

## **World Wide Marriage Encounter**

Are you anxious about the things of the world? God's desire for your marriage is to experience the unconditional love that allows us to let go of our worries. Join us for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience to learn about the gifts in your marriage.

Upcoming dates: Feb. 19-21 or a virtual experience Sundays 3-6 p.m. and Tuesdays 7-9 p.m. Feb. 28—March 23.

For more information and to apply Visit <u>www.wwme.org</u>, email <u>Montana.dooleys@gmail.com</u> or call Dan & Clare Dooley 406-697-3275

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## Living and Giving in Christ

In his letter to the Ephesians, St Paul calls us to be co-responsible in building up the Body of Christ. One important way that we build up the Body of Christ is by making a commitment to steward our financial resources toward the ministries of the Diocese of Cheyenne, our local church. As members of St Louis Parish, we are co-responsible for \$21,672 of a \$2,0150,000 diocesan-wide goal. So far 43% of our parishioners have made a financial commitment of \$15,720.15. Our parish currently has a shortfall of \$5951.85 To avoid paying from our general revenue, we need everyone's participation - no matter how small the gift- to reach our goal. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift in support of *Living and Giving in Christ.* 

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## **Please Donate!**

In February, our parish youth group is going to be putting together some packages for our homeless brothers and sisters in need. We are asking for help from our church family. Items needed include Kleenex, hand sanitizer wipes (not gel), socks, underwear, feminine hygiene products, water bottles, travel sized toothbrushes and toothpaste, and healthy snacks. Donations can be left in the box in the front of the church. Donations are needed by Feb 7th as we will make up the packages that day.



On January 25, 2021, the Diocese of Cheyenne issued a press release on the Canonical Rebuke and Definitive Decree regarding Bishop H. Jseph Hart by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. It can be found at: <u>dioceseofcheyenne.org</u> Wasted time is not a prized commodity in American society. We are a people ruled by the clock. Time is money because time is to be filled with purposeful controlled activity which is productive of things which can be sold. We are convinced that we must be in control of time. The last thing the productive American would want to do is waste time playing around with realities that do not produce a saleable commodity.

But the Creator of heaven and earth is described by the scriptures as the original and best of players. Creative activity is playful, and creative people do not feel that what they do is a job. Creative people also have a sense that their creativity and all that they fashion in the creative spirit are gifts they have received. The Christian can speak of this and the contemplative vision which sees all reality as

gift or grace. Our thankful response we call worship or Eucharist. We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. The every seven -day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church Year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day. These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention. These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year. Ordinary Time is not ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, which is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on this first day of the week of the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday is a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and

forever.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for

Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.

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