

May 19, 2019

Sixth 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 in memory of Grace Schoenvogel sponsored by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, May 22
8:00 a.m. Frances & Bruno Wenske
Thursday, May 23
8:00 a.m. Harold & Patricia Kuntschik
Friday, May 24
8:00 a.m. Dolores Tousignant
Saturday, May 25
6:30 p.m. Marvin Joe Fishbeck
Sunday, May 26
6:30 a.m. Venice Kouba
9:30 a.m. Patricia Berckenhoff

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: Psalm 67
Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14. 22-23
Gospel: John 14:23-29

Teen A.C.T.S. Retreat July 18 – 21

Forms available at the main entrance to church.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially LaSher Hajek Bartay, Allen Butschek and Wayne Krejci.

**The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week
in memory of Willie Perez.**

2019 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2019 Assessment \$17,333.00
Contributions So Far \$ 1,090.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$16,243.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Gladys Seifert
Richard Kalisek
Marilyn Strmiska
K.J.Z.T. Society #14
Niki & Chad Chaloupka
Roberta & Daniel Mejias*

Do please consider making a donation.

ST. JOSEPH’S SOCIAL CENTER



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

*Betty & Harry Maskey - \$10,000
(previous donation \$60,000)*

*Diane Maskey - \$5,000
(Diane is the daughter of Betty & Harry Maskey)*

*In Memory of Georgia Dziadek
Roxanne & Perry Deem - \$20*

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting,
6:00 p.m., Family Room
TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
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.

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!

May 20 – Calvin Klimitchek, Tina Trejo
May 21 – Scott Filipp
May 23 – Doris Simper

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 19 – Congratulations Bernice & Dennis Ellinghausen
on your 45th Wedding Anniversary
– Congratulations Mary & Kenneth Kristynik
on your 35th Wedding Anniversary
May 20 – Gloria & J. Isaias Manzano
May 22 – Ann & Leonard Kalisek
– Carla & James Meisetschleager
May 23 – Lisa & Kenneth Zidek

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

May 22 – 11th Grade C.C.D.

June 9 – Confirmation

July 8-12 – *Vacation Bible School

C.C.D. Registration: Have you submitted your Registration Forms for the 2019-2010 C.C.D. Year.

29th Annual Vacation Bible School July 8-12, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The program is open to young people of our community, age 4 through Fourth Grade. Students in Fifth Grade may volunteer to help. The fee for the VBS students will be \$10 per child to help cover the cost of craft materials, T-shirts and other incidentals: \$8 for helpers who want a T-shirt. The program is subsidized by the Church and supported by Church societies. Registration forms were distributed this week, extra forms available at the Church entrance and on our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org. Come spend a week of fun, games and fellowship while learning about God. **Registration deadline is May 31st.**

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese of Victoria

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.*

WELCOME

We welcome Catholic Life Insurance Branch #16 members to St. Joseph's. They are meeting here this Sunday for their annual social and meeting.

EASTER PICNIC

The Easter Picnic turned out great as you can see from the Report. People came out and enjoyed the day and our new facility. I am grateful to all who participated and made the Easter Day a fun day for all as in the past. Once again, thank you for all you do for our Church.

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.

Through the waters of Baptism

Luke James Mondin

child of Julie Fojtik & Scott Mondin
and

Theresa Eileen Rapoza

child of Karah & Joseph Rapoza

have begun their journey of faith
in our Christian community.

