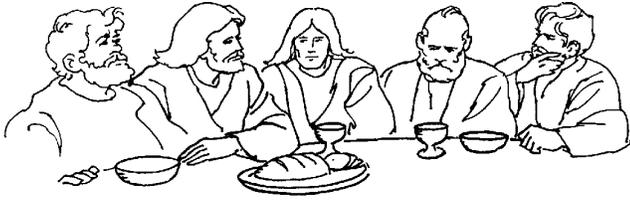


May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter



We Are Jesus' Presence in the World - the Way

Today's Gospel passage is a direct reply to the questions of Jesus' disciples "Lord, where are you going?" Their belief system was collapsing right there at table during their last meal with Jesus before he dies. Jesus assures them with faith in him, there is no reason for their hearts, or ours to remain troubled. He's leaving but not abandoning us. Our challenge is to live in such a way that others will perceive a way to God in the witness we offer with our lives.

Today's Bulletin is printed
in thanksgiving to God
for all the mothers of the Parish.

Flowers for the altar this weekend
are donated in memory Edith Beran by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, May 17
8:00 a.m. Alice & Albert Pilat
Thursday, May 18
8:00 a.m. Leslie Hanzel, Jr.
Friday, May 19
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Bartos Family
Marian & Ludwig Mikes
Saturday, May 20
6:30 p.m. Cathy Perez
Sunday, May 21
6:30 a.m. Victor Schoenfeld
9:30 a.m. Catholic Life Insurance Branch #16

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 8:5-8, 14-17
Responsorial Psalm: 66
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21

Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Alfred Haikenwaelder.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
for the First Communicants.

CONGRATULATIONS



M.H.S. CLASS OF 2017

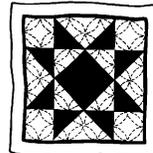
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Gage Darilek	Brandon DeHoyos
Fernando Euceda	Aimee Fojtik
Julie Fojtik	Landon Gabler
Devin Jones	Bradley Kubicek
Brenda Manzano	Lizeth Manzano
Lizandro Mendiola	Bruce McFadin
Madison Moeller	Derrick Rabin
Colbey Ramos	Jose Tinajero
Kyle Trejo	Miranda Vasquez
Scott Wenske	Todd Zidek

We welcome our graduates to the Liturgy today (Saturday) and we pray for God's blessing for them. The graduates and their immediate families are invited to a reception sponsored by the Catholic Daughters in the Parish Hall.

ORIENTATION

During these latter weeks of the Easter season, our readings turn from the narratives of the appearances of the risen Christ to our participation in the risen life of Jesus. Today's passage from the Gospel according to John invites us to participate in the love that flows between the Father and the Son.

QUILTERS NEEDED



St. Joseph's Quilting Circle needs your help. Currently Betty Maskey and Joyce Pavlicek come to quilt during the day on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bernadette Kresta helps out sometimes. This year so far the ladies quilted one quilt for the Picnic. They are beginning the second quilt. The Picnic will be here before you know it. Will we have quilts for our buyers?

Come, learn the dying art of quilting while using your time and talent to help carry out the mission of the Church.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting,
7:00 p.m., Family Room
TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
WEDNESDAY – Knights of Columbus Meeting, Moulton
Oaks Hall
THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
– KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
FRIDAY – Parrish Office closed on Fridays. For any
Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Edith Agnes Beran
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



REFLECTION

"I am the way and the truth and the life"

From last Sunday's celebration of Jesus, our Good shepherd, this Sunday we turn our attention to who we are and how we are to live as Jesus' flock. We, like Thomas, are often haunted by Jesus' words "Where I am going you know the way." We therefore ask: "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Like Thomas, we want to know more about the place Jesus is going to prepare for us and learn the way to it, which cannot be drawn on a map. The response of Jesus to Thomas, frees us from useless efforts and flights of imagination. The way, the truth, and the life is a person, Jesus himself! Our ways can disappear or become obsolete. Jesus, the way is always accessible and leads to the end. Jesus is not only the guide but the way as well as the truth and the life. In him, the humanity whose head he is has traveled the road. In him everything hangs together. It is therefore pointless to toil to find the secret road. The way is revealed to us in the person of Jesus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 14 – Julia Beran
May 15 – Rudy Roznovsky
May 16 – Willie Pilat
May 20 – Calvin Klimitchek, Tina Trejo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 17 – Betty & Ronnie Roznovsky
May 18 – Julia & Brian Beran
May 19 – Bernice & Dennis Ellinghausen
– Mary & Kenneth Kristynik

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – First Communion
May 17 & 24 – 11th Grade C.C.D.
May 27 – Confirmation Retreat
May 28 - Confirmation
July 10-14 – Vacation Bible School (V.B.S. Registration Forms will be distributed this week.)
C.C.D. Registration: Many parents have not yet submitted the Registration Forms for the 2017-18 C.C.D. Year. *To avoid late registration fees, turn in your forms this week.*
OOPS!: Landon Chaloupka's name was unintentionally omitted from the list of students with Perfect Mass Attendance. The omission is regretted.
C.C.D. Donation: Angie & Kevin Pilat - \$20

Congratulations and God's blessing to
Brooke & John Cody Maresh
who were recently united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony here at St. Joseph's.



SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend - The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Next Weekend
Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese of Victoria

Please be generous.

Happy Mother's Day

Prayer for Mother

Thank you, God for my mother. How many times have I said that I will be different from my mother – "better," unusual – not like her. Yet here I stand, morally and lovingly hers.

Thank you, God for all that she said and all that she did not say, for all that she did and all that she left undone.

Thank you, God for letting me become so many of those good things that were my mother—the things I had not the wisdom to see in earlier day. Thank you, God for my mother.

– Donna Schaper

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet – See Insert

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

To Our First Communicants

Jillian Suzanne Anderle

Bryan Fernandez

Addisyn Grace Greive

Kenton Allen Kirkland

Madison Irene Raab

Brooke Rose Rothbauer

Madison Valeria Rothbauer

Taylor Jean Self

Abigail Grace Siegel

Mina Isabel Tinajero



NO TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS DURING MASS

Pictures are not allowed to be taken during the Liturgy. You will have the opportunity to take pictures after mass.

Prayer For Our First Communicants

Lord Jesus, bless all those who are receiving you in Holy Communion for the first time today. May each one of them know your love and mercy in a personal way. May all your people open their hearts to you and be transformed by this sacrament. May we become a sign of your love for the whole world. Amen.