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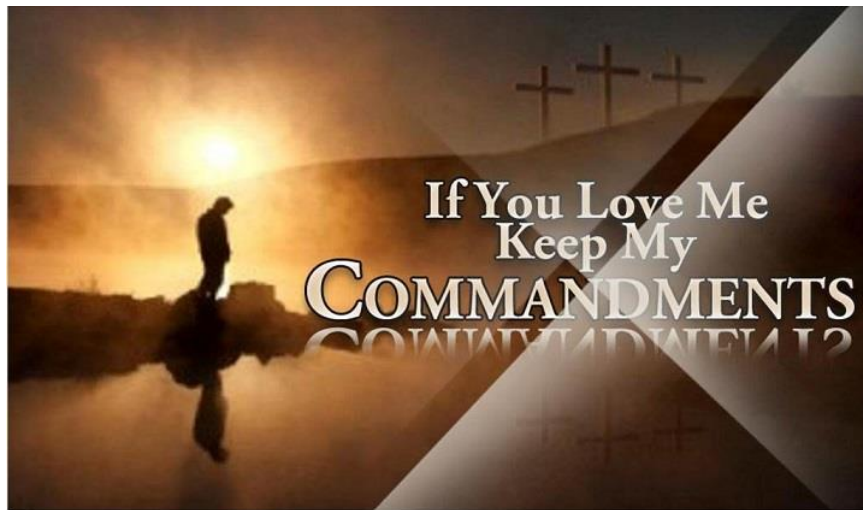
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May 21st, 2017
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Mass Schedule & Intentions for May 23rd thru May 28th

Tue, May 23.....5:00 pm Mass at St. Martin: †Kay Schettler by Gordon and Mary Robson

Wed, May 24.....7:30 am Mass at St. Joseph: Ed and Blanche Siemieniewski by

Roger and Sue Silverthorn

..... 9:00 am Mass at KRCC:

Thurs, May 25... 12:00 Noon Mass at St. Martin: †Gary Bartness by Scott and Dorry Peterson

Fri, May 26.....8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph: †Bob Schutt by Bob and Carrie Koch

Sat, May 27.....5:00 pm Mass at St. Martin: Abbot Brian and the monks of Assumption Abbey

Sun, May 28.....8:00 am Mass at St. Martin: Byron Mann

.....10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph: Parishioners

The 60th Annual God Share Appeal has begun. This year's theme, “Your Every Act Should Be Done with Love” 1 Cor. 16:14 reminds us of our personal challenge to practice our faith as Christian stewards. Believing that God is the Creator of all; recognizing the gifts and talents God has blessed you with; tending to your gifts and talents; and returning them to God with increase are the daily principles that energize Christian stewards. We, as a community of believers, must support Christ’s mission here on earth. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the God’s Share Appeal. **St. Joseph’s Parish goal is \$42,048 and St. Martin’s Parish goal is \$29,335** for this year’s Appeal. Our goal this year is to have 100% participation in our parishes. Please consider a gift to the 2017 God’s Share Appeal and know that Bishop Kagan and Fr. Phillips are most grateful for your support.

“Tenth Avenue North” Christian Band: Shiloh Christian School is excited to announce that the Christian Band “Tenth Avenue North” will be coming to Bismarck on Sunday, June 11th at 7:00 pm. Tickets for general admission are \$30.00 and VIP tickets are \$50.00 For VIP ticket holders, there will be a meet and greet session with the band before the concert beginning at 5:30 pm. Individual meet and greet tickets are \$10.00. Tickets can be purchased at the Bismarck Cancer Center, the Rainbow Shop and online at itickets.com.

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Divine Mercy Minute:

The Hour of Great Mercy: **“My Daughter... as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul.”** (Diary 1572)

The gospels report that Jesus died on the Cross at three o’clock in the afternoon (Mt 27:46-50, Mk: 15:34-37). St. Faustina’s Diary has three specific recommendations for prayer’s being offered during the three o’clock hour: 1) They need to be addressed to Jesus. 2) They need to be said at three o’clock in the afternoon. 3) They are to appeal to the value and merits of Christ’s Passion.

If we pause to think about Christ and what he did for us, the rest of your day will go according to his plan, which is far better than any plan we can formulate for ourselves. This three o’clock hour is holy, and our Lord wants us to take time out of our busy lives to remember his Passion. The three o’clock hour is about offering up our lives to Jesus. St. Faustina suggests praying the Stations of the Cross or visiting the Blessed Sacrament. However she also said **“Should you be unable to step into a chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a brief instant”** (1572). We can offer up all our tasks and unite them with Christ’s suffering on the Cross. The simple act of prayer and refocusing on what is important will refresh our hearts and give us the right perspective to enjoy the remainder of the day.

Jesus said to St. Faustina **“With childlike simplicity talk to Me about everything, for My ears and heart are inclined towards you, your words are dear to Me”** (921). Christ is offering us a personal relationship with him. Go to him and lay your burdens down no matter what is on your mind. When the three o’clock hour strikes, turn your thoughts toward Christ even for a moment, tell him what is on your heart, and listen, you will be richly blessed!

Jesus shares this with St. Faustina: **“Oh, if souls would only want to listen to My voice when I am speaking in the depths of their hearts, they would reach the peak of holiness in a short time”** (584).

