

Fr. Simon Sez

Fr. Simon Gone October 22 - 26: I plan on pheasant hunting in NE SD next weekend and back to this area hunting with a retired priest and his friend from Winon, MN. Fr. Ken Lulf, a former pastor here, is swapping with me. I will have next Sunday Masses in Eden and Grenville. He will have the weekend Masses here. Noon confessions on Saturday, October 22 are cancelled.

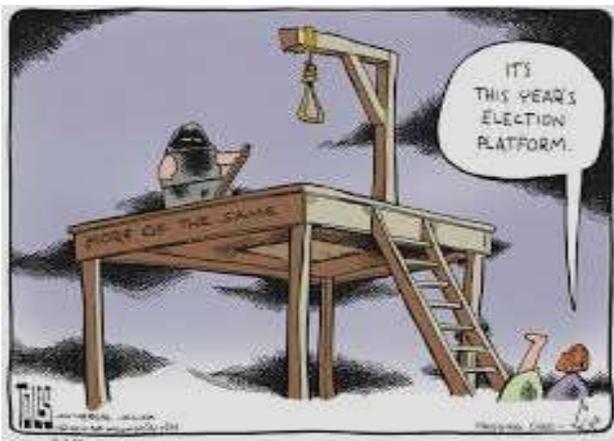
World Mission Sunday Next Week: Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The envelopes are in the church pews. You can bring them back next Sunday for this special collection.

Inner Healing Prayer in Our Parishes:

The Matthew Ministry will be giving an information presentation at St. Pius X Church Hall Friday evening 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., November 4, 2022, describing this simple prayer method. After this presentation, individuals can make a appointment with them facilitating the prayer of the individual (45 minutes each) Saturday & Sunday, November 5 - 6 in our parishes. This guided prayer will help individuals go to the source of their hurts and receive the healing Spirit of Christ and be set free. Save the date! For more general information go to: www.themattthewministry.com. For answers to specific questions, contact me. I have been offering this opportunity in my parishes since about fifteen years ago. (See today's bulletin insert.)



A.A. Meetings Resumed: Alcoholics Anonymous is having open meetings every Monday evening at 8:00 p.m. These are helpful for anyone who has any type of addictive tendencies or obsessive thinking, not just recovering alcoholics. Come to the old west entrance of Sacred Heart Church in Gettysburg, turn left and go downstairs to the old Knights of Columbus (K. of C.) meeting room.



Hope from on High: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Exodus 17:8-13
Psalm 121:1-8
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

The Lord is our guardian, beside us at our right hand, interceding for us in all our spiritual battles.

In today's Psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple—the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Joshua and the Israelites, in today's First Reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there—through the intercession of Moses—as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites.

Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy—sin and death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26).

By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies (see Exodus 7:8–12; 8:1–2), parted the Red Sea (see Exodus 14:16) and brought water from the Rock (see Exodus 17:6).

The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new liberation from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God (see John 2:19–21; 7:37–39; 19:34; 1 Corinthians 10:4).

Like the Israelites and the widow in today's Gospel, we face opposition and injustice—at times from godless and pitiless adversaries.

We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains—to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil. pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today

We must. As Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures—given by God to train us in righteousness.

We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, He will indeed find faith on earth.