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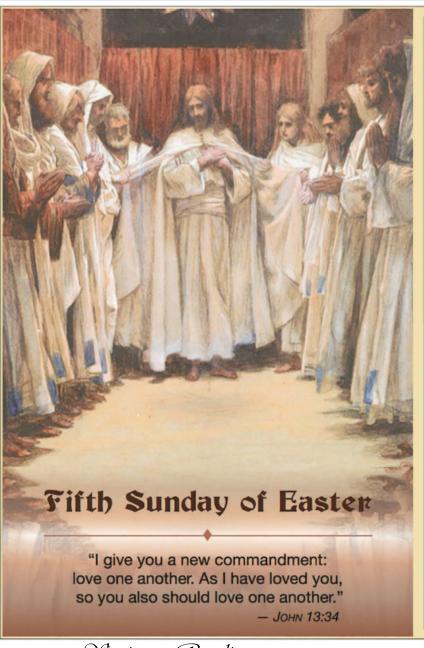
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#### + Weekly Liturgies + Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 14 - Saint Matthias, Apostle

Saint Patrick, 4:30 p.m.

+ In Honor of Deacon George Wagner on his 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination by the Family

#### Sunday, May 15

Saint Paul, 8:00 a.m.

+ In Honor of Deacon George Wagner on his 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination by the Family

Saint Patrick, 10:30 a.m.

+ *Pro Populo* (for the People of the Parishes)

#### Monday, May 16

Saint Paul, 5:00 p.m.

+ Mary Stoeckel Stelow by Mary Pat McCarter

#### Tuesday, May 17

Saint Patrick, 6 p.m.

+ Ron & Rosemary Wilder by Royce & Nancy McBeath Wednesday, May 18 - Saint John I, Pope, Martyr

Saint Paul School Graduation Mass Saint Paul, 6:30 p.m.

+ For the 2022 Graduates of Saint Paul School Thursday, May 19

Saint Patrick, 8:00 a.m.

+ Alice Ann Golby by Eric & Kathy Stewart Friday, May 20 - Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Saint Paul, 8:30 a.m.

+ Father Jerry Verdun This would be his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination by Chuck & Lynne Verdun

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 21 - Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Saint Patrick, 4:30 p.m.

+ Jim Drach by Bob & Diane Dornbierer

#### Sunday, May 22

Saint Paul, 8:00 a.m.

+ *Pro Populo* (for the People of the Parishes)

Saint Patrick, 10:30 a.m.

+ Randy Christensen by Carl & Carmelle Haywood NOTE: Time and venue change for Masses on

Wednesday and Thursday.

SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### Scripture Reading

They called the church together and reported what God had done with them. — Acts 14:27

#### **Distribution of Holy Communion following Mass**

Only for those still dispensed from attending Mass for both Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation: notify Father or the office.

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You Are Invited to Join Father Chris G. Haake

Mass of Thanksgiving
on the Occasion of his

25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ

Tuesday, May 24th • 5:30 p.m. • Saint Patrick Church

in Saint Patrick Parish Hall following Mass Please RSVP on or before May 14th to Barbara De Waard: 815-584-1881 or the parishes office - email: stpatsdwight@att.net

or phone: 815-584-3522





YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE! 20th Anniversary of Ordination of Deacon George Please Note Revised Date!

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 • Mass 5:30 p.m. in Saint Patrick Church RSVP on or before May 26<sup>th</sup> • Mary Carpenter - 815-228-6742 (Call or Text) Buffet Dinner in Saint Patrick Parish Hall following Mass.

#### Pastoral Statement on Abortion by Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of San Angelo

This is the first part of the Pastoral Statement on Abortion written by Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of San Angelo.

#### Abortion is the Greatest and Gravest Moral-Pastoral issue facing the Universal Church

Among the many needs and evils facing the worldwide church, like poverty, starvation, immigration and others, abortion as it is designed to brutally destroy the weakest and most vulnerable tiny persons, the precious children of God, and because of the staggering magnitude and unbelievable worldwide numbers of abortions, this makes it the most urgent, greatest, and gravest, moral pastoral issue facing the universal Catholic church and the church in the USA. The statistics about this heartbreaking reminder of the huge prevalence of abortion, the intentional killing of the unborn, compiled by the Worldometers indicated there were 42.6 million people worldwide tiny children who died from abortions in 2021. This independent site collects data from government and other reputable organizations. In the USA, Planned Parenthood, and other abortion centers, murder close to one million precious unborn babies each year. Sadly, statistics indicated that most of these are elective abortions. Since Roe v Wade decision in 1973, it is calculated that 63 million unborn babies have been killed in abortion. And sadly, the present presidential administration is constantly promoting plans and programs, with taxpayer funding, to increase these radical numbers, even infanticide to directly kill precious little images of God who survive brutal abortions, and even codify abortion as a permanent law. When compared to COVID, the number of people died from abortion dwarfs the number of COVID deaths. Worldometers indicates that about 3.5 million people died of COVID in 2021, while the magnitude of abortions is increasing worldwide. Alveda King, the niece of the great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., proclaims that abortion is now the greatest civil rights issue in our country. - BISHOP MICHAEL PFEIFER, O.M.I.

#### \_ Fifth Sunday of Easter \_

"Love one another." "By this everyone will know that you are My disciples." How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord's new commandment of love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Contact Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Director of Vocations for Recruitment, via telephone at (309) 671-1550 or via email at fr\_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org; or Father Haake. To serve as a permanent Deacon, contact the Office of the Diaconate at the number above or Father Haake. To serve in Holy Matrimony, contact Father Haake.

#### Welcome Father Glen Baptiste from Food for the Poor.

Thank you for supplying for Father Haake while he is with family celebrating the commencement of his niece/goddaughter Hannah Holst from college.

#### A Great Big "Thank You"

% the very-very special, wonderful folks at Saint Patrick Parish in Dwight, and Saint Paul Parish in Odell, who sent very thoughtful and wonderful Birthday wishes for my 80th Birthday. I want to say "Thank you"-"Thank you."

It was a super celebration. Father Haake and his sister, Annette, planned a Great Surprise for their Mom. Mass -Breakfast - Relaxation - Dinner and Cake and Ice Cream.

"Thank You" - "Thank You" - "Thank You" to all of Father Haake's Parishioners.

God Bless you all over & over & always.

Love and prayers from Father Haake's mother: Bernice *The best 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday I ever had.* 

#### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

- Tuesday: 5:00-5:40 p.m., Saint Patrick, Dwight
- Wednesday: following 8:00 a.m. Mass, Saint Paul, Odell
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m., Saint Patrick, Dwight
  - There will be no Reconciliation on Wednesday, May 18th, or Saturday, May 21st —

#### BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

began on Mother's Day, and concludes Father's Day weekend, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Please take a bottle home today to fill with your spare change.

All proceeds help the
Hope Pregnancy Center in Pontiac.



**Thank you for your generosity to this project!** Parish donation for the month of May is toothpaste. Containers are located in the church entry and parish hall for contributions.

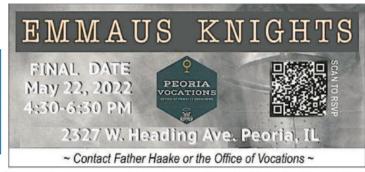
The Sacramental Life Committee is planning a celebration to recognize the graduates of our parishes at a Baccalaureate Mass and Reception on Sunday, June 5th. All Eighth Grade, High School, College, Trade School, Master and Doctorate Graduates will be honored, as well as our Newly Confirmed in Junior High. Please contact the parishes office with the names and addresses of those graduating from higher education, i.e., college or trade schools, so we may invite them.

### Sewardship Reflection/

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. — John 13:34

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.





Sessions 1 and 2 will be held at St. John's Catholic Newman Center in Champaign, Illinois. Participants deepen their faith and focus on discerning God's will through prayer and the sacraments. By listening to and spending time with priests and seminarians, participants get a glimpse into their lives. Session 1 is for those who are in college, as well as single men in their 20s and 30s who are discerning their vocation. Session 2 is for high school juniors and seniors. Online registration opened April 1, 2022.

Session 1: June 10-12, 2022 and Session 2: June 24-26, 2022 St. John's Catholic Newman Center Champaign, IL

<u>Sessions 3 and 4</u> will be held at Peoria Notre Dame High School. Led by seminarians, participants hear God's call to become real Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks and activities like basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee and card games.

Session 3: July 17-20, 2022

High School Freshmen & Sophomores, Peoria Notre Dame High School

Session 4: July 20-22, 2022

Seventh & Eighth Graders, Peoria Notre Dame High School

## Culture of Life REBUILDING RESPECT FOR GOD'S GREATEST CREATIONS

Back to Nature May 2022

"Little darling, it's been a long, cold lonely winter." Whomever the Beatles' George Harrison was singing to, those words resonate in the hearts of gardeners everywhere. Their hearts ache for the day they can get their hands back in the soil. So they dream and they plan for the beauty to come. Hope springs eternal.

Fast forward a few weeks. As lawns start to green and daffodils start to pop, something else makes an appearance. Usually, more than one. It's the dreaded dandelion, the scourge of every home gardener. They grow in every kind of soil condition, even where nothing else will. They spread quicker than the flu. They're the nightmare interrupting our dreams. And so the herbicides come out. That weed has got to go.

But there's more than one thing wrong with this picture: for starters, a dandelion is not a weed. It's an herb. Its roots—literally and figuratively—trace back to Europe and the Pilgrims. Dandelions are not considered invasive by federal agencies. Truth be told, they have a pretty, mum-like look to them that gives us an early shot of color. Their nectars feed 100 varieties of insect life, including bees, butterflies, and moths, as well as 30 species of wildlife. Hummingbirds use dandelion down to build nests. Dandelions act as a mulch and aerate soils. They are totally edible, make great wines and salads, and even have medicinal qualities. So, we may need to re-think our strategies.

Our attempts to change nature to meet our own desires can have drastic consequences. We were well on our way to wrecking Yellowstone, America's signature national park. In the 1800s, as settlers moved westward, cattle and sheep replaced bison and elk in the grazing lands. For the several hundred wolves—the area's apex predator—the new livestock became good eating. Though the area's Native Americans co-existed with and even revered the wolves, government and private interests decided that the wolves had to go. By the 1930s, the wolves were shot, trapped, and poisoned right out of the park.

But without wolves, Yellowstone's ecosystem wasn't the same. With predators now gone, the elk population ballooned to an enormous size. Elks have big appetites, and they fed on the park's grasses, shrubs, and even trees. For small mammals like rabbits and other rodents, there were no hiding places from coyotes, so their population dwindled. The loss of flowering plants meant that bees could not pollinate. The bird population shrunk because elks had eaten the bushes and trees. Grizzlies lost the red berries they would otherwise eat before hibernation, so their numbers dropped. The rivers and streams took a huge beating as elks, no longer afraid of ambush by wolves, eroded the banks with their hooves. Clear waters became murky. The elk ate the trees that were the beavers' source of food. With no dams, not only beavers, but also fish and otters lost their homes. Yellowstone was hurting.

It all happened because man failed to appreciate that every living thing has a role to play. Lesson learned. In 1995, conservation managers reintroduced 100 wolves into the park. Changes followed. The elk population shrunk to a healthier and more robust size. Grasses, shrubs, and trees reappeared, and with them all the wildlife they once supported. With the elk no longer eager to graze along the waterways, their banks re-formed. Waters became cleaner, not just for the animals, but for the humans living downstream. And as for those humans, they came to the park in droves to see the wolves, pumping millions of dollars into the local economy. The wolves, once considered unwanted menaces, brought about Yellowstone's renaissance.

When it comes to human life, Yellowstone's lesson has been lost on us. Worldwide, government policies and private profiteers have reduced human life to a mere commodity, and even worse, a menace. The population policies of China and India have created huge imbalances between men and women. Respectively, there are 34 and 37 million fewer women than men in those two countries. With 71 million men unable to find a mate, sex trafficking of the vulnerable is guaranteed to rise. And with the population greatly reduced by mandated family planning, who will support the elderly unable to support themselves?

The problems are not restricted to China and India. In our country, we have our own population problems. Our contraception/abortion culture has resulted in the 2019 birth rate of 1.64%, far below the 2.1% replacement rate—the lowest since the government began tracking data in the 1930s. The long-term effects on our economy will be severe.

Worse still will be the impact on our culture, and even our identity. The Biden administration openly claims that abortion is a human right. Unborn babies may be legally killed for any reason, even race, gender, and disability. Think of what the reduction of a race means to a truly diversified society, or what the reduction of a gender means to the way we live. Now, think about what it means if there are no disabled. The loss is huge, for the disabled bring out our best—our senses of empathy, compassion, and commitment to help others.

Born or unborn, everyone has a role in God's ecosystem. Every human life is vital, even those whom we think are not. Dandelions and wolves have their place. So do we.

Paul V. Esposito is a Catholic lawyer who writes on a variety of pro-life topics. He and his wife Kathy live in Elmhurst, Illinois and have six children.

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Food Pantry\$90
Saint Paul Stewardship\$75
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Maintenance \$115
Saint Paul School Stewardship\$100
Initial Offering\$5
Rice Bowls\$48
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Saint Patrick Parish Council Election of New Members is this weekend: May 21-22.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the sick and suffering of Saint Patrick, Saint Paul, our relatives, friends, and our communities, especially: Shannon Badder, Robert Bash, Barb Basham, Jonathan Becker, Darlene Bellis, Brad Bossert, Rick Bower, Mark Buettner, Molly Cull, Darlene DeSutter, Austin Eggleston, Bill Ehman, Peggy Fogarty, Barb Foley, Steve Francisco, Chuck Gliwa, Doris Gliwa, Susie Goodwin, Christine Gravesen, Marsha Haake, Mike Haake, Jordan Patrick Haigh, Carol Hartley, Frank Hemker, Karen Jahn, Bianca Kelly, Bill Legner, Doug Masching, Ray Masching, Darlene McCarthy, Cosette Miles, Leona Myers, Brian Naretto, Phyllis Neumann, Tony Noonan, Livy Noles, Maria Ortiz, Father Mike Pakula, Amy Petrovich, Michelle Petrovich, Kristi Spandet, Martha Spandet, Clark Stewart, Max Sulzberger, Mike Thiege, Phyllis Tjelle, Ann Tovar, Lenny Tryner III, Marion Verdun, Arlene Wright, Laura Wright, Jalene Woolford, and all with COVID-19 and other illnesses.

Please inform Father Haake or the Parishes Office of Saint Patrick and Saint Paul (they will forward to Father) of the names of those for whom you would like us all to pray.

Please pray for all those that are homebound, in nursing homes, in hospitals, in hospice; those with COVID-19. Of course, remember in prayer deceased loved ones and those not remembered. Especially remember those serving our country and that those who are in foreign lands will return home safely to their families. Pray for an end of all crimes against humanity: war, terrorism, murder/abortion, euthanasia, slave trafficking, bigotry, racism...

**GUIDELINES DURING the PANDEMIC:** Please contact Father Haake (Rectory phone number) as he may be able to administer the sacraments during the pandemic even if not an emergency. Individual Hospital protocols determine whether or not Father may visit parishioners and / or offer the sacraments.

Please update your parish membership with emergency contact information ASAP by contacting the parishes office.

#### PHONE PRAYER CHAIN COMMITTEE

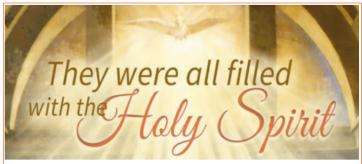
Gerry Salzburg 584-2830 or Peg Watters 252-5393

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. 05/16 Men's Prayer Group, Saint Patrick Hall, 6:30 p.m. Tue. 05/17 American Red Cross Blood Drive. Saint Patrick Hall. 12:30-5:50 p.m. Dwight Knights of Columbus meeting, Saint Patrick Hall, Wed. 05/18 Saint Paul School, Eighth Grade Graduation Mass, Saint Paul Church, 6:30 p.m. Thu. 05/19 Sacramental Life meeting, Saint Patrick Hall, 6 p.m. Sun. 05/22 Baccalaureate, Dwight Township High School, 6 p.m. Mon. 05/23 Men's Prayer Group, Saint Patrick Hall, 6:30 p.m. Tue. 05/24 Father Haake 25th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception, Saint Patrick Church, Mass 5:30 p.m. Wed. 05/25 Weekday Mass in Saint Patrick Church, 8 a.m. Dwight Food Pantry, Gothic Church, 1 p.m. Thu. 05/26 End of School Year Mass in Saint Paul, 8:30 a.m.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> bulletin items are due no later than noon on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Saint Patrick Finance Council meeting, Saint Patrick Hall,



The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

This Novena begins on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, the Vigil of Pentecost.

Copies of the Novena are available in the churches vestibules.

**NOTE:** The mailing address for all correspondence to the **Parishes Office** is **114** W. Mazon Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420.

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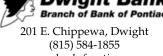
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