

May 9, 2021

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 printed in memory of Larry Seifert sponsored by his family.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to God for all the mothers of our Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, May 12
8:00 a.m. Larry Seifert
Friday, May 14
8:00 a.m. Geraldine Toth
Saturday, May 15
6:30 p.m. 2021 Moulton High School Graduates
Sunday, May 16
6:30 a.m. Victor Schoenfeld
9:30 a.m. M/M Roman Wenske Sr.

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

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- On Thursdays after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

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

ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH REPAIR FUND

We thank the following for their continued donations. Without your help and the help of many others our church building would have been in bad shape:

Mary Ann & Charles Rother - \$500

In Honor of St. Joseph

Alice June & Richard Cernosek - \$200

In Memory of Ida Nell Starustka

Irene Gold - \$25



Donation For The Sanctuary Light

*In Memory of Sidney Bochat**

Jean Bochat & Family - \$2,850

* *Sidney served Mass for many years in the Parish .*

To make a tax-deductible donation you may go to our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org and donate online or make a donation directly to St. Joseph’s Church.

ST. JOSEPH’S CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Ben V. Darilek: Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Altar Society Meeting, Parish Hall, 2 p.m.
WED. – Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass, Family Room
THURS. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
FRI. – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.
SAT. – Baccalaureate Mass, followed by Seniors’ Supper sponsored by the Catholic Daughters

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



REFLECTION

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Psalm 98
1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17

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 9 – Brooke Rothbauer
May 11 – Emily Fikac, Oscar Tousek
May 12 – Grant Barta, Terri Filipp
May 13 – Matthew Fishbeck, Michele Sanchez
May 14 – Julia Beran
May 15 – Rudy Roznovsky, Walter Sanchez

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 12 – Debbie & Marlon Novosad

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Today – First Communion

May 12 & 19 – 11th Grade C.C.D.

May 22 – Confirmation Retreat

May 23 – Confirmation

July 12-16 – Vacation Bible School. Look out for registration forms soon.

Additional Lenten Coin Folder Returned - Marisol Manzano

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT 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.*

CONGRATULATIONS

To Our First Communicants

Hattie Elizabeth Ann Cinadr

Raphael Nicholas Fikac

Jillian Karabella Kuehn

Jayden Mitchell Raabe

Shelby Grace Rothbauer

Nicholas Anthony Simper

Victoria Riley Simper

Jonathan David Vasquez

Caston James Zidek



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.

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.

Oops! The following were unintentionally omitted from the list of Perfect C.C.D. Attendance and Perfect Mass Attendance in last week's bulletin:

Perfect Attendance:

Second Grade – Jillian Kuehn, Shelby Rothbauer and Victoria Simper

Perfect Mass Attendance:

Second Grade – Shelby Rothbauer
Eighth Grade – Jaxon Bartos

We congratulate all those who made perfect attendance.