

RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH LAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

A TIME FOR REAPING

CRITTERS N' THINGS

The summer of 2024 draws to a close. Even lacking a calendar one can tell. MSU students return to campus, farmers are mowing the alfalfa fields and combining the wheat. The geese are becoming restless and the Uinta Ground Squirrels are heading for an early hibernation.

Red squirrels, crows, and magpies are now entered as fauna on the grounds of Resurrection University Parish. For more details see the Land Stewardship web page at hoechoka.com.

All signs of the end of one season and the beginning of another. As we pause to give thanks for the abundance of the harvest and the pleasantness of summer we could also take time to dwell on the words of the Sioux Medicine Man Black Elk (under consideration for sainthood)

And while we are talking about the web page, also see it for the impressive list of quotations, both secular and religious writings, useful for meditation and reflection on eco-spirituality and recognizing the wonderful gifts from God. Was it James Joyce that said "I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree"?

THE WAY WE WERE!

"The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes from within the souls of people"
Even before his conversion to Catholicism Black Elk was a wisdom teacher to his people. His words are relevant to all peoples—even today. It is time to realize that at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit.

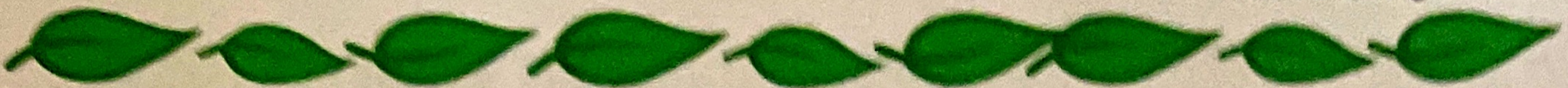


Thought For The Day

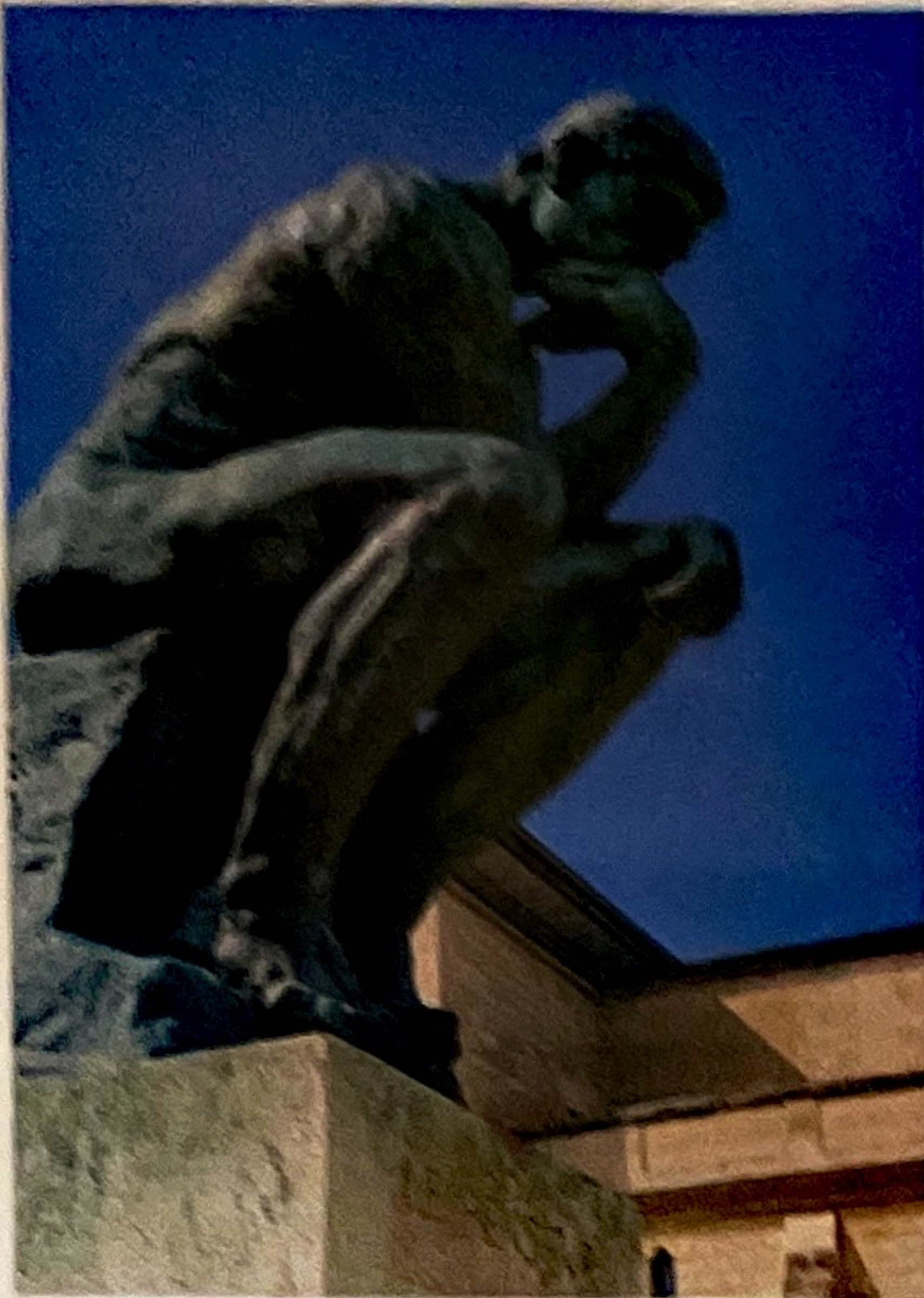
"The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes from within the souls of people when they realize that at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit, and that this center is really everywhere, it is within each of us."

Black Elk

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REFLECTIONS OF FARMER AMOS



*When Farmer Amos, almost eighty-three,
Reflects on death, he says: "I have no fear
Now that my time of going is so near.
To tell the truth, I'm curious to see
Just what it's like; for when I've ploughed my land
And followed furrows as the dark loam curled,
I've felt such kinship with the pulsing world
I've touched the cool, rich soil with my bare hand.*

*"Besides, why should a planter who has seen
Grain kernels burst, when freshened by the rain,
Know fear or dread? Why, dying is no pain;
A seed must die to come up young and green.
And sure as fields lie fertile under snow,
The life in me will live. This much I know."*

Nature Magazine, Page 58. William Arnette Wofford

PERHAPS AMOS HAS A POINT?

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Resurrection University Parish Land Stewardship Committee (LSC) is looking for parishioners for volunteer work on the LSC.

Nothing outstanding; just simple folk that like nature, want to become involved, have some spare time and want a parish commitment that has clear goals, short term time demands (as in one year) and want to work with others of similar intent. Librarian skills, botanical skills are helpful as are writing, photography, bird watching, planting, art work and caring for flower beds. It is basically spirituality from the ground up. Old, young, men or women, singles or couples—makes no difference. Grant writers are especially needed as are bilingual speakers. MSU students are greatly welcomed.

Parishioners are invited to become part of the LSC process. The LSC believes that we are all part of a learning and teaching church. So please, come teach as well as learn!

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