



# Young Adult Ministry Newsletter



*St. Athanasius, St. Joan of Arc, St. Nicholas Parishes*



**September 29th, 2019**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## ***Lazarus' Tears***

By Andrea Infante-Martinez, Young Adult Council Member

I was raised to always respect and help our elders within our family and while growing up I've often wondered "What good will this do to me? What did I do to deserve this? I'd much rather be playing outside than helping my great aunt use the toilet and clean up any accidents". But I did it anyway because that is the respect they deserve.

Fast forward to about a year ago, I got a call while working in the parish office of St. Nick's. A very nice lady called to inform us that she was in very bad need of assistance and wanted to see if we could find someone within our parish to help her. She had said she was going through a rough time and she was recovering from a surgery and needed someone to take her shopping. I immediately felt compassion for this lady and I responded to her quickly that I would be happy to do so.

On the way to Macy's she had told her whole life story. It was such a sad story and her struggles reminded me of the beggar Lazarus from our gospel. She was in pain from her surgery and with bodily sores. When arriving to the store, she kept thanking me and telling how grateful she was that I was willing to take her to the store. However, she was not patient at all and was rude to anyone who would get in her way, including a nice lady who was able to help her get the right size. I was shocked, and even disturbed to the point where I thought, "Well now I see why she has been alone all her life." I felt bad for thinking this and asked God for forgiveness. I had a purpose in her life now, and no matter how she mistreated those around her, she was someone who most needed to be loved. When she asked for help in the fitting room, I felt tears down my cheek as I saw how much she struggled to dress herself and she too had tears. She Didn't see mine, nor noticed I saw hers.

I took her home, and felt happy to have had been such a help in her life. I shared my experience to one of my co workers and found out that she has known her for years. And she too knew her story, except her story was not that recent, everything that has happened to her had happened many years ago and no, her family did not hate her. But to me, that didn't matter anymore, for I saw something more in her and learned that I was fortunate to have learned to take care of those a bit less unfortunate because at any given moment, than can be me, needing of someone's kindness, compassion and patience. And boy did I

need patience when she called me the following day to tell me she hated the clothes she had gotten and demanded me to return them for her. And I did.

THE  
HUMAN  
ELEMENT  
October 3rd, 7:00pm  
St. Nicholas



Samuel Carlson

Crystal Patino

James Holzhauser-Chuckas, ObsB

Jenna Meyer

Don Miro

*Christian Life Communities*

*CLC groups are small and meet regularly in order to pray, share life experiences, and support each other in our faith and our daily lives.*



Calling All Youth  
& Young Adults:

# Shoebox Christmas

October 26th, 2019  
PJ23 School Cafeteria  
1120 Washington Street, Evanston, IL

Dinner/Drinks for Young Adults @ Firehouse afterward

Contact James Holzhauer-Chuckas at  
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