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### All Saints & All Souls

**\*Weekend Masses:**

**Saturday at 4:00 p.m.** [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]

**Sunday at 10:30 a.m.** [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]

**\*Weekday Masses:**

**Tuesday and Thursday at 12:05 p.m.** [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday: No Mass. Pastor's office work.**

**\*Confession:**

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment

**\*Baptism:**

Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic

**\*Weddings:**

Please make arrangements at least **six** months in advance before any other plans are made

**\*Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688

**\*Parish Council:**

Lou Kourey, Rita Strawn, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad

**\*Choir Members:**

Lou Kourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski, Holly Stahl

**\*Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer

**\*Altar Server:**

Earl Duffy and Joe Roxby

**\*Altar Boy:**

Christopher AlKhoury

**\*Cedar Club:**

Linda Duffy, President

**\*Women's Society:**

Carol Dougherty, President



**\*Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week

**\*New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners

**\*Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

## ***All Saints & All Souls***

Readings: Rom 12:9-21 and Mt 25:31-46

*INTRODUCTION: St. Matthew describes the last judgment in chapter 25:31-46. The text is read during the Liturgy of Sunday of the Righteous and Just. It is about the judgment of the whole world and of all mankind by Christ, at the end of creation. Jesus will act as a judge, deciding and separating the good from the evil.*

I...THE GOOD.ONES: What should do to be among the good ones? This is the question. Jesus shows us that the basic norm' for salvation or rejection consists in practicing or neglecting charity in its two aspects: love of the Lord and love of our neighbor.

In the text, Jesus identifies himself with those which society generally considers as the least important: the starving masses, homeless and half-clad wanderers, the sick and convicts. And because they are helpless, Christ wants us to come to their help. Therefore, we are not to fall into a sort of naturalism. The works of spiritual mercy have their value, and its value is just as sublime. We mean that prayer and penance is just as important to others as the help we can give their bodies.

Our helpless children, for example, need not only clothes, food and shelter, but also spiritual education. What is un-Christian, then, is either to limit our help to material things or to think of self alone. In fact, to be rewardable, our help for the suffering must be given for Christ's sake. Works alone are not sufficient; they must be begotten of faith and inspired by Christian charity.

It is not sympathy towards persons, expectation of gratitude, success or failure which counts; not our mood of the moment, but the thought of Christ, our vision of Him, our love of Him. Genuine Christianity consists in seeing Christ in our fellow men: love of Christ and love of others is one and the same thing.

This love is first and last, but where this kind of love does not exist or where this love is despised or rejected, there comes an emptiness, separation from Christ and separation from God. At the end of the world, the good or the "blessed ones," that is, those who helped the "little brethren" of Christ will be given a place of honor (on the right hand of Christ) in God's kingdom, while the evil of the "cursed ones" are delivered into "the eternal fire."

II- "THE EVIL ONES: They are called "the condemned" or the cursed ones," because they refused God's blessing or they do not deserve it. They did not treat charitably Jesus' brethren. In their negligence they offended God. They knew that Jesus' little brethren were, in need and could do something for them, but they did not. They denied that Christ is in every sufferer; that humanity in pain is Jesus in 'pain. They pretended to love and serve Christ without caring about others. This can be the temptation of those who seek comfortable holiness focused in inward self-perfection through exclusively subjective piety and do not recognize Christ suffering in others. So, in turning away from the-"little brethren" of Christ, the evil ones have **turned** away from Christ Himself. Now He turns away from them.

"At the last judgment, there is no trial sense, only pronouncement of sentence. In fact, the sentence is our choice. Everyone, during his/her earthly life, makes his/her own choice between God and Satan, between heaven and hell. At the end of the world, this choice is revealed and realized for eternity. Fr. Peter Mahfoud, J.C.D.

***Next Weekend and the following weekdays: All Souls Masses***

***All Souls Day (October 30 thru November 5)***

"Can we actually help those in purgatory get out by our prayers?"

Answer: Yes. The members of the body of Christ are connected to each other. The Church refers to three types of Christians: the Church Militant (those on earth), the Church Triumphant (those in heaven) and the Church Suffering (those in purgatory). We are all part of the same mystical body of Christ, whether in heaven, on earth or in purgatory.

The Bible exhorts us to pray for one another (1 Tim. 2:1-4, 2 Macc. 12:46). This prayer includes all members of the body, especially those in need. Those in purgatory are in need because they can't help themselves.

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Our prayers, especially the Mass, are said to relieve the suffering of the holy souls in purgatory. These souls are eternally grateful for our prayers and will remember us when they get to heaven. If we go to purgatory, they will surely pray for us. Praying for the dead is an obligation for Catholics, so keep up this good and holy practice.

**If you need to remember your parents and beloved ones, please fill the attached Form.**

† Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family

† Austin Ghaphery

† John G. Moses and Sophie Moses by their son Jim Moses

† Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick

† Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Dianna Vargo

† Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

† Kathleen Olinski by her sister Mary Ragase

† Richard W. Frazier by his wife Luane Frazier

† Cecilia Ann Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier

† Mickey & Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† Elias & Selma Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† John & Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† Ray & Sara McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† Amelia & William Fitzgerald by Rosemary & Dick Coury

† Family of Mary A. Khoury by Rosemary & Dick Coury

† Mary K and Tom Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris

† Tom Jochum by his Family

† Tim, Ginny and Martha Shia by their Family

† Elias Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel

† LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel

† Siham Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel

† Bob Saseen and Steve Schlog by Fran Saseen

† Deceased Members of the Harb and Togliatti Families by Mr. Jamil Harb

† George & Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich

† Helen Fielding & Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich

† Mr. Frank Sharkey & Mike O’Kane by Joe & Nikki Popovich

† In honor of Jesus suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane by Joe & Nikki Popovich

† George Weisner by Jean Weisner & Family

† Deceased of the Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Weisner & Joseph Families

† Deceased of the Maroon & Mary Catherine Habeb Families by the Weisner & Joseph Families

† Deceased of the Weisner, Bishop and Schmeichel Families by Jean Weisner and Family

† Deceased of the Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty

† Bill Dougherty by Carol Dougherty

† Al & Helen Schroeder by Mark Schroeder & Jane Wine

† Martha Paul by Mark Schroeder & Jane Wine

† George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen and Family

† Anna Marie, Julian, Leslie & Jerry Jr. McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy & Children

† Silvio Perilli (Joe) and Rhoda Perilli (Ginger) by their Children

† Michael George by Margaret George

† Tony & Charlotte George by Margaret George

† Lucy Gibbons and Ann Otterbeck and Sadie Coury by Ron & Kim Gibbons

† Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley by Thomasina Geimer

† Robert L. Hunter Jr. & Robby L. Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer

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- † Deceased of the Namon Joseph Family by Thomasina Geimer
- † Stephen P. Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- † Robert L. Yeater by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- † John George Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- † George & Rose Fadoul and Susie & Terrie Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Joseph & Nell Duffy and Bill, Ray, Joe, Larry Duffy and Dorothy McKee by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Deceased of the Reynolds, Jeneske and Bentz Families by Carolee Bentz
- † Deceased of the Harb and Togliatti Families by GiGi Rice
- † Michael Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Susie Marie Fadoul by her husband Millet L. Fadoul
- † Jim Hengler, Elaine Cybulski and Marthann Rineheart by Millet L. Fadoul and Family
- † Deceased of the Fadoul, Werner, Sengewalt and Shedeed Families by Millet L. Fadoul and Family
- † Susie Marie Fadoul by Millet C., Jonathan Fadoul and Janet Wilson
- † For the Repose of the Soul of Dorothy Duffy McKee by Millet L. Fadoul and Family
- † Jan Hendrickson by his son Josh & Ingrid and Family
- † George A., Dolores & Bert Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Philip & Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Dennis & June Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- † Vincent & Agnes Jacovetty by George & Patty (Jacovetty) Fahey
- † Deceased Members of the Bine & Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine
- † Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- † Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie
- † Virginia Khourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabihah & Habib Khourey Family by the Khourey Family
- † Deceased of the Nader Family by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie
- † Deceased of Sylvia Long Family
- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- † Gerard Joseph and his daughter Tessa by Stephanie Joseph
- † Our Loving mother Shirley Elias Nickerson by her loving Family
- † Donald A. Nickerson Sr. by his loving Family
- † The Elias sisters: Shirley, Madeline, Mary, Helen, Rose, Jeannie and Margaret by their loving Family
- † Our Loving grandparents: Nicholas & Amelia Elias and Albert & Wanda Nickerson by their loving Family
- † Ryzo and Dolores Palotay by the Palotay Family
- † Jerrie Williams by the Palotay Family
- † Deceased of the George and Elias Families by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Deceased of the Golebiewski and Tomaszewski Families by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Theresa & Steve Sofka by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka
- † Violet Machel by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka
- † Mary Jean & Tim Stanton by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka
- † Mr. John Sayre by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka
- † Deceased of the Wilson Family by Judy Wilson
- † Deceased of the Hodulik and Luczak Families by Judy Wilson
- † Emily Vince by her Children and Grandchildren
- † Donald Vince by his Children and Grandchildren
- † Patricia Gompers by Matt & Vickie Gompers
- † Lawrence & Teresa Ferrera and Joann Ferrera Slack by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † George & Betty Joseph and Edith, Edward & Gerard Joseph by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Mary Jehn Ferrera Comas and Janet Rae Ferrera by Larry & Becky Ferrera

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- ✠ Our parents John & Cecilia John and D. William Burns by Ron and Susan Burns
- ✠ Our grandparents Tom & Sadie John, David & Tamamie Joseph and Sarah Burns by Ron and Susan Burns
- ✠ Our Aunts & Uncles, Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Fred & Rita John, Sister Mary Thomasina John and Roland & Julia Tappe by Ron and Susan Burns
- ✠ Michael Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- ✠ William & Freda Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- ✠ Intentions of Libby G. Magnone on her Birthday by her sister Mary Stees
- ✠ Intentions of Julianna Breit on her Birthday

## *Next Weekend, Nov. 6-7: Consecration of the Church*

### **Saturday November 6 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Deceased Family members of Rosella Saseen and Sylvia Long by their Last Will.
- ✠ Special Intentions of A Friend

### **Sunday, November 7 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Larry Breiding (Anniversary) by his grandson Dalton and Deceased of Nassar & Hassan families

## ***30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Priesthood*** (Sunday, Dec. 19 after Mass)

This year, Msgr. Bakhos reached his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday (February 9<sup>th</sup>) and his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the priesthood will be on (December 21). He was ordained in Sydney, Australia on December 21, 1991. He designed the church of Saint Joseph in Croydon -which is a suburb of Sydney, Australia- and he handled the building project to the parish council over there before he moved to the United States in 1994. He served in Lawrence (Massachusetts), Dayton (Ohio), St. Paul (Minnesota), in many Missions and he spent the last 20 years serving Our Lady of Lebanon in Wheeling. A brunch will be served on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 am Mass at the Cedar Hall. All parishioners and Friends are cordially invited to attend. Please call Linda at 304-242-6853 and let her know how many guests are attending so that the ladies can prepare food for everyone. Please plan to attend because Msgr. Bakhos likes to see you there.

## ***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:***

- November 8: Staci Duffy, Mark Wilson, Garrett Bratton
- November 9: Liz Murad, Cindy Thomas
- November 11: Ryan Murad
- November 15: Rena Bratton
- November 24: Rex Strawn
- November 26: Mary Lish
- December 3: Joey John

## ***Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List***

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)

Carol Dougherty, Shirley George, Harper Musilli, John Frazier, Dennis Porter, Mary Stees, Diane Palotay, Rex & Rita Strawn, Nick & Judy Bedway, Viola J. Yeater (mother of Jeannette Wakim), Louis "Butch" Elias, Mary Thomas, Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Kourey), Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shiben, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Barbara Hostage, Phil Geimer, Anthony Chockery, Ted Olinski & Family, Corey Armstran,

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<i><b>Your Church Support Last Week</b></i>	
\$1,554.00	Sunday Collection
1,300.00	Thanksgiving Lebanese Food Sale
70.00	Candles
60.00	Parking
\$2,984.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns, Liz Murad

## ***What's New?***

### ***Many Thanks***

To all our parish members and friends, thank you for the donation of wonderful items that made the rummage sale a success. Needless to say, our many workers did a fabulous job with sorting, cleaning and pricing, along with the time and dedication, the sale made a profit of \$3,271.95. We thank you all. Linda and Luane

### ***Bulletin Ads***

If you wish to place a memorial Ad or business Ad on the back of our 2022 weekly church bulletin, please contact Msgr. Bakhos 304-233-1688 or Charlotte 304-639-1372 for more information.

### ***Help needed to sanitize pews***

Dear parishioners,

Our goal is to protect you inside and outside the church. We are asking for two volunteers after every Mass to help sanitizing the pews and railings and door handles, etc. Please stay after Mass in the church for five minutes and join those who are sanitizing. May the Blessed Mother protect you and reward you. Msgr Bakhos

### ***2022 Mahrajan (Festival)*** (Sunday, August 14, 2022)

Dear Parishioners, The Mahrajan committee decided to have the 2022 Mahrajan at Oglebay Park on Sunday, August 14, 2022. There will be only one day festival instead of two. More details will be published in the coming bulletins.

## ***Spirituality: The U in Jesus***

Before U were thought of or time had begun,  
 God stuck U in the name of His Son.  
 And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,  
 You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.  
 You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,  
 For U, He was born; that's why He came.  
 And His great love for U is the reason He died.  
 It even takes U to spell crUcified.  
 Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand  
 He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?  
 The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,  
 and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.  
 When JesUs left earth at His Upward ascension,  
 He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.  
 "Go into the world and tell them it's true  
 That I love them all - Just like I love U."  
 So many great people are spelled with a U,  
 Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?  
 It all depends now on what U will do,

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He'd like them to know,  
But it all starts with U.

### ***Wisdom: When Drugs are a good thing***

My generation just might have been lucky. I had a drug problem when I was young, but I turned out all right.

I was drug to church on Sunday morning.

I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.

I was drug to family reunions no matter the weather.

I was drug to the bus stop to go to school every weekday.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults and teachers.

I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents.

Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin, and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America might be a better place. (Signed, A Senior Citizen)

### ***Story***

Ted Wojtkowski, seventy-five, considers himself a regular guy. He came to Chicago from Poland after World War II, worked as an engineer and raised a family in a nice home in the suburbs. But as a young man, he was privileged to witness one of the greatest acts of saintly heroism of the twentieth century. His encounter with spiritual greatness changed his life.

The year was 1939. In September, German tanks rumbled into Poland. The first village attacked by the Nazis was the home of Wojtkowski, then a 20-year-old student. A patriot, Wojtkowski went underground. He and his buddies manned a short wave radio to gather war news from London and then secretly printed leaflets to let villagers know what was occurring.

Before long, Wojtkowski hopped on his father's bicycle and headed toward Hungary. His destination was France, where he hoped to join the Polish army. The Nazis caught him at the border, jailed him, and sent him to Auschwitz on May 1, 1940.

Auschwitz was not a killing ground for Jews yet; the Nazis were using it then for criminals and for foes of their regime, including priests and activists. Wojtkowski, living with eight hundred men in a two-story barracks, was put to work building more barracks. The Nazis treated the prisoners brutally. Priests were especially singled out for punishment guards kicked them in the face and stomach and clubbed them over the head. When a prisoner escaped, all the others were ordered to stand in the sun for days, hands on their heads. After a second escape, ten prisoners were machine-gunned. The third escape occurred on or about July 28, 1941.

One hundred members of Wojtkowski's barracks were forced to stand in rows of ten. Ten of them would die. Wojtkowski stood in the eighth row. The camp commander ordered each row, one after the other, to step forward. He began a random selection. One, two, three were pulled from a group. Wojtkowski hoped that ten would be singled out before his row was reached.

A fourth, fifth, and sixth were picked. The sixth broke down. "My wife, my children ... " he sobbed. "Who will take care of them?" A prisoner from the sixth row turned to the commander. "I will take the place of this man with the wife and children," he said. Most remarkable of all was the volunteer's demeanor.

"His expression was so serene, so peaceful, not a shadow of fear," Wojtkowski recalls. The commander, however, was not impressed. "You must be some kind of (*expletive*) priest," he snarled. But he accepted him as one of the ten. The volunteer and nine others were locked in a bunker. The Nazis would not waste bullets on them: They would starve to death.

The man was indeed a priest, but not just any priest. He was Franciscan Father Maximilian Kolbe. Poles considered Kolbe a saint. His personal assistant, Brother Jerome Wierzba, once said of him: "He had something good in his face that emanated God. Just looking at him gave you peace of mind."

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Kolbe published religious magazines and newspapers read by more than one million Poles. He was widely admired, running the largest Catholic religious house in the world. Intensely devoted to the Blessed Mother, Kolbe supervised six hundred fifty friars at his City of the Immaculata, an evangelization center near Warsaw. The Nazis naturally regarded Kolbe with suspicion after they invaded Poland. When he resisted pressure to apply for German citizenship, for which he was eligible, he was arrested on February 17, 1941. When the guards were out of ear shot, the prisoners shared information with one another about the fate of the ten in the bunker. Kolbe was leading the doomed in prayers and hymns, and a piece of bread had been smuggled in to be used in a Mass.

After three weeks, Kolbe was the last to die. The Nazis, impatient to use the bunker to punish others, had a doctor inject poison into Kolbe to finish him off.

The more Wojtkowski thought about Kolbe's self-sacrifice, the more astounded he was. Francis Gajowniczek, whom Kolbe had saved, was a peasant farmer. Kolbe, forty-seven, was one of the most accomplished men in Poland, a priest with many plans. Already he had begun a missionary center in Japan and was determined to open an evangelization center on each continent.

And Kolbe, who possessed great drive and ambition, had given up all his dreams in a moment. He truly was a man of God, Wojtkowski realized.

Kolbe saved not only Gajowniczek, but also Wojtkowski. Years of deprivation in Nazi camps awaited Wojtkowski. There would be backbreaking labor and physical abuse. But Wojtkowski never lost his will to survive.

"Father Kolbe inspired me," he says. "After his sacrifice, I never thought I would die at Auschwitz. Someday I would be liberated and tell what happened."

Wojtkowski finally gained his freedom in 1945. He was being marched to Dachau when he fled on foot. He took refuge with a German priest, who hid him and fed him until he regained his strength and the Allies rolled into Germany.

Today, Wojtkowskj lives in Squeak, a Chicago suburb with a large Jewish population, including many Holocaust survivors. He prays often to Kolbe and keeps a huge scrapbook on him. In it are a piece of clothing worn by the priest before his arrest, an original signature from a daily Mass log, and an envelope once mailed by the priest. A painting of Kolbe hangs in Wojtkowskis study.

In the early 1970's, Wojtkowski recounted the events at Auschwitz to Vatican officials. His testimony was gathered as part of the canonization process. Kolbe was declared a saint in 1982 by his compatriot, Pope John Paul II, who declared him a martyr of charity.

In 1975, Wojtkowski, then president of the Polish Association of Former Political Prisoners, spearheaded the construction of a monument to Kolbe for the Carmelite Fathers in Munster, Indiana. An engineer, Wojtkowski designed the monument, which shows Kolbe pointing toward the nearby Marian grotto and holding his heart, in which are ashes from Auschwitz. A plaque on the statue reads, "We lived through it to tell the truth."

## *A Time to Laugh (529)*

### *Too Clean or Not Too Clean*

A couple I know came at last to the level of financial success where they felt they could afford help with housework. They went to an agency and hired a woman to come in once a week to clean. She was scheduled to come for the first time the following Friday.

On Thursday the husband came home unexpectedly in the middle of the day to pick up some papers he had forgotten and found his wife home early from work, dressed in her oldest cleaning clothes, surrounded by mops, buckets, sponges, rags, and a lot of spray bottles. "What are you doing?" he asked.

"Well, the new cleaning lady is coming tomorrow," she replied, "and I couldn't stand to have her see the house a mess."

### *Wiser Today*

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A person should never be ashamed to own [say] that he is wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was yesterday. (Alexander Pope)

### ***Standing Room Only***

When Mark Twain was on one of his lecture tours, he was getting a haircut in a small town, and the barber asked him if he planned to attend the lecture that evening by "Mr. Mark Twain."

Twain said he thought he might.

The barber said, "It's sold out, so if you don't already have a ' ticket, you'll have to stand."

Twain said, "Just my luck! I always have to stand when that fellow lectures!"

### ***So Easily Provoked***

A sense of humor enables us not so much to laugh at the people who provoke us as to laugh at ourselves for being so easily provoked.

### ***Ha, Ha, Ha, Plop***

Question: What goes Ha, ha, ha, plop? Answer: Someone who laughs his head off!

### ***Follow the Tracks***

Two experienced bear hunters and a friend who wanted to learn how to hunt bears went hunting. At the end of the first day, one of the experienced bear hunters brought back a large grizzly bear. The inexperienced bear hunter asked how the grizzly bear was bagged. The successful hunter explained, "I followed the tracks, I went into a cave, and I shot the bear."

The next day the three hunters went after some more bears. At the end of the day, the second experienced hunter dragged a black bear back into camp. When asked how he had shot the black bear, he told them, "I followed the tracks into the cave, and then I shot the bear."

The third day the three hunters went out to hunt and returned at the end of the day. Neither of the experienced hunters had a bear. When the inexperienced bear hunter returned to camp, he had no bear, but he was all cut up and bloody. The two other hunters asked what had happened. The inexperienced hunter explained, "I too followed the tracks, I went into the cave, and I got hit by a train."

### ***Meatless Definition***

Vegetarian is an old Native American word meaning terrible hunter!

### ***Bird Calls Attract Cats***

Hunters, the way to tell if your new bird calls really work is to try them and see if any hungry cats come running.