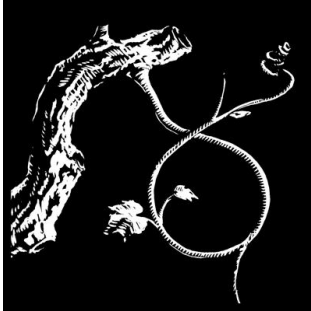


April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Live On In Me And Bear Fruit!

Jesus used the symbol of the vine and the branches to explain his relationship with his own. As with any vine, the true vine and its branches would require regular pruning in order to be fruitful. They will remain in Jesus and his words will remain in them. Those who choose not to remain in Jesus will bear no fruit, and as a consequence will be lopped off the vine and fed to the fire. Fruitfulness or Fire: that choice remains ours.

Today's Bulletin is in memory of
Sheryl Simper Janak & Robert Lee Simper Sr.
sponsored by their family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend
are donated by the Altar Society.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, May 2
8:00 a.m. Fr. Gabriel Franks
Thursday, May 3
10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks – Lalie & Willie Bartos
Friday, May 4
8:00 a.m. Gladys & Henry Malinek
Saturday, May 5
6:30 p.m. The Welfare of Parishioners
Sunday, May 6
6:30 a.m. Janie Hajek
9:30 a.m. Lillie & Joe Zapalac

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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel: John 15:9-17

Remember the sick in your prayers, especially
Irene Portales and Tippy Rother.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Robert Lee Simper Sr.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER UPDATE



The construction is progressing steadily. The slab has been poured. This includes the auction/storage facility and auction stage; the bingo room/small event area, the dining room/large event area, the front kitchen, the stew cooking/fry room; and open pavilion areas. A total of 1,180 cubic yards of concrete have been poured. The slab will rest for 28 days to cure well. In the meantime, the metal structure is being fabricated.

We are very grateful to the following for the recent donations to the St. Joseph's Social Center Fund:

Anonymos Parishioner - \$1,000
Eleanor "Tiny" Wagner - \$1,000
In Memory of Julia & Louis P. Satsky - \$100
Julia & Louis P. Satsky Family
In Memory of Joe Lombardo - \$20
Betty Lou & Hank Novak

Total amount donated towards the Social Center Fund so far - \$243,412.14. Thank you for your generosity and support.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Frankie Janecek: Mary Lou Dierschke

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Frankie Janecek
Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY MASS – MAY 13

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 8.

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 462 people attended Mass at St. Joseph's on the weekends of May 2017.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
TUES. & THURS. – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
THURS. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
FRI. – First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Family Room
– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY, NEXT SUNDAY

Free breakfast sponsored by the Praha Altar Society will be served after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 10:30 a.m. in Praha. Free will offerings will be accepted.

REFLECTION

The Vine and the Branches

The metaphor of vine and branches characterizes the intimate nature of the relationship between Jesus and his followers. In fact, a vine is made up of its branches. The life of the vine is the life of the branches. Jesus lives in his branches, and his branches live in his life. The vine bears fruit through its branches, and the branches bear the fruit of the vine. This is an apt metaphor for describing the intimacy of such union. The vine is not totally dependent on any one branch or group of branches. Therefore it can endure pruning without withering and dying. However, there is no vine if there are no branches at all. In such a case there is only a trunk, and this is not the metaphor Jesus uses here.

The basis of this union is acceptance of and fidelity to the words of Jesus. The importance of allegiance to these words, this teaching, cannot be overemphasized. It is this message that shapes the religious identity of the disciples. The bond that is the source of union is faith. It joins one to the vine and to the other branches. It also entitles one to access to the blessings of God, since the prayers of the branches can be seen as the prayers of the vine, and God is attentive to the vine.

The vine and the branches are alive with the life of God. This union is offered to all who would listen to the words of Jesus, accept his divine claim, and live in union with him and his other disciples.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 1 – Tyler Rothbauer, Casie Zimmerman
May 2 – Kenneth Hanzel, Stephanie Yanez
May 4 – Lillian Hrnica
May 5 – Dennis Berckenhoff

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Apr. 29 – Margaret & Victor Molnoskey
Apr. 30 – Judy & Dennis Barta
– Shirley & Eugene Orsak
May 1 – Patricia & Harold Kuntschik
May 2 – Elizabeth & Benedict Wenske
May 4 – Barbara & Eugene Anderle
– Linda & Leroy Muehlstein
May 5 – Congratulations Shannon & L.A. Simper
on your 45th Wedding Anniversary

Teen A.C.T.S. Retreat July 19 - 22: Come join other teens for interaction with youth and adults concerning religious, spiritual, moral and social issues; prayer & scripture sharing, physical games, exercises & water activities. Forms available at the main entrance to church.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Home Missions. *Be generous.*

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

8:30-9:00 a.m. – Doris Foster, Sharon Etlinger
9:00-9:30 a.m. – Doris Foster, Sharon Etlinger, Scott Wenske
9:30-11:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck
11:00-11:30 a.m. – Barbara Hermes, *open*
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – James Wenske, Nancy Sivyver,
Gussie Machalac
12:00-12:30 p.m. – Nancy Sivyver, Gussie Machalac, Eleanor
Wagner
12:30-1:00 p.m. – Eleanor Wagner, Mary Ann Wenske
1:00-2:00 p.m. – Maria Wenske, *open*
2:00-2:30 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *open*
2:30-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, Cynthia Beran
3:00-3:30 p.m. – Linda Pilat, *open*
3:30-4:00 p.m. – Linda Pilat, Cathy Wenske
4:00-5:00 p.m. – Mike Janecek, *open*
5:00-6:00 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, *open*

The multinational One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies prayer event, is scheduled for May 4 - 6, 2018. Persons participating in this pro-life prayer event will pray at least one rosary for the following intention: For an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. Ideally, one rosary per day would be excellent. **The Rosary for the Unborn will be prayed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Friday, May 4 at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 5 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 6 at 9 a.m.**
To pray the rosary for this intention at your convenience during these days and be counted contact Sharon Etlinger.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Today – C.C.D.

Apr. 30 – K-2nd Grade After School Program

May 2 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program, 9th-11th CCD

Next Sunday – *Youth Mass (11th Grade); 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.

The C.C.D. Library is closed for the year. Several children have books/DVDs out that have not been returned. In order to avoid having to pay for the items, do please return the books/DVDs by next Sunday. Thank you.

2018-2019 C.C.D. Registration forms will be distributed today. All parents are encouraged to register their children by May 13th.