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April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem." ~Luke 24:45-48



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7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Sunday)

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BAPTISMS:
Parents desiring Baptism for their children must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the Parish Office for info.

MARRIAGES:
Contact the parish 8 months in advance of your proposed marriage date for Marriage Prep information.

NEW PARISHIONERS:
Welcome! Please register by stopping by the Parish Office.

Sunday - April 18
7:00 am For William Healy
by: Jeanne Haug
9:00 am For the Parishioners of
Our Lady of Fatima Parish
11:00 am †Filbert & Filbert A. Martinez
by: The Martinez Family
5:00 pm Teens of Our Lady of Fatima

Monday - April 19
6:30 am †Derek Howe
by: Deacon Gary Miller & Family
8:15 am †Lavina Bonacci
by: Mary Edgerton

Tuesday - April 20
6:30 am †Bill McDevitt
by: Tom & Hilda Cryan
8:15 am For Ruth Vilmain
by: Jean Vilmain

Wednesday - April 21
6:30 am †Helen M. Zabrusky
by: George Johnson
8:15 am †Boleslaw "Bill" Daniel
by: Josephine Daniel

Thursday - April 22
6:30 am For the Families of Tom & Bill
by: Maureen Allen
8:15 am †Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday - April 23
6:30 am †Monsignor Val Gross
by: Bob & Lisa Gross
8:15 am For Brandon, Colton & David
by: Maureen Allen

Saturday - April 24
8:15 am †Dan Sullivan
by: Mary Ann Sullivan
5:00 pm †Ann Johnston
by: Shirley Johnston

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a
Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10:11-18

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Parish Offertory

April 4, 2021

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Total Registered Families - 1025

General Offertory 04/21	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Last Year 2019/2020	\$46,631	\$853,595
This Year 2020/2021	<u>\$44,199</u>	<u>\$835,710</u>
This Year versus Last Year	\$-2432	\$-17,885 (-2.1% VS Last Year)

Children’s Collection \$0.00 Balance \$2,440.89

Please continue to use your offertory envelopes so we are able to acknowledge your giving at the end of the year.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Electronic giving is available at our website
www.fatimalakewood.org

Please remember our school and parish in your will.

Please remember to pray for the sick.
Brent Mize, Leora Sullivan, Judy Sutton and for all those who are recovering from surgery or are terminally ill.



Come, Spend Time With the Lord in Adoration

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is available to you in our Adoration Chapel daily from 6 am to 8 pm. To sign up as a scheduled adorer go to

www.Adorationpro.org/Fatima and click “Weekly Commitment” or to sign up as a substitute adorer, click “Become a Sub”.

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How To Fail Your Way To Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God, but we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**March
Rosary Count
772**

**Queen of Peace
Rosary Makers
Distributed Rosaries
in February
700**



Knights of Columbus



WHAT KNIGHTS DO

The Knights of Columbus are proud to announce the winners of their
2020-21 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

1st Place Winner - Ava Darche
2nd Place Winner - Samantha Miller
3rd Place Winner - Joshua Gross

The essay theme this year was “*Discuss How You or Someone You Know has Trusted God During Difficult Times*”. We had 21 students from OLF 8th grade Language Arts Class, taught by Ms. Laura Riviello, participate in the contest. The 1st Place Winner received a \$50 prize, the 2nd Place received a \$35 prize and the 3rd Place received a \$25 prize. The remaining 18 students each received a \$5.00 prize. All participants also received a special certificate from the Knights of Columbus.

Ava Darche’s essay is included on the next page of this bulletin. Please take a few minutes to read it to see why the Knights were extremely proud to award her the 1st Place prize. The Knights would like to thank all the students for the time and effort they put into writing their essays and for the assistance they received from Ms. Laura Riviello, and all of the staff at OLF School.



RESPECT LIFE

What’s wrong with being pro-choice? No one is forcing pro-life people to have abortions. Why can’t other people have the right to choose abortion if it is right for them?

The right to choose what? Women should be allowed to choose many things in life - their husbands, their careers, and whether or not they want to be mothers. There’s nothing wrong with choice - as long as the choice is a moral good. Pro-life advocates agree that women should be able to choose whether or not they want to be mothers, but if a woman is pregnant, she already is a mother. Having an abortion does not prevent a child from coming into existence, it violently takes a child out of existence.

For more information: See Horn, Trent. 20 Answers - Abortion (20 answers Series from Catholic answers Book 2), <https://shop.catholic.com/booklets/20-answers/?q=abortion+>

First Place Winner of the Knight's 2020-21 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
Discuss How You or Someone You Know Has Trusted God During Difficult Times
By Ava Darche

I don't remember most of my early childhood, however, my grandmother remembers it in vivid detail. Helen Anderson, my grandmother, was constantly involved in our community's religious activities when I was young. Every single Friday without fail, she was inside the Saint Bernadette Catholic Church watching the kindergarteners during Mass. Grandmother often tells me how us kids behaved during Mass. Kids violently swung their legs back and forth, while rolling their heads in circles as the Priest droned on and on. We were fidgety and restless, zoning in and out while staring at the glass panes that lined the walls. She described how much the kids couldn't wait for Mass to be over and how our Priest, Father Goggins, had other ideas.

She described the struggle to keep the kids focused as Father Goggins recited the Litany of the Saints after every Mass. All of that extra time spent saying a prayer that the church usually hadn't said before. When asked why he was reciting an unnecessary extra prayer after every Mass he responded, "I heard a call, you never ignore a call". My grandmother was confused and couldn't help but be annoyed because the litany forced the kids to stay for longer while she put up with their antics. She always remembered the annoyance she felt with a twinge of regret. Regret that she had felt so negative towards something so simple. She had no idea how much that prayer would mean to her, that it would become her beacon of light in a world of darkness.

When I was five, my grandmother was diagnosed with terminal cancer. The doctors told her that she had six months left to live. I had no idea the enormity of what was happening. Everyone told me that she was going to go away for a little while. I couldn't understand what was happening, or maybe I simply did not wish to understand. The doctors explained that there was nothing they could do, but my grandmother fought. She remembers fighting doctor after doctor, convincing them to perform surgery to remove the malignant tumors and undergo harsh chemotherapy. In the end, she won and left for Tulsa, Oklahoma to receive the life-saving treatment. However, it came at a cost.

When reciting the story she closes her eyes and describes the pain. It was the worst pain she had ever felt in her life, pure agony. After the surgery, she believed that she was screaming in pain. Lying in that hospital bed, she screamed the Litany of the Saints over and over. Over and over she repeated the litany for what felt like hours, and then she saw them, the saints. "Oh, it was beautiful Ava, all of the saints," she would say, "covered in a shroud of light." Just like that, all of her pain was gone. With a laugh, she'd explain how she had felt guilty because she was sure she was bothering the hospital nurses. When she asked the nurses, she was told that she hadn't make a peep.

Almost a full ten years later my grandmother continues to raise my siblings and I with the influence and grace of God. She can never get through the story without tears. God knew that her journey wasn't over yet and she trusts that when the time comes it will be right. Every day she begins her day by thanking God for the ability to still be here with her family. Every day she remembers those extra moments of prayer after every Mass with happiness. She knows without a doubt that through God, Father Goggins recited those school Mass prayers for her. She knows that God blessed her with the miracle of life.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education - Sunday Family of Faith

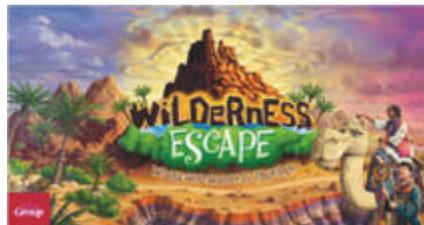
- ◆ **Final RE classes on Sunday, April 25:** Please plan on joining us for food, fellowship and fun!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

- ◆ **NO CGS classes on Wednesday, May 5**
- ◆ **Two Extra Days:** Please note the two extra scheduled CGS days: Tuesdays, April 27 and May 4.
- ◆ **Liturgy of the Light:** This beautiful service will be on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm. Please be at the church by 6:00 pm and plan to stay for a potluck in the Parish Hall after the service.
- ◆ **Final CGS Classes:** The last classes for this year's CGS program are on Wednesday, May 12.

Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation and First Holy Communion

- ◆ **Workbooks (Confirmation):** Please turn in your completed "Saints Among Us - Confirmation" Student Workbook 3 to your teacher or the RE office.
- ◆ **Workbooks (Eucharist):** Continue working in the blue "Signs of Grace - Preparing for First Holy Communion" activity book and guide. The activity book is due by August 16.
- ◆ **Eucharistic Workshop #2:** Join us on Saturday, May 1 (9am-12pm) where we will work to complete Sessions 2 & 3 in your child's activity book.
- ◆ **Sponsor Forms:** Please complete and submit your child's sponsor form to the RE office as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that these may take some time to complete if coordinating with other parishes, especially out-of-state.
- ◆ **Rite of Enrollment:** Please plan to attend the *5pm Mass on Sunday, May 2*. Both the candidate (child) and their sponsor should be present. If it is not possible for the sponsor to attend, a parent can stand in as a proxy.
- ◆ **Mark your calendars!**
 - Saint posters are due Thursday, July 15 or sooner if you would like.
 - Confirmation Readiness Exam is due Monday, August 16.
 - Interviews will be held the weeks of August 16 and 23.
 - Day of Reflection is Saturday, August 21 from (9 am - 2 pm). Both child & adult/s must attend.
 - Confirmation rehearsal is Thursday, August 26 at 5 pm.
 - Confirmation/First Holy Communion Mass is Sunday, August 28 at 5 pm. Please arrive at 3:50 pm in the school gym for pictures and Q&A with Father Henri.



Vacation Bible School

- ◆ **Wilderness Escape - Where God Guides and Provides:**
We are planning to hold VBS June 21-25, 2021!!!
Volunteers will be needed. If interested, please contact the RE Office.
Stay tuned for more information.



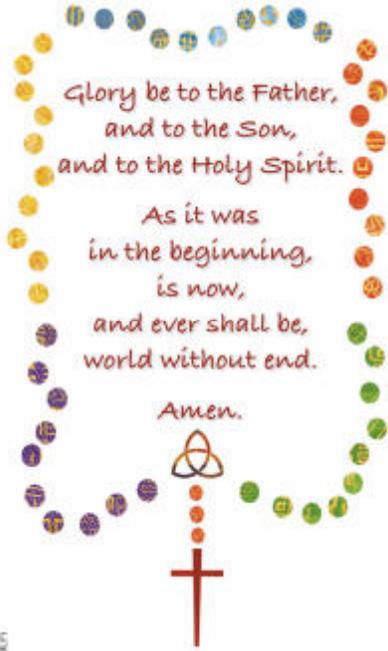
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Queen of Peace Rosary Circle invites you to purchase hand-made Rosaries right here in our Parish Office! As we have been unable to have our Rosary sales this year, this gives you the opportunity to help provide Rosaries to Catholic Missions throughout the world.



Healing Ministry

“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them... in the name of the Lord” -James 5:14

The healing ministry is continuing the prayer sessions for those seeking healing for physical and associated emotional ailments. The Healing Ministry joins with them in intercessory prayer to the Holy Trinity and asks the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede on their behalf. This includes serious, severe and incurable ailments. The private prayer sessions are confidential and include proper COVID precautions. They are held at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 1 pm second Sunday of each month.

For more information contact Lou at 303-956-4826 or lou@ciberlok.com.



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