

BULLETIN – JULY 10

Matters of life and death. On Monday, June 27, the Supreme Court only proved what we've known all along, that the "pro-choice sacrament" of abortion is not about women's health at all, but just about an invented "right" to eliminate inconvenient human lives and, above all, about making handsome profits. Why would the Supremes overturn a Texas law that demands REAL doctors and REAL inspections of clinics and REAL certification just like any clinic that treats a nosebleed has to have? For cryin' out loud, health departments give more thorough inspections to church kitchens than ANY AGENCY gives to abortuaries anywhere. And so the culture of death continues, with its judicial and political engineers firmly at the helm. And they claim they caaaaare about women, while their opponents are waging a waaaaaar on women! Liars, liars, liars!

It's always important to figure out a new tactical maneuver to attempt to save the lives of our pre-born citizens and to genuinely protect both the health of their moms and the future of our nation. Nonetheless, the most important power we have at our disposal is prayer. This one comes from a pew prayer card in St. Monica's Church in Kalamazoo. Just like the vote in certain places, use it early, use it late, use it often:

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You and praise You for the precious gift of life that You have given to each of Your children.

We are deeply troubled that a culture of death has taken root in our society. Help us to be aware each day of the ways that we can foster and promote a prolife culture.

Strengthen in our hearts a prolife attitude and a commitment to support prolife activities in our homes, schools, workplaces, government, and society.

We pray with special concern for our tiny preborn brothers and sisters, and for a speedy end to abortion, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research. We ask You to sanctify and multiply our prolife efforts.

Mary Most Holy, Our Lady of Life, pray for us!! Through your Holy and Immaculate Conception, we ask you to intercede for us, and to obtain a prolife renewal and a love for life in our hearts, in our nation, and in our world. Amen.

Sorry for the late notice, but we were just recently advised of the death on February 29, 2016, of Mrs. Kathleen Kaderabek, who taught the lower grades in our elementary school in the late 1970's and early '80's. She was buried from Blessed Sacrament on Friday, March 4. May she rest in peace!

And in case you missed it, our former parish secretary, Mrs. Jean Popma, died on June 18, 2016, and was buried from St. Thomas on Wednesday, June 22. Jean had been hired by Fr. Schichtel, and had the difficult task of bridging the administrations of three (very different) pastors until she retired in 1997. We extend to her family and dear friends our condolences and promise of fervent prayer, as well as our thanks for her years of faithful service. May she rest in peace! You will find a few memorial cards at the church exits, compliments of the Gerst Funeral Home.

A message from Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM): Thank you to all who joined us at Fifth Third Ballpark on Thursday, June 23, for the 29th annual Let's Go to Bat for Kids softball game between the Padres and the Media Giants. The Padres pulled out a squeaker, 18-4 !!

I am a Seenager (Senior teenager). I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 65 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I don't have acne. I have a driver's license and my own car. I have an ID that can get me into bars and liquor stores whenever I want. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant. In fact, they aren't scared of much of anything. They have been blessed to live this long, so why be scared? It doesn't matter if I don't have much money for travel, because as a Seenager, I've already Seen it all. Life is good!

You will feel much more intelligent after reading this if you are a Seenager. You see, the brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall the facts because they have more information in their brains. Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so too do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full. Scientists believe that this also makes one hard of hearing, as it puts pressure on the inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem. It is nature's way of making older people do more exercise. So there, growing older is easier when we realize that we are Seenagers. Relax and enjoy it.

Father George Burns met Gracie Allen as she was coming out of church one Sunday morning. "Father," she asked, "could you please bring Communion to my mother? She's staying with me."

"Sure. Where do you live?"

"Oh, on the west side."

"I kind of guessed that. I mean, what's your address?"

"Oh, it's out Leonard, past the cemetery."

"Oh, what number on Leonard?"

"It's not on Leonard. It's off Leonard."

"Ok, on what street?"

"Beyond St. Ann's."

"I get that. What's the address?"

"Almost to Remembrance Road."

"Look, I know the city and I know the streets. Please, just tell me your address."

"I can't remember. But just watch for a big green tree on the right. It's two blocks just before that."

God bless you!

Fr. Den

Thought for the week: "Get it all on record now, get the films, get the witnesses, because somewhere down the road of history some bastard will get up and say

that this never happened” (Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1890-1969, as Allied forces were liberating the Nazi death camps). Does anybody today long for leaders who will speak the truth without worrying about being politically correct? Unfortunately, today’s scoundrels are so brazen that they get up and deny their dastardly deeds while they’re in the very process of committing them! And their media lap dogs deem it worthy of neither investigation nor comment.