

Spiritually Speaking

Do not be a scandal to anyone

As we move towards the 26th Sunday of the year, the first reading of the day reminds us about the famous words of Moses: "Are you jealous for my sake?" He is frustrated because his followers are clearly thinking about themselves and their positions. The previous Sunday we reflected on Jesus telling His disciples that to be greatest would mean to be the servant of all, through reaching out to others in service.



Fr. Thankachan Joseph

The Gospel of the day from Mark echoes this advice: "There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." The Book of Numbers (11:25-19) shows the followers of Moses, in reality the admirers of God, becoming annoyed because others who were not chosen as Prophets begin to prophesy. Moses immediately realizes that it comes from God, but his followers are not so quick to catch on. We are to realize that the spirit of God is not the monopoly of a single person. The Lord bestows the spirit of God on seventy elders, and they begin to prophesy, especially the two who were in the camps Eldad and Medad, whose sincerity of prophecy was suspected by Joshua.

The Letter of James, last chapter (5:1-6), teaches us that we are invited to follow God in all things and not strive to amass wealth or fame or other things in this life. Nothing will count in the end except faithfulness to the Lord God. We always want to look good in comparison with others. St James in his letter warns us all about the social justice and uprightness that we all need to keep in our life. St. James warns us, "Behold the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts," which are very strong words of warning for everyone.

The Gospel of Mark today (9:38-43,45,47-48) gives us two clear teachings. The first one is the same as mentioned in the Book of Numbers: Never try to stop the good works of God that happen around you because they don't fit the way you think they should happen. The second teaching is clear: Whatever we do to help others is from God, and if someone causes evil or harm to others, that person will be punished severely on judgment day.

Jesus teaches us that anyone who causes one of His "little ones" to sin or fall into temptations will reap his/her punishment. He continues: "It would be better for them if a great millstone was put around their neck and s/he was thrown into the sea." Jesus continues in this manner for several verses. Clearly, Jesus wants His disciples and every one of us to realize what a serious offense it is if we cause one of His little ones to sin. Jesus also gives several graphic examples of the punishment that might be meted out, in the Book to the wrongdoers.

Today may be a good day for us to ask ourselves: Do we cause any of the "little ones" to stray from Jesus? We may not be intentionally inviting another person to stray. However, we may subtly or unknowingly invite another to do so. We may be talking with someone, and we begin to gossip. Or perhaps we are complaining about work, our co-workers or the behavior of our children, or perhaps we simply are in a bad mood. The reality is that our attitude and our words affect other people either positively or negatively. On this 26th Sunday let each of us strive to be a positive and loving presence to each person we encounter. Let us pray that all might be prophets, that all might struggle against sin and against harming anyone. Let us give thanks for all who do good and pray that we also may do good.

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~ Letters to the Editor ~

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Money at root of anti-ivermectin

To the editor:
The national news media, CDC, FDA, NIH, Dr. Fauci, and the rest the deep state gang continue to attack ivermectin. On Sept. 7, 21 an NBC affiliate reported "ivermectin overdoses were backing up rural Oklahoma hospitals and ambulances and the backlog was so severe even gunshot victims were having a hard time getting to facilities." In lock step Rolling Stone, The Guardian, Newsweek, Rachel Maddow, the national deep state media went viral with the story. The story was a fabricated lie by a doctor that didn't even work at the hospital. Nevertheless, not one media outlet issued a retraction.

Why are the global deep state and their surrogates in the media and CDC so antagonistic against Ivermectin? Money. Pfizer vaccine will make 33.5 billion in sales this year alone. Ivermectin has been provided to the world virtually free through an unprecedented drug donation national program positively impacting 1.5 billion citizens. "Few, if any, other drugs can rival ivermectin for its beneficial effect on human health and welfare." (Journal of Antibiotics, 2017, www.Nature.com/ja). Power. The government, CDC, NIH, Dr. Fauci have a huge incentive to deny or delay any practical therapeutic that threatens resistance to their

vaccination program or would undermine accelerated citizen acceptance of the Covid-19 vaccines. These powerful political forces want to keep our country in virtual lockdown to preserve emergency powers at the federal, state and local levels. Ivermectin provides a good inexpensive therapeutic threat to their pandemic lockdown power.

Ivermectin is a threat that the deep state must destroy at any cost. Here is the truth Dr. Fauci and his minions will never share. Ivermectin received the Gairdner Global Health Award in 2014 and the Nobel Prize in Physiology/Medicine in 2015. "Ivermectin is an FDA-approved broad-spectrum antiparasitic agent with demonstrated antiviral activity against a number of DNA and RNA viruses including severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SAR-COV-2)." (ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). Ivermectin has a well-documented record of treatment for a multitude of diseases throughout the world including but not limited to parasites, schistosomiasis, bed bugs, rosacea (anti-inflammatory), asthma, epilepsy, neurological diseases, antiviral (HIV, dengue, encephalitis), anti-cancer, anti-tumor activity. This is why big pharma, deep state, Biden/Obama, Dr. Fauci, CDC, national media fear medicines like ivermectin.

"Ivermectin has also been demonstrated to be a potent broad-spectrum specific inhibitor of important a/b mediated nuclear transport and demonstrated antiviral activity against several RNA viruses by blocking the nuclear trafficking of viral protein." (Journal of antibiotics, 2017, www.nature.com/ja).

This is why ivermectin and any other practical therapeutic is a threat to the beast system taking over the world. God wants you well and able to resist this virus pandemic tyranny. Your body, your life, your choice. Our forefathers were willing to lay down their lives against tyranny. We are facing enemies, foreign and domestic, that would slit your throat in wickedness unthinkable even to our forefathers. Resist, prepare and trust and obey the only King of this world, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Stuart Dick, Irrigon

Teacher is courageous

To the editor,
I would like to comment on your article Teacher asks board to 'stand up for me' (from Sept. 15, 2021, GT). I believe that Ms. Collins is quite courageous in challenging the powers that be in Salem for what I believe is over-reach in some of the mandates that have come down.

Her union, the school board and we, the citizens of Morrow County, should be pushing back when mal-adroit decrees are issued from the governor's office. This is not about the type of mask required. This is about the current powers that be, from D.C. on down to the state level, agitating the citizenry with a self-serving divide and conquer strategy that cannot help but create hate and discontent between us, our neighbors, friends and co-workers.

Daniel Grant, Heppner

American Legion member cards available

To the editor;
As the American Legion Heppner Post #87 has moved to Ione, from July 1, 2021, members should contact the Ione Post #95 or Will DeBoer at 541-989-8334.

However, due to the calendar year, Mike Sweek has the 2021-2022 member-

ship cards. Members may contact him at 541-676-9483, make a \$37 check payable to American Legion and mail to Sweek at PO Box 502, Heppner, OR 97836 and he will send you your card.

Thank you,
Mike Sweek, Heppner

A View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

The Willow Creek Country Club ladies held their playday September 14 on a warm and breezy day at the Willow Creek Country Club, with 12 ladies participating.

Virginia Grant took low gross of the field and Kathy Martin took low net of the field. The least putts of the field winner was Lorene Montgomery.

For flight A Karen

Haguewood was the winner for low gross and Corol Mitchell had low net. Cindy Burrigh had the least putts and the longest drive.

Pat Edmundson had the low gross score for flight B. Pat Dougherty had the low net as well as the long drive.

Flight C low gross winner was Kris Lindner. Betty Carter won low net and long drive and Karen Smith-Griffith had the least putts.

OHV Park to host youth elk hunt

The Morrow and Grant County OHV Park will again host the youth elk hunt this year. The hunt will be during the general second season, spike only elk, November 2 - 14, 2021. Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 17 at the time of the youth special hunt, have a current hunting license and tag and have completed a hunter education course. They must

also be a current resident of Morrow or Grant County.

Completed applications must be returned to Morrow County Public Works, PO Box 428, Lexington, OR 97839 or dropped off at 365 W Hwy 74 in Lexington by 4 p.m. on October 12, 2021. For additional information or to obtain an application, contact the public works office at 541-989-9500.

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The Loop is looking for Members for the Special Transportation Fund (STF) Advisory Committee
The STF Advisory Committee is established in the interest of transit system users in Morrow County.
Its purpose is to advise the Morrow County Commissioners/The Loop on matters that pertain to the Special Transportation Fund and all matters regarding the transportation needs of those utilizing the transit system.
The Advisory Committee will make recommendations that encourage and promote the accomplishments of those needs that directly affect the welfare of those who desire and/or require such services.

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If you are interested in serving in this committee, please contact:
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