy Center in Alpena. If you cannot make the dinner, a donation would be appreciated. We are also looking for volunteers to help out the day of the dinner.

For tickets or to volunteer to help at the dinner please call or talk to:

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