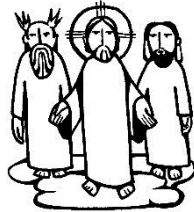


From the Pastor’s Desk:

“Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.”

-St. Mark



This Saturday, in the presence of Bishop John LeVoir, 22 students will receive the 7-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit and be “sealed with the Holy Spirit.” NO doubt we extend our congratulations to our youngest adult members of the Church, but also their parents for their pushing and encouragement through all these years of formation, regardless if their children are attending religious education classes or our area Catholic school.

I would be remiss if I did not also express a word of thanks to our catechists who have taught these young people over the years and especially in these past months for this important sacrament. Having taught Confirmation classes over the past 25 years as a priest, from classes as big as 47 and as small as 12, it is a tremendous amount of work and spiritual responsibility. As I write this, I have taught a couple of the Confirmation classes this year. I have been told that this class of juniors is a special class. While every class comes with their own talents and gifts, there is something very “likable” about this class, that gives me the feeling that the Holy Spirit already dwells with them. Yet, however good we might be, there are many distractions and temptations out in this big world of ours. It is easy to drift away from the sacraments and the practice of the faith, even with the best of intentions.

I recently came across a statistic that 79% of those who do leave the Catholic faith do so by the age of 23 years of age. This statistic proves the point that these teenage years and early years of adulthood are so critical for faith development. Even after the age of 18, my parents were not afraid to talk about the faith and the importance of receiving the sacraments with their children. Parents, never get into that casual approach of the Catholic faith when you hear it said: “Well, once they are 18, I cut the apron strings. They are now adults. They have to make their own decisions.” I suspect that if our young adult children were doing something illegal or violent, we would still talk to them for the sake of good health and happiness. As much as we want our children to be both healthy and happy, would we not also want our children to be “holy” as well?

This weekend we hear again the gospel of the Transfiguration. It is a mysterious gospel but also a very

practical gospel. The road ahead for Christ and the other young people that followed Him was going to be rough....even deadly. The Lord knew that He needed to give to some of His followers a “spiritual boost” in order that they could make it through the tough road ahead. So, the Lord is transfigured in a brief moment where His clothes become dazzling white and He is in conversation with some of the great spiritual leaders of old.

Confirmation is also a moment of “spiritual transfiguration”. It is a brief sacramental moment in which the seven-gifts of the Holy Spirit descend upon our young people, so that they will see Confirmation as a beginning and not an ending, a true confirmation in the faith and not a graduation from the faith. Through the grace of this great sacrament, may it aid our young people in the valley of life with all of its challenges.

May Confirmation be a transformative moment, not only for our young people, but all of us who gather for this Mass and really every Mass we attend. May the sacraments, lead us by the Holy Spirit to a greater holiness and ultimately, everlasting life. Congratulations Confirmandi!

Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

Stewardship of Treasure	
Adult (137)	\$ 8,346.00
Electronic Giving	2,981.25
Junior	100.53
Plate	290.00
Ash Wednesday	122.00
Home Missions	427.00
Fuel	45.00
Easter Flower Donation	400.00
Grand Total	\$ 12,711.78
<i>*(Our weekly budget is set at \$12,750.00)</i>	

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for another fine collection. I know, we were just slightly under our budgeted goal, but it is still excellent stewardship. If you can see it in your heart to give an offering for our Fuel Fund, that would be great. We have had this cold snap of weather and we have been receiving some heavy fuel bills. Next week, I will give you an update and also an appeal to cover our fuel expenses on a winter that will still be with us for a few more weeks. You are doing a great job in stewardship. Thank you for your gifts!!!



You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth. Acts 1:8

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

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| Joelle Anderson | Haley Kohrs |
| Brennan Corbett | Luke Kolars |
| Jackson Dehen | Ty Kolb |
| Katie Eggersdorfer | Sidney Kruse |
| Nick Eichers | Emma Matter |
| Noah Erickson | Jordan Moore |
| Kirby Fette | Trevor Pengilly |
| Mykenzie Henriksen | Kaylie Rauchman |
| Ellie Hoffmann | Meghan Resner |
| Cole Hunstad | Adam Schwartz |
| Jack Keltgen | David Weber |

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST:

On Sunday March 1st and again on Sunday March 8th, at 6:30 P.M. we will meet in the church with all of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist. **Eucharistic ministers are required to attend one of these two sessions.** We will be training new ministers as well as re-training those who have served at the all, as there will be some changes in keeping with church directives. The meeting will last about an hour and a half. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. We will resume the schedule of Holy Communion under both forms beginning on the weekend of March 14th and the 15th. Thank you for your generous response to these meetings.



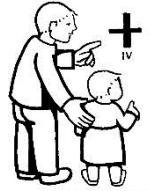
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Human rights are not only violated by terrorism, repression or assassination, but also by unfair economic structures that creates huge inequalities.”

- Pope Francis

LENT IS A TIME FOR PRAYER

The three-fold mission of Lent is to intensify our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Perhaps we could intensify our “prayers” by attending Mass not only on the weekend but also during the week when Masses are offered in our parishes as well as in the greater Mankato area. **I also encourage you to attend the Stations of the Cross this week on Friday at 5:30 P.M.** Maybe as you are coming home from work or perhaps before you eat supper, you can come and pray for about a half hour and recall the Lord’s redemptive journey on the road to Calvary!



EASTER CANDLE - THANK YOU

We are grateful to an anonymous benefactor for donating the new Easter candle that will be used during the Easter season. Thank you to the others who had expressed interest in donating the candle as well. You are all so generous as parishioners. I will keep you posted if there are any other sacramental needs for our parish in the weeks and months ahead. God bless you!

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – FIRST FRIDAY

In consultation with the Holy Rosary Worship Committee, we are beginning this Friday, March 6th, following the morning Mass, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the main altar of the church until 3:00 P.M. The practice of adoring the Lord in the Holy Eucharist through the monstrance is a long-standing devotion of the Church that has received renewed spiritual support of the faithful in recent years.



We are in need of people to take care that while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, there is at least one person in attendance in the Church in prayer. Sign-up sheets will be at the entrances of the church. A member of the Worship Committee will also be calling to make sure that as we begin this devotion, all seven hours are covered. If the response is strong, we will expose the sacrament longer on First Fridays. We may suspend exposition only through the summer months when so many people are away if we cannot find enough people to cover the hours. At this point we will wait and see.

Coming to spend time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is a “perfect” spiritual devotion to take on in this time of Lent when we are called to intensify our life of prayer. *“We adore you oh Christ and we praise you, for by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world!”*

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 1: Second Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 am – Rosary
- 8:00 am – Mass - Joe & Martha Phillips
- 9:30 am – Rosary
- 10:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish
- * Morning Pre-School and Nursery
- 1:30 pm – Convert Instruction (Conf. Rm #1)**
- 6:30 pm – Eucharistic Minister Training (in Church)**

Monday, March 2: Lenten Weekday

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Alvin, Babe & Jack Gosch†
- 9:15 am – Bible Study
- 6:30 pm – Worship Committee Meeting (Conf. Rm. #1)**
- 7:00 pm – CCW Meeting (Lower Social Hall)**

Tuesday, March 3: Lenten Weekday

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Holy Communion Service
- 5:30 pm – Soup Supper with Enrichment to Follow**
- 7:00 pm – River of Life (Conf. Rm. #2)*

Wednesday, March 4: Lenten Weekday

- 9:00 am – Mass at Loyola Grade School - Mary Cline†**
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Sewing Group - Parish Center*
- 4 pm, 6 pm, 7:15 pm – Faith Formation**
- 6-7 pm – Holy Rosary Choir Practice - Choir Room**

Thursday, March 5: Lenten Weekday

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Aaron Romberg†
- 10:15 am – Holy Communion Service at Pathstone (Deacon Preston)**

Friday, March 6: Lenten Weekday

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Herb & Joan Karpinsky
- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- 3:00 pm – Benediction**
- 5:30 pm – Stations of the Cross**



Saturday, March 7: Lenten Weekday

- 4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 4:30 pm – Rosary
- 5:00 pm – Mass - Bob Frederick†

Sunday, March 8: Third Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 am – Rosary
- 8:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish
- 9:30 am – Rosary
- 10:00 am – Mass - Sebastian, Gloria Lena & Emmanuel Anthonisamy†
- * Morning Pre-School and Nursery
- 1:30 pm – Convert Instruction (Conf. Rm #1)**
- 6:30 pm – Eucharistic Minister Training (in Church)**

Liturgical Roles March 7-8

Lectors

- 5:00 pm:** Brian Eggersdorfer
- 8:00 am:** Caroline McGowan
- 10:00 am:** Chris Cain

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00 pm:** Brent Friedrichs & Eileen Wadekamper
- 8:00 am:** Arlyce Anderson & Cathy Neve
- 10:00 am:** Deb Stachon & Curt Stanke

Altar Servers

- 5:00 pm:** Reid Gruenes, Riley Gruenes, Zach Eggersdorfer
- 8:00 am:** Danny Collins, Grace Ellingworth, Ben Ellingworth
- 10:00 am:** Jordan Moore, Jaiden Moore, Elaine Adams

Presentation of Gifts

(First Communicant Families)

- 5:00 pm:** Pearl Penkert Family
- 8:00 am:** Jack Mueller Family
- 10:00 am:** Brendon Isenberg Family

Ushers

- 5:00 pm:** Bob Meyer, Maggie Bennett, Larry Bennett, Tom Rheaume
- 8:00 am:** Bill Fasnacht, Carl Steffensmeier, Chris Sturm, Craig Amundson
- 10:00 am:** Blaine Kolstad, Bob Stachon, Brandon Bernard, Chuck Schoettler

Music Ministry

- 5:00 pm:** Youth Choir/Kathy Jo Johns/Jeanne Makela
- 8:00 am:** Corinne Ort/Vicki Galli
- 10:00 am:** Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makela

Rosary Leaders

- 5:00 pm:** Mary Helen Kennedy
- 8:00 am:** Arlyce Anderson
- 10:00 am:** Darlene Schorn

Money Counter for January, February and March 2015

Marilyn Rieff, Shirleen Gulden, Jan Nelson, Jan Brumm, Carl Steffensmeier & Bill Fasnacht

BENEFIT FOR BIRTHRIGHT RAFFLE



Tickets are again available for the annual Benefit for Birthright raffle. They may be picked up and dropped off at the parish office. For more information contact David Mutch at 687-5406.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR ALL OF OUR SICK AND INJURED OF HOLY ROSARY PARISH

Our prayers go out to all of the sick and injured in our parish who are at home, in the hospital, nursing homes or assisted-living residences. May God bless them and keep them under His guidance and protection!



FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marilyn Rieff, Herbert Karpinsky, Rose Wilson, Jane Keltgen, Isaac Kolstad, Rachel Tobin, Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Grausam, Don Haley, Jan Schmidt, Doris Lorentz, Bill Goettlicher, Lenore Sweers, Dolores Spreter, Richard Flynn, Jr., Krystal Portz, Jan Brumm, Steve Fitterer, Kathy Eggersdorfer, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Shannon Murphy, Harriet Senesac, Lisa LaPoint Leland, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian, Betty Kotthoff, Nancy Wesely, Susan Zenk, Catherine Atchley

FOR OUR FAMILIES

- Monday** Alan & Rebecca Tolzman
- Tuesday** No Mass
- Wednesday** Christian & Melinda Sturm
- Thursday** Joseph & Donna George
- Friday** James Rieff
- Saturday** Leslie Kitt
- Sunday** Brian Gangelhoff

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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| Nick Blace | Timothy Eick | Alex Ek |
| Jared Hiniker | Matt McGraw | Ben Barsness |
| Ann Winkler | Christopher Schmidt | Sean O’Dea |
| Dana Schiller | Jonathan Heintz | Daniel Fitterer |
| Mark Hansen | William Backes | Anna Drummer |



PRAYER CHAIN

If you, or someone you know, would like to be included in our prayer chain, please call Karen Etzell, 387-7877

Readings for the Week

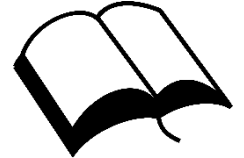
- Mon:** Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
- Tues:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
- Wed:** Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
- Thurs:** Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
- Fri:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Sat:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sun:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/
1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 (29)

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS

- Worship Committee:** Monday March 2nd, 6:30 P.M.
(Conf. Rm. #1)
- Finance Council:** Monday March 9th, 6:30 P.M.
(Conf. Rm. #1)
- Pastoral Council:** Monday March 23rd, 6:30 P.M.
(Conf. Rm. #1)

TIME AND TALENT SURVEYS

Through the efforts of our Worship Committee, all of you should have received a “Time and Talent Survey” in the mail with the financial statement and last week’s bulletin. We are asking you to take just a few moments to fill out the form and return it through the mail or the Sunday collection. We are asking every parish household to fill out a form. We are asking that every household would take on at least “one” area of service for the good of our parish. Many hands and hearts make up a successful and spiritually active parish. The deadline for returning the forms is Friday, March 6th. Thank you for your attention in this matter.



UPCOMING EVENTS: Council of Catholic Women

- March 2nd General Meeting at 7:00pm**
- March 19th Region I Spring Gathering** (at Holy Rosary) 5:30pm registration, 6:00pm mass, followed by a meal and speaker from Partners for Affordable Housing.

R.C.I.A. CANDIDATES FOR FULL COMMUNION

Please continue to pray for the people that are preparing for Full Communion into the Church this Easter. It is a strong commitment to come weekly for instruction and to fulfill all of the expectations of the Church in a small span of time. Presently, we know have about 8 individuals that will be received into the Church. Continue to pray for them that they will persevere and pray that you might set aside the time to be part of a welcoming Church at this year’s Easter Vigil.

K of C Council #5551 News

- March 3 - Free Soup Supper
- March 10 - Free Soup Supper
- March 12 - Planning Meeting
- March 26 - General Meeting
- March 27 - Fish Fry





LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

ENROLLMENT DATES FOR LOYOLA — Pre-K enrollment is now open to new families; Kindergarten Roundup is Tuesday, March 10, at 4:30 and 6:30 P.M. on the Good Counsel Campus; re-enrollment Night for students in K – Grade 11 is Tuesday, March 17, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. on the Good Counsel Campus. We are also open to doing a “Shadow Day” for new students interested in Loyola. Help spread the word about what Loyola has to offer.

Transfiguration in children

- If a child lives with criticism, the child learns to condemn.
- If a child lives with hostility, the child learns to fight.
- If a child lives with ridicule, the child learns to be shy.
- If a child lives with shame, the child learns to feel guilty.
- And:
- If a child lives with tolerance, the child learns to be patient.
- If a child lives with encouragement, the child learns confidence.
- If a child lives with praise, the child learns to appreciate.
- If a child lives with fairness, the child learns justice.
- If a child lives with security, the child learns to have faith.
- If a child lives with approval, the child learns to like himself.
- If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, the child learns to find love in the world.

Fr. Robert Schneider
President and Chaplain
Loyola Catholic School

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The 2015 Bishop Lucker Lecture and Diocesan Distinguished Service Award Ceremony will take place Monday, March 9, 2015, 7 p.m. at the Church of St. Catherine in Redwood Falls. Our featured speaker will be Fr. Raymond de Souza. His talk will be on “The Future of Religious Liberty in America.” Fr. de Souza was ordained a Catholic priest on July 20, 2002, for the Archdiocese of Kingston, Ontario. He currently serves as chaplain at Newman House, the Roman Catholic chaplaincy at Queen’s University. He is the pastor of Sacred Heart of Mary Parish on Wolfe Island where he currently lives. Fr. de Souza teaches at Queen’s in the Faculty of Education and the Economics Department. He is a longstanding weekly columnist for the *National Post*, and contributes a weekly column to *The Catholic Register*, Canada’s largest Catholic newspaper. He is the editor-in-chief of *Convivium*, a magazine examining the role of faith in our common life. All adult parishioners are invited free of charge. A social time will follow the ceremony and the presentation.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

1. Diocesan United Fund (D.U.F.) Diocesan Priest Pension Fund/ Medical Care and Diocesan Audit::	
DUE:	\$ 78,103.92
Pd. to Date	\$ 46,769.43
2. Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.)	
DUE:	\$ 27,708.85
Rec’d. to Date:	\$ 43,921.00
(*We are 158.5% our goal!)	
3. Loyola Catholic School Assessment:	
DUE:	\$ 238,000.00
Pd. this week:	\$ 3,000.00
Pd. to Date:	\$ 126,135.93
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Total Assessments 2014-2015:	\$ 343,812.77
Total Paid to Date 2014-2015:	\$ 216,796.36
Total Assessments Due 2014-2015:	\$ 127,016.41
	(* Total includes D.M.A. overrun)

FR. ED ARDOLF ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund is now at \$130,852.00. 85% of the earnings of this fund go to pay tuition at Loyola Catholic School for Holy Rosary families. Contributions to this fund may be dropped off at the parish office or sent to Amy at Loyola.

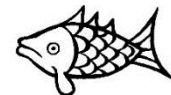
THANK YOU!

The Council of Catholic Women would like to thank all of you for the overwhelming response to the baby item collection! They received \$240 in cash as well as a multitude of baby outfits, blankets, diapers, baby wipes, t-shirts, booties and more! These generous gifts will be divided evenly between the Pro-Life organizations in Mankato, Options for Women:Mankato and Birthright.



KC FISH FRY IN SILVER LAKE, MN

The Silver Lake Knights of Columbus invite you to their 53rd Annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 6th at the Silver Lake Auditorium. The menu includes fish fillets, homemade potato salad, coleslaw, beans, bread, coffee and milk. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5-10 and children under 4 are free. Take-outs are also available. Come and join us – we hope to see you there!



“THE DROP BOX”

See the award-winning documentary that follows one man’s mission to rescue the most vulnerable members of society. *The Drop Box* is being shown nationwide March 3rd, 4th, and 5th. It can be viewed locally at **Movies 8** in the Mankato Riverhills Mall on those dates at 7:00 p.m. To see a preview or buy tickets in advance, go to thedropboxfilm.com

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Janesville, MN invites you to **“A Quiet Day of Prayer and Reflection: Compassionate Presence”** on Thursday, March 12th from 9am – 3:30pm. This is a silent directed retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. During this season of Lent, consider setting aside a day to nurture your prayer life and deepen your relationship with God. Call Jackie Cesario at 625-2395 for more information or to register.

**PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK:
FROM PALM SUNDAY TO HOLY SATURDAY**

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Space Ministry, Good Counsel Campus, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato.



“Holy week speaks of the truth that God: has come to us to save us; has taken on our ways; has spoken our language; has made our human circumstances a tool of saving power.” Fr. Jerry Orbos, CVD

This is a day to be quiet, to reflect, to share and for input. Approach Palm Sunday and the Triduum with a readiness to walk with Jesus through the mystery of Jesus complete self-gift of love for us. Fee: \$40, includes lunch. Please register by March 23, 2015. mjwelter@ssndcp.org or 507-389-4266.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2015



Friday, March 6th, is World Day of Prayer 2015. World Day of Prayer, which began in 1920, is an ecumenical celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action. Join in the prayer service written by the women of The Bahamas, which draws us to study Jesus’ radical love as he washes the disciples’ feet. The service will be held at Centenary United Methodist Church, Mankato, at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Journey through Grief is an eight-week grief group for adults who have lost a loved one. In Journey through Grief, participants connect with others, share their stories, explore the process of grief and healing, and find comfort in knowing they are not alone.

The first eight-week session will be held Thursday mornings, March 5 to April 23. The second session will be held Wednesday mornings, April 29 to June 17. Please see the attached flyer for times and locations of both groups. There is no cost to participate in either grief group, but pre-registration is required. Group members will be limited to 10, so pre-register ASAP. For more information or to register, please call 507-385-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989 (toll free).

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Open your heart and home for five weeks this summer to a 10 or 11 year old child from Northern Ireland. Hosting dates are June 23rd to July 30th (arriving and departing at MSP airport). If you are interested in sponsoring a child please contact us. Host families are needed ASAP, so please contact us now. For more information, or to find out how your family can participate, please contact us at: (651) 405-1108 or cpni@cpni.org

ROAD TO RECOVERY PROGRAM

The mission of the American Cancer Society is to help people stay well, help people get well, find cures and help individuals fight back against cancer. The **Road To Recovery** program needs volunteers to drive cancer patients in our community to and from their treatments. Volunteers need to have a safe, reliable vehicle, a current driver’s license, proof of automobile insurance, a good driving record, availability during the day and a desire to help someone in need. If you are interested, please call **1-800-227-2345** and become a volunteer driver.

FROM THE MANKATO SERRA CLUB

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has recently announced the canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra upon his visit to the US in Sept 2015. The Mankato Serra Club established in 1955 to promote and affirm vocations has prayed to this special man as the patron of their organization.



When Father Junípero Serra founded California's first mission in 1769, he was 56 years old and asthmatic, with a chronic sore on his leg that troubled him for the rest of his life, and he suffered frequently from other illnesses, as well. He stood just 5 feet, 2 inches, and, as a journalist later wrote, "He certainly didn't look like the man who would one day be known as the Apostle of California." Yet he endured the hardships of the frontier and pressed forward with remarkable determination to fulfill his purpose: to convert the Native Americans of California to Christianity.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life.