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We are a Christ-centered community, the vital and spiritual presence of the Catholic Church in Sherman Park and beyond. Living the Gospel, we welcome, learn, serve and celebrate.

How Do We Witness Christ in Our Daily Lives?

In the daily readings this past week, we heard Jesus telling his disciples that it is better for him to leave so that he could send them an advocate. Today we celebrate his Ascension: after accomplishing his mission on earth, Jesus returned to his Father, our Father. But before he ascended, he commissioned his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." As followers of Jesus, this is our mission too.

Proclaiming the gospel is not reserved for priests and religious alone. It's a responsibility we all share by virtue of our baptism and confirmation. The question arises, how do we proclaim the gospel? St. Therese of Lisieux says, "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." In our own actions, large and small, let us make a difference.

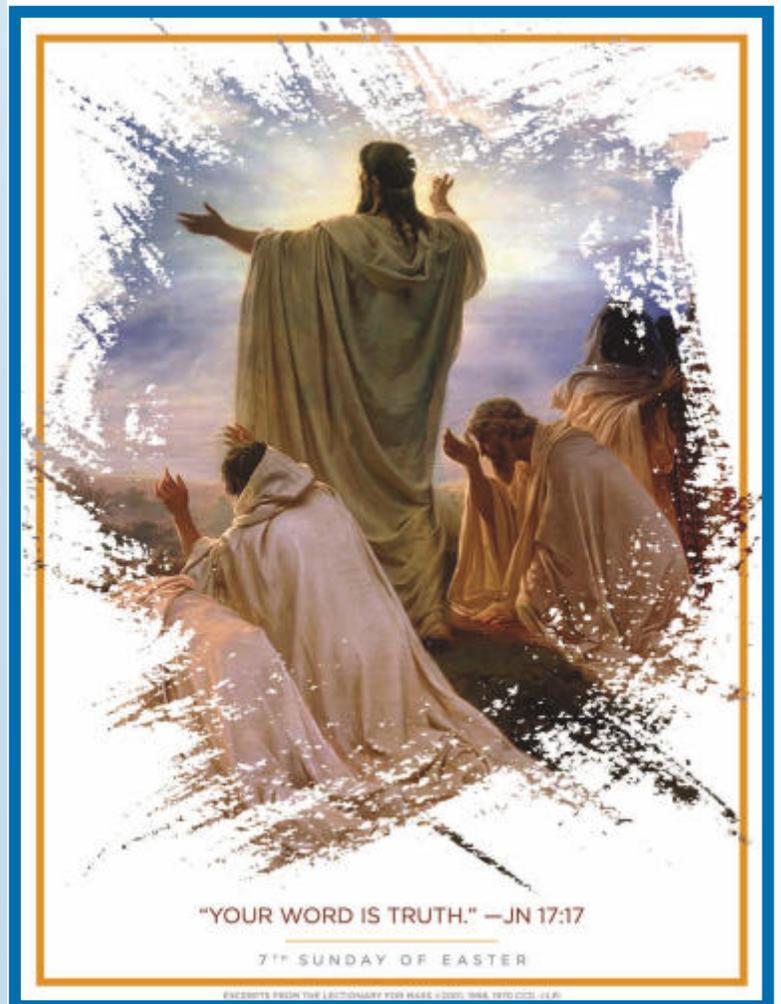
There was a young man who was an introvert. He found it hard just to talk to people, much less discuss religion with them. One day he came up with an idea on how he could proclaim the gospel. He was aware of many pamphlets about Catholic faith. He decided to set aside a part of his weekly allowance to buy pamphlets. He placed them where he thought people would pick them up and read them. He placed them in waiting rooms and reception areas.

One day a young woman who was a friend of his mother told his parents how she became a convert and how her husband returned to the Church. "It all started with a pamphlet," she said. "I found it in the hospital waiting room." You can imagine the boy's excitement when he learned of the impact of just one of his pamphlets.

The Ascension, the physical absence of the Lord, begins a new era: the time of the community of believers, the Church, to become His presence on earth. Now the Church must respond to the universal mission to "the whole creation" by bearing witness to the ascended Lord and making Him present in all parts of our world.

Fr. Peter Patrick

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."



**Member of the Milwaukee Westside Catholic Parishes
with Saint Sebastian**

Seventh Sunday of Easter



May 16, 2021

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Parish Trustees

Toni Wagner, *Secretary* - Mary Brooks, *Treasurer*

Pastoral Council

Brendan Holahan, Kathy Kent, Mary Krolikowski, Matt Melendes, James Napper, Jessica Quintanilla, Lissete Quintanilla, Kris Reck, Brenda Scharping, Becky Troy

The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 16	9:00 am	Mass (Church)
Monday, May 17	5:00 pm	Finance Council (virtual)
	7:00 pm	Confirmation (St. Sebastian's)
Tuesday, May 18	8:30 am	Mass (Church)
	9:00 am	Adult Formation (FKCC)
	6:30 pm	Centennial Comm. Mtg. (virtual)
Friday, May 21	8:30 am	Communion Service (Church)
Saturday, May 22	9:00 am	Food Pantry (FKCC)
Sunday, May 23	9:00 am	Pentecost Sunday Mass (Church)

The Beatification of Fr. Francis Jordan

Please join the Salvatorian Community on May 15, virtually, at the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome, in celebrating the Beatification of our founder, Father Francis Jordan.

For the times (1881), Fr. Jordan's vision was bold: men and women, religious and lay, working together as equals to bring the Gospel of the Savior to all people everywhere. Today, more than 2,000 priests and brothers, sisters and lay women and men carry out that mission in a variety of ministries on six continents. They are known as the three branches of the Salvatorian Family: the Society of the Divine Savior; the Sisters of the Divine Savior; and the International Community of the Divine Savior, or Lay Salvatorians. Our parish "office assistant," Sister Pat Russell, is a Salvatorian sister.

Two of our neighboring parishes, Mother of Good Counsel and St. Pius X, were founded and are led by Salvatorian priests. For more information about Fr. Jordan or the Salvatorians, go to sds.org or www.congsds.org. You can also listen to the song "Eternal Life" at youtu.be/lielw1t5szl

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 16 Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Catherine
 Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 4:1-13/Mk 16:15-20

Monday, May 17

8:30 am Communion Service at St. Sebastian
 Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 18 St. John I

8:30 am Members of the Jewish Faith
 Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 19

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 20 St. Bernardine of Siena

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes

8:30 am Communion Service
 Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Sunday, May 23 Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am The Whole Church
 Acts 2:1-11/Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20: 19-23

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, May 16 - Fr. Larry

Lector Ron Ranallo

Sunday, May 23 - Fr. Colman

Lector Gael Cullen

Reflections on this Sunday's Readings

The Ascension of the Lord

When thinking of the Ascension, we tend to picture Jesus rising to go be with his Father. This is a familiar image. We then think about this as a culminating moment in the gospels, but it is not the end of the story. The next line of text following Jesus' ascension in Mark's Gospel is "but they (the apostles) went forth and preached everywhere. . . ." The Ascension is not the end because the apostles were sent forth to share the Good News. They did not hesitate. They went to work. This was when the work of the Church began.

This reminds me of our job as we walk out of the church doors every Sunday at the end of Mass. It is not the end for us, but rather it is the commissioning of us to go and share the Good News! Our work is not done after receiving communion; it is just beginning. We are called to be the light of Christ in the world and to all we meet.

- When you walk out of church, are you conscious of the mission to share the Good News?
- How do you share the Good News?
- Do you recognize when others are sharing the Good News with you?

Can a Simple Lifestyle Bring You Closer to God?

Reflections of Faith encourages your consideration of issues that support your thinking more deeply about your faith. This issue asks you to consider how simplicity of life opens you to hear God's voice. Send your thoughts to saintcatherine.org.

Regular Contributions thru 5/9/21 - Week 45	\$155,393
Prior YTD Amount	<u>148,705</u>
Surplus/Deficit vs. Prior Year	\$ 6,688

Pray for Our Sick

Maryl Barrett, Michael Barton, Carol & Joe Brien, Tom Cavanaugh, Annie Coleman, Chuck Cooney, Ellie Cunningham, Barb Haig, Ernest Herre, Marianne Hondel, James Krutina, Evelyn Martinez, Bev Narus, Diane Neicheril, Steve O'Connell, Andréa Olds, Tom Plakut, David Pleskatchek, Ron & Trudy Ranallo, Don Richards, Margaret Schmidt, Sr. Mary Ann Schmidt, Doug Scott, Carmel Stage, Bill Steger, David Teufel, Larry Teufel, Nancy & Eduardo V, Kathy Zambo

School News

Catapult Learning has allowed teacher, Ms. Stephanie Skaradzinski, to rejoin the in-person learning team. Ms. Skaradzinski provides reading assistance for some of our learners. For the first time in 2021, 100% of St. Catherine's teaching staff is in the building, and we welcome this move to a "normal" learning environment in our school.

Senior Ministry

"The importance of resilience to overall health has been receiving a lot of attention recently, but the conversation has not included a little-known fact: older adults have an advantage when it comes to resilience. Aging brings strengths that enable seniors to cope, make better decisions, and even thrive during difficult times. Life experiences gained over the years tend to protect us and provide stability in times of adversity. Older adults are able to maintain a more positive outlook and weather storms with comparatively less turmoil." *Robert Best*

Sustainability Tip

Food waste and yard debris are organic materials that make up to 24% of the waste stream. While some items (grass, leaves, garden trimmings, and brush) are banned from Wisconsin landfills by State law, all of these items can be kept out of landfills to conserve natural resources and help create healthier soil through composting. Composting is a great way to handle yard debris or a combination of food waste and yard debris. Check: city.milwaukee.gov/sanitation/Yard-Food-Waste

Facing Racism

"Let us be humble and listen to the pain, rage and grief pouring from the lips of our neighbors and friends." *Dr Yolanda Pierce*

Implicit Bias Webinar

The Facing Racism Education Committee invites you to attend this webinar. There are two options: Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 - 8:30 pm or Saturday, May 22, 10 am-noon. Judge Derek Mosley will host. Free, but \$10 donation is appreciated. RSVP: bridgethedivide.life/event. Zoom details will follow in email confirmation.

Capuchin Virtual/Actual Walk for the Hungry

Walk on your own or join one of 42 teams to support the community services of the Capuchins at St. Ben's Meal Site and at the House of Peace on July 12 & 13. Exercise your physical heart and your giving heart and provide food and supportive programs for those in need. Register at capuchinwalk.org

Recovery Groups-All groups meet in the Community Ctr.

AA: Sunday 11:00 am AAA: Thursday 7:00 pm
Tuesday 6:30 pm
Friday 6:30 pm



The Sacrament of Confirmation
will be conferred on
Mary Rose Wells
May God bless her on her faith journey!

Breaking Bread Song Books at Sunday Mass

Our congregation has always participated heartily in liturgical singing, and now, according to the latest communication from the Archdiocese, songs books may be made available to the congregation for Sunday Mass. We will still be singing "through our masks," being careful to sing "sotto voce" - more quietly than usual to avoid spreading any germs.

Trustee Election

St. Catherine Parish is a Non-Profit Corporation governed by State Law and has two elected trustees, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Each serves a two-year term, and they are elected on a staggered basis. The parish is now taking nominations for the Trustee -Treasurer position. Currently, Mary Brooks is the trustee, and we thank her for her accepting the pastor's nomination to continue to serve. However, we are required to request nominations for this position. If you are interested, please follow the nomination procedures by writing to Carole Poth regarding the position of treasurer by May 30, 2021. We will announce the nominees, if an election is needed, at Mass June 6, 2021. If an election is needed, it will be held June 13.

Mother's Day Roses Thank You

Thank you for your participating in the Mother's Day rose sale! I was so excited to be able to do the sale again this year. Our parish raised \$150. for the Wisconsin Right to Life Education Programs and Woman's Support Centers. *Trudy Ranallo*

Pastoral Council Nominations

We are accepting nominations for Pastoral Council through the month of May. You have the opportunity to self-nominate or identify others who have the essential characteristics of a Council member. The insert in your monthly letter offers details regarding the opportunities and responsibilities of serving.

May's Centennial Trivia Question

Where was the first permanent worship space for St. Catherine Parish located? (Hint: the answer can be found on our website. You'll find other important information there.)

God Remains Where Love Remains

Eucharistic Liturgies are celebrated on Sundays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is at 8:30 am in church, T & F; at St. Sebastian, 8:30 am, M.

For an **Infant's Baptism**, contact the parish office during the prenatal time to begin preparation.

Those discerning a call to **Marriage** should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

For **Non-Infant Baptisms, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation** and **Information about the Catholic Church**, call the parish office.

Confessions/Reconciliation -Schedule with Fr. Peter Patrick at 445-5115 for an appointment.

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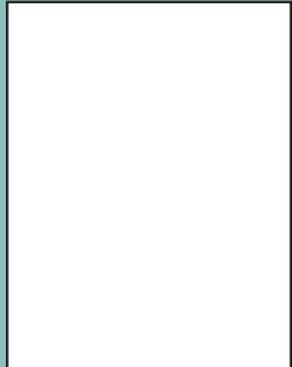
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