

## PASTOR'S NOTES

Dear Friends,

October is a month of counting.

With a successful harvest, we count the yields in bushels. Being Respect Life Month, we stand up to be counted ardent protectors of the unborn, the sick, the disabled. The Diocese also asks us to count our parishioners. Every weekend of this month we count how many attend Sunday Mass.

So this might be a good time to ask ourselves, "What counts?"

What really matters and where is it leading us?

Whittaker Chambers, a fervent American Communist and spy for the Soviet Union, discovered what really counted one morning while watching his daughter Ellen eat her breakfast.

"I was watching her eat. She was the most miraculous thing that had ever happened in my life. I liked to watch her even as she smeared porridge on her face or dropped it meditatively on the floor.

"My eye came to rest on the delicate convolutions of her ear—those intricate, perfect ears. The thought passed through my mind: 'No, those ears were not created by any chance coming together of atoms in nature (the Communist view). They could have been created only by immense design.'"

"The thought was involuntary and unwanted. I crowded it out of my mind. But I never wholly forgot the occasion."

That was the beginning of Chambers' conversion to belief in God, then Christianity and, even though he did not feel it at the time, he later stated this was the moment when "the finger of God was first laid upon my forehead."

What is God asking of you, of us, this month?

Consider what you may do to further the pro-life movement. If you haven't already, call our office and register as a parishioner so we may count you as one of

us. Open the Scriptures or the Catechism and dip into God's Holy Word and Sacred Teaching.

Whatever it may be, make it count.

With gratitude and joy for the days ahead!

Fr. Seth

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

### THE WEEK OF 9/30/18

St. Mary's \$1560	Budget (\$1,900) -\$340
Sacred Heart \$1647	Budget (\$900) +\$747
Visitation \$341	Budget (\$400) -\$59
St. Sebastian \$310	Budget (\$400) -\$90

\$548.00 was mailed to our Sister Parish, St. Anthony of Padua, on October 9, 2018.

## LONGITUDE

2018 Oct 21 SUN:

Second Collection: World Mission Sunday.

2018 Oct 31 Wed: All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation  
7:00pm, Sacred Heart, Franklin.

2018 Nov. 1 Thurs: All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation  
8:00am, St. Sebastian, Waverly.  
7:00pm, St. Mary's, New Berlin.

## Thursday Adoration & Confession

Thurs, October 18:

6:00-8:00pm, Sacred Heart, Franklin.

Thurs, October 25:

NO Adoration & Confession.

Thurs, November 1:

NO Adoration & Confession. Holy Day of Obligation.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary Lee Staley, Marilyn Fitzpatrick, Joe Gaston, Lisa Richardson, Judy Byer, Mary Hemberger, Nancy Flach, Cecelia Peters, Roseanne Hartley, Calyssa Richie, Dale Fitzpatrick, Mary McCray, Carl Bertolotti, Heather Boudreau, Jane Ryan, Jean Knight, Tina Green, Sy & Judy Haber, Donna Reichart, Presley Kerber, Joyce Henn, Olivia Loving, George Eck, Opal Sutera, Tony & Theresa Yates.