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Mission Statement: "Sacred Heart of Jesus—St. Patrick Parish, as one family, proclaim and live our Catholic Faith through Liturgy, Sacrament, and Ministry. As a united parish, we seek to love and serve God and our neighbor."

MAY 9, 2021—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

All regular liturgies at SH.
Please see the website for details.

Liturgy Schedule
Spring/Summer
(Reduced due to the pandemic)

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
At Division & N. Dewey Streets

Sunday Masses (May-Oct.)

Sunday: 8:00 AM
10:30 AM

*Weekday events will remain at SH
until SP parking lot is completed.*

Wednesday: 6:00 PM
Friday: 12:00 NOON
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Adoration:

Monday: 8:30 AM-6:00 PM

Confessions:

Wednesday: 5:15-5:45 PM
Saturday: 9:00-10:30 AM

St. Patrick Church

At Oxford & Fulton Streets



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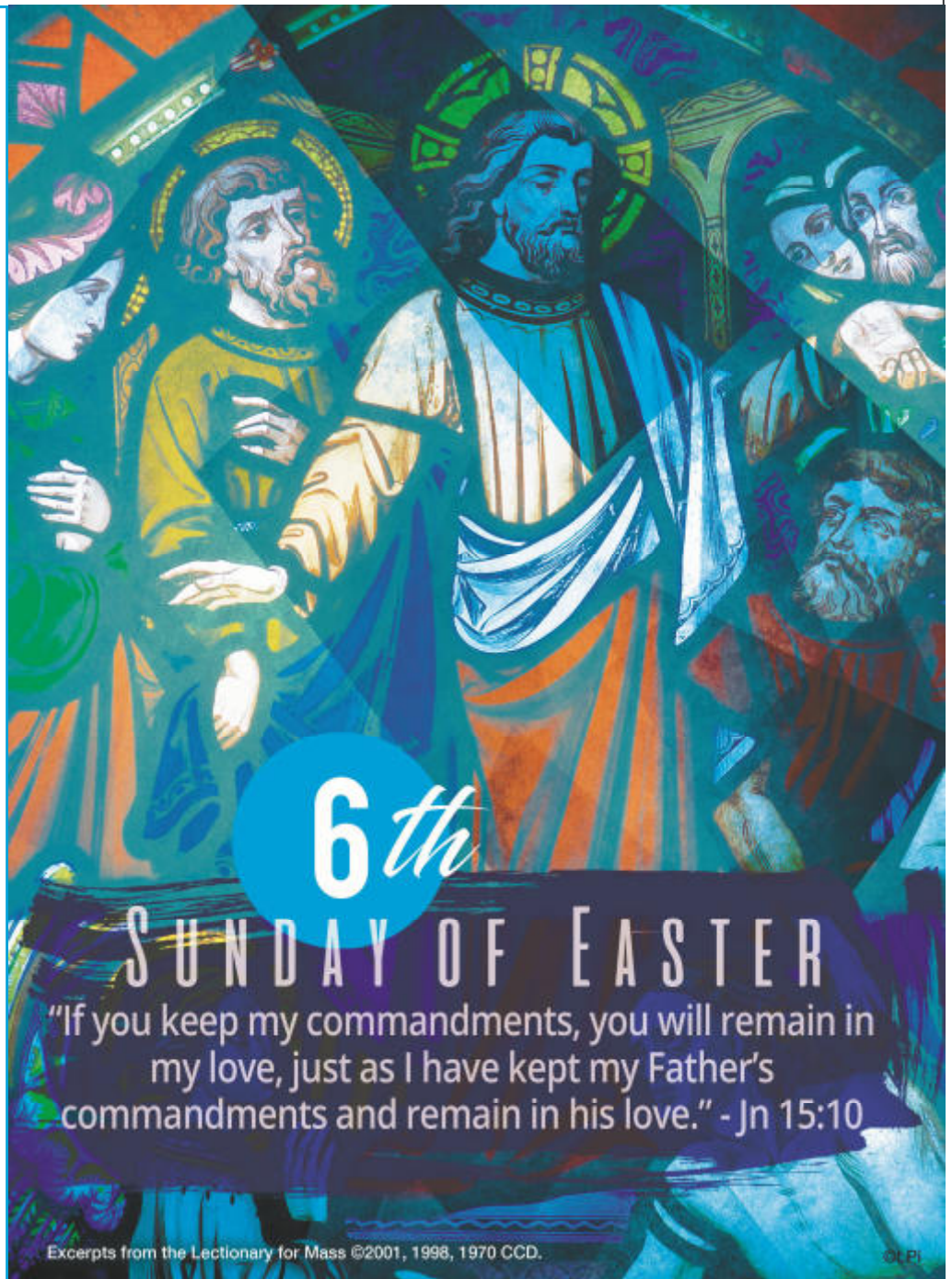
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**6th
SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." - Jn 15:10

Issue 24

Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

- Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17.
- Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a.
- Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11.
- Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—10:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15.
- Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20.
- Friday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17.
- Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28.
- Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

Bulletin Info Deadline: Kindly submit items at least 10 days, inserts 5 days, prior to bulletin date.



RCIA: Interested in becoming Catholic? For info, please contact us at 715-832-0925 or email us at office@shspec.org.

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

Parents who will be having a child baptized are required to attend one Baptism class. Attending class during pregnancy is ideal. During the pandemic, appointments will be made on an individual basis. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a meeting.



USHERS and SANITIZERS are needed to help our Parish provide a safe, clean environment during the pandemic. Please contact Liz to sign up to serve others! We could use your help!



Parish Support

Fund	May 2, 2021
Envelopes	\$5,847.00
Plate	\$98.00
Other Funds	\$220.00
Total:	\$6,165.00

SCRIP Update:	as of May 2
Weekly Sales	\$4,930.00
Number of Orders	13
Returned to Parish	\$164.00

Fiscal YTD (7/1/20-6/30/21)

Sales	\$123,355.00
Number of Orders	414
Returned to Parish	\$206.00



Parish GOAL:	\$67,675.00
Received:	\$59,218.00
Under Goal:	\$8,457.00

Thank you to those who have paid \$57,518 towards our 2020-2021 goal of \$67,675. With 88% of our goal paid, we are still short by \$8,457. Please prayerfully consider an additional donation to help the Parish fulfill our obligation.



PRAYER CHAIN: If someone is seriously ill or facing surgery & prayers are needed or wanted, call Dee at 715-835-8347, or Mary at 715-514-4541.

CANDLES. If you would like to remember someone by having a candle lit, you can do so at \$5 for one 7-day candle. There are candles available at both churches. Call the Parish Office.

- SH: Virgin Mary:** (1) † Verona Loechler
(1) † Marilyn Loechler
- St. Joseph:** (1) † Loran Lessard
(1) † Pat Kern
- SP: Virgin Mary:** (1) † Vinnie Lee (1)



Sunday Instructions for receiving Holy Communion:



- *There are now two spots at the front of church to receive Communion: one for each side of the church.
- *An Usher will excuse your household from the pew.
- *The line will be single-file, and the Usher will release one household from one side, then one household from the other side, and in that way alternate sides. Please follow the Usher's directions and maintain 6 feet of distance between households while in line.
- *At the front of the line will be a sign with instructions for dealing with your mask in order to receive communion, as well as a bottle of hand sanitizer:
 - **First remove your mask.**
 - Then sanitize your hands.
 - Go to STAND at the † on your side of the church. Every one in your household should stand together, side-by-side.
 - Receive Communion (Father will come to you).
 - Replace your mask while still at the †.
 - Return to your pew via the side aisle (more hand sanitizer is available in the front corners).

*If you will not be receiving Communion today, please allow the others in your pew to move past you.
 *At the †, Father will be on the other side of the rail, moving between the sides. He will be wearing a mask and will sanitize between communicants, if he believes any contact was made.
 *You are encouraged to receive Communion on the hand, but you will not be refused Communion if you desire to receive on the tongue.
 We realize this may take time, and we appreciate your patience. We are not in a rush, so please don't feel that you have to be, either.

COMMUNITY TABLE: Our turn sponsoring the evening meal at Community Table is Tues., May 18. Sign up if you can help prep, serve, or clean up. Help is especially needed for Serving from 4:45-6:00pm & Clean Up from 5:45-7:00pm. Contact Becky at 715-832-1303, or rmattson711@gmail.com



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

READING I: ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 98:1-4

R. Alleluia.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.

R. Alleluia.

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.

R. Alleluia.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.

R. Alleluia.

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SOJOURNER HOUSE: If you would like to help serve a meal to the residents on Tues., May 11, please contact Phyllis Czech at 715-552-8199 to schedule time at the shelter.

Thank you to all who donated non-perishable items to the food bank. Your generosity is commendable.

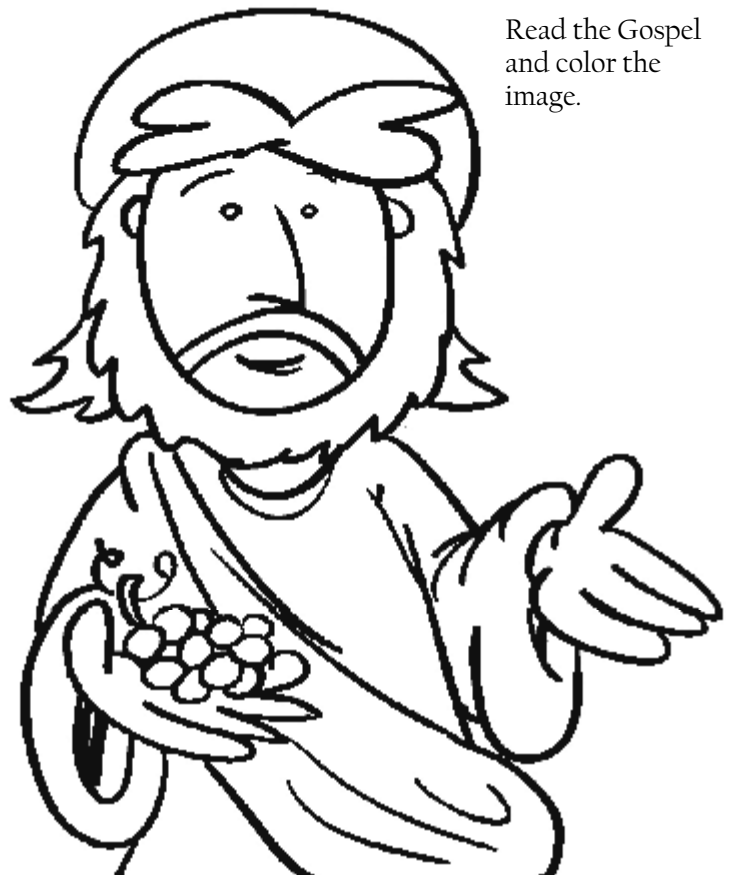
READING II: 1 JN 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

GOSPEL: JN 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

Read the Gospel
and color the
image.



MASS INTENTIONS

All liturgies at SH until parking lot at SP is completed.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 9

8:00 AM SH: People of Sacred Heart-St. Patrick

10:30 AM SH: † Jean Bechel

Monday, May 10 *St. Damien de Veuster, Priest*

at Dove S: † Bob Wenberg

Tuesday, May 11 *Easter Weekday*

at River Pines: For Ilene & † Jack Trautlein

Wednesday, May 12 *Easter Weekday; Sts. Nereus &*

Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

5:15-5:45 PM SH: *Opportunity for Confession*

6:00 PM SH: † Leo Court

Friday, May 14 *Easter Weekday; St. Matthias, Apostle*

12:00 PM SH: † Mark Brantner

Saturday, May 15 *Easter Weekday; St. Isidore*

8:30 AM SH: † Donna Heir

9:00-10:30 AM SH: *Opportunity for Confession*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Sunday, May 16

8:00 AM SH: † Marilyn Loechler

10:30 AM SH: People of Sacred Heart-St. Patrick

SIN BLINDS

Knowing that sin, in whatever form, blurs our ability to "see" both in the natural order as well as the spiritual is crucial. We inherit the effects of Original Sin, causing our vision of spiritual realities to become darkened, which compromises our ability to perceive with clarity God's ways and His plan for us.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Being "pure in heart" means seeing with clarity. The lack of clarity caused by sin leads to selfishness and involves our turning inward, which decreases our openness to see and hear God. We can't "free ourselves" from sin but Jesus has obtained this power for us through His death and Resurrection. We receive this grace of freedom initially through Baptism. Jesus spoke with Nicodemus about this Sacrament and its importance for providing the gift of faith, with the corresponding spiritual eyes to see: "Truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." (John 3:3) Faith opens our eyes to God and the spiritual realm, and seeing with new eyes, we recognize His unconditional love for us and His plan that will bring us into His very Presence.

We will always be dealing with some areas of sinfulness until we get to Heaven. That is why Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, for us to receive the "washing away" of sin and its consequent "blindness" in an ongoing way. The mental picture of taking a shower can be helpful here. Who would say, "I took a shower today and so I don't

need another one for 365 days, or even several months." The result would be disastrous! This is why we want to frequent the "spiritual cleansing" available through Confession.

The life of Blessed Matt Talbot portrays the spiritual principle that sin blinds. Matt lived in Ireland and had a first-grade education. At 13 he became a messenger for wine merchants and within a year was an alcoholic. Then, working in a timber yard, he would get paid, go to one of the pubs and give it to the owner, spending the money on alcohol until it was exhausted. The moment of grace came when he was 28. Matt was in one of the pubs with his "friends." His money exhausted, his body craving alcohol, he begged his companions for money but all refused. He went home to his mother and told her he was going to "take the pledge" to not drink. Matt took it for six months, then for a year and then the rest of his life. From that day he never drank again.

The struggle was difficult for him because he was deeply dependent on alcohol. He began to see, he who had never taken his faith or prayer seriously, that he was too weak to be near pubs, but needed to be where he could gain strength. So, before work each morning he spent time with Jesus in church, and after work, he would return for evening vespers. In those early months, he would kneel and repeatedly pray: "Lord, in Your mercy, give me the gift of prayer." Slowly, prayer became easier and he began to be transformed.

Matt also began to see that in order to deny his body alcohol, he could not indulge his body in other ways. He began a strict regime of simple meals and sleeping on the floor. As a result, he became a pleasant and honest worker who would help anyone in need with his simple salary. With only a first-grade education, he began reading the Scriptures and the lives of the Saints. One day, at lunch, a companion saw Matt reading John Henry Newman's "Apologia Pro Vita Sua" and said, "Isn't that difficult?" Matt smiled, "The Lord helps me." This was a man who built his spiritual life on seeking healing and cleansing from the sin that had bound him. This brought him ever greater clarity not only in spiritual understanding and realities, but in natural matters as well, and this eventually made him a saint. Matt Talbot is a great example of how we can overcome spiritual blindness through God's grace of perseverance, resulting in the ability to see Him and His good plan for our lives ever more clearly! (*from the eighth in a series on How God Guides Us*. By Ann & Carol Lankford, Diocese of La Crosse)

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An Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

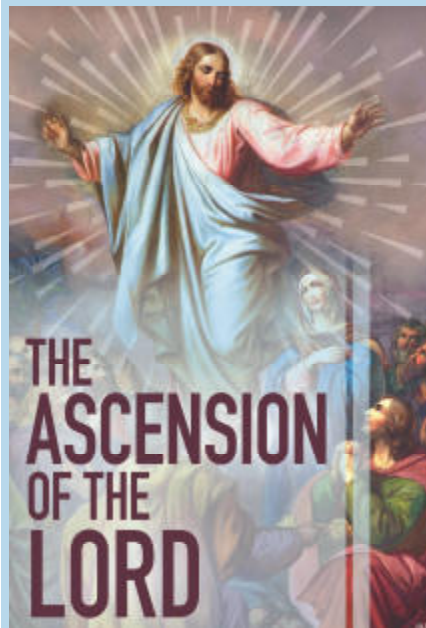
Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION at Sacred Heart Church on Mondays, 8:30AM - 6:00PM Please use side door from parking lot.



Blessings and Congratulations to Elise Betcher, daughter of Erin & Troy! She received First Holy Communion on May 1, the Solemnity of St. Joseph the Worker.



The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Has been Transferred to & Will be Celebrated on Sunday, May 16



Motherhood Matters

Why won't my kids listen? How can I be a better spouse? Where can I find a good friend? How can I find more time to pray? God cares about all of your motherhood matters, both big and small! When you are drowning in diapers or losing arguments to tweenagers, God is there with you, and he cares about all of these matters. The presenters shed the light of faith and bring hope to both the mundane and the monumental things you deal with every day as a mother.

Find this series of sixteen, 30-minute videos and other content about mothers and the family using the search feature on Formed. Go to formed.org/signup and find our Parish to register for your free account.

Join us for Lectio Divina 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church Every Monday + No reservations needed!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR ST. PATRICK PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION.

SPRING CLEAN UP AT THE PARISH CEMETERIES!

Two Gorilla Dumpster Bags are set up near the Sacred Heart Cemetery shed & in St. Patrick Cemetery & will be there until May 13. The bags are for both Sacred Heart & St. Patrick Cemeteries clean up use. If so inclined, please take time to tidy up neighboring gravesites, too!



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