

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)



My Lord And My God

The early Christians' question: How can one believe in the risen Lord without having seen him is answered by Thomas in his confession, "My Lord and My God." Seeing Jesus does not guarantee believing in him. Even after the disciples saw Jesus, they still had to come to faith in the resurrection. Jesus therefore calls Blessed those who have not seen and have believed. Are you numbered among them?

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of children deceased from illness, abuse or abortion.

MASS INTENTIONS



Friday, May 3
8:00 a.m. Patricia & Harold Kuntschik
Saturday, May 4
6:30 p.m. Eddie Koudelka & Charles Windham
Sunday, May 5
6:30 a.m. Janie & Edward Hajek
9:30 a.m. Leroy Muehlstein

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 30

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Marvin Joe Fishbeck

Vincent J. Starustka

Michael Glenn Voldan

and the comfort of their loved ones.

May they rest in peace.



The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Grace Schoenvogel.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER

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

Lillie Branecky - \$500

Karen & James Thomas - \$65

Cynthia & Robert Beran - \$200

In Memory of Judy Haase

Cynthia & Robert Beran - \$15

Rosanne & Wally Lindsey - \$15

In Memory of Leroy Muehlstein

Candace & Jimmy Scheibe - \$25

Total amount donated towards the Social Center Fund so far - \$463,366.42. Thank you for your generosity and support. To make a tax deductible contribution contact the Parish Office.

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Judy Haase: Gladys Seifert

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY MASS – MAY 12

To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop the attached Mother's Day envelope in the collection, drop slot or mail May 7.

The multinational One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies prayer event, coordinated by the St. Michael the Archangel Organization, is scheduled for May 3-5, 2019. 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 3 at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 4 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 at 9 a.m.

For more information or if you would like to pray the rosary for this intention at your convenience during these three days contact Sharon Etlinger (361-772-2618) so she may register the number of rosaries being prayed.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY

One Year Anniversary Special Breakfast

The breakfast begins after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in Praha. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and good fellowship. A free will donation will be appreciated.

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. – Parish Office Closed (Mandatory Safe Environment Training For Staff in Victoria)

– KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRIDAY – 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.

REFLECTION

Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Seen And Have Believed

As often as we have heard this saying of Jesus, we have difficulty seeing how it can be so. We have the need to verify things for ourselves. We, at the same time sometimes accept testimony on the basis of the words of others, without the need to see things for ourselves. There is therefore no need to see in order to believe. The apostles saw Jesus suffering, his nailing to the cross, his death and burial. How could he be alive, three days later? They, like us had to go beyond trusting their own eyes to attain faith in the resurrection.

The testimony of the apostles allows us to participate in their experience as privileged witnesses and believers; so those of us who have not seen him can still have the blessedness of faith. The blessing pronounced by Jesus continues to encourage us who long to see but who are content to believe and hope and trust that one day, we will see God face to face for all eternity.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Apr. 28 – Karen Thomas
May 1 – Tyler Rothbauer, Casie Zimmerman
May 2 – Kenneth Hanzel, Stephanie Yanez
May 4 – Lillian Hrnrcir

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Apr. 29 – Margaret & Victor Molnoskey
– Karah & Joseph Rapoza
Apr. 30 – Judy & Dennis Barta
– Shirley & Eugene Orsak
May 2 – Elizabeth & Ben Wenske
May 4 – Congratulations Barbara & Eugene Anderle
on your 45th Wedding Anniversary

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Apr. 29 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
May 1 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program
– 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.
Next Sunday – Youth Mass (11th Grade); Last Day of
C.C.D.; Awards Program/Breakfast
May 12 – First Communion
June 9 – Confirmation
July 8-12 – Vacation Bible School
C.C.D. Library closes today for the 2018-19 C.C.D. Year. Several children still have books/DVDs out that have not been returned. Do please return the books by next Sunday.
2019-2020 C.C.D. Registration forms will be distributed today. All parents are encouraged to register their children by May 12th.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Home Missions - Be generous.

Easter Activities at St. Joseph's: The Easter festivities and Picnic went over very well. Thanks to all for your participation and support. Details next week.

ORIENTATION – OCTAVE OF EASTER

Today marks the conclusion to the octave of Easter.
It is the eighth day: the day of new creation.

Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come. In a similar way to Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) or the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), the Second Sunday of Easter bears the additional title of Sunday of Divine Mercy.

This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God's mercy during Easter Time. As the Octave Day of Easter, the Lectionary readings for today and prayer texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church's Easter faith.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

8:30-9:30 a.m. – Sharon Etlinger
9:30-10:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck, Cindy Cinadr
10:00-11:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck
11:00-11:30 a.m. – Barbara Hermes, *open*
11:30-12:00 p.m. – Nancy Sivyer, *open*
12:00-12:30 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, Nancy Sivyer,
Gussie Machalec
12:30-1:00 p.m. – Scott, James & Mary Ann Wenske
1:00-2:00 p.m. – Maria Kloesel, *open*
2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *open*
3:00-4:00 p.m. – Linda Pilat, *open*
4:00-5:00 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, Mike Janecek
5:00-5:30 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, *open*
5:30-6:00 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck
Come spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

L.A.M.B. Update: Due to the generosity of St. Joseph's parishioners, we were able to donate 41 bags of groceries to L.A.M.B. in Hallettsville. They were very thankful and appreciative of the donations. L.A.M.B. has a new location on Highway 90 east of Hallettsville. The Food Pantry is open for donations on Tuesdays 9 a.m.-12 noon. The Thrift Shop takes donations of clothes, kitchenware, glassware, home décor. Adult and children's books and children's toys are also accepted. They DO NOT accept electronics, mattresses, bedding or furniture. For more information contact Lisa Rothbauer, representative for St. Joseph's.

Teen A.C.T.S. Retreat July 18 – 21

Forms available at the main entrance to church.