

May 6, 2018

# Sixth Sunday of Easter



## “I Have Called You Friends”

To do as Jesus asks, is to obediently keep the commandment to love. That is what makes us friends of Jesus. The loving friendship that Jesus extends to us takes its meaning from the death of Jesus, who was willing to lay down his life for us. This friendship is rooted in the incredible event of the sacrifice, in which Jesus takes upon himself the role of servant and innocent victim.

Today’s Bulletin is sponsored in thanksgiving to God by Barbara & Eugene Anderle & Family.

### MASS INTENTIONS

- Wednesday, May 9
  - 8:00 a.m. Edith Beran
- Thursday, May 10
  - 8:00 a.m. Larry Seifert
- Friday, May 11
  - 8:00 a.m. Geraldine Toth
- Saturday, May 12
  - 6:30 p.m. Sp. Intention – Mothers Specially Remembered
- Sunday, May 13
  - 6:30 a.m. Sp. Intention – Mothers Specially Remembered
  - 9:30 a.m. Sp. Intention – Mothers Specially Remembered

### PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Ascension of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.  
**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47**  
**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23**  
**Gospel: Mark 16:15-20**

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

**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.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Larry Seifert.

## 2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment .....	\$17,386.00
Contributions So Far .....	\$ 1,875.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed .....	\$15,511.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

- Gladys Seifert
- Joyce Pavlicek
- Marilyn Strmiska

Do please consider making a donation.

### YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER CLOSSES FOR THE SUMMER

This week the Gold Star and Champion Club members meet for the final time together for the 2017-18 year. We thank Pat Lawrence and Laura Pustejovsky for coordinating the weekly gatherings; Angie Jalufka for preparing the delicious food for the children; and Barbara Hermes, Will Lawrence, and Sofia Martinez for assisting at the Center. We wish the children of the community a happy and relaxing Summer break.

### Vacation Bible School – July 9-13

Look out for registration forms soon.

### Praha Pancake Sunday Today

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 appreciated.



Fr. Pesek will preside at the 9:30 a.m. Mass here in Moulton. Fr. Gabriel will be in Praha for the first Praha Pancake Sunday. Fr. Gabriel will be at the C.C.D. Breakfast/Awards Program after Mass.

### SPECIAL MOTHER’S DAY MASS – MAY 13

Submit your Mother’s Day envelope by May 8.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

- MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
- WEDNESDAY – Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass
  - First Communion Practice, 3:30 p.m.
  - Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
  - KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
- FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

Pray for the repose of the souls of

**Lee Roy Barta**  
**Antoinette Rothbauer**

and for the comfort of their loved ones.

May they rest in peace.



## REFLECTION

### God's Love For Us

In today's Gospel, the name by which Jesus chooses to call his own is a very intimate one. "I call you friends," says Jesus. "I no longer speak of you as slaves ... instead, I call you friends."

The word "friend" is a term that does not always convey its true meaning in our society, wherein such words are often cheapened by abuse and overuse. It was once very aptly defined: "A faithful friend is a sure shelter; those who find one find a treasure. A faithful friend is beyond price, no sum can balance their worth."

In applying this special name to his own, Jesus was inviting them to enter into a relationship of intimacy and reciprocity. What does it mean to be a friend of Jesus? First we are assured that those whom Jesus calls "friend" are loved to the extent that Jesus will lay down his life for them. Therefore the friendship that disciples enjoy is rooted in the very sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Second, those befriended by Jesus are chosen by him and with that choosing come the grace to respond to him by keeping his commandments and loving as he loves. Friends of Jesus are also "in the know" because it is to his friends that Jesus makes known all that he has heard from the Father. Like, Jesus, who came to serve, so also would his friends be called to serve all others. Like Jesus, for whom suffering would be the path to life and glory, so the friends of Jesus would learn that suffering would be an inherent aspect of their belonging to him. Yet through all the service and the suffering, Jesus also promised that we, his friends would bear enduring fruit and that we would know the same joy that he himself had known.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 6 – Lorene Fishbeck, Mary Alice Lewkoski,  
Windi Michal

May 7 – Irena Fikac, Mary Pilat, Miranda Vazquez

May 9 – Brooke Rothbauer

May 11 – Emily Fikac, Oscar Tousek

May 12 – Terri Filipp, Grant Barta

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 6 – Albina & Clarence Bohuslav

May 9 – Congratulations Lindsey & Kenneth Kirkland  
on your 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

May 12 – Debbie & Marlon Novosad

The Catholic Daughters will lead the  
Saturday evening rosary during the month of May.

## 2017-2018 C.C.D. YEAR ENDS

**Today is the last day of C.C.D.:** We thank Donna Perez the C.C.D. coordinator, all the Sunday School and C.C.D. Teachers and helpers, and the Library staff for their continued dedication to our youth. We also thank Sharon Etlinger and Anita Drabek for helping with the Youth Masses.

Parents and families of C.C.D. students and all parishioners are invited to the Parish Hall after Mass for breakfast to mark the end of another C.C.D. year. Awards will be presented to deserving students. Come support our youth.

**Perfect Attendance at Class:** Greyson Anderle, Judson Anderle, David Fernandez, Isac Manzano, Isaias Manzano, Jodie Raabe, Madison Rothbauer, Zurely Vazquez

**Perfect Attendance at Mass:** Greyson Anderle, Judson Anderle, Jaxon Bartos, Seth Beyer, Karsyn Blahuta, Landon Chaloupka, David Fernandez, Cecelia Fikac, Isabella Fikac, Jessica Fikac, Angelica Manzano, Marisol Manzano, Reese Nieto, Jodie Raabe, Madison Rothbauer, Tyler Siegel, Araceli Vazquez, Zurely Vazquez, Cathy Wenske

### C.C.D. Library Readers of the Year:

Kindergarten: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Hailey Rothbauer

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Isaiah Chaloupka

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Eli Chaloupka

First Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – David Fernandez

Third Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Brooke Rothbauer

– Madison Rothbauer

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Addisyn Greive

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Abigail Siegel

Fourth Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Karsyn Blahuta

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Landon Chaloupka

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Brandon Colchado

Fifth Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jaxon Bartos

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jessica Fikac

**2018-2019 C.C.D. Registration forms were distributed last week. Extra forms available in church.**

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**Love One Another:** To love others because one loves God is, for the Christian, the greatest commandment, that which always and everywhere must direct one's life; a debt that one can never pay.

As the Eucharist is the "Source and Summit" of the Christian life, so is the sacrament of love, sign of unity, bond of charity.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

**Today** – Youth Mass (11<sup>th</sup> Grade); Last Day of C.C.D.; C.C.D. Breakfast/Awards Program

**May 7** – K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade After School Program

**May 9** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Program

– First Communion Practice; 11<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD

**May 12** – *Baccalaureate / Seniors Supper*

**Next Sunday** – *First Communion*