

May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter



The Reason For Our Hope

In today's Gospel Jesus affirms that we are never alone or without resources for whatever we are called upon to be or to do. Always mindful that the Spirit is always with us, we continue to witness to the world. The reason for our joy, our love, our faith and our hope will always be the same – Jesus.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Venice Kouba by Gilleta & Stanley Kouba.

Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated in memory Cathy & Willie Perez by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Wednesday, May 24
8:00 a.m. Mary & James Janak
- Thursday, May 25
8:00 a.m. Msgr. Thomas C. McLaughlin
- Friday, May 26
8:00 a.m. Spec. Intention – Rudy Jahn Family, Venice Kouba, Victor Prasek
- Saturday, May 27
6:30 p.m. Janie & Edward Hajek
- Sunday, May 28
6:30 a.m. Carrie & Frank Zamykal
9:30 a.m. Spec. Intention – Confirmation Candidates

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Ascension of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
Responsorial Psalm: 47
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Lalie Bartos & Marvin Rothbauer.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Venice Kouba.

2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2017 Assessment	\$17,303.00
Contributions So Far	\$ 8,295.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 9,008.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

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| Karin & Kenneth Filipp | Lillian Supak |
| Niki & Chad Chaloupka | Frank Svetlik |
| Kathy & Marvin Dornak | Richard Kalisek |
| Roberta & Daniel Mejias | Sheri & David Beyer |
| Jane & Kenneth Janecek | Judy & Dennis Barta |
| Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck | Annette & Jerry Fojtik |
| Debbie & Marlon Novosad | Gloria & David Reindl |
| Mary Ann & Charles Rother | |

Do please consider making a donation.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Edith Beran

Debbie & Marlon Novosad Mary Lou Dierschke

In Memory of Hattie Meyer: Mary Lou Dierschke

In Memory of Frankie Joe Supak

Irene & Charles Matula Mary Lou Dierschke

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Hattie Meyer: Evelyn Kubicek

FISH FRY UPDATE

Plates Sold	2,151
Net Profit	\$11, 810.57

Our Annual Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser was a huge success. Thanks to the following: the community for supporting the Fish Fry, Donna & Tommy Perez for coordinating the project, Nancy Tomek for coordinating the desserts, Hair By Nina and Fishbeck's Shell for letting us put the signs at their businesses, all parishioners who baked desserts and/or gave up their Friday afternoons to make this possible. It was good to see many people so dedicated and willing to help. As in the past the proceeds will go to charity, helping those in need in our community and elsewhere.

SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY MASS – JUNE 18

To have your father specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop the attached Father's Day envelope in the collection basket, drop slot or mail by June 13.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
- THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
- FRIDAY – Parrish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Myrtle Katherine Eilert and for the comfort of her loved ones. May she rest in peace.



REFLECTION

Life In The Spirit

As we approach the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, we meditate upon the continued presence of Christ in his followers through the Spirit.

The Christian life is not an external observance of Christ's Commandments but an intense relationship with the Three Persons of the Trinity.

Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the Commandments of God not in a constraining way but out of love. Love prompts us to pattern our lives after the model of Jesus, the one we love. This means we will live with clear consciences, with gentleness and reverence. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will overflow into the lives of others. We will be agents of God's love in the world. Through our kindness and our commitment to righteous living we will cast out the unclean spirits of greed and selfishness, the spirits of deceit and manipulation, the spirits of hatred and violence. Our lives will be evidence of the Spirit in our midst.

The Liturgical Year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 23 – Patricia Kuntschik, Doris Simper

May 25 – Dolores Tousignant

May 26 – Adela Beran, Gavin Jasek

May 27 – Albin Lamza, Eugene Trejo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 22 – Ann & Leonard Kalisek

May 23 – Congratulations Lisa & Kenneth Zidek
on your 35th Wedding Anniversary

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

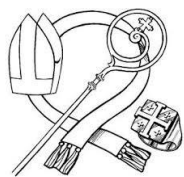
May 24 – 11th Grade C.C.D.

May 27 – Confirmation Retreat

May 28 - *Confirmation*

July 10-14 – Vacation Bible School (*See article*)

Confirmation Retreat/Confirmation



Bishop Cahill will preside over the Confirmation Mass here at St. Joseph's next Sunday. Remember the candidates in your prayers this week as they make their retreat on Saturday in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament.

C.C.D. Registration: Many parents have not yet submitted the Registration Forms for the 2017-18 C.C.D. Year. **Turn in your forms to avoid late registration fees.**

C.C.D. Donation

In Memory of Edith Beran

Nancy Sivyer

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese of Victoria



Priests devote their lives to furthering the mission of the Church and bringing people closer to Christ. In retirement, they continue to serve. They are the living roots of our sacramental community.

Please be generous.

Welcome

We welcome Catholic life Insurance Branch #16 members to St. Joseph's today (Sunday). There are here for the annual social/meeting.

THE FEAST OF ASCENSION



The feast of Ascension which is traditionally celebrated forty days counting from Easter will be celebrated on Sunday, May 28 in the Diocese of Victoria.

27th Annual Vacation Bible School July 10-14, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



This year's theme is *Mighty Fortress*. The children will learn that God is their refuge and strength and that He promises to be their rock and their salvation – their fortress and sure defense. They will explore 1 Corinthians 15:57 and other bible stories that show kids we can joyfully celebrate Jesus, our champion,

who has won the battle over our enemies. By faith, God gives us that victory in Jesus.

The program is open to young people of our community, age 4 through Fourth Grade. Students in Fifth Grade may volunteer to help. The fee for the VBS students will be \$10 per child to help cover the cost of craft materials, T-shirts and other incidentals: \$8 for helpers who want a T-shirt. The program is subsidized by the Church and supported by Church societies. Registration forms were distributed this week, extra forms available at the Church entrance and on our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org.

Come to the Mighty Fortress where kids learn they can't win every game, ace every test, or conquer every challenge. But they can celebrate that Jesus is their champion. In Jesus, the victory is won.

Registration deadline is May 31st.

No late registrations accepted.