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May 9, 2021

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
CLOSED WEDNESDAY



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

May 9, 2021

Happy Mother's Day! We are so blessed by our mothers. Blessed with the gift of life God has given us through them. Blessed by the many sacrifices our mothers have made for us. Blessed by the virtues and values they showed to us and taught us by their loving example. For some, this day may bring up grief of a mother lost or other feelings for a mother they never had. Let us pray for them in the sharing of Holy Communion for healing and consolation. God bless all our mothers living and deceased.

I am pleased to share with you two new faces coming to Holy Family Friary in June:

Friar Bede Thigpen - "I am 36 years old and have been with the friars for almost eight years now. I am originally from Charlotte, NC, and just completed my degrees in Bachelor of Sacred Theology and Master of Divinity at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. God willing, I will be ordained a Transitional Deacon soon. Raised in the Episcopal Church, I converted to Catholicism in 2006 and sensed immediately God calling me to consecrated life. I spent several years exploring different religious communities but was drawn to the Conventual Franciscans by their love of God, devotion to the Church, simplicity, and their fraternal love for the common life and for each other. I look forward to getting to know all of you at Holy Family and to serve you in any way that I can."

Friar Jason Warrer - "I am 26 years old and was born in Guatemala. I was adopted and came to the United States when I was 4 months old. I have an older adopted brother who is from a different family. Our adoptive mother is from Guatemala. I am bilingual in the Spanish and English languages. I have been with friars now for 5 years. For the past 3 years I have been living and studying in our House of Formation in Silver Spring, MD and completing online classes through the Mundelein Seminary Certificate Program to teach Catechism and lead retreats. While I have been discerning the vocation of a religious Brother, I am young and open to the Priesthood if that is where God is calling me. I first considered Religious Life when I was 19 years old and made application with another Order. However, I felt it was too early and I didn't feel that God was calling me at the time. He had other plans for me. I just needed to be patient and trust and rely on His will not mine. In time, I found the Conventual Franciscans and was inspired by their ministry at Marytown and the National Shrine of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, and by their devotion to the Eucharist and our Blessed Mother. While I was on retreat at Marytown and spending time in Eucharistic Adoration, I said, "Okay God, I am here. Help me to listen to you speak." I felt a sense of peace and clarity of focus I had never felt before when I was looking into other Religious Orders. I felt Jesus was standing at the door inviting me to choose to come in or not. Now I am a friar and it has been a joy and blessing to grow in the Franciscan spirit by learning to walk in the footsteps of our Seraphic Father Francis of Assisi."

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 10-Easter Weekday

5:30pm Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, May 11-Easter Weekday

7:00am Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, May 12-St. Leopold of Castronovo

7:00am Mother's Day Novena

5:30pm Mother's Day Novena

THURSDAY, May 13-Our Lady of Fatima

7:00am Mother's Day Novena

10:00am **School Mass:** †John Stepanek by Bill & Mary Kay Sollberger

FRIDAY, May 14-St. Matthias

7:00am Mother's Day Novena

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, May 15

5:00pm Mother's Day Novena

SUNDAY, May 16

8:00am Mother's Day Novena

10:30am Mother's Day Novena

The Sanctuary Lamp intention for the week
May 8-15, 2021:

We remember in our daily prayers
†Fr. Michael Glastetter, OFM Conv. &
†Cal Glastetter
by Family.



Please pray for friars Bede and Jason as they make their way to Peoria to serve our parish and school community. In fact, why not join us 15 minutes before Mass each weekend and pray for them as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet throughout the remainder of the Easter season. May the Peace of our Risen Lord be with you all!

See you at Mass!



What's in the Mystery Box???



Readings:

Week of May 10-16

- Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
- Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Jn16:5-11
- Wednesday:** Acts 17:15,22-18:1/Jn16:12-15
- Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Jn16:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Jn 15:9-17
- Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Jn16:23b-28
- Next Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 or Eph 4:1-7,11-13/Mk 16:15-20

PRAY FOR FRANCISCAN VOCATIONS

Maria Serrano will have the Franciscan vocation picture and say the prayers for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially to the Conventual Franciscans of Saint Bonaventure Province.

Please sign up for this important ministry opportunity in the vestibule.

Questions, please call: the parish office 688



In this space the students of our school will share each week some miracles that have happened in their lives.

Pray
MORE
Worry
LESS

SHARINGS FOR OUR HOLY FAMILY CRUSADERS

My Family's Miracle

One day my family and I were at dinner. Then my mother suggested: "We need a new house." We looked at new houses and we found the one we liked. The house was made in the 1800's in the civil war time. Meanwhile, we wanted the house but someone already got it. So we began to look at other houses. The next Sunday, after church, the owner of the house told my mother that God told her to sell the house to my mom. My mom shouted, "It was a Miracle!"

Te'van Marizetts, 5th Grade

God
Answers
Prayers

Diana's Miracle

My mother, Diana, had health problems when she was pregnant with my brother. She prayed to Jesus before every doctor appointment.

Every time she prayed her health got better, and better, until she delivered a healthy baby boy. Her favorite saint is St. Therese of Lisieux. Her nickname is "The Little Flower" because she was known to bless people with flowers to show she heard them. St. Therese believed great miracles happen through small deeds.

My mom claims there are many times when she and her family have been protected from danger. I think you should pray to God, then ask St. Therese of Lisieux to pray to God for you because she is in Heaven close to God.

Lola Williams, 5th Grade



**MARY & MARTHA QUILT RAFFLE
JUNE 18, 2021.
TICKETS DUE BY JUNE 15, 2021.**

This is a 54-inch square cross-stitched quilt. It could be used as a quilt for your lap, decoration or a table topper. It will definitely brighten up your day!

Name _____

Phone _____

\$2 per chance OR \$5 for 3 chances!
Cash or checks (checks made out to Holy Family with Mary & Martha marked in the memo) accepted.

Return to the Holy Family office (Mary and Martha mailbox) or in the collection basket in an envelope marked Mary and Martha by June 15th for the drawing on June 18th.



**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET
FOR
DCN. TIMOTHY
SCHUMAKER**

In preparation for his priestly ordination on
May 15.

Prayers or devotional acts to be offered can be sent to Tom Holschuh at
tholschuh@thebasilica.org or 414-645-5623 x232



UPDATING MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for Holy Family Parish. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it again is being subsidized by local businesses.

Does our parish database have your family membership correct? Here is your chance to update your record as we prepare for the revision of our annual Guide Book & Directory.

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Friary Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

The Friary Office number is 309-688-3427.

FINANCE CORNER

If you would like to make contributions electronically, please contact our business office at (309) 688-3427 x 201

Anyone interest in a convenient method to make their regular Sunday contributions can use the link below. Here at Holy Family, we have implemented a secure website to accept your donations. The website for online donations is:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/peoriaholymfamily>

Thank you and God Bless

May-21

First Sunday	\$17,507.36
Second Sunday	
Third Sunday	
Fourth Sunday	
Fifth Sunday	

Monthly Total	\$17,507.36
Monthly Budget	\$61,500.00
Monthly Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(43,992.64)

Fiscal Year Total	\$549,529.12
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$606,500.00
Fiscal Year Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(56,970.88)

Openings for Elementary School Teachers

Holy Family Parish School has two openings for an Elementary Teacher, specifically grades 1st and 2nd. Interested applicants must complete a teacher application at cdop.org. In addition, send a letter of interest and resume to: Stacie Gianessi, Principal
2329 W. Reservoir Blvd
Peoria, IL. 61615

Or email gianessis@peoriahfs.com. Positions are open until filled and begin July 1, 2021. Please call (309) 688-2931 for additional information or questions.



ADOPT A STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

We are in our tenth year of the Faith in our Family "Adopt a Student" Scholarship. Over the previous ten years, parishioners have donated over \$300,000 to fund the scholarships, and Catholic Education has been made more affordable for many, many families. If you would like to donate this year please clip out the pledge card and return it to the parish office.



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Please accept this contribution as my commitment to keeping Catholic Education affordable at Holy Family Parish School.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Today's Date: _____

Mary and Martha Members

The next meeting of the Mary & Martha Society will be held on May 13th at the Trailside Event Center, 4416 N. Prospect Road, Peoria Heights (in the Trefzger's building). Come join us for coffee and treats at 9:30 with the meeting beginning at 10:00.

Our speaker will be Nancy Bell from the Central Illinois Council on Aging. She will explain all the programs and discounts available to us. Did you know you could get a discount on license plates?

We will vote for the nominated officers for the 2021-2022 year which will start in September. We will also discuss the venue for our June meeting.

Maureen Alouan is assuming the duties of the list of those caring for the altar linens for the month. If you're interested in helping please contact Maureen at: 309-678-8881.

Remember to get your tickets in for the beautiful embroidered and quilted table covering before the drawing in June.

Hope to see you on the 13th!

BIDS, RIBS, AND BLESSINGS

THE TICKET RAFFLE



10K RACE TO THE FRIARY

The next 100+ books of raffle tickets received between April 13th and May 24th will be entered in a special drawing for dinner at the friary for the lucky winner and a guest.



BENEFACTORS

Levels of participation and the number of tickets:

\$5,000 and above	25 tickets
\$2,500-\$4,999	15 tickets
\$1,000-\$2,499	10 tickets
\$500-\$999	6 tickets
\$250-\$499	4 tickets
\$249 and below	2 tickets



**WHAT'S IN THE MYSTERY BOX?
WILL YOU BE THE LUCKY WINNER?**

SILENT HIGH BID PRIZES

CURRENT HIGH BIDS AS OF MONDAY, MAY 3

**Dinner for 8 at the Friary
\$2,000**

**Cocktail Party for 20
at the Friary
\$1,800**

**Italy Pilgrimage
November 2021
\$2,600**

HOW HIGH WILL YOU GO?

**7 nights at South Padre
Island, TX
\$2,500**

**7 nights at Siesta Dunes
Siesta Keys, FL
\$2,300**



The main drawings will be held on Friday, June 18th in conjunction with a parish drive-thru RIBS AND RIBEYES DINNER .

*Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 CORINTHIANS 9:7*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.” Jn: 15:9

Let’s face it.

We humans become ecstatic over love stories. We can’t get enough of them. *Pride and Prejudice*, for example, has consistently appeared at the top of lists of “most loved books” among literary scholars and the reading public. More than that, this novel has become one of the most popular in the entirety of English literature. Some twenty million copies have been sold, and “for more than a century, dramatic adaptations, reprints, films, and TV versions have portrayed the memorable characters and themes of the novel, reaching mass audiences.”

Why? The answer appears to be that there’s a certain kind of magic about love stories, a sense of fairy-tale enchantment about them that fires up our imaginations.

Because of that, countless love songs have been sung, poems written, dramas acted out, movies filmed, books published – all based on an endless longing for experiencing that life-enhancing allure of being loved, cherished, prized, exquisitely valued by someone – and then carried off into rapturous moments of delight.

Or, as someone as expressive as the great poet Elizabeth Barrett put it: Love embraces “... the depth and breadth and height my soul can reach.” Then there’s none other than Dr. Seuss’ explanation for why stories about love can be so compelling: “You know you are in love when you can’t fall asleep because at long last reality is better than dreams.”

And, of course, there’s always the classically gorgeous words of St. Paul: “*Love ... believes everything, hopes everything, endures everything The greatest of all is love.*” Love stories. We just can’t get enough of them. Jesus loved love stories too. We know this because he so often spoke of this aching need within each of us, this eternal longing of the heart.

Today’s Gospel addresses the issue of love head on: “*As the Father loves me, so I also love you.*” This statement sums up the entirety of all the Gospels and all the Epistles and all the spiritual writings and all the Church teachings that have ever been produced through the centuries.

If we truly “get” this one statement – “*As the Father loves me, so also I love you*” – then everything else becomes mere window dressing. Because what Jesus is telling us today in this profound and dazzling Gospel reading is that you and I are loved in the same way and to the same extent that Jesus is loved by God the Father!!

It’s breathtaking when you stop to think about it.

Look back in the Gospels and see for yourself. All the great stories Jesus ever told – the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, the Woman Caught in Adultery, the Washing of the Feet of the disciples, the Cleansing of the Lepers, the Curing of the Blind and the Lame, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection – all of these tell the same single tale: We – each of us – are graciously and eternally and infinitely loved.

Out of that conviction, the poet Francis Thompson placed these words in the mouth of God: “Ah, fondest, blindest, weakest, I am He Whom thou seekest.”

Jesus then ends this stunning and startling Gospel message by telling us that we are not slaves “*who do not know what the master is doing.*” We are “*friends.*”!! As a result of this boundless love relationship that Jesus offers to each of us, he makes only one single request – the very same one he gave to his disciples:

“Love one another.”

Ted Wolgamot, Psy.D.

YOUR DREAMS EVOLVE. YOUR COVERAGE SHOULD TOO.



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