

April 24, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter



**“As I Have Loved You,
So You Should Love One Another”**

What is new about the commandment is that we are to model our way of loving on Jesus himself. Jesus loved us by freely laying down his life for us. Our ability to love others in this kind of self-sacrificing way is the sign through which people will recognize us as disciples of Jesus.

As the Father has loved Jesus, and the Father and Jesus have loved us, so we are to love one another.

Today’s Bulletin is printed
in honor of the Altar Society Members.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, April 27

8:00 a.m. Spec. Int. - Vera Berckenhoff

Thursday, April 28

8:00 a.m. Spec. Int. – Ann & Gene Hrcncir

Friday, April 29

8:00 a.m. Alex Hrcncir, Willibald Kleihege

Saturday, April 30

6:30 p.m. Spec. Int. – Shirley & Gene Orsak

Sunday, May 1

6:30 a.m. Frances & Adolph Castro

9:30 a.m. Della & Jim Bujnoch

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

Responsorial Psalm: 67

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Remember the sick in your prayers,
especially Joe Nieto and Brandon Smolik.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Frank Pavlicek.

2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment \$17,080.00
Contributions So Far \$ 2,190.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$14,890.00

Do please consider making a donation.

ORIENTATION



“As I loved you, so you also should love one another” (John 13:34). The love we have known through Jesus Christ is the most profound and unconditional divine gesture. This love accepts us in our iniquity and offers the first step toward reconciliation; it is a hopeful love that sees not what we have done but the best we are capable of. It sees in us our God-given beauty and dignity, even if we are unaware of this ourselves; thus, it is a joyful love that celebrated the life and spirit of each of us. Above all, it is an enduring love, a love that never fails and remains with us through thick and thin as a lifeline of grace. The love of God in Jesus Christ, the cause and culmination of his self-gift, continues to surround us in the genuine relationships we share with others. To love as Jesus did not only binds us to one another, but also evokes the Holy Spirit in our midst.

SPECIAL MOTHER’S DAY MASS – MAY 8

To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass Intention of the day, drop your Mother’s Day envelope in the collection, drop slot or mail by May 2.

Mass Count

A Mass count will be taken up every weekend during the month of May in all parishes of the diocese. Records indicate that an average of 484 people attended Mass at St. Joseph’s on the weekends of May 2015.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
– KC Bingo, KC Hall

FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

Bulletin Sponsors Needed: May 1 & 29
Sanctuary Light Bookings Available: May 1 & 29

REFLECTION

Our Love of One Another Takes On A Sacramental Character

In an almost matter-of-fact voice, today's gospel begins with "when Judas had left them." The previous verses had described a dinner between intimate friends: Jesus washed his disciples' feet, indicating that they should do the same for one another. Soon after that, Jesus began talking about his betrayer. The gospel tells us that when Judas went out, it was night. When the powers of darkness seemed most overwhelming, Jesus began to speak of glory and love. His death on the cross would not be a victory for evil. It would be a means of glorifying God and a sacrifice that spelled out with clarity the depth of his love and God's love for sinners.

This is why, before his death, he wanted to gather his disciples for one last supper where he gave them a new commandment to love one another as he loved them.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Apr. 25 – Jaydon Nieto
Apr. 26 – Zane Barta, Matt Michal
Apr. 27 – Vera Berckenhoff
Apr. 28 – Karen Thomas

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Apr. 25 – Adela & John Beran
– Melissa & Robert Lee Berckenhoff
Apr. 27 – Annette & Quinton Raab
Apr. 28 – Patricia & Joseph Lombardo
Apr. 29 – Margaret & Victor Molnoskey
Apr. 30 – Shirley & Eugene Orsak

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D

Apr. 25 – After School Program (K-2nd Grade)

Apr. 27 – After School Program (Grades 3-6): 9-11 CCD.

Next Sunday – *Youth Mass (10th - 11th Grades); Last Day of C.C.D.; C.C.D. Breakfast/Awards Program*

All K-8th Grade students must be in their classrooms by 9:15 a.m. The 9th – 11th Grade students must be in the Family Room by 9:15 a.m.

Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall after the 9:30 a.m. Mass for breakfast and the awards presentation. Come show your appreciation to our dedicated teachers and C.C.D. Coordinator for their hard work and dedication and also to our young people for their achievements.

May 8 – First Communion; Mother's Day

May 21 – Confirmation Retreat; Baccalaureate

May 22 – Confirmation

July 10 -15 – Vacation Bible School

The C.C.D. Library is closed for the year. Notes were sent home with students that still have books/DVDs out. Do please return the books/DVDs next Sunday.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Home Missions.

Be generous.

Second Collection Next Weekend Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese



Priests devote their lives to furthering the mission of the Church and bringing people closer to Christ. In retirement, they continue to serve. They are the living roots of our sacramental community. *Please be generous.*

A NEW COMMANDMENT



Love one another.

No society can survive without tolerance. No society can thrive without mutual respect. Yet none of this is enough for the new community Jesus has formed. It required self-sacrificing love. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? We have seen bumper stickers that read: Perform a random act of kindness. They have not yet made one that reads: Love those who hate you. If we love in this way how will we be able to fight wars? Or rob or cheat or destroy? Or punish with our power or undermine with our influence? How will we be able to ignore pleading eyes just because the face is a different color or the hair is a different texture? It is no wonder the commandment is called *new*. This is something completely different. The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth established in the Church. Standards are entirely different here.

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Congratulations

Judy & Dennis Barta

on your Golden Wedding Anniversary

April 30, 2016

Upcoming Diocese Youth Events

June 12-14 – Jr. High Camp David

June 15 – Elementary Camp David

June 15-17 – Jr. High Camp David

June 20-23 – D Week

July 3-6 – *Quo Vadis?* Vocation Camp

For more information go to www.victoriadiocese.org.