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# MOTHER'S DAY

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The Parish Office is closed.

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## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

**Marriage**: Active parish membership of 6 months is required before a wedding date may be set.

**Reconciliation**: Saturdays from 9 until approximately 9:30 am or call for an appointment.

**Baptism**: Please call the Parish Office 2 months in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick**: Please call the Parish Office anytime.

## MASS TIMES

No Public Daily or Weekend Mass until further notice.

Weekend Mass may be viewed online at:

[www.saintjosephparish.org](http://www.saintjosephparish.org)

## **Fr. Jim's Jottings**

**"Christ is Risen, Christ is truly Risen".**

### **God Made Women Funny**



In the beginning God said to Adam, "I am going to give you a helper." Adam said, "Good, I could use some help in the garden." So God put Adam in deep sleep; and Adam dreamed about his new friend. He dreamed how they would work together in the field, and in the

evening they would enjoy a glass of beer and smoke cigars and talk about the crops.

Adam was surprised when he first saw his new helper. One look and he re-thought his dream. First of all, he was a she. Adam said, "God made her well, but she's too delicate to work at my side in the field." God said, "She is very beautiful." But Adam said, "She is too short to pick apples from high branches." That job was left to him. Adam laughed when Eve ran. She wasn't built for speed, he thought. Even her arms were wrong for throwing stones.

Eve was good to come home to. But she spent so much time with Cain and Abel that Adam wondered whose helper she was. Eve laughed a lot, but seldom at the jokes Adam thought were funny. She loved to talk, but she didn't talk much about the crops. Adam had to smoke his smelly cigars outdoors. At night he would sneak a beer and think, "God made women funny."

Yes, Adam, God made women funny. That's why today we have Mother's Day. Today we know more about Eve than you did. We know God made her, not only to love, but to be loved. Her husband and her children must tell her she is loved. It's hard to understand, Adam, but she needs to be treated as a person, with respect. On Mother's Day we thank God for making women funny. And we thank them for being the strength of the men they stand beside.

Adam, if you had tried to understand, Eve might not have reached for the apple.

### **Please Pray For...**

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill.

Please also remember our nursing home residents & shut-ins.

Please pray for the intentions recorded in our Prayer Book of Intentions.

Please pray for our parishioners or family members of our parishioners who have died: **Pat VanHeuklon**

### **Habitat Build**

You have once again made St Joseph proud! At the beginning of Lent we invited you to help build two Habitat Homes this summer. We would join with other churches to help pay for them. Our goal was to collect \$5,000 towards each home. As of this week, St Joe's has collected \$12,632. We not only met our goal but actually exceeded it. Thank you to everyone who helped us.

The coronavirus has put a halt on the actual construction of these homes. We hope that sometime this summer we'll be able to come together and get the homes built. When that time comes, we'll be asking for volunteers who would like to work on the homes.

### **Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Thank you to those who have responded to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. So far **379 parishioners** have committed **\$70,057** towards our parish goal of \$77,175.

We can make that goal if we receive the same support we've gotten in the past. Last year the average gift was \$185.00 given by 480 parishioners. Because of your generosity, we have met our target for the past ten years. Again, we're aware of the challenge this appeal faces this year due to the campaign. May God bless our efforts.

### **Reflection Books**

We still have a few "little white books" with a daily Easter Season Reflection remaining on the radiator in back of Church. Feel free to pick one up if you stop by. Thanks to a generous parishioner, there is no charge for the book.

### **Congratulations—Calendar Raffle Winners**

April 26—Todd Drzewiecki—\$25

April 27—Netania Ebert—\$25

April 28—Shirley Pailer—\$25

April 29—Meghan Fissore—\$25

April 30—Madison Hoppe—\$25

May 1—Addi Templin—\$25

May 2—Nancy Aykens—\$25

## MAY 10, 2020 / FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Memories of Mom



My mom had the ability to make our home the place everyone wanted to be. Mom loved to tend to the outdoors and we were always greeted by her fragrant gardens filled with a variety of colorful blooms and singing birds. Her house was warm and inviting and smelled of home-cooked dinners, fresh linens and the soft perfume in her hand lotion. It was a much simpler time and family and prayer was the center of our family. The best gifts my mom gave me were the gifts of faith, gratitude and acceptance. **-Annette Hovie**

She was always so excited to see us when we came to visit, wrapping us in hugs and kisses! I can still hear her say, "Hi babe!" **-Deb Worachek**

My mother always liked to sit around a bonfire and listen to the stories being told or even sharing some of her own. There was always love and laughter and a good time shared with her. Blessings **-Mary Stern**

My mom was a mother of seven children. Though she had all these kids she always found time for all of us. I remember her saying to me all the time that God sent me down from heaven for her to love. She taught us how to love God and each other. Mom was a most sharing and caring person. She put everyone ahead of herself. My mother was Lois Krueger a life-long member of Saint Joseph Church. Mom was the best mom we could ever have asked for. We were all blessed to have her for our mother. **-Jim W Krueger**

It was 9 pm and I went to tell my mom how sad I was because I did not have a green dress to wear for St. Patrick's Day at school the next day. The stores had just closed and there was no time to go shopping for one. When I woke up the next day, I discovered my mom had looked through her material and stayed up to make a green dress for me. I was blessed with a wonderful mother. **-Robin Munger**

Carol Heid is my mother and she is one of the most caring and helpful people I know. She is always doing something for someone like sewing handmade masks for all of our family, Heid Music employees and friends. Thank you Mom for loving all of us. **-Kim Mantey**

For many years we were given a little yellow duckling at Easter that was kept in the house until grown, then was put in the yard and kept as a pet the rest of the summer. It imprinted on us and would follow us at a safe distance. If we chased it we could catch it and keep it on our laps where it would quack contentedly. I still think fondly of those years of having an Easter duck around the yard. Every fall the duck would disappear - no great loss as a child back in school and busy.

One year mom really showed her stuff rescuing that duck though. We lived in Minneapolis, it was around 1950. I disliked napping at age 4 - but it was insisted on by mom, who had a 2 yr. old and a newborn as well. So I lay on my bed in a darkened bedroom. I heard a commotion in the back yard. I brought up the blind to see Mom, a big dog, and the duck. I can see it now. The duck was backed into a corner, wings spread wide, quacking loudly. It was cornered by that big strange dog. Just behind the dog was my mother, wearing a bathrobe, arm held high, wielding a black frying pan, about to take a swing at the dog.

The vignette stops there. Mom was there. Moms are weird. The duck was going to be fine. I dropped the shade and returned to my bed. The event was never discussed. The memory has made me laugh for all my adult life. **-Vicki Rotzel**

My mother, Rita (Emmers) Brock, suffered from Alzheimer's disease and when visiting her, some days were better than others. Bonanza happened to come on the television during my visit one day and as they were introducing the four main cast members, mom made the comment, "They never seem to age!" While agreeing with her observation I couldn't help but chuckle to myself.

Now, when I am listening to the radio and the theme song for Bonanza is played, I know mom is not far away. **-Carol Van Lieshout**

### Financial News

Tithing Needed .....	\$18,461.00
Last Week's Tithing .....	\$9,650.00
Auto Withdrawal .....	\$645.00
Children's Collection .....	\$1.00

### Parish Support Through Collections

Budgeted 7/01/19—4/30/20:

\$800,000.00

Actual 7/01/19-4/30/20:

\$838,653.57

### Outreach Programs for April 2020

St. Joseph Food Program .....	\$1,035.00
LEAVEN .....	\$50.00

*Green envelopes are on the radiator in back of Church if you would like to donate to one or more of our Outreach Programs.*

**Thank you for your financial support during this difficult time!**

### Readings for the week of May 10

**Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7

Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18

Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]

Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28

Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]

Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6

Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]

Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]

Jn 15:9-17

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31

Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]

Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10

Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]

Jn 15:18-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]

1 Pt 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21

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### **SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **Monday, May 11**

Dec. Doris Filz

#### **Tuesday, May 12**

Dec. Jeff Fisher

#### **Friday, May 15**

Dec. Keith Collins

#### **Saturday, May 16**

Dec. Ruth Mary Murphy

#### **SUNDAY, May 17**

Dec. Carl Kampf

Dec. Richard Rohde

Dec. Jim Belling

### **THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

#### **Saturday, May 16**

9:00 am Private Reconciliation

#### **Could You Host a Student?**

Hosting an exchange student is an amazing experience for you and for the exchange student. Xavier High School would like to welcome several of the new Global Outreach exchange students for the 2020-2021 academic year. Global Outreach is Catholic exchange program with a mission of building a civilization of love by forming young dynamic Catholic servant leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Placement of students becomes a reality when a household opens the door to their heart and home and says "yes" to hosting a student. Currently, 11 students are waiting for their "Good News! We have a host family for you" letter. The students are from Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Ukraine. Please contact Barbara Tota-Boryczka, [barbara.tota-boryczka@globaloutreachprogram.com](mailto:barbara.tota-boryczka@globaloutreachprogram.com) (920) 540-3085 or Fr. Larry Seidl [ljseidl1949@gmail.com](mailto:ljseidl1949@gmail.com) (920) 412-0320 for further information.

#### **Mother's Day Chuckle...Happy Mother's Day!**



My six-year-old son, Nicholas, sat in the grocery cart as I perused the canned vegetables. "How about this one, Mommy?" he asked, and handed me a can of asparagus. "I love asparagus!" I told him. "Asparagus is my favorite vegetable, but it's just too expensive." I put the can back on the shelf. Three months later, I opened a crudely wrapped present from under the Christmas tree. It was a can of asparagus. Nicholas beamed in delight as he explained how he had saved his pennies to buy me the best Christmas gift I'd ever received. -Brenda Bokor Wismer, Pinedale, WY

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### **Understanding the Gospel Message**



When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains. @LPI

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