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Dear Saints of Grace,

I recently read an article that noted recent college graduates as “overestimating average starting salaries by \$50,000.” Can you imagine the shock of entering the working world expecting to make six-figures only to find that you’ll be earning less than half that? Of course, we can look at this and express dismay at the expectations involved, but who of us hasn’t set the wrong expectations for things? So how should we set our expectations?

On the one hand, we can become total cynics and make it clear to everyone that we know that nothing will go right in any case. But is that being a light to the world? On the other hand, we can be the proclaimers of the power of positive thinking. But what about when that doesn’t work out? So, how should we handle this as Christians?

To start, we should begin with aligning our expectations to the knowledge of the world. The world is broken by sin, and so there’s a lot that goes wrong with it. Because of our rebellion against God, there is sorrow, suffering, and disappointment. That is reality. However, there is still a lot that’s good too. As Luther says in the Catechism, God “*gives us clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all that we have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.*”

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Likewise, he reminds us that God does this “*only out of Fatherly, divine, goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.*”

As we approach Thanksgiving, that’s a good place to start. We have the God who has created this world good in the beginning, and who loves us so much that He gives us this daily bread in His generosity. However, we also should set another expectation, and that is that this world will ultimately and always disappoint us. God has written on our heart the desire for His ultimate perfection, and that is not something we’ll fully enjoy until we stand in His eternal Kingdom.

As we approach Thanksgiving, that’s the best place to finish, thanking Him that this Kingdom is ours because of the work of Jesus Christ. In fact, as we not only have Thanksgiving in this month, but also will be ending the Church Year and starting the next Church Year, that’s a good reminder as well. We yearn for the End because that Kingdom won for us by Christ will be brought with His return. And in that we will no longer suffer disappointment. We will no longer experience sorrow. Any expectations we have now, rather than being let down, will be far surpassed. On that day we’ll get something far better than six-figure incomes, we will be gifted with eternal riches. Or perhaps we could better understand that we’ll get the greatest thing of all: the joy of standing face to face with this gracious God who created all things, but who will attend to us and even wipe away our every tear of disappointment.

Thanks be to God!



Pastor Zickler



Thank You



Thank you to everyone who donated pop tops to our jar. The Ronald McDonald House, at Loyola, was happy to receive 86.2 pounds of them!

Every pop top counts-keep 'em coming!



TAOS



Tuesday, November 8th is Election Day

Every VOTE COUNTS!

VOTED!



*Please join us for
our Thanksgiving Day Service
Wednesday, November 23rd
at 7:00 pm*



FALL BACK!

Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday, Nov 6h**, and most people will move their clocks back an hour before going to bed on **Saturday, November 5th**

Please note our faithful crew of helpers will be decorating the chancel Christmas Trees on **Saturday, November 26th at 10:00am**. If you're free and have good balance, come help us to beautify the chancel in celebration of Christ's birth.

Thank you in advance!



WOMEN'S CLUB

Bake Sale

The Women's Club announces the return of their holiday bake sale. Please pick up an order blank in the Narthex or kitchen and turn your orders in as soon as you can. There are some old favorites returning as well as a couple of new additions. Consider buying some treats for your Thanksgiving table, taking them along as hostess gifts, or since they will be frozen, save them for your Christmas entertaining.



**Need any help with fall clean-up?
OR would you like to help out church
members with their yard clean-up?**

From 2-5pm on Saturday, November 12th Grace families and youth will help rake leaves and do yard work at members homes. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex & the kitchen to sign-up to help or if you would like us to help you with your yardwork!



Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers

<p>Lesley Arca Peggy Barbieri, friend of Heidi and Myrna Garton Terese Barron, friend of Mark Rehn Bob Blessman Ann Cannon, friend of Doris Svec Dan Christian, friend of Christopher Krohe Nancy & Kent Cloninger Jerry Cohen, husband of Tracy Cohen Bill Corzine, father of Jacob Corzine Bea Dahl Blake Donegan, grandson of Lois & John Flood John Donegan, friend of Lois & John Flood Jim Donovan, uncle of Meg Krohe Rose Ferguson and Unborn Child, niece of Chris & Bob Dame Richard Flatley, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post John Flood Christine Fry, daughter-in-law of Betty & Bill Tanzer Jerry Gajda, brother-in-law of Linda McGuire Cassie Gray, cousin of Paul Sulak Joanne Hass, mother of Glen Hass Doris Jacobson John Jones, friend of Chris & Bob Dame Rachel Kaiser and Unborn Child, niece of Chris & Bob Dame Ron Kolar Kooy Family, friends of Eleanor Kulaga Eleanor Kulaga & Family Jack Lapice, cousin of Doris Svec Allison Leininger, niece of Chris & Bob Dame Bruce Mazurkiewicz, cousin of Tyna Eggert Rod McInerney, friend of Pat Schlueter Mary Claire MoDrak, friend of Lisa Mullarkey Dianna & Anastasia Mohrmann, daughter and granddaughter of Mark Rehn</p>	<p>Ellen Morgan, friend of the Stetler Family Debra Muir, daughter of Ron & Nancy Kolar Lisa Mullarkey Cathy Muszynski Cox, friend of the Blessman Family Benjamin Napolitano, g.grandson of Sue & Tony Napolitano Dorothy Neugebauer, friend of Nancy & Ron Kolar Rachel Novak, friend of the Stetler Family Joyce Oberst, sister of Sue Napolitano Shawn O'Farrell, friend of Doris Svec Levi Olson, cousin of Paul Sulak Jamie Pestien, niece of Chris & Bob Dame Leah Picek Jürgen Pietzsch, cousin of Jennifer Claster Caitlin Place, granddaughter of Ron & Nancy Kolar Kurt Seehofer, son of a friend of Pastor Zickler Adam Skelton, grandson of a friend of Pastor Zickler Kimmey Skelton, daughter of a friend of Pastor Zickler Elizabeth & Aaron Snater, sister & brother-in-law of Chris Krohe Oscar Rehn, father of Mark Rehn Shirron Reid, daughter-in-law of Jim & Ruth Reid Judy & Kurt Steiner, family of Nancy & Ron Kolar Don & Gayle Steele Ted, Megan & Gideynn Torreson, family of Chris Krohe Noah (Picek) Tovar, g.granddaughter of Lois & John Flood Athey Ulrich Amelia Voelker, friend of Pat Schlueter Jennifer Voelker, friend of Pat Schlueter Zachary Vossoughi, g.grandson of friend of Dave Haffner Mike Walters, friend of Donna Perkowski Allen Washburn, uncle of Christopher Krohe Nancy Wolff, sister of Tyna Eggert Jessica Zickler and Unborn Child</p>
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Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers

**Karla Bergenthal - Eleanor Kulaga
Suzette Olszewski**

November Birthdays!!

<p>Jackson Tribuzio 2 Liz Freiburger 5 Lisa Mullarkey 6 Paul Sulak 7 Doris Svec 11 Jessica Ayers 13</p>	<p>Robert Keeler 16 Devan Lazaro 17 Matt Fuller 25 Rachel Picek 27 Bob Dame 28</p>
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November Anniversaries!!

Gayle & Don Steele - November 6th, 1982
Sarah & Chris Arata - November 8th, 2014
Jennifer & David Claster - November 15th, 2002