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## Blessed Sacrament Weekly Email - October 25, 2024

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When Jesus says in the Gospels, "You know not the day or the hour," (Matthew 24:36) there are two primary points he makes. First and most important he warns his followers that no one - not even Jesus - knows the day when Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. But this passage is also understood as referring to one's death. We hear stories or know people who died suddenly and unexpectedly. I thought of the verse because today is the birthday of Bob Knight (1940) and Mike Eruzione (1954).

They had no idea that one action would forever affect their lives and how people will remember them. As a basketball coach at Indiana, Bob Knight had three teams win the National Championship. Unfortunately, he is often remembered for losing his temper during a game against Purdue on February 23, 1985. He picked up a chair and threw it across the court. Mike Eruzione is best known as the captain of the 1980 Winter Olympics United States national team that defeated the Soviet Union in the famous "Miracle on Ice" game, in which he scored the game-winning goal.

While I was the pastor in a parish years ago, I overheard two parishioners discussing my predecessors. They remembered quite vividly when one of these priests lost his temper during mass and screamed at a couple for not keeping their baby quiet. Many people seem to remember bad events rather than good ones. Be grateful for how people make a positive, even life changing difference in your life. Thank God for them. If they are still in the land of the living, get in touch with them thanking them for blessing your life in a special way.

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**Beginning Saturday November 2,  
Saturday Mass will begin at 4pm  
with Confessions at 3:00 pm.**

## Live, Local, and Late-breaking

The Sacrament of the **ANOINTING** of the **SICK** will be celebrated during our masses this weekend. It is meant for the living and not only for those at death's door. Christ strengthens the faithful who are sick with this sacrament of anointing. The sick receive the grace of the Holy Spirit, forgiveness of sin; trust in God is encouraged and strength is given to resist the temptation to lose hope. We pray not only for physical healing, but spiritual and emotional as well. Who may and or ought to be anointed? Those who are

- suffering from illness and disease;
- preparing for or recovering from surgery;
- weakened by age;
- chronically ill with high blood pressure, diabetes, arthritis, heart disease, etc.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** on Saturday, October 26 at Oakes Field! Free Event! Food donations will be received at the entrance to benefit Heart & Hand. Trunk or Treat starts at 2:00pm - Park your car on the Oakes Field side of our building and distribute candy from your trunk! Decorate your car & wear a costume yourself if you like. Live Music starts at 3pm. There will be a Kids Zone with inflatables, food and beer vendors.

**CORPORAL WORKS** of **MERCY** under way at Blessed Sacrament Parish:

- Food Drive for Coalburg & Family Food Pantries and our Thanksgiving Baskets.
- Gabriel Project to benefit babies and their mothers.
- Hygiene products are always welcome, too.

### **PRAYER**

O God, full of compassion,  
I commit and commend myself to you,  
in whom I am, and live, and know.  
Be the Goal of my pilgrimage,  
and my Rest by the way.  
Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil  
of worldly thoughts  
beneath the shadow of your wings.  
Let my heart,  
this sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God.  
You bountifully give all good gifts.  
Give those who are weary refreshing food.  
Gather our distracted thoughts and powers into harmony again.  
Set the prisoner free.  
See, he stands at your door and knocks.  
Open it to him,  
that he may enter with a free step,  
and be quickened by you.  
For you are the Well-spring of Life,  
the Light of eternal Brightness,  
where the just live who love you.  
Let it be to me according to your word. Amen.

Saint Augustine

### **MYSTIC MORSELS**

- While the world changes, the cross stands firm.
  - By your work you show what you love and what you know.
- Saint Bruno (1030-1101)

God is truly worshiped when someone actually gives full attention to God with feelings of awe, love, devotion, respect, and wonder. Such a moment is genuine worship.

— Guigo I (c. 1083-1136)

### **CARBONATED GRACE**

- A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
- If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
- How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
- Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
- I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.
- The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket .