Feature Family: The Shifflers

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I believe you have probably heard the saying, “Nothing is sure but death and taxes.” I would like to add one more thing to that list, the theme of this issue, education.

Each year at this time our thoughts turn to back-to-school. Some remember those days fondly while others cringe. But whether you graduated from a prestigious institution or as my grandmother proudly proclaimed, the school of hard knocks, you were taught vital lessons. My premise is that every day from the moment we are born until we take our final breath we are learning, some by intention and others simply by being.

We are fortunate at St. Anthony’s and St. Paul’s to have a first-class religious education program led by our directors Cathy Bryan and Therese Shiffler respectively.

In this issue you will read about Therese’s family as the feature family, and a special on the three Trine students who are currently leading our High School Youth Program. We are introducing a new feature, "And the Two Shall Become One", which will feature information on marriage from Elisabeth McHugh and an invitation to become part of a small faith sharing community based on a curriculum offered by Renew International, the publishers of previous successful programs like Renew, Arise and Why Catholic.

It is my sincere hope that in this issue you will learn something new, be inspired to partake in a small group, sign your teen up for the Youth Ministry program, or if time does not permit, at least take a moment at the end of this day and ask yourself, “What have I learned today?”

Sharing His Spirit,
Marilyn Karpinski

FROM THE CATECHISM
Handing on the Faith: Catechesis

"Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people, and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a new view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian Life." –par. 5
Jim and Therese Shiffler both attended Camden-Frontier Schools and met in the spring of Therese’s junior year. She was in the school play and Jim was helping with the lighting and sound production. Track season began after the play’s final curtain and both threw the discus. Therese says, “After all of those practices and Saturday track meets together, as well as a few group dates with friends, we decided to officially start dating that summer,” and thus began a six-year courtship that ended in their exchanging marriage vows at St. Paul’s Chapel on August 18, 1984.

The long courtship was necessitated by a pledge Therese made to her father that she would not marry until she had completed her college education. Her father was especially worried about “that non-Catholic boy” she was dating at the time. Therese and her family were lifetime members of St. Paul’s Chapel while, Jim was raised in the Methodist faith. Jim was, however, attending Mass with them and sharing in their Sunday dinners. Jim continued attending Mass with Therese as they attended Central Michigan University and while there made the decision to register for RCIA. Jim joined the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil that year with both sets of parents in attendance. Therese’s father died later that year. Therese continued with her pledge to get her degree before marrying. Therese’s chosen profession required a master’s degree, but Jim says, “I was able to convince her that her father would consider a bachelor’s degree a fulfillment of her promise.”

They completed a pre-Cana program at St. Mary’s Parish on campus and returned “home” to be married at St. Paul’s Chapel on August 18, 1984.

Therese proceeded to receive her BS and MA degrees from Central Michigan and served as a speech-language pathologist serving children in public schools for thirty-two years, retiring in June of 2019. Jim meanwhile received a degree in business and accounting, and completed a series of professional development courses at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. His early career was in restaurant management and working as a chef at a hotel property in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan until he was recruited by Gordon Food Service as a sales representative. Jim spent the next 35 years in various sales and marketing roles with GFS, retiring in October, 2020.
Jim and Therese have three grown daughters, Ashleigh, Sarah and Meaghan, who Therese says, “next to Jim, are my greatest blessings.” Jim describes them as, “three incredibly talented and fiercely independent women who are all employed in jobs of service to others.” Ashleigh is a nurse-midwife in Denver, Colorado and serves a primarily minority population. She is fluent in Spanish and spent two and a half years in Guatemala with the Peace Corps. Sarah is a neonatal intensive care (NICU) nurse in Richmond, Virginia. Prior to settling in Richmond, she spent three and a half years as a traveling NICU nurse. She loves photography and capturing the beauty of God’s creation. Meaghan, their youngest daughter, started her career with a two-year Teach for America assignment and had been a secondary educator for Detroit Public Schools charter school for four years. Meaghan recently accepted a new role with Urban Initiatives, a non-profit organization in Chicago where she works with youth in afterschool programs. Jim’s and Therese’s only regret is that their daughters’ careers make it difficult for them all to get home at the same time. So Jim and Therese travel to visit them as often as possible. When asked if they had a family motto, they said not specifically but both mentioned a quote Jim shared with Therese when they first started dating:

“I am third...God is first, others are second, and I am third.” Jim broke it down further saying “Everything belongs to God, so don’t get too attached to material things...Give your time, talent and treasures as the gifts God intended for you to share with others.”

If St. Paul’s Chapel is looking for an advocate, they could find no one better than Jim and Therese. Both are dedicated to the Chapel and its family. Therese’s history with the Chapel goes back to when she was one year old and her parents purchased a cottage on Little Long Lake. Therese remembers prior to the seventies when the Chapel only celebrated Mass during the summer months. For her, the Chapel has been the setting for family Masses, baptisms, weddings and funerals. But it wasn’t until 2009 that Jim and Therese decided to build a home on Little Long Lake and became official members of the parish, and with Jim’s retirement became permanent residents in November, 2020.

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CHICKEN & BROCCOLI CASSEROLE
BY CHRIS SCOTT

2 BOXES FROZEN BROCCOLI
2 CANS CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP
4 CHICKEN BREASTS COOKED & CUBED
1/4 CUP MELTED MARGARINE
1 TSP. LEMON JUICE
1/2 TEASPOON CURRY POWDER
1 CUP GRATED CHEDDAR CHEESE
4 TBSP. MELTED MARGARINE
1 CUP RITZ TYPE CRACKER CRUMBS

Cook broccoli half the time listed on the box and place in a 9 X 13 casserole. Put chicken over broccoli. Mix soup with margarine and lemon juice. Pour over chicken. Sprinkle curry powder on top of soup mixture. Add the cheddar cheese over the top. Mix melted margarine with cracker crumbs and sprinkle all over. Bake covered with foil at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. May be prepared for baking the day before. Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight.

SMILE! GOD LOVES YOU!
BY FR. BERNIE

It was mealtime during the flight on a small airline. "Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked the woman. "What are my choices?" she asked. "Yes or no," the attendant replied.
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
(1181 OR 1182 – OCTOBER 3, 1226)

Feast Day—October 4

The son of a wealthy Italian merchant, Francis was a playboy who experienced a profound conversion after going to war for Assisi, being imprisoned, and enduring a debilitating illness. He renounced his family and riches and lived a life of radical poverty and service because he believed Christ had asked him to. He founded the new mendicant Order of Friars Minor, or Franciscans, and helped found the Poor Clares and the Franciscan Secular Order. Pope Pius XII said Francis could be called “a second Christ,” and in 2013, Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio took this medieval saint’s name when he was elected pope. Francis is the patron of animals, environmentalists, merchants, Catholic Action, and Italy.

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If you wonder where the Shiffler children got their passion for serving others, you only have to look to their parents. Jim and Therese have been involved in almost every ministry there is including mission trips to sister parishes to help rebuild following Katrina as well as to Haiti. Following their trips to Haiti they founded Come and See Ministries, a charitable foundation to aid residents of Haiti which lasted until political unrest in the country made it impossible to continue. Most recently Jim serves on the Chapel Pastoral Council and Maintenance Committee while Therese recently became the Director of Religious Education, and both are extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

This issue of Catholic 101 focuses on how every day is a learning experience and on how to recognize the opportunities for learning God presents to us. Jim and Therese Shiffler have always held a “Lean on God” approach to life and recently applied it to their daughter’s decision to commit to a secular marriage with her partner. “We feel strongly as a couple that we are called to love and support everyone as His children,” says Therese, “and at the same time continue to live out our faith and the teachings of the church by not compromising our beliefs. This situation has been a learning experience for all of us. It has made for some very challenging and honest faith discussions for our family and helped us to reaffirm our commitment to what Jesus teaches as the two greatest Commandments of loving God and loving others. We hope that our children genuinely experience our witness to unconditional love to the Father and to them.”
Mary’s secret is humility. It is her humility that attracted God’s gaze to her. Today, looking at Mary assumed into heaven, we can say that humility is the way that leads to Heaven.

Pope Francis, August 15, 2021
Message at the Angelus on the Solemnity of the Assumption

It’s important to remember that at Mass, we celebrate not only the passion and death of Jesus, but also His Resurrection. The Eucharist is the memorial of the Lord’s death and resurrection. After all, since the beginning, Christians gathered to celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, the day of Jesus’ resurrection. Death is mortally wounded by the Resurrection. The bread Jesus gives us at Mass is the bread of life. Jesus promises that He who eats this bread will live forever and He will raise Him up on the last day. The Eucharist is, in fact, an anticipation of the glory of heaven. It unites us, even now, to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints.

Bishop Kevin Rhoades,
June 6, 2021
Homily for the Feast of Corpus Christi
Since 1603, the Pope has had a Papal Academy of Sciences (Galileo Galilei was a founding member). Last May, that Papal academy hosted a meeting of experts from around the world to talk about the questions, what can the world look like after Covid-19, and how can we get there. Attending the meeting were U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen, IMF Director Kristalina Georgieva, Mexican Minister of Economy Arturo Herrera, German Minister of Finance Wolfgang Schmidt, Nobel laureate in Economics Professor Joseph Stiglitz, U.S. Special Envoy for Climate John Kerry, and many others, as well as Pope Francis himself.

The group was surprisingly optimistic. They called their final report "Dreaming of a Better Restart." The Academy declared:

"The post-Covid world requires a fresh restart in the spirit of Pope Francis’ Encyclical "Fratelli Tutti, Fraternity for All." Openness is called for, allowing us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity or country of birth or residence. ... The good news is that, in principle, we already have the human, natural, scientific and technological tools to make sure that the gains resulting from the free movement of capital and labor are distributed fairly among the various countries and social groups. But we must want it.”

The group went on to emphasize:

“The current crisis and global state of confusion must be overcome by ending the globalism of selfishness, exclusion and the throwaway culture.”

Building a post-Covid world has become a major theme of Catholic teaching, especially for Pope Francis himself. All these teachings emphasize that getting over Covid-19 is not a matter of masks or no masks, not a matter of concerts or no concerts. The Catholic is called to resist the temptation to focus on those trivial matters of luxury that the material world wants us to crave. No, our focus must be on taking this opportunity to fulfill Christ’s teaching: “I was hungry and you fed me, a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matthew 25:35).

Peace and all good,
Friar Bob Showers OFM Conv.

You can read the full report of the Pontifical Academy of Science at http://www.pas.va/content/accademia/en/events/2021/final_report.html
When I was asked to write an article about marriage, I wasn’t sure where to start. Since this is going to be a regular series, I figured I would start by defining what we as Catholics believe about marriage and what the Bible and the catechism say it is. As most of us know, marriage is more than a beautiful ceremony and wonderful reception; it is a commitment to love “till death do us part.”

In the catechism it says:

1601 “The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouse and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament”

In the Bible, Matthew 19:4-6, we read:

"Have you not read that the Creator from the beginning made them male and female? This is why a man leaves his father and mother and becomes attached to his wife, and the two become one flesh. They are no longer two, therefore, but one flesh. So then, what God has united, human beings must not divide"

This is all fine but what does it mean for the average man & woman....

First let’s look at the statement from the catechism. The first thing we notice is that marriage is a covenant. A covenant is basically an agreement between people, or between God and His people, that binds one to the other. This is different than a contract, which involves the exchange of goods or services for money. The second thing we notice is that it says that a man and a woman will have a partnership for life.

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AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE

BY ELISABETH MCHUGH
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This is also what Jesus says in Matthew’s Gospel, that what God has united, human beings must not divide. But what I have found most beautiful is what many who have been married for a long time know.

Matthew 19:6 – They are no longer two, but one flesh. The catechism goes on to say that by its nature the covenant is ordered for the good of the spouses. If you think about it, marriage is a self-giving love; you want to do for the other for the sake of the other.

Next, the catechism says for the good of the spouse AND the procreation and EDUCATION of offspring. Wait what?? Education? I thought that’s what schools were for... Seriously though, the marriage covenant isn’t just for the couple it’s also for the family. This is why part of the marriage vows asks the couple if they will accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church.

The church in its wisdom has always held that the parents are the primary educators of children. Who better than parents to pass on the gifts of faith and love to their children?

Lastly, the catechism again reminds us that marriage is a covenant, but more importantly, that it has been elevated by Christ to the dignity of a sacrament. Why is that so important? Because through sacramental grace, Christ walks with us in our marriage. Christ is there to help us over those hurdles that every married person encounters. Christ is there to help us to forgive and to help our spouse forgive us when we have hurt each other. Christ is there in our joys and sorrows. Christ is there to help us fulfill our commitment to love.

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Thank you for your support! May God bless you for your generosity.
Fr. Bob
Our History

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Official attest that friars Ignatius Hanley (pastor 1939-1945), Albert Leis and Anthony Hodapp erected the Stations of the Cross in February of 1942 in the original church “according to the regulations of the indult of 1742.” The parish seal seen on this document is still in use to this day.

Passion Play 2016. The St. Anthony Passion play Guild prepares the “living stations of the cross” every Good Friday.

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From the official archives:
An important article from Today’s Catholic, November 30, 1997.

Rev. Philip Schneider, OFM, Conv., bowls perfect game

ANGOLA — On Nov. 18, Rev. Philip Schneider, OFM, Conv., associate pastor at St. Anthony’s Church in Angola and administrator of St. Paul’s chapel at Clear Lake, while bowling in a senior’s league rolled eighteen consecutive strikes. That included a perfect game. He bowls once a week and has an average of over 170. (Not bad for an amateur.) Father Phil, when asked about his lucky streak said, “Just one of those days.” Any bowler would like to have “one of those days,” friends in Angola said.
Cathy Bryan has been a member of the St. Anthony’s Parish since 1975. In 1980 Father Bernie officiated the wedding of Cathy and her husband Barney and they began raising their family of five girls and one boy. Cathy became the Director of Religious Education in 1999. Cathy and all the catechists are excited to be meeting face-to-face with the students again this year and are extremely pleased to have the new classrooms in the Parish Hall. Cathy reports that the moveable walls are wonderfully soundproof and exceed expectations.

Sunday, September 12, 2021
First Sunday in our new classrooms!
St. Anthony’s is honored to introduce three faith-filled Trine Students who, under the direction of Cathy Bryan, DRE, will be facilitating our High School Youth Ministry program this year. They are Connor Moon, a junior in bio-medical engineering, Amanda Shrock who is majoring in chemical engineering and Kyle Griffin, a computer science/information technology major.

Connor’s enthusiasm for working with high school students was nurtured by his participation in a dynamic high school program prior to attending Trine. He says his experience was instrumental in his faith journey and he wants to share it with the high school students at St. Anthony’s. Connor graduated from St. John’s High School in Toledo, Ohio.

Amanda and Kyle both state it was Connor who recruited them to the ministry and they are pleased he did. Amanda, who graduated from Marian High School in Mishawaka, is excited to be part of a program that builds a community of young people that can support one another while having fun and hopefully lead others to the faith. Kyle, who is a graduate of Plainfield High School just west of Indianapolis, speaks of how working with the students is a growing experience for him as well as them, and says he learns so much while researching and preparing for each meeting. All agreed that working with the high school youth is a mutually beneficial activity and has enriched their prayer life.
ST. ANTHONY WINTER MASS TIMES

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