



SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
in the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open:
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

OCIA: Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am
Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



Stressin' Out the Monsignor (Part TWO): Last week, I began to share some of the IT nightmares I was dealing with in Manistee as I desperately tried to get everything

connected and readied to stream the scripture service and funeral Mass for the sister of Fr. Rich. Sadly, we were at the parish just six months earlier for the funeral of Fr. Rich's mom, so I knew the territory and what to bring.

As I shared last week, I was rather frustrated because I couldn't get a decent internet connection. The parish offices were across the street, and while I had all the needed equipment, something wasn't working quite right. After I left the gathering in the hotel lobby on Sunday night, my mom and I went up to our room, and I called it quits for the night. I had researched things to death to find an answer, but I wasn't coming up with anything that would be helpful. I figured I needed a good night's sleep and would continue worrying in the morning.

On Sunday evening, as they were turning off the lights in the Church, I made arrangements with the funeral director, pastor, and business manager to meet me at 8:00 a.m. on Monday. They were all kind enough to know it was an "all hands on deck" reality to help me do whatever was needed to make it happen, and they were all on board to help. The streaming of the scripture service on Sunday was very choppy and had all kinds of sound issues. Based on the reports I was getting from people back home, many people watching the scripture service thought it was their connection. In reality, it was my connection and, thus, my fault in the end. Somehow, it always ends up being my fault! Knowing many were relying on my efforts to be able to watch the funeral, I was going to do all that I could to make it happen.

As planned, everyone met me on Monday morning. My first order of business was to reboot this building-to-building wireless bridge. This equipment has a transmitter and receiver, creating a secure wireless bridge from one building to the next. It drove me up the wall the night before because all the settings appeared correct, but nothing worked.

I was hyper-focused on this building-to-building bridge. It was supposed to be "plug and play," but it was hardly anything but plug and play. The lights showed I had them connected, but internet traffic wasn't flowing.

In the middle of messing around with all of this stuff, I walked into the parish offices again, and the secretary and a few other staff were baffled because they couldn't connect to the internet. It wasn't happening to everyone, but only those who relied on a wired connection. Lights started going off in my head. This was an essential piece of information to my puzzle. There was something much bigger going on here than just with my stuff. As all this was happening, the associate pastor, Fr. Mike, arrived and jumped into the ring to help diagnose what was happening. Like I am to SJA, Fr. Mike is their hands-on tech person at the parish. He then revealed a hugely significant piece of information. "You know," he started to say, "our IT person was here on Friday, and he told me he changed a few settings on the router. I'm starting to think this is our issue. Ever since then, we've had these intermittent connection problems." "WHAT," I shouted in my head as if I was speaking on a PA system at Ford Field! I was like a deer in headlights and a person who wanted to scream. I was 30 minutes before going live with the rosary at 10:00 a.m. This little bit of information was absolutely key.

My attention then turned to their internet modem. I went down into their network closet and started to reboot their equipment. I rewired a few things to bypass their network and allow my building-to-building equipment to be the only connection on the modem. At this point, I figured I would deal with getting their campus back up and running after the funeral. I "ran" back to the Church and rebooted everything there. Most of the choir was already in the choir loft by this time. And now, I was working around not only wires and equipment but also people who wanted to say hello and people who wanted to help. I quickly plastered on my happy face, but I wanted to find my "invisible" pills! As we know, Monsignor doesn't always do so well around people when his technology isn't working!!

I waited a painful 3 minutes for everything to come back online, but I still wasn't getting to the outside world. It was time to ditch the building to building bridge. It was now 9:45 a.m., and I only had 15 minutes to come up with a solution.

For a few minutes, I wondered if I had enough internet cable to hard wire my equipment over to the parish offices. But then I remembered that anyone with a wired connection at the parish offices couldn't get to the outside world. So that idea got flushed.

I then started to canvas the neighborhood and wondered if any neighbor might allow an old, and now frantic, Monsignor to run his internet wires from the Church into their home internet system. At this point, I figured it would take too long to explain myself, so I ditched that idea. I had only one idea left: to use my Verizon hotspot. But I had a problem. When I used that hotspot the night before for the scripture service, the signal strength was only 1 bar, and the connection kept going from a 5G signal to a 4LTE signal, which I'm sure was causing my intermittent and poor streaming performance. I now only had a few minutes to make SOMETHING happen.

It then dawned on me. Maybe if I put my hotspot near or outside the stained glass window I was working from in the stairwell going up to the choir loft (where I initially put my wireless bridge equipment), the signal strength would be better. So, I gathered all the wires I needed and literally dangled the hotspot outside this stained glass window. I just hoped and prayed it wouldn't disconnect and fall. I turned everything back on, and my streaming equipment showed I had a connection to the outside world. ALLELUIA! I ran back to the streaming table where Dina was waiting to take control of the cameras. The sound issue was gone. ALLELUIA! People back home were getting a good streaming feed, and everything appeared to be working as best as it was going to. ALLELUIA! The rosary began, and I started to say my own prayers over all my equipment. I gathered my vestments, gave a thumbs up to Dina, turned around and smiled to the choir, and ran downstairs to join Fr. Rich and Fr. Adam for the funeral mass as if nothing ever happened upstairs! No one would ever know until I wrote my article! By the grace of God, it all worked! Blessed be God! But I was one stressed-out Monsignor!

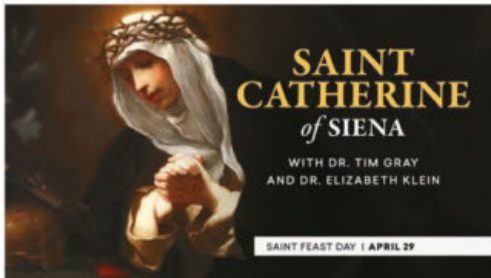
Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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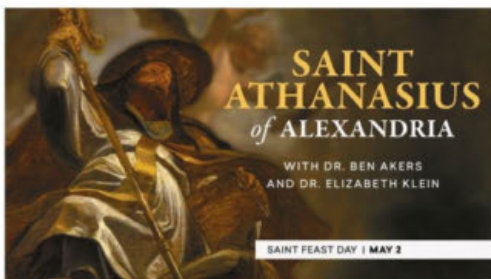
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 28, 2024



Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.



Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.



Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You - A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph

Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph by Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet.

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Blessings -

Fr. Adam



April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 | 1 Jn 3:18-24 | Jn 15:1-8

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“Where do they get their energy!” Maybe you’ve said that about your children as they run around the yard while you’re trying to wrangle them inside for bedtime. Jokes about how sugar and caffeine are what keep most adults going, but we know it’s proper nutrition, exercise, and rest that enable us to do well whatever it is we do. That is all relevant to us physically. What about spiritually? Bishop Barron, writing on the Gospel, says, “Jesus declares that he is the vine and we are the branches. He is the power and energy source in which we live.” (*Word on Fire Bible*, 548) Just as we see the effects of sugar and caffeine on people, we see the supernatural effects of Jesus’ love on, and in, people. As he nurtures us with his perfect love, and that flows into us who are grafted onto him, it changes us. It transforms us and converts us away from sin and toward God. We fill up on that spiritual fuel in the sacramental life of the Church and become a witness to it in how we go about our days – loving one another.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” These words from John in our second reading provide the perfect bridge between the ministry of Paul, about whom we heard in the first reading, and Christ’s message in the Gospel. With Jesus as “the power and energy source in which we live,” we not only can profess the truth, but live it. We not only give our own account of Christ working in us, as Paul did, who came to them speaking out “boldly in the name of the Lord,” but we stand beside one another, as Barnabas did, vouching for Paul to the Apostles. We are united in baptism, in love, in profession of faith, and in communion with one another. When we consistently act in a Christian manner toward others and keep God’s commandments, John says, we “remain in him, and he in [us], and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.” In other words, those who remain in Christ “will bear much fruit” – a tangible sign that easily answers the question, “where does he/she get her energy?”

PRAY Is there anything in your life that is an obstacle to Jesus being the power and energy source in which you live? Are your days fueled more by anger, frustration, or ambition than his love? Pray this week in thanksgiving to God for where he has given you conversion of heart, and ask him for the grace to see where improvement is needed and the will to make it happen.

Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 5 B

Reading One – 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 – Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reading Two – 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.

Alleluia – Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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."

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Love in Deed

It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How does a person become a canonized saint?

Answer:

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized and Confirmed Catholics!

The Easter fire was lit at the start of Easter Vigil, and the silence of Holy Saturday broken as Fr. Adam beautifully sang the Exsultet.

Those who had been preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist through the OCIA process waited in anticipation as the story of our salvation was proclaimed through the readings of the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel of Christ's Resurrection.

After the homily, Msgr. Mike baptized three people: Addison Erickson, Ryleigh Erickson and Jimmy Kalich. Then they were then confirmed along with six others who were already baptized: Sara Biery, Erik Duus, Elsie Erickson, Herb Kengel, Andrew Mancina and Jacob O'Donnell. On Easter Saturday, Kristopher Zuhl was received into the Church. Along with Dudley Roberts, who was received into the Church last November, these 11 wonderful people have grown in their love of God and the Church and now join us at the Table of the Eucharist as fully initiated Catholics.

Please welcome and continue to pray for our new members. As we reflected on the power of the sacraments this past Sunday, one person said, "I always felt like I was sitting on the outside, not able to fully participate in the Mass with everyone around me. Now I feel like I'm part of the community, the community that has supported me along this journey, and I'm so grateful for the welcome I have experienced."

-- *Patty Chase*



Are you or anyone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

What is the OCIA?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process through which a person becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Faith.

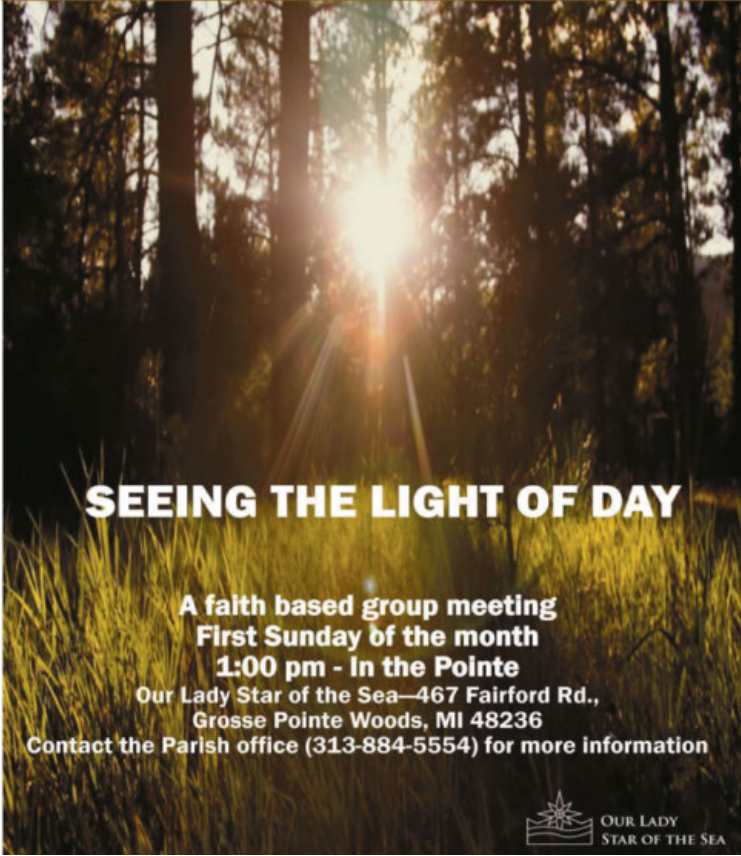
Who should be in the OCIA?

- Adults and children of catechetical age (older than seven years) who have not been baptized
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination who want to become Catholic
- Those who were baptized as infants in the Catholic Church but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation and who have had no faith formation

Visit sjascs.org/OCIA or call

Contact Patty Chase at 586-777-3670

Bereavement Group



SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

A faith based group meeting
 First Sunday of the month
 1:00 pm - In the Pointe

Our Lady Star of the Sea—467 Fairford Rd.,
 Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Contact the Parish office (313-884-5554) for more information



Light of the Spirit Prayer Group



Meets on the 2nd and 4th
 Wednesday of each month
 at St. Joan of Arc from
 6:30-8:30 pm in the
 Sr. Carol Center.

Join us!

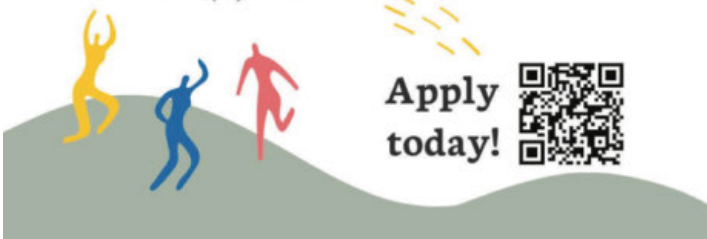


For over 100 years, campers have experienced joy, excitement, and adventure at St. Vincent de Paul Detroit's Camp Ozanam.

Located on the shores of Lake Huron, 85 miles north of Detroit, our Camp Ozanam offers a wilderness adventure where kids can participate in activities like swimming, arts and crafts, sports, camp fires, and so much more at no cost to their families.

We have made a lasting impact on over 128,000 children throughout southeast Michigan, helping to foster a greater sense of confidence, independence, and leadership skills.

Summer staff is the heart and soul of our camp program. As campers step outside their comfort zone and embrace the excitement of camp, our counselors, activity specialists, program administrators, food service staff, and maintenance team work together to create a safe, welcoming, caring, and supportive environment for them to live, play, and learn.



Save your can tabs!

Spread the word! We're collecting can tabs again.

Let others know that those little pop and food can tabs make a big difference for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Drop off donations in the buckets in the church or at the Parish Center during business hours.



Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, April 29th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Walking with Purpose - EH
7:00 PM Walking with Purpose - EH

Tuesday, April 30th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
7:00 PM Wind & Fire - Emmaus Hall

Wednesday, May 1st

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Funeral for Anthony Comito
5:00 PM Reconciliation
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed
6:30 PM PTG Meeting - Emmaus Hall

Thursday, May 2nd

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Funeral for Nancy Gehrke
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, May 3rd

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Funeral for Benedetto Fazio

Saturday, May 4th

8:30 AM Exceptional Faith Formation
10:00 AM Baptism of Luca Alonso Medina
11:00 AM Reconciliation

1:00 PM First Communion Mass - Livestreamed
4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, May 5th

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
11:00 AM Family Faith Formation - Gym
12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

April 28, 2024 – Heaven on Earth

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

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- Monday April 29, 2024 Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (White)**
- 7:00 am Special Intention for St. Vincent DePaul @SJA
- Tuesday April 30, 2024 Easter Weekday Saint Pius V, Pope (White/White)**
- 7:00 am Richard Calvin Rich
- Wednesday May 1, 2024 Easter Weekday; Saint Joseph the Worker (White/White)**
- 7:00 am Special Intention for Frank and Monica Fazi
- 6:00 pm Special Intention for Sally McCarthy
- Thursday May 2, 2024 Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (White)**
- 7:00 am Marlina Sunga
- Friday May 3, 2024 Saints Philip and James, Apostles (Red)**
- 7:00 am Special Intention for Dr. Keith Khalil
- Saturday, May 4, 2024 Vigil for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (White)**
- 4:00 pm Bonnie Batche, John Richardson, Karam Karam, Donna Everett, Barbara DelGrosso, and Special Intentions for the First Communicants, the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, Linda Frank and Prayerful Aorecatuin for the work of the Priests and Staff of St. Joan of Arc
- 6:00 pm Karen McMahan
- Sunday, May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter (White)**
- 8:00 am For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
- 10:00 am Special Intention for the DeKutoski Family
- 12:00 pm Sr. Margaret Moran, O.P., Samson deLeon, Mary Hobig, Vincent Troia and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank

Daily Readings

Monday, April 29

Acts 14:5-18
John 14:21-26

Tuesday, April 30

Acts 14:19-28
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 1

Acts 15:1-6
John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 2

Acts 15:7-21
John 15:9-11

Friday, May 3

1 Corinthians 15:1-8
John 14:6-14

Saturday, May 4

Acts 16:1-10
John 15:18-21

Sunday, May 5

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17



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WHAT: Inquiry Meeting

Meet with Council members to learn more about us and join us for prayer and fellowship.

WHEN: May 19, 2024 at 12:30 P.M.

WHERE: St. Hubert Parish Activity Center
Harrison Township, MI.

TO REGISTER: **Contact Judy (586) 222-6872**

Prayers Needed

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Kainoa Dunn	Joan Ireland	Jennie Mooney	Terri Szolach	

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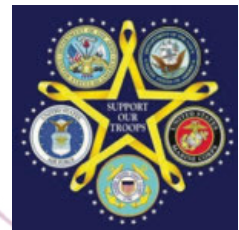
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Bringing Home the Word

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)
April 28, 2024

"In" or Not at All

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The little word "in" appears eleven times in the Greek text of today's short passage from John's Gospel, and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us.

This being in does not mean "inside," like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise, we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is "in Christ," our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us. †

***If we want to thrive,
we must cherish our
relationship with Christ,
our source of life.***



A Word from Pope Francis

Today the Gospel offers us the moment in which Jesus introduces himself as the true vine and invites us to abide in him so as to bear much fruit.... One of the ripest fruits that springs from communion with Christ is...the commitment to charity for our neighbor....

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 29, 2018



Sunday Readings

Acts 9:26-31

The Church...was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

1 John 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

John 15:1-8

[Jesus said,] "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- In what ways does Christ live in you?
- How do you live in Christ?

Waiting for the Resurrection

Ron Rolheiser, OMI

We live in difficult times. We've only to watch the news on any given evening. If there's an all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-loving God who is Lord of this universe, his presence isn't very evident on the evening news. There's violence all over the planet, fueled on every side by self-righteous ideologies that sanction hatred, by self-interest that destroys community, and by a socially-approved greed that lets the poor fend for themselves.

It's fair and reflective to wonder: Where is the resurrection in all of this? Why is God seemingly so inactive? Where is the vindication of Easter Sunday?

What the resurrection teaches is that



God doesn't forcibly intervene to stop pain and death. Instead, he redeems the pain and vindicates the death. The resurrection of Jesus reveals that there's

a deep moral structure to the universe, that the contours of the universe are love and goodness and truth. This structure, anchored at its center by ultimate love and power, is non-negotiable: You live life its way or it simply won't come out right.

More importantly, the reverse is also true: If you respect the structure and live life its way, what's good and true and loving will eventually triumph, despite everything, like a giant moral immune system that brings the body back to health. God lets the universe right itself the way a body does when it is attacked by a virus. We don't have to escape pain and death to achieve victory, we've only to remain faithful, good, and true inside of them. God's day will come. †

From *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter* by Ron Rolheiser, OMI, available at Liguori.org.

Daybreaks authors include Fr. John Kavanaugh, Sr. Dianne Bergant, and Fr. Daniel Horan.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Easter Redemption" by Fr. Gregory Wiest, CSsR

To understand the scope of the power of the resurrection, we must understand Jesus' power here on earth before he died. Throughout his ministry, Jesus fortified people physically. He restored sight to the eyes of the blind, gave strength to the legs of the lame, and flooded the ears of the deaf with sound. He also healed people spiritually. He brought peace to disturbed minds and diminished the torment of demons to the hearts of humanity. This power extended into social situations, too. Gathering the outcast, the neglected, and the condemned, he created new communities of acceptance. For Jesus, the earth was meant for the meek. He blessed peacemakers and forbade retaliation. His power and leadership materialized as service to the poor. He uplifted the rejected and gave importance to the lowly of the world. †

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Lord Jesus, teach us what it means to abide in you, and help us to believe that with you, all things are possible, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

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1 Cor 15:1–8 / Jn 14:6–14

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Acts 16:1–10 / Jn 15:18–21

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