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Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord,

For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright

With scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

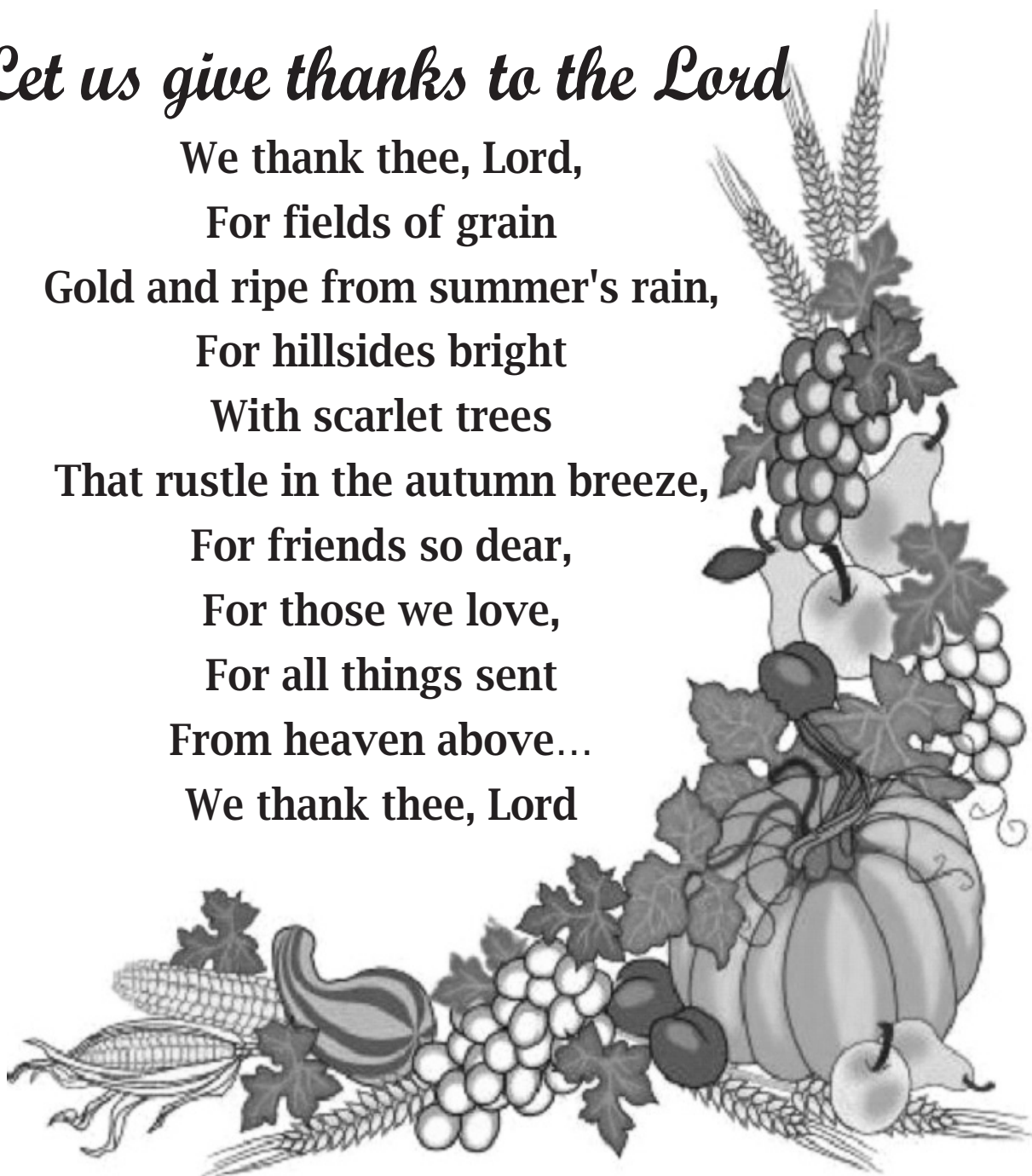
For friends so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent

From heaven above...

We thank thee, Lord



QUESTIONS AND TOPICS FOR THE BULLETIN

Now that I have reneged on my announcement last June of no longer publishing bulletin articles, I would like your input by asking you to consider sending me either a question or questions about the faith or a topic. Chances are, if it's a question for you it's a question others have as well. You can simply put your question on a piece of paper and place it in the collection basket. One of the reasons for my fatigue in writing a bulletin article each week was due to having to come up with different topics, however, if you give me the topics or questions, it gives me a direction to go and furthers our quest to better know the faith. *Thanks. FrC*

Someone forwarded the following online article to me and I thought it would be good for our parish bulletin. This is an issue everyone has an opinion on but it is also an issue over which some may get angry at others while others have been hurt by the direct and hurtful words of others. Fr. John, having come from a large family of 11 himself, strikes a good balance between babies being babies and older children becoming a distraction for others. One of my sisters used to say, "If I as a mother am being distracted at Mass by my kids' behaviour, then so is everyone else around me."

On kids crying in Church

(By Fr. Jonathan Hollowell)

In the discussion (a new round always exploding into existence on social media when word spreads of another bulletin article or pulpit comment), there are two large camps:

Camp 1 - "There should not ever be a sound at Mass" and Camp 2 - "The Church is dying in the West, so we should always be grateful for all the noise that every child makes in Church, and Jesus said "Let the children come to me" so it might even be a good thing to keep a crying child in Mass"

As the oldest of 11 children I spent most of my teenage years as part of a family that was always retreating to the cry room, and I even sometimes took a sibling out to the play ground if my parents asked me to because they were taking another kid to the cry room and breaking up a fight between two other siblings. I spent most of my life watching my parents heroically try to herd us and keep us quiet for an hour, and I spent most of my life watching my Mom make a beeline for the cry room (a lot of Masses she just went straight there before Mass even started!).

My point in all this - **I am DEFINITELY not in camp 1.**

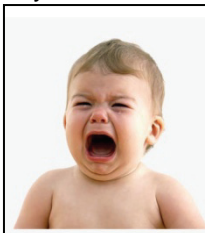
But there does seem to be a trend over the last decade or so where some people think that every instance of a child crying/making noise in Church is a GOOD thing. **I am DEFINITELY not in camp 2 either.**

So I'd suggest a middle road - a recognition that anyone who thinks there can't be any noise at Mass needs to relax, and at the same time a recognition that sometimes children need to be taken outside or taken to the cry room.

Broadly speaking, let's look at the scenarios.

1) Babies crying - of course a baby is never at fault for any

noise they make. But parents should also know that all of us are genetically hard-wired to be on edge when a child is crying. And so when an infant is crying, we all notice it and can't truly focus on anything else. At Mass, I continue praying the prayers but I (and everyone else) are definitely also thinking, instinctively, "*I should be doing something to help this child...what is wrong*". We also immediately start to move on when we hear the crying infant being carried out of Church. Not because we think "*FINALLY! I can pray again and that nuisance is gone*" but because my instinctive desire to help the child calms down when I can tell myself "*someone is doing something to help the child, I can move on. He or she is okay.*"



Jesus: "Let the children come to me."

Everyone: "Jesus, speak up. We can't hear what you are saying!"

2) *Babies making baby noises – When I was in the seminary in Rome, most of our Masses were 250 20-30 year old seminarians. One day, a seminarian's sister stopped by with her young family. Her baby was making the occasional baby noises (cooing, the occasional exclamation as the child began to notice and enjoy the echo of the church, etc.) and for all 250 of us it was like being visited at Mass by a choir of angels. Everyone at Mass LOVED the sounds, and it was one of my favourite Masses in Rome. We all smiled and could appreciate it because the child wasn't CRYING.*

3) *Toddlers - This is also a tough one. Any rational person understands that a three year old isn't going to be perfectly silent for an hour. But again, I think there's a gray middle ground. Some tips:*

Tip 1: My Mom told me that the best advice she got was from a priest in a homily who suggested "quiet toys". A plastic truck being banged up against a wooden pew over and over again is eventually going to pull most people away from prayer.

Tip 2: I loved that my parents, on the way home from Mass, always broke down "game film" (like good coaches) with the toddlers and kids in our family ("Stephanie, you did a great job today at Mass of not making noise and behaving, we're very proud of you!" or, more often, "Dave, you were making a lot of noise today, what happened that you weren't able to behave?" and, as we got older, "Bill, you are 7, why were you squeezing your brother's hand in a death grip during the Our Father?"). "You are older and should do better. No coffee and donuts this week and no video games today."

Walk your kids closer to silence and continually talk over your expectations, and, as they get older, reinforce those expectations with donuts or other rewards/punishments! In summary - if a baby is making the occasional baby noise, awesome. If a baby is crying, they should be carried out. Young children should be coached and molded into prop **Thanks to all the parents who make the huge and tremendous sacrifice of raising children. We all know it is really hard, and we admire you greatly. You are awesome!**



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PUT ON BY OUR NET TEAM

When? **Thursday, October 31**

Time? **6:30 – 8:30 pm.**

For Whom? **All ages Gr. 4 & up**

Music! Games! Food! Music! NET Team!

All we ask is that you come dressed as your favourite Saint! Please don't tell others what Saint you are dressed as, let them guess! The Catholic Church offers us so many holy examples of Saints and pictures of them and the way they dressed are easily found online. Enter through the Carson St. hall doors.



Edge Nights (Grades 6 – 8) on **Thursdays, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. No pre-registration is required.

Highschool Youth Nights - IMPACT on **Tuesdays, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** No pre-registration is required.

A Thanksgiving Housewarming for our New Family Fundraiser



The David and Sabina Resettlement Committee are having a fundraiser to collect household items required for David and Sabina and their family to set up their new home.

We will have our Thanksgiving "pumpkin" tree at the back of the church after all masses on Thanksgiving weekend. Each pumpkin will have a household item required for their new home. (i.e. Laundry basket and detergent, broom and dustpan etc.)

Anyone who wishes to participate will pick a pumpkin from the tree, record their name and item on the list, and purchase the item listed on the pumpkin. We ask that all items be brought back by the weekend of November 2, 2019.

Your support of this endeavour is greatly appreciated and will help our new family get settled in their new home.

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, October 15th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Teresa Sabala

Wednesday, October 16th

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Hannibal Farola

Thursday, October 17th

8:30 a.m.

Friday, October 18th

8:30 a.m. † Tony Vonk

Saturday, October 19th

4:30 p.m. Intentions of Veronica Tuzi & Christopher Duarte

Sunday, October 20th

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Catholic Mothers Group

11:00 a.m. † Gerard Brenan

Want to Join our Choir???



The Sunday 11:00 am mass choir is looking for new members to join this already wonderful group. All ages and vocal abilities are welcome. The only requirement is that you need to like singing. The choir sings at the 11:00 mass on Sundays and we rehearse on Thursday nights from 7:30 -9:00 pm. If you have been thinking about joining the choir, then now is the time to give it a try. Also, if you know someone who may be interested in joining, please encourage them to try it out too. For more information about joining this talented and fun group, please see Ted, the director, after the 11:00 mass or come out to the church on Thursday night at 7:30pm. He can also be also reached by phone at 647-302-6996. Thank you.



St. Leo Knights of Columbus will serve Breakfast in the Church hall on **October 20th**. following the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses. Everyone is invited to enjoy a **full Breakfast** of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice. Adults - \$6.00, Children ages 4 - 10 - \$4.00, and Children under 4 - free. Please join us.



St Leo Knights of Columbus is inviting everyone to its **Annual Spaghetti Dinner**, complete with meat balls, salad, dessert, tea, coffee and soft drinks with beer and wine cash bar in the Church hall. **Saturday, October 26, 2019**. Doors open @ 6:30 P.M. **Tickets sold after each Mass**. Adults - \$15.00, Youth 4 - 10 - 10.00, Children under 4 – Free. Please purchase Tickets in advance. No Sales at door on the 26th.

9th Annual Retreat - Judgment and God's Mercy in support of Second Parents Transitional Home

Learn about God's Mercy and Love

Saturday, October 19, 2019

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9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Kathy Ovcjak Fr. Matthew McCarthy

Admission: \$20.00 (Adult) \$10.00 (Youth)

A light lunch will be offered. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Praise and Worship starts at 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m.

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