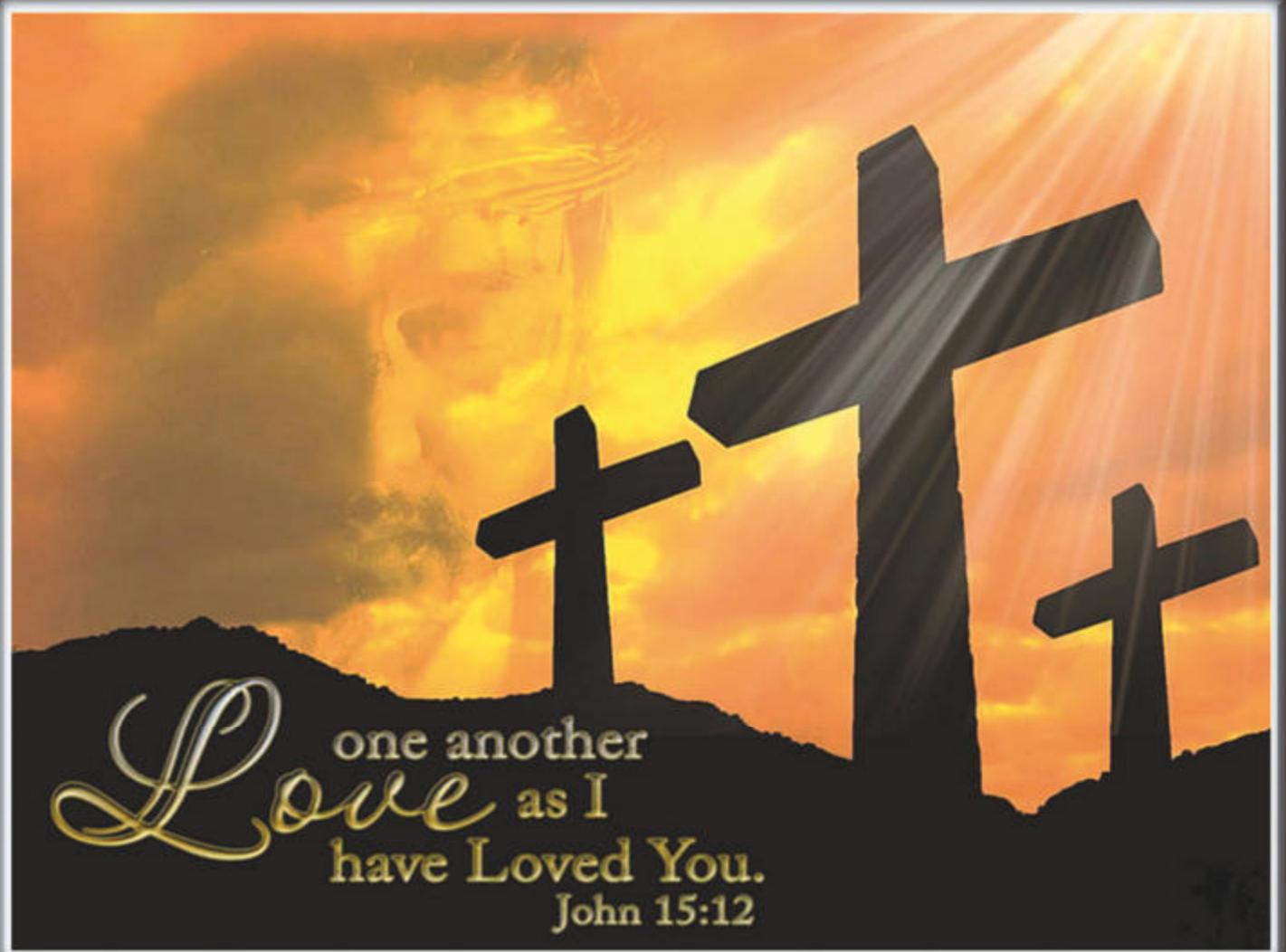


*St. Genevieve-St. Maurice
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6th Sunday
OF EASTER

May 9, 2021

“Love one another”

Today, on this 6th Sunday of Easter, as we hear Jesus’ words about love, I would like to propose three things for us to reflect on that Jesus’ statement, as suggested also by Bishop Socrates Villegas in his homily book, *Jesus in my Heart*.

First it is a command. It is not an invitation, a request or an option but a command, an order. Being an order, therefore this calls us for total obedience. We are not left with any choice except to follow His command to love one another. It is very easy for us to say, ‘I love you’ to our wife, husband, children, friends and even crushes, but it is very difficult for us to say, ‘I love you’ to our enemies. I also noticed that men find it difficult to say, ‘I love you’ to other men. This does not mean also that we are to be blind to errors or sins or live in a state of denial about wrongs committed around us or to us. It simply means we chose to love so much that our love overshadows the hurt those wrongs may have caused. Second, our Lord does say, ‘Love one another.’ He does not say, ‘Love one another when you are both young or when you are both healthy.’ He does not say, ‘Love one another when you are cute or beautiful or handsome or not angry.’ The Lord only said, ‘Love one another.’ Therefore, this love is without condition and without limitation.

There was this story about these two little boys who were brothers and went to school for an enrollment. The teacher asked these little brothers about their age and birthdays so she could place them on the registration form. The bolder of the two replied: “We’re both seven. My birthday is April 8th and my brother’s birthday is April 20th.” The teacher replied: “But that’s not possible, boys.” The quieter brother spoke up: “No, it’s true. One of us is adopted.” “Oh!” said the teacher, “Which one is adopted?”



The two brothers looked at each other and smiled. The bolder brother said: “We asked Dad that same question a while ago but he just looked at us and said he loved us both equally and he couldn’t remember anymore which one of us is adopted.”

What a wonderful analogy of God’s love for us. It is a love without condition; it does not discriminate. Third, our Lord says, ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’ The Lord did not say, ‘Love one another as they love you or as you love yourself.’ Our basis for loving others is not the love we have received from others because this love is imperfect and impure. Our standard for loving others is the love we experience from the Lord Himself. We love others because God loves us.

Let us pray today as we reflect on this Jesus’ commandment that we love one another without conditions and that our model for loving won’t be the love we see in others, but the love that God has for us.

- * **P.S. #** This weekend we have one more opportunity to express our love as we celebrate the Mother’s Day! May God, through the intercession of the Mother of Mothers – Mary, bless abundantly our Mothers for their love, sacrifice, dedication. May heaven be open for those of our Mothers who already died.
- * This weekend two of our parishioners: Sean Tabone and Olivia Khleif have gotten married at St. Rafka Maronite Church. May God bless them, protect them, and help them to be faithful to each other. May their marriage be holy and happy.
- * I don’t know about you, but I am very grateful that the Archdiocese of Detroit extended my assignment at St. Genevieve – St. Maurice Parish, as administrator for another year! God still give me a chance to love you more! ;-)
- * The next weekend I will be in Stamford, CT, with my family celebrating the wedding of my cousin’s daughter. Please keep these young people Dorothy and Ben and their families in your prayers. May they love each other till the last moment of their lives like Jesus loved us.

Have a blessed week. ~Fr. Tom

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Saturday, May 8:

3:30 am - 4:30 pm Confessions
5 pm Mass

Sunday, May 9:

9 am Mass
11 am Mass



Monday, May 10:

8:30 am Confessions
9 am Mass, Rosary following
6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. (AC)

Tuesday, May 11:

6:30 pm Confessions
7 pm Mass

Wednesday, May 12:

8:30 am Confessions
9 am Mass followed by Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
8 pm Rosary

Thursday, May 13:

8:30 am Confessions
9 am Mass, Rosary following

Friday, May 14:

NO Confessions
9 am Mass followed by Adoration until 12:00 pm

Saturday, May 15:

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions
5 pm Mass

Sunday, May 16: *The Ascension of the Lord*

9 am Mass
11 am Mass

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / MAY 9, 2021**FIRST READING***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.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*98:1, 2-3, 3-4*

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

SECOND READING*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.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.

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 READING*Jn 15:9-17*

THE LORD BE WITH YOU. AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

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."

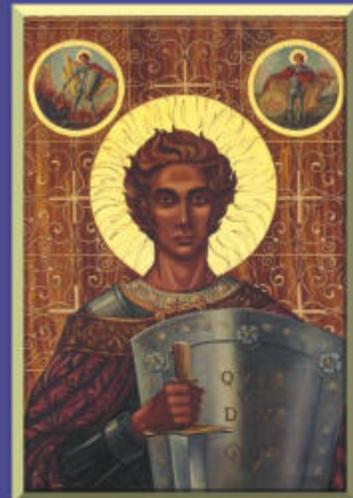
THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do Thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and the other evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Leo XIII (1810-1903)



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Dear Faith Formation Families,

Our catechetical year has ended with this weekend's *Gospel Weeklies*. **(Though 8th grade will still be having class in preparation for their upcoming Confirmation.)** Please submit any outstanding assignments you may have. If you are turning in the work in the magazines themselves, please drop them off at the Faith Formation office or at the rectory office. It was an unusual year to say the least. I want to thank you all for your support! We are planning on in-person classes for all grades in September. We will be sending out a mailing in August.

Our summer VBS program will be **June 21st-June 25th**, it is called **TORCHBEARERS...TAKING THE GOSPEL GLOBAL**. It will have a summer Olympics theme. **Vacation Bible School is a perfect opportunity for service hours for incoming 7th and 8th graders!**



*Congratulations to our First Communicants
 who we celebrated with at last
 Sunday's 11 am Mass.
 Congratulations to:
**Ella, Rilya, Callie,
 Addison, Edgar and Aaron!***

All assignments are due this Wednesday for Confirmation class!

Please continue to keep both our Confirmation class as well as our Faith Formation program in your prayers.

Gospel Weeklies Lesson...

Sunday, May 9th 6th Sunday of Easter John 15:9-17

Wednesday, May 12th In person class for 8th grade.

*Partners in Faith,
 Phyllis Chudzinski*

CATHOLIC CONNECTION
BY KATIE CAVITT



Have you heard the buzz about The CHOSEN TV Series?! The CHOSEN is a beautiful & compelling series that came out last year depicting the life of Jesus through the eyes of those who met him. I really enjoyed watching the first season because it gave me a different perspective of those who walked with Jesus and movingly features their joys and struggles along the way. The good news is that this series is free and easy to watch! Simply go to TheChosen.tv to watch from your computer or phone. After a few episodes of Season 1, I believe you will be drawn into wanting more! 3 Episodes of Season 2 were recently released, and I can't wait to watch them. You can also watch the series by downloading the CHOSEN App to your smartphone. Let me know what you think.



NEXT WEEKEND IS CSA WEEKEND
MAY 15TH & 16TH

"WHAT EVER YOU DO, DO FROM THE HEART"

Our Catholic Services Appeal funds more than 170 ministries, programs, and services that ensure we **FUEL THE MISSION** to witness Christ. The Archdiocese of Detroit recently mailed 2021 CSA information about prayerfully consider your pledge.

PROCEDURES FOR CSA DONATIONS HAVE CHANGED.

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You may also pledge your gift to our parish's CSA campaign online, using your debit or credit card, at givecsa.org. If you have questions please call the parish office.



We celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on **May 13th**. Mary appeared to three peasant children near Fatima and Portugal, six times between **May 13th** and **October 13, 1917**, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion

to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a “bishop in white” shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican, Pope Francis has stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary.

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Dear Friends,

There are no words to tell you how grateful I am for all of the beautiful shower gifts that you gave my Wee Care babies.

The baby items were perfect and due to Covid, our shelves were almost empty! The diapers, bottles, wipes and lotions were so needed. The sleepers, outfits and onesies were adorable and the binkies, crib sheets and tiny sox were so cute. The soft blankets will be perfect for cuddling their babies and the handmade quilts were beautiful and so very special! Thank you also for the sweet sailor dress and the huggable care bear!

And, finally, thank you for the \$2,405 monetary donation and the \$100 in gift cards! Your baby bottle collection was phenomenal! There are always items that a mom needs desperately that we normally don't have and now, we can help her!!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Please stay safe and healthy and know how much you are appreciated and loved!

God bless our dear friends at St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish!

Karen Patrosse

Wee Care Director



WOMEN SODALITY NEWS

You might have heard this before but it's always worth reading again.

A baby asked God, “They are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?” God said, **“Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you.”** The child further inquired, “But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy.” God said, **“Your angel will sing for you and also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy.”** Again the small child asked, “And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?” God said, **“Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak.”** “And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?” God said, **“Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray.”** “Will you protect me?” God said. **“Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life.”** “But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore.” God said, **“Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you.”** At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, “God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name.” God said, **“You will simply call her, “Mom.”**



CLOTHING DRIVE / JUNE 2021

Time for Spring Cleaning!!!

St. Vincent de Paul will be having another clothing drive here at St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish. Gently used clothing and small household items may be dropped off on **June 5th & 6th** in the South end of the Church parking lot.

Saturday, June 5th 4:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Sunday, June 6th 8:15 am - 12:15 pm

Our last Clothing drive was a great success thanks to the generosity of the parishioners who donated so much.





Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 8:

- 5 pm** Flavio & Maddalena Lombi by Yolanda Dinsmore
 Zbigniew Niewiaroski by Lynn Smith
 Tommaso & Scolastica Pittiglio by Emilio
 & Carmela Troiani
 Steve Tuyo by Biddinger Family

Sunday, May 9:

- 9 am** Phyllis Casey by Katie Custard
11 am St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish Family

Monday, May 10:

- 9 am** Theodore Mohasci by Shery Paolucci

Tuesday, May 11:

- 7 pm** Maxine Magoon by Daryll Magoon

Wednesday, May 12:

- 9 am** Sharon Mason by Janet Shoemaker
 Adele Tabaka by Sodality

Thursday, May 13:

- 9 am** Mary Chryczyk by Rydewski Family

Friday, May 14:

- 9 am** Judy Deike by Keener Family

Saturday, May 15:

- 5 pm** St Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish Family

Sunday, May 16:

- 9 am** Intentions of Gary Daroczy by Doug Daroczy
 Ray Eckerman by Janet Meekins
 Intentions of Jeannie Liebau by Doug Daroczy
 Intentions of Janet Shoemaker by Janet Meekins
11 am Bohdan Danyluk by Diane Danyluk

FOR THE FAMILY OF...



Walt Schmidt (5.4.2021)

May the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace...

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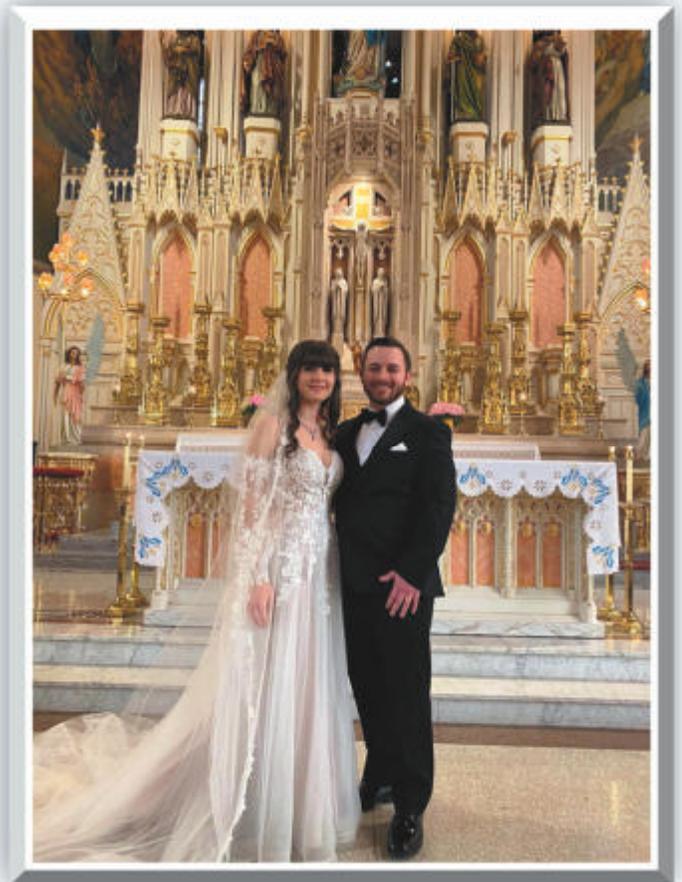
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Names of the sick will run for 4 weeks at which time they will be removed. If you would like someone to remain on the list or added please call **the parish office 734.427.5220** or kgossman@stgenevieve.org



Blessings to our Married Couple

Robert & Magdalena Pollock
Saturday, May 1, 2021

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
 But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13*

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