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ENDNOTES

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“Endnotes” of an article or book are extra bits of information which enhance the narrative. The phrase came to mind when I was considering the odds and ends of news which I wanted to share with you this month. Rather than being the usual developed article on one topic, this is just a presentation of a series of photos and small topics of interest. In an odd sort of way, they hang together under “ends or endings”. See what you think. Am I right?



Photo by Lorie Vanderwalker

AUTUMN: This year so many have remarked how beautiful our fall colors were. I noticed this too. We often have glorious sunsets. May God the Father and Creator be praised for the reminders of his glory.



Photo by Shawn C. W.

CHORES: This colder season is a reminder of the work needed to be ready for winter. Shawn, my Mesa neighbor, built a new wood rack for me behind my house, for which I paid him. He is also chopping a cord of firewood, which he is offering me as a birthday present.



Wow!
Every day he works, I tell him my nice

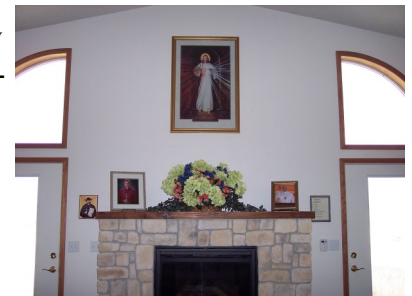
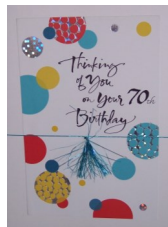
present is getting bigger.



Today, 11/13, I will have John Pettinger and Ed Kurdy from Boise, Idaho who are doing the scouting in preparation for the work the Knights of Columbus from Risen Christ parish will do on Saturday, 11/17. The Boise KC’s from several parishes have been great to donate their time and labor for the benefit of Marymount Hermitage for many years now.

BIRTHDAY: I turned 70 on October 23. All my life I have not paid too much attention to my birthday or how old I was. When asked my age, I was often wrong in my response, as Sister Rebecca Mary would point out to me, because she is better with numbers than I am. Somehow this year, 70 seemed like a milestone. Obviously, I am not young any more! But I also realized, I am not even middle-aged either. I am actually getting *old*. Hard to believe. I do not *feel* old.

NOVEMBER 1: The Solemnity of All Saints is such a great way to celebrate what will soon be the end of the liturgical year. Many of the saints are shown in icons and thus vividly “inhabit” Mercy House, the new library and house of hospitality. I am in awe of the building and the decor, but most of all the way people respond to its beauty and atmosphere. It truly is like being in an anticipated heaven and seems a fitting expression of what we celebrate on November 1: heaven is our homeland and the saints are our brothers and sisters awaiting us there with God.



New mantle décor in Mercy House thanks to Mary Frances Thompson of St. Agnes parish, Weiser, ID.

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NOVEMBER 2: The Feast of All Souls. This celebration of our departed loved ones has a somber feel because we miss those who are gone and were a part of our lives. It is also a reminder that we too will die. I love the fact that the souls of the dead are remembered in every Mass during the month of November. I have five Masses offered each month and one is for the intentions and needs of our benefactors, both living and deceased. Your “thanks” is eternal.

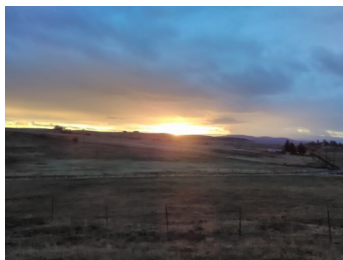


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Having Mass said for a special person or intention is a traditional practice which should be revived in our critical era. How many times we bemoan a circumstance in a person, a family, our nation, the world or the Church. It would be so much more effective to ask your pastor or a religious or retired priest you know to offer Mass for that intention. Each diocese

MEMORIAL

Marymount Hermitage received a donation in loving memory of **Alma Rose Poxleitner** by Mark & Barbara Wimer

has a suggested amount one should give as a stipend. It is always a very modest amount. In the Diocese of Boise, the suggested stipend is \$10. For so small a gift, I get infinity in return!

The Mass is our greatest prayer because it is the prayer of Jesus on the cross, offering his life and death to the Father. We should have Masses said for the dead to aid their journey to heaven after a necessary purification, if they need it. But we do well to offer Masses for others who are suffering in this life or as a gift for a special anniversary or occasion.

NOVEMBER 25: Christ the King is the solemnity which concludes the liturgical year. We celebrate Christ who in his resurrection and ascension into heaven has gathered the whole universe and all peoples of every age into his Father’s Kingdom forever. The readings at Mass and in the Liturgy of the Hours remind us of the end things: death, judgment, heaven, hell. These are the ultimate realities. The world does

not like to be reminded of these realities. We buy more things and go places more frenetically, if we are seeking our happiness and fulfillment in this life. Death and consideration of our final end puts a damper on marketing, to say the least! Christ the King reminds us of the two competing and contrasting kingdoms: the world under oppression by Satan, and the kingdom of heaven which is eternal.

PARISH CLASS: On November 29, I will teach my last parish class for the year. It is the RCIA class for Holy Apostles parish in Meridian, Idaho. The topic is the Liturgical Year and the season of Advent. It is not uncommon for this largest parish in the state of Idaho to have 60 or more people coming into the Church at Easter. It is always a thrill, year after year, to walk into the parish hall and see such a large group which also includes spouses and sponsors of the candidates.

ADVENT: Just as the month of November recalls many kinds of endings in nature, in the liturgy and in life, December 2 brings the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the liturgical calendar, recalling the beginning of salvation history which leads to the Incarnation, the coming of Christ, the Word-Made-Flesh, at Christmas.

Earlier this year, I noticed a gorgeous purple vestment for sale in Reilly’s Catholic Supply store in Boise and was moved to purchase it. If I was a better photographer, I would know a way to show it better. The exquisitely embroidered liturgical designs sewn in metallic gold thread shines in the flash and are not as clear as they should be.



We have two lovely purple vestments, which are very old and in need of mending. After sewing repairs, they will still be used for daily Mass. However, this new one will be suitable for Sunday in Advent and Lent. Even on sale this vestment cost over a thousand dollars, so if anyone would like to help with this expense, it would be greatly appreciated. We always pray for priest retreatants and eventually a permanent, resident, hermit, priest chaplain for the privilege and joy of Mass.

EYE SURGERY: I ask prayers for myself on December 6 when I will have cataract

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surgery on my right eye. If all goes well, I will have my left eye done in January, 2019.

NAZARETH CLASSES: On December 13, I will be offering the last in the series I have been doing this fall entitled “A School of Prayer: The Saints Show Us How to Pray”. The last class will be on St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. Please call or email Nazareth Retreat Center to make a reservation to attend the class and to stay for lunch after Mass that day: nazareth@rcdb.org or Tel. #208.375.2932.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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On October 8, 2018, Father Gabriel Morales from St. Agnes parish, Weiser, Idaho, came for his first visit. Father spent time walking and praying outside after I gave him an introduction to Marymount Hermitage and an orientation tour of the campus. I took this photo of Father Gabriel

behind chapel looking at the view to the southwest.

At the agreed upon time, we had Mass. My friends, Ron and Sherry Moore from Weiser and two Mesa neighbors, Ellen Piper and Mike Nourse, also joined us for prayer.



After Mass, Father and I had lunch together in Mercy House, which gave us a chance to get to know each other and to share our vocation stories.

Photo by Mike Nourse

Look for the Marymount Hermitage Christmas post card which will be mailed out in early December. I give a summary of the news for 2018, mainly for those who do not have a computer and access to the Internet. It is also a reminder to you that I post this monthly newsletter online. Please remember to check the Calendar of Events which will show what is currently planned for 2019.

Lastly, I would like to say that I am thinking of

2019 as “The Year of the Chapel”. Now that Mercy House has been completed, it has become more apparent that work needs to be done inside and on the outside of chapel. I have hired a painter to work on the trim. Any help with this large maintenance bill would be appreciated. I will be giving attention to work inside like the repair and dry cleaning of vestments as well as sewing new altar cloths and tabernacle veils. It is fitting that Our Father’s House should be spruced up now that we have honored Jesus under his title of Divine Mercy, Image of the Father. Chapel is 26 years old and needs this attention. Mercy House is new and ready guests for years to come.

Retreatants have been coming regularly to Marymount for private retreats. The new library is a special place to “hang out”...to read, to pray, to write and to just be. Last weekend, by God’s providence, I had three young women who are mothers of small children and who are also home-schoolers. They all shared one thing in common...they needed the rest and quiet to pray and recuperate from their busy lives. They did not know each other. One was a life-long Catholic, one was a new Catholic and one was non-Catholic, but who has been here on retreat before. All are welcome.

Ceara Nourse, my Mesa neighbor and librarian, surprised me with a darling quilted cover which she made for the computer screen in the library. Fabric pieces give the image of two book shelves.

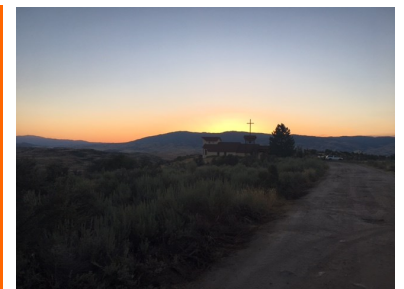


Creative, beautiful and functional. I am so grateful!

I will close with a wish and a prayer that you each have a grace-filled Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends. May our gratitude and prayers be a peaceful antidote to all that troubles the country and the world at present. May you find in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the thanksgiving which most honors God the Father and brings the blessing of Jesus and the Holy Spirit to us and our loved ones. Thank you for all you do both spiritually and materially for me and for Marymount Hermitage. God bless you!

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Advent season
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Chapel at sunset by Rhonda Morton