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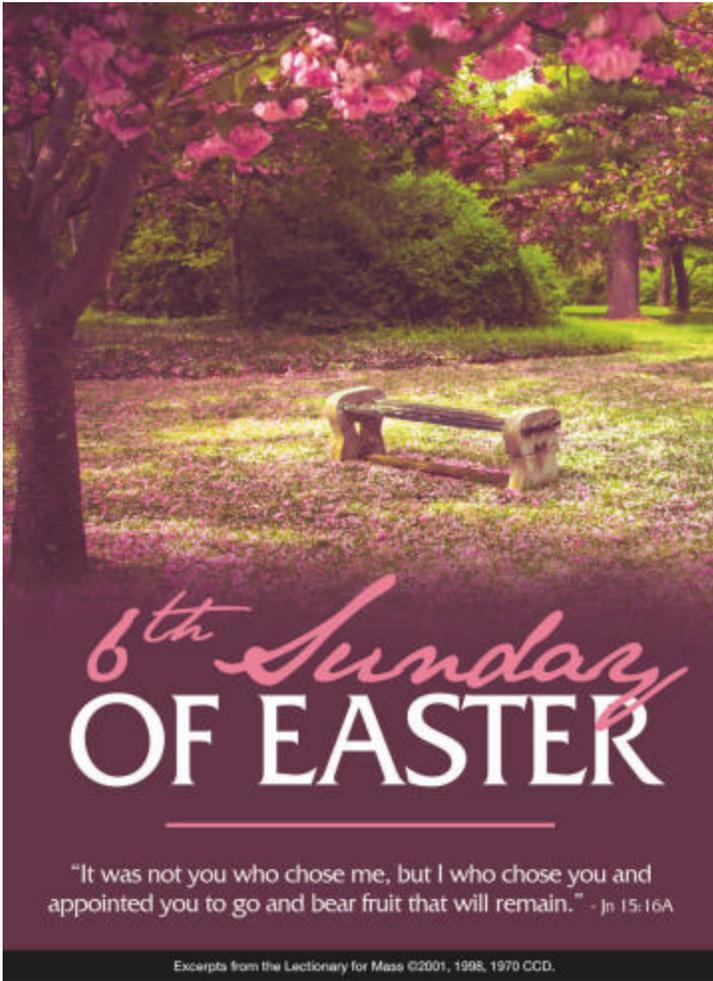


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

GRANTSBURG

6th Sunday of Easter

May 8th & May 9th, 2021



6th Sunday
OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." - Jn 15:16A

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As two pieces of wax fused together make one, so he who receives Holy Communion is so united with Christ that Christ is in him and he is in Christ.

~St. Cyril of Alexandria

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Mass: on Channel 3...Monday 3:00 PM, Wednesday 7:00 PM

Weekly Mass Times

St. Dominic:		Immaculate Conception:	
Saturday	4:30 PM	Sunday	8:30 AM
Sunday	10:30 AM		

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St. Dominic

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A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, Thank you for our Mothers.

Thank you for blessing us with mothers who are kind, loving and strong. Bless them and protect them. May You give them peace in times of worry and distress. May You give them comfort in times of sadness. May You give them hope when they feel hopeless. May their hearts be filled with joy each day. Let them feel Your unconditional love and forgiveness as they have unconditionally loved us. May they feel especially loved and cherished on this day. Amen

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~~~ **Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of the Gospel** ~~~

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to

call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue

humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share. ©LP



### **Vacation Bible School 2021**

Our Parish Cluster will again be holding a Summer Bible Adventure the week of July 12 - 16, 2021, for all children kindergarten - 6th grade.

This year’s theme is Athletics - Training to be Champions for Christ. There will be songs, crafts, bible stories and games. If you would like to register your children, grandchildren or friends or have other questions, please call the parish office at 715-327-8119.

### **Fr. Joseph Raj**

Many of you have asked about Fr. Joseph Raj. He is doing well and is enjoying his time with family and friends. He thanks everyone for their prayers and support.

At this time we are uncertain of his return date due to the travel ban from India. We will continue to work at scheduling priests for weekend Masses but daily Masses will not resume until Father returns. We will keep you informed about Father’s plans to return to the states.

### REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURES

#### **First Reading**

In the home of the Gentile-believer, Cornelius, Peter revealed one of the most significant insights from the early Church: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.” Where do you see this message of unity needed today?

#### **Second Reading**

John saw love at the very core of God’s divine identity. In fact, for John, “God is love.” For this reason, believers are called to love one another. How do you keep this virtue paramount in your life?

#### **Gospel Reading**

During his farewell discourse, Jesus refers to his disciples as his “friends.” How often do you think of Jesus as your “friend?”

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER





**Save Your Change and Change A Life!**

The Knights of Columbus handed baby bottles out after Mass this weekend as part of the Options for Women TriCounty 'Baby Bottle Program.' Please fill them with your spare change and return them by Father's Day. This change will help a little baby and its mother. If you didn't get a bottle and would like to participate in sharing the pro-life message, there are additional bottles in the back of church. Thank you for your support.

**Rectory Renovations Update**



The carpet has been removed from Father's bedroom and new flooring was installed. A new window for Father's bedroom and counter tops for the kitchen have been ordered. Electrical work to add lighting and new heaters should begin this week.

Because of budgetary restraints, we need your assistance. If you are able to help with these renovation projects by making an extra donation, it would be greatly appreciated and very helpful. You can drop off an extra check, marked 'Rectory Repair', in the collection or contact the office or Deacon Stan if you can help. Thank you!

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**

Question: What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer: The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor. ©LPi



A big thank you to those who came and helped clean up the church grounds at St. Dominic. It looks great!

Thank you also to all who helped with the spring garage sale at Immaculate Conception last weekend. We had a great turn out and many items were sold, raising over \$1,500. We are looking at holding another sale on Big Gust weekend.

*Scrip cards are available for graduations, family vacations and gatherings, Father's Day and much more.*

*Stop at the Scrip table after Mass or call Sue 715-472-8399 or Barb 715-689-2850 to order.*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT

**Choosing to Love One Another**

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

**FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE**

|        | SD         | IC         |
|--------|------------|------------|
| May 12 | CLASS      | CLASS      |
| May 19 | LAST CLASS | LAST CLASS |



# MASSES AND INTENTIONS

## **Saturday, May 8**

SD 4-4:15 pm Confessions

SD 4:30 pm All Past, Present & Future Mothers by  
the Knights of Columbus

## **Sunday, May 9** *6th Sunday of Easter*

IC 8-8:15 am Confessions

IC 8:30 am All Past, Present & Future Mothers by  
the Knights of Columbus

SD 10:30 am All Past, Present & Future Mothers by  
the Knights of Columbus

## **Tuesday, May 11**

No Mass

## **Wednesday, May 12**

IC 7-10 am Adoration

No Mass

## **Thursday, May 13** *Ascension of the Lord*

No Mass

## **Friday, May 14** *St. Matthias*

No Mass

## **Saturday, May 15**

SD 4-4:15 pm Confessions

SD 4:30 pm Dennis D'Jock by Louie D'Jock

## **Sunday, May 16** *Ascension of Our Lord*

IC 8-8:15 am Confessions

IC 8:30 am Ron Boucher by Grace Boucher & Family

SD 10:30 am Intentions of Jill Weyenberg &  
Family by Scott & Stephanie Weyenberg



### **Parish Services**

#### **Home Bound**

Please contact the office to be placed on the communion list or if you would like a ride to Mass on the weekend.

#### **Baptism and Matrimony**

Please call the office to get all the information you need for your upcoming sacrament.

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

Available by appointment, please contact the office.  
In an emergency, call Fr. Joseph at 715-205-5558

#### **House Blessing**

Available by appointment, please contact the office.

#### **Prayer Chain**

If you need a prayer said for you or your loved ones, please contact the office to begin the prayer chain.

#### **Rosary**

The Rosary is recited before Saturday Mass at SD.

| STEWARDSHIP - 5/2/21             | SD         | IC         |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Envelope Collection              | \$1,420.00 | \$1,350.00 |
| Loose Collection                 | \$447.96   | \$515.00   |
| Rectory Project                  | \$1,825.00 | \$270.00   |
| <i>Still owed on CSA 2020-21</i> | \$0        | \$1,807.00 |
| <i>Outstanding CSA Pledges</i>   | \$2,115.00 | \$990.00   |

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS AND SERVERS

**Saturday, May 15**

**St. Dominic**

Ushers: Don Supinski, Bill Schommer, Ray Draxler

Greeters: N - Pat Spies  
S - Carol Schommer

Lector: Jerry Spies

Sacristan: Colleen Draxler

**Sunday, May 16**

**Immaculate Conception**

Lector: Mike Strub

Sacristan: Joan Lauer

Ushers: Brian & Nick Webster

Server: Victoria Lauer

**St. Dominic**

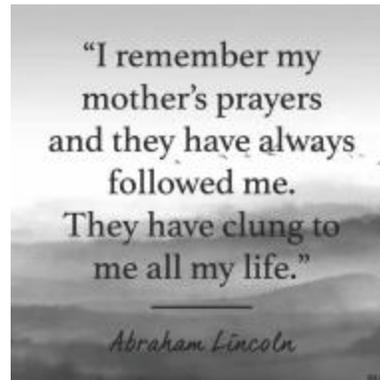
Ushers: Jim Schommer, John Helling, Volunteer

Greeters: N - Manolin Gonzalez  
S - Ex Memmer

Lector: Sue Wallin

Sacristan: David Malinovsky

Server: Emily Hill



*Happy  
Mother's  
Day to all  
our mothers!*

### New Parishioners

#### *Welcome!*

If you would like to become a member of our Parishes, please fill out the following form. Then mail it, drop it off at the parish office, or put it in the collection basket.

St. Dominic       Immaculate Conception

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