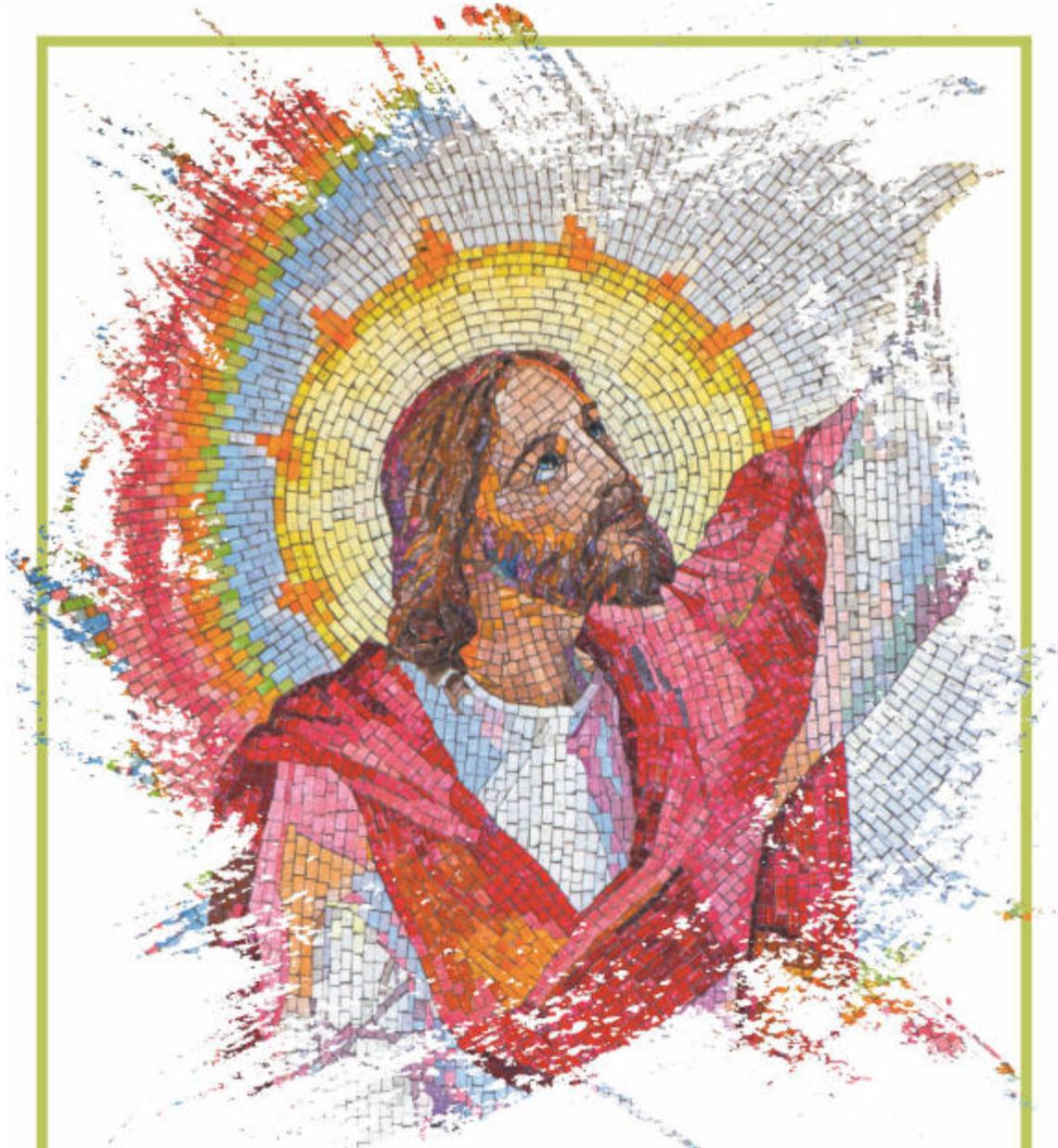


ST. KIERAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 18, 2021: The Third Sunday of Easter



"EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW OF MOSES AND IN THE PROPHETS AND PSALMS MUST BE FULFILLED." —LK 24:44

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mallia's Moments

A Gospel reflection from Father Joe and an update on upcoming events happening around the parish

Why do questions arise in your hearts? That is the question that Jesus asks of his disciples after he had appeared to them and they still think they are seeing a ghost. He proves yet again, that he really is alive and he reminds them that he wants them to be witnesses to all of what he said and all that has happened in his passion, death and resurrection.

But the doubts don't leave and they don't become witnesses until they had received the Holy Spirit and the same is true for us. We need the Holy Spirit in our lives to remove the doubts and hesitations that we feel; those roadblocks that keep us from being the witnesses the Lord calls us to be. So, we need to begin to pray for the Holy Spirit starting today, to come to us on the Feast of Pentecost.

What these readings are telling us is that it is not enough for us to be filled with joy at the resurrection of Jesus. That was not the reason he kept showing himself to the disciples; just to keep making them feel good. He wanted them to go out into the world and to teach, to help people encounter the risen Lord and to turn away from their sins. Peter reminds the people that they, "acted out of ignorance", when they allowed Jesus to die, but he does not blame them, he calls them to repent and believe. He invites them to come to know the truth. We can't allow the world to remain in its ignorance by not knowing who Jesus is and who do you think God is depending on?

But the world is not going to listen to us unless we are a dynamic and vibrant Church. In the times of the early church, people became believers because they saw concrete examples of how the presence of Christ in the midst of his believers made their lives different. They saw a dynamic and vibrant community of believers and they wanted to be a part of it. No one wants to join a group of people who say they love the Lord but look all downcast and act as if all the life has been sucked right out of them.

We must be intentional in our words and actions. As a parish, we must be intentional in our ministry. So, for example, we can't simply talk about getting young people to come to church, we have to be intentionally youth friendly. We can't simply talk about being inclusive, we must make sure that everyone is invited and welcomed into every aspect of our ministries. We can't simply complain that people don't come to mass, we need to be intentional about our efforts to welcome people back and make sure that when they get here, it is an experience worth coming to. We have to have a direct focus on our work and we have to be clear on what we are trying to achieve. If we are about the proclamation of Christ as the Lord, then everything about us must be so directed. Otherwise, we are an exclusive social club with occasional outreach efforts to make us feel good about ourselves. Somehow, I don't really think that is the mission of the Church, do you?

For the parish to be intentional, we have to be directed by the Holy Spirit. We have to model ourselves after the early church community. So, pray with me for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us. To burn in our hearts and minds a new and vibrant faith. To remove from us the trappings of what once was dead and to be robed in the glory of a resurrected and living Christ. Come Holy Spirit. Free us from the upper rooms and tombs that would suffocate us in our own enclosure and send us forth with your grace, to renew the face of the earth. Come Holy Spirit, come. God bless you all. *Continued on page 3*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE REQUESTING PRAYER

Names will remain on our sick list for 6 weeks. After 6 weeks contact the Parish Office if you wish to place the name back on the list. Names will remain on our military list for 1 year.

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Christine Babisch
Harold Bates
Steve Barton
Shirley Besler
Kathleen Brest
Frances Burnett
Marina Darling
Nancy Forton
Richard Jakubec
Rosallynn Kettner
Kevin Klott
David Koczara
Jesse Malczyk
Carmella Martz
Pamela Mleczek
Alice Mirochna
William Olszewski
Tom Petz
Tom Sadowski
Lisa Shadeck
Tresa Spencer
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Brian Hasse—N
Spenser Horwedel—AF
Mike Kwasnik—N
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Daniel Otten—A
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MALLIA'S MOMENTS*(continued)***Bike Blessing**

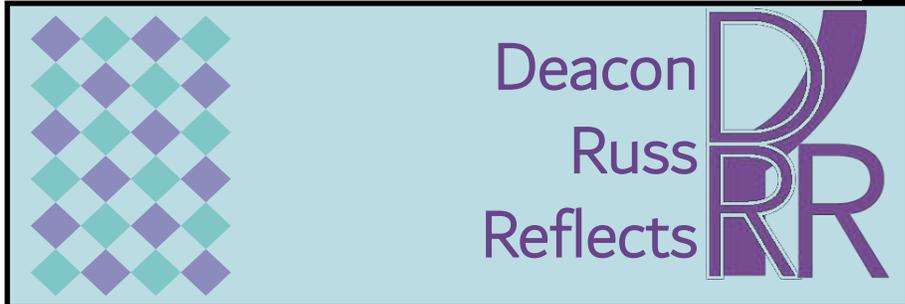
On Saturday May 15th we will be having our first annual bike blessing. This is for everyone and not only for our parish members. I ask your help in getting the word out. It is a family event and all ages are invited to pedal, drive or ride your bike up to church for this event. The bike blessing is intended for all kinds of bikes or motorcycles and is intended to be a fun outdoor event. The event will run from 10 till noon with the blessing kicking off the event shortly after 10 am. Hope to see many of you there.

Kickball League

We are off to a good start, with people showing interest in playing and forming teams. If you are interested in helping, officiating at games or participating, please send me an email so that we can keep moving forward with our plans. Remember, anyone who has graduated high school and above is eligible to participate. It is a co-ed league and two girls must be in the field at all times. Teams can be up to 16 players and may come up to kick the ball even if they do not play the field. There are up to 10 players in the field or as few as 8. The proposed starting date is in July and will run for six weeks. This event is also open to all interested people even if they are not members of the parish. There is no cost to participate and the winning team at the end does get champion tee shirts! Join today.

Garden Club Meeting

Our previously scheduled meeting in April had to be canceled. Sorry for any confusion, but circumstances arose that could not be avoided. Our next meeting is set for April 21st at 7pm. I hope that many of you will attend, even if all you want to do is help plant and care for the gardens. Your participation is very important. Thank you in advance. Have a great week and God bless you all.



Although her feast day was a few days ago (April 16th), today we will be focusing on a somewhat well-known saint. St. Bernadette Soubirous was born in Lourdes, France on January 7, 1844. Her parents were very poor and she was the first of nine children. As a toddler, Bernadette contracted cholera and suffered from extreme asthma. Unfortunately, she lived the rest of her life in poor health. On Thursday, February 11, 1858, Bernadette was sent with her younger sister and a friend to gather firewood, when a very beautiful lady appeared to her above a rose bush in a grotto called Massabielle. The woman wore blue and white and smiled at Bernadette before making the sign of the cross with a rosary of ivory and gold. Bernadette fell to her knees, took out her own rosary, and began to pray.

Three days later, Bernadette, her sister Marie, and other girls returned to the grotto, where Bernadette immediately knelt, saying she could see the beautiful lady again. In the vision, Bernadette was asked to return to the grotto each day for two weeks. When she insistently visited the grotto, her parents were embarrassed and attempted to stop her, but were unable to do so. On February 25, Bernadette claimed to have had a life-changing vision in which she was told "to drink of the water of the spring, to wash in it and to eat the herb that grew there," as an act of penance. The next day, the grotto's muddy waters had been cleared and fresh water flowed.

During her sixteenth vision on March 25, Bernadette claimed she had asked the woman her name, but her question was only met with a smile. Bernadette asked again, three more times, and finally the woman said, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Though many townspeople believed she had indeed been seeing the Holy Virgin, Bernadette's story created a division in her town. Church authorities, and the French government, rigorously interviewed her, and by 1862 they confirmed she spoke the truth. Bernadette asked the local priest to build a chapel at the site of her visions, and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is now one of the major Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world.

On July 29, 1866, Bernadette joined the Sisters of Charity at their motherhouse at Nevers. She spent the rest of her life working there as an infirmary assistant, and later a sacristan. Diagnosed with tuberculosis of the bone in her right knee, she was unable to take part in convent life. At 35 years old on April 16, 1879, while praying the holy rosary, she died in the Sainte Croix Infirmary of the Convent of Saint-Gildard. Since Bernadette first caused the spring to produce clean water, 69 cures have been verified by the Lourdes Medical Bureau. After what the Church claimed were "extremely rigorous scientific and medical examinations," no one was able to explain what caused the cures. Beatified in 1925 and canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1933, Saint Bernadette is the patroness of illness, people ridiculed for their piety, and the city of Lourdes. Touched by her humility and love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, may we too be fervent in our prayer, especially through the Mysteries of the Rosary. St. Bernadette, pray for us!

Hope to see you at Mass!

Peace,

Deacon Russ

Living ^{THE} Faith

THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION:
 Faith Formation is in need of catechists for next year! Contact Rose@stkieran.org for more information.
 Also: need catechists and coordinators for the 9:30am on Sunday morning KIDZ Connection session: Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade



ENCOUNTER
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 52 SUNDAYS ...
Prayer for the Fifth National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry

God of infinite Mercy,
 You sent your Risen Son
 to encounter the disciples on the way to Emmaus.
 Grant us today a missionary spirit and send us forth to encounter our sisters and brothers;
 to walk with them in friendship,
 to listen to their hopes and dreams with compassion,
 and to proclaim your Word with courage,
 so that they might come to know you once again in the breaking of the Bread.
 Make us all missionary disciples, and stay with us always,
 as we seek to share the joy of the Gospel with people of all generations,
 from every race, language, culture, and nation.
 We ask you this with burning hearts,
 filled with the Holy Spirit,
 in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and through the loving intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe,
 Star of the New Evangelization in the Americas.
 Amen.

From the Prayer for the Fifth National Encuentro of Hispanic Ministry
<https://vencuentro.org/prayer-for-the-v-encuentro/>



T.O.R.C.H.

Parish-Wide Event



April 21st OR April 22nd
 6:00pm-7:00pm
 OR
 7:15pm-8:15pm

Come and celebrate Earth Day!

You **MUST** sign-up through the "Sign-Up Genius" link below:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A49ABAF2DA2F49-april>

ALL Faith Formation Families are required to attend.
 Questions, please contact the Faith Formation Department
 (586)781-6515.

The Gospel For All Ages...Family Catechesis

Take the Challenge!

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48



About the Gospel
 Jesus meets his followers. He shows them his wounds and has dinner with his friends. Jesus is risen and still has his human body. His body is glorified, but he is still able to eat and talk with his friends. Jesus is fully human and fully divine.

For Discussion:
 How do you witness to your faith in Jesus?
 What does Jesus want his friends to remember about him?

In Church:
 As you receive Communion or a blessing, think about this: we are having a meal with Jesus and our friends. Jesus is the Living Bread.

Family Prayer
 Jesus, help us to remember you are a real friend to us. Amen.



Believe. Grow. Share.

Verso L'alto

Saint Kieran Young Adults

SKY

Saint Kieran Youth

Start brushing up on your kickball skills. St. Kieran plans to start a kickball league this summer for anyone out of high school. It will be co-ed and non competitive. We are looking for volunteers to help with scheduling, planning, and refereeing.

Are you a Catholic young adult looking to connects with others? Do you have ideas about getting Catholic young adults together and finding a space for them? Please contact Jenny Greuling, Young Adult Coordinator, 586-781-5759 ext.119 .

SKY meets this Sunday, April 18 at Escape Bowling Alley from 6:30-8:30 pm for an evening of bowling and socializing. Any questions about this event or SKY, please contact Jenny Greuling (Youth Minister) at 586-781-5759 ext. 119

A.S.K.S.

Active St. Kieran Seniors

- ◆ Monday, April 19 at 2:00 pm is Games in the Blessed Solanus Casey Room. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share.
 - ◆ Thursday, April 22 at 12:30 pm is "Lunch Around the World" at the Polish Century Club.
 - ◆ Monday, May 4 at 11:15 am is "Drop in Golf " at Cracklewood Golf Club.
- Any questions, please contact Jenny Greuling, Senior Adult Ministry 586-781-5759 ext. 119 or jenny@stkieran.org.

Dear Parishioners of St. Kieran,

It is time for me to say farewell. I have been called to another ministry/church. I have been asked to assist in a church's desire to change their traditional faith learning to family formation-based learning. Although it is very sad for me to leave St. Kieran, I feel God is directing me to move on and be a part of this development. I trust in God's plan. After all, He led me to St. Kieran where I have had the pleasure and honor to get to know so many of you. I have seen God in the teenager's light they shine, young adults' interest in knowing God better, and through the senior adults' stories they tell and care they show to others. The people in the ministries of SKY, young adults, and senior adults have been wonderful, and I will miss them. Thank you to all that volunteered in these ministries and were a part of their success. I am thankful for the time we've shared together and sad for it to end. I will pray for you whenever I think of you. Take Care and God Bless.

Sincerely,
Jenny Greuling

Christian Service Matters

Christian Service: the act of doing things for God with a willingness in the heart.



ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY AT SS. JOHN & PAUL – APRIL 24

SS. John & Paul is hosting an electronic recycling day on April 24, from 10 am – 2 pm. The parish is located at 777 28 Mile Rd in Washington Township. Please contact the parish directly if you need additional information, 586-781-9010

SS. JOHN & PAUL SEEKERS OF JUSTICE COMMITTEE – APRIL 22

The Seekers of Justice Committee at SS. John & Paul Catholic Church will hold their regular monthly meeting via Zoom on Thursday, April 15, at 7 pm. Additionally, there will be a meeting on Thursday, April 22, at 7 pm with State Representative Douglas Wozniak to discuss various issues affecting immigration, including the DRIVE SAFE bill. Paul Stankewitz from the MI Catholic Conference will also be in attendance. All are welcome to attend. For a ZOOM link or questions, contact Ro Schultz at roschultz49@comcast.net

Stewardship Reflections

Pray. Share. Give.



“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” - LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.



Knights Corner

Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASL, is an award-winning author, speaker and economist. He is an industry leader and is considered by many as “The Retirement Income Expert.” Tom has presented at over 5,000 seminars, helping seniors and baby boomers build lasting retirement plans. Please consider joining in on his Retirement Seminar, sponsored by your Knights of Columbus Wesley Agency, on 04/28/2021 from 7:00PM - 8:00PM EST. You can register at [KofCWesleyAgency.org](https://www.KofCWesleyAgency.org) - Live Events

This event was aired earlier this year and provided a significant amount of information that could be of benefit to many who are still working OR retired. It is one of the many benefits that can be attended by all and you could explore further options if you are enrolled as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus

The Knights of Columbus invite you to participate in praying the Rosary every Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm via ZOOM Meeting. We have been gathering this way for several months, and thought now would be an ideal time to invite parish families and friends to join us. Please sign in at: zoom.us/join with Meeting ID 160 781 160 and the password is 704979.

We recommend that you login 5-10 minutes prior to the start time to get situated. The subject note for the meeting will indicate K of C Family Rosary. Our intentions are for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life, an end to abortion, world peace and prayers for the sick and those in need. Hope to see and hear from more of you on Sunday afternoons.

Received the Sacrament of Marriage

Michael Ortisi and Noelle Wiley

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
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WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021
TIME: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
WHERE: CHURCH

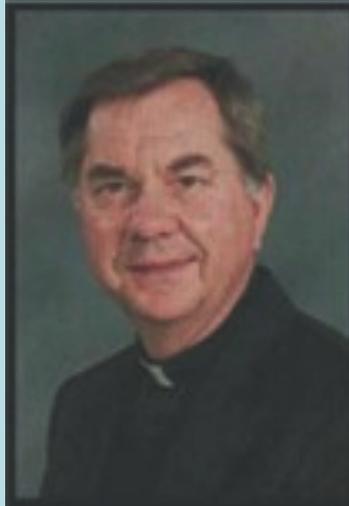
Come to an evening where your questions will be answered. You can ask anything about liturgy, prayer, moral questions, etc. Our goal is to simply provide a trustworthy forum for dependable Catholic guidance and information, so go ahead and ask your questions. . . . Open to ALL ages.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT YOUR QUESTION(S) AHEAD OF TIME, PLEASE SEND IT TO SUSAN WEYLAND AT sue@stkieran.org.

We ask that you kindly wear a mask.

For more information, please contact Susan Weyland at (586)781-6515 extension 112.

A Reason to Celebrate and Give Thanks



Monsignor Frank Koper will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood May 22nd.

If you would like to send him a card or a note of congratulations, you can drop it off or mail it to our Parish Office no later than May 15th. We will see that he receives them.



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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE—APRIL 24/25 2021

Day/Time	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Mass Intentions	Marvin Wiegand By Dennis & Nancy Wiegand	Irena Cekiera By Kris & Alexandra Pryciak ----- - Barbara Pascoe By Harry & Jo Kunnath	Zef Lulgjuraj, Antonino Cannatella, Vittorio & Giuseppe Guidone By Giovanna Cannatella ----- Jerry Schroeder By Martin & Edna Kasiska	Barbara Becker By Her husband, Rob & family
Music	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned
Lectors	Judy Poliskie Tom Petz	Charlotte Westbrooke Ed Snay	Tim Ames Sherry Ames	Tim Berry Krissy Bolda
Altar Servers	Team 10	Team 11	Team 12	Team 13

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

APRIL 19-23, 2021

Monday 7:00 pm Mass Mass followed by Perpetual Help Devotions Lector: Tom Petz	Anastasia Rudnicki by Family
Tuesday 8:00 am Mass	John Spencer by His wife, Denise & family
Wednesday 8:00 am Mass	
Thursday 8:00 am Mass	Paul Geffert by His Wife, Barbara
Friday 8:00 am Mass	

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Daily Readings for the Week of 4/18

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Psalms 4: Lord, let your face shine on us

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Psalms 118: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone

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