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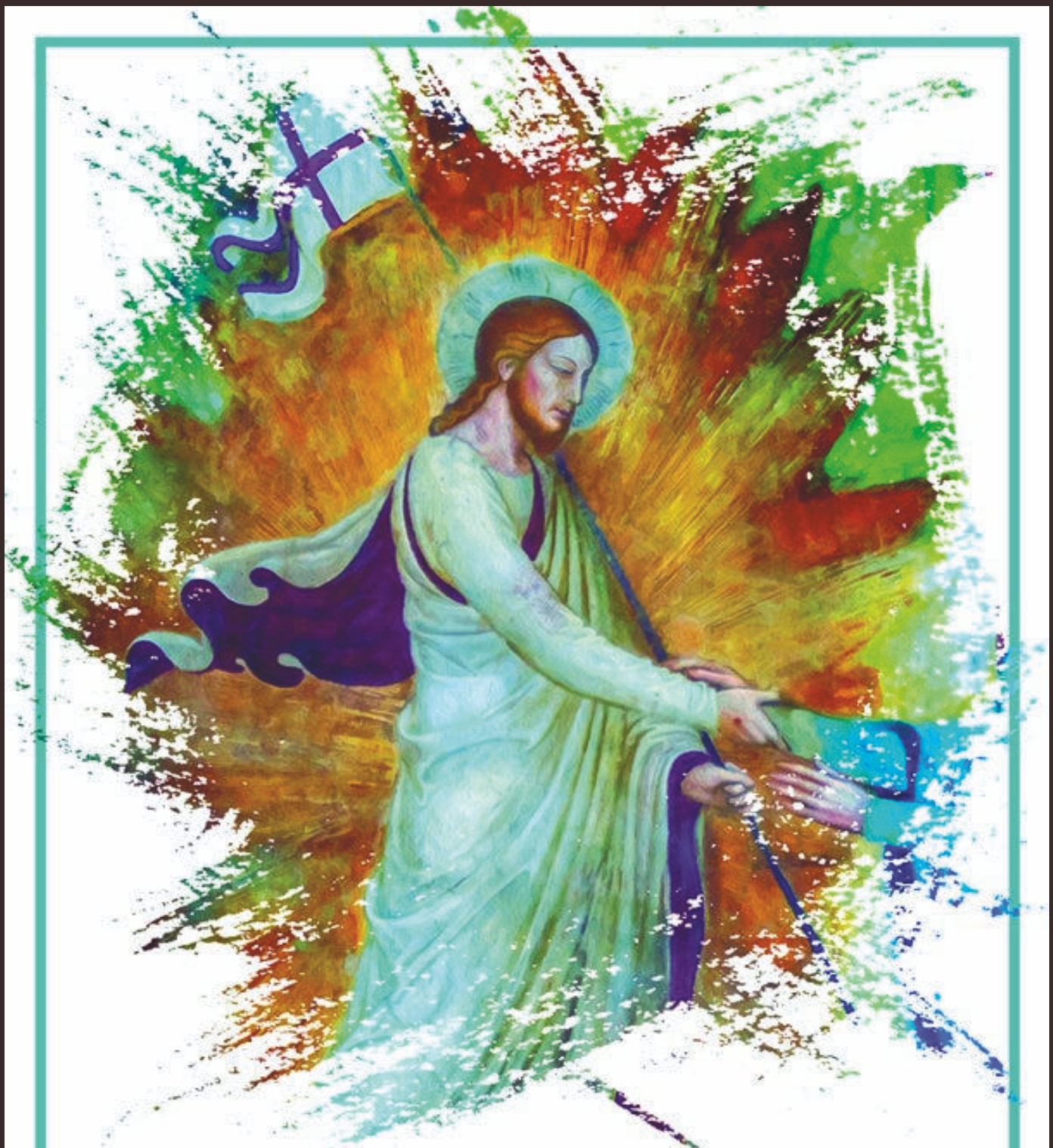

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER." —JN 15:17

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 8, *5pm*	For the Parish
Sunday, May 9, *10am*	Joan Smith†
Tuesday, May 11, *8am*	Myrtle Ferrier Parker†
Thursday, May 13, *8am*	Marilyn Crowe†
Saturday, May 15, *5pm*	Anne Fowler†
Sunday, May 16, *10am*	For the Parish

Sacramental Information

www.strichards.com/sacraments

Reconciliation—Sundays 9:00-9:30am or by appointment.

Sacrament of **Baptism**—First see www.strichards.com/baptism, complete first steps, and then contact Beth Gaetz

First Eucharist or Confirmation—Contact Susie Osacho in the parish office to register for Faith Formation

Marriage—Couples contact Fr. Liekhus or Cindy Nedved at least six months in advance

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for Adults (**RCIA**)—Contact Susie Osacho in the Faith Formation office

Sacrament of **Anointing**—Twice annually; emergencies by appt

Funeral Planning—Contact Cindy Nedved

Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses at St. Richard

Saturday 5:00pm & **Sunday** 10:00am
Pre-registration required for in-person weekend liturgies
www.strichards.com/mass-sign-up

8am Daily Masses

Monday & **Saturday** at St. Peter
Tuesday & **Thursday** at St. Richard
Wednesday & **Friday** at Assumption

Reconciliation at St. Richard

Sundays 9:00-9:30am

Online Mass

www.strichards.com/**from-home**

Drive-Up Eucharist at St. Richard

First Sundays, **June 6**, **July 4** at 11:15am

YouTube
Assumption & Richard Catholic Churches

Readings for the Week of May 9, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1Jn 15:9-17
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149/Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98/Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13

Prayer Request

St. Richard's prayer network consists of many parishioners who pray daily for the needs and concerns of our community, as well as offering prayers of thanksgiving. **Please print clearly.** ***Por favor imprime claramente.***

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Place this in the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office. To respect privacy, we only print last names of prayer recipients if requester is an immediate family member. You may also submit Prayer Requests online at **www.strichards.com/prayer**.

We Did It, Pandemic and all! Thank You!

The Faith Formation staff extends heartfelt gratitude to our incredible Sunday Morning G.I.F.T. Faith Formation volunteers, who have served the children and youth of our parish faithfully since last October—making it possible to meet in-person. We thank catechists Christy Katagiri, Julie Kraus, Judith Torres-Lopez, Kathy Ising & Reema Thomas; substitute catechists Murray McCartan, Sylviane Villafana & Tina Springer; hall monitors Kari Tomlinson and youth hall monitors Matthew and Josh; classroom assistant, Josh; materials preparer, Elenita Cochran; and the staff members who were guest presenters via video: Fr. Liekhus, Betsy Sullivan, Cindy Nedved, and Jolaine Liupakka. During this unusual year, 10 families with 17 children participated in-person, while 7 families catechized their 8 children at home using materials provided monthly by the parihs. We are grateful to the parents who made their children's growth in faith a priority this year. We hope to see you at VBS in June, and back for another session this fall!

Thank You for Supporting the KC Fish Fry

Thank you to all parishioners who purchased Knights of Columbus Fish Fry tickets during Lent. The Knights have generously donated a portion our parish's sales back to us. Here's a special shout-out to Knight and St. Richard's parishioner, Keith Rauen, and his wife, Barb, who worked tirelessly on this fundraiser for St. Richard's Parish. Thank you for your efforts, Keith & Barb!

Volunteers Needed!

We need your HELPING HANDS

We are looking for Lawn Care, Front Desk Hospitality & Money Counter volunteers! If you are interested in mowing the lawns, trimming hedges, or tending the flower beds, please contact Beth Schorle, Parish Administrator at bschorle@strichards.com or 612-869-2426 extension 111. If you are interested in counting the parish offering about once a month or answering phones and doing light clerical work in the Parish Office, please contact Amanda Verkman, Bookkeeper, at averkman@strichards.com or 612-869-2426 ext. 101. Thank you for discerning whether you can give of your time & skills!

The Parish Book Club Meets May 23

The Parish Book Club will discuss *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer on Sunday, **May 23** at 12:15pm via Zoom. This book draws on the Sermon on the Mount to discuss what it means today to be a disciple of Christ. To register and receive the link, contact parishioner Maureen Mahowald at maureen.r.mahowald@gmail.com.

Parish Council Introductions to Continue Next Week

We are taking a short break from the Parish Council introductions this week; meet the three remaining members next week! Also, watch for upcoming Parish Council news.

Upcoming Parish Events & observances

May 8	Sacrament of Confirmation
May 9	Sixth Sunday of Easter with CLW; Mother's Day
May 10	St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
May 12	Sts. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras, Martyrs
May 13	Our Lady of Fatima
May 14	Wedding: Yager & Leisenheimer; St. Matthias, Apostle
May 15	St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day
May 16	Ascension Sunday with CLW Celebration of First Eucharist during 10am Mass
May 22	Wedding: Joslin & Varghese
May 23	Pentecost Sunday with CLW; Baptism, 11am
May 23	RCIA Rite of Acceptance at Assumption Parish during 9am Mass
May 23	Parish Book Club Gathering, 12:15pm, *virtual*
May 30	Trinity Sunday with CLW
May 31	Memorial Day, Parish Office Closed
June 1	VBS Registration Deadline
June 6	Body and Blood of Christ Sunday; Baptism, 11am
June 9	Blessed Trinity's Last Day of School
June 21-25	VBS (Vacation Bible School): Rocky Railroad!
July 1	Fr. Liekhus becomes pastor of all Richfield Parishes with the addition of the Church of St. Peter
July 26	Red Cross Blood Drive, Social Hall, 1—7pm

Join us for VBS 2021!

June 21-25

9am-12pm

Register by June 1

Contact Susie or Beth Gaetz with questions

www.strichards.com/vbs

School News

Three Parish Communities—ONE Spirit!

Let's Have Dinner on May 18!
Join us at Davanni's, Richfield, from 4-8pm on **May 18**. Say you are a part of the BT fundraiser to have a portion of your receipt donate back to Blessed Trinity.

Spend Your Summer With Us!
We still have openings for Summer Preschool and Club Tiger! Our staff is planning fun activities to keep our Tigers busy! Summer Field Trips include visits to: Pump it up, Stages Theatre, Carlson Loveable Llamas, and more! Families must commit to a least 2 days/week. Contact Noreen O'Donnell, Director, at odonnelln@btcsmn.org with any questions.

Fall Openings for Preschool at BT—Register Today!
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6730 Nicollet Ave S, Richfield

Community News

Fish Fry Update From The Knights of Columbus
The local Knights of Columbus Council thanks those who purchased dinners during the seven Fridays of Lent. 3,500 meals were prepared and distributed by 83 volunteer Knights. Grand Knight Ed Wilson reports that the 6 parishes of Richfield and Bloomington (St. Richard, Assumption, St. Peter, Nativity of Mary, St. Bonaventure, and St. Edward) received $6,300 from the Knights, based on the number of meals purchased by parishioners. Wilson said the support from the parishes was beyond his expectations. The Knights expanded their program when individual parishes did not run their fish fry programs because of the Pandemic.

Request a Free St. Joseph Prayer Book!
As part of the celebration of the Year of St. Joseph in our archdiocese, the St. Joseph Business Guild is publishing and printing The St. Joseph Prayer Book, available in both English and Spanish. This 4" x 6" prayer book has 100+ pages of prayers to and meditations on the wonders of St. Joseph. Grow deeper in your faith and your love for Jesus' earthly father with The St. Joseph Prayer Book. Pick up a copy at Leaflet Missal or order online at leafletonline.com (product #35105).

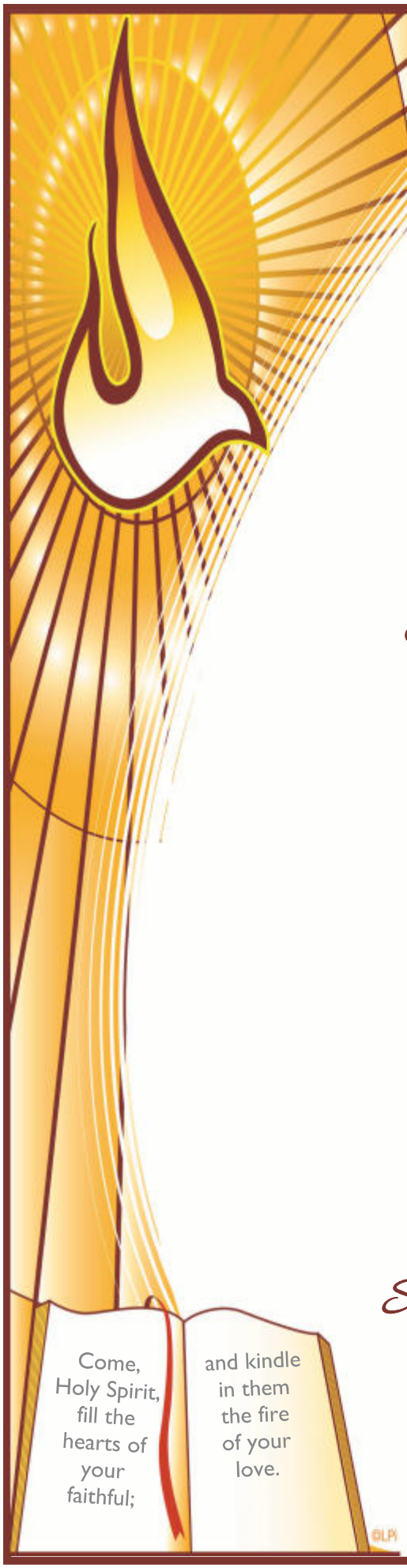
Sacred Relics of the Saints: Treasures of the Church
On Wednesday, **May 12** from 7-10pm at the Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids, and on Saturday, **May 15**, at 6pm at the Church of St. Dominic in Northfield, Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will present a teaching and exposition of an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 Sacred Relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion to touch to the reliquaries, if you wish. Visit epiphanymn.org and churchofstdominic.org for more information.

The Roaring 20s: Lessons in Love from Leading Ladies
Join the women of WINE on **May 20** from 7-9pm at St. Pius X in White Bear Lake for a fabulous evening with award-winning Catholic author and Jazz singer Liz Kelly, as she brings us back in time for a deeper look at love. The 1920s ushered in drastic social, cultural, and artistic changes. Though one hundred years have passed, the action of a leading lady of that era echoes a powerful message for women of the 2020s. The evening also includes light appetizers, sweets, treats, a little shopping, and a few surprises! Visit catholicvineyard.com.

Archdiocesan Marriage Day, Saturday, June 5 at 10am
This celebration includes Mass, renewal of vows, and a short reception. Couples celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries will be honored in a special way. Families and friends of all couples are welcome! In-person registration is required by contacting 651.291.4488. Social distancing will be observed. Couples married one year or more may request a commemorative certificate signed by Archbishop Hebda, by contacting the Office of Marriage, Family & Life by **May 30** at 651.291.4488 or mfl@archspm.org.

Grief to Grace Healing from Abuse Retreat, June 6-11
Still hurting from the trauma of sexual, emotional, physical, or spiritual abuse suffered during childhood, adolescence or as an adult? From **June 6-11**, we will host a 5-day, overnight retreat entitled "Healing the Wounds of Abuse", which includes therapeutic staff, self-compassion, hope, and an invitation to explore an intimate encounter with Christ. Please contact Deacon Marty Meyer at deaconmeyer@outlook.com or Diane@grieftogracemn.org. See www.grieftogracemn.org for more information.

School of Discipleship, Tuesdays, June 22-Sept. 25
Taught by Jeff Cavins and sponsored by the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute, this 7 week course is open to all adults and teaches the basics of discipleship, how to share your faith with confidence, and how to cultivate a deeper life of prayer. In this 7-week course, students become "activated disciples" and embark on a guided 40-day discipleship challenge to help put what they learn into practice. The course culminates with an interactive seminar with Dr. Mary Healy. Cost for the course, materials, and seminar is $125. The in-person option will be at St. Vincent de Paul in Brooklyn Park. Participants may also access the course via Livestream. Visit semssp/ci.



Sealed with the Holy Spirit

We rejoice with these youth who were confirmed here by Fr. Liekhus this Saturday!

Please keep them in your prayers as they grow in their faith, discipleship, and as members of our parish family.

Alaina—St. Francis of Assisi

Alexis—St. José Sánchez

Caleb—St. Francis of Assisi

Elizabeth—St. Francis of Assisi

Hailey—St. Damian

Jordan—St. Veronica

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Kathleen—St. Francis Xavier

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