



ST. ROMUALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 6, 2018 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

dear Padre

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Is it acceptable for a Catholic health-care professional to be employed by a hospital that performs abortions, provided she has nothing to do with these procedures?

You raise an important issue about intentional involvement in wrongdoing, and my response extends to many other life situations.

A person may work in a hospital that performs abortions, provided that he or she is not involved with the procedures. Because performing abortions is only one part of what the hospital does, a person may work there contributing his or her expertise to other areas of health care. If the circumstances were different, and the place of employment was dedicated to terminating pregnancies through abortion, it would be wrong to work there.

My response is guided by the principle of cooperation. It asserts that we may never intentionally cooperate approvingly in the morally wrong action of another person. To help another and approve of his immoral action is termed formal cooperation. Cooperating with another reluctantly, disapproving of what he is doing, is called material cooperation. A person may never cooperate formally in another's wrongdoing because, in doing so, he or she also knowingly performs an immoral action. Some material cooperation may be morally justified, but not if a person's cooperation is necessary for an immoral action to occur.

The Church advises Catholics to avoid any level of moral cooperation. While many don't have the luxury to consider employment elsewhere, other considerations include: Is the individual creating scandal by employment at this hospital? Has the individual made his or her moral understanding known to this hospital? Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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May 10th

Masses for the Week

May 7th - 13th

Tues	1:00 pm	Dorothy Manning (Extended Care)
Wed	5:00 pm	Lori Mattingly Shaw (DM)
Thurs	9:30 am	Anna Frances Brown (DH) (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	Harold Payne (BP)
Sat	5:00 pm	Ron Whitfill Family (KofC)
Sun	7:00 am	Geneva Glasscock
	10:00 am	Linda Carwile (RC)

Worship and Sacrament

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the parish community every first Wednesday at 5:00 pm Mass. Yet, anytime, anointing is available for illness, preparation for surgery or for recovery, by calling Fr Brian.

Baptism: Congratulations on the birth of your child! Your Church Family is excited about your family growing and our family growing! We look forward to celebrating your child's baptism! Preparation for new parents or those new to the parish is held by appointment. Call Fr Brian.

Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement! Your Church Family wishes to help you fully prepare spiritually and walk with you into this lifetime commitment to each other. In order to allow sufficient time, couples must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the anticipated wedding date.

Confession/Reconciliation: Every Wednesday 4:00-5:00 pm; every Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm, every first Saturday after 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by simply asking or calling Fr Brian for appointment.

Visitation of the Sick: Please notify Father or the office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital. Often we rely upon word from the family about illnesses of a member. Please call.

RCIA: Interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA process is a "spiritual journey" that fully initiates those who are not baptized or who have baptism from another tradition and wish to join fully the Catholic Church. Classes are offered through the year culminating at Easter! Please call the office for details!

Membership in the Parish: Welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. We are glad that you are joining the parish community. We want to visit with you and help you settle into the church. Please register in the parish office as soon as possible.

Stewardship of Finance

Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection.....	\$16,929.00
Children.....	\$0
Building Fund.....	\$75.00
Loose Change for the Poor.....	\$62.57
Home Missions.....	\$31.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$1,070.00

Parish Financial Summary

July-March, 2018

Total Income	\$410,900
Total Expenses	\$376,300
	\$ 34,600

Thank you for your financial stewardship!

Ministers of the Liturgy - May 12th & 13th

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Rosary Leaders	Music Ministers
5:00 pm	Shelly Jeffries Amy Flood	Shannon Aldridge Stefan Cesarz	C-Tim Aldridge* C-Danny O'Reilly S-Mark Rhodes S-Carroll Whitfill	Claire Flood Ben Aldridge	Karen Huddleston	Shannon
7:00 am	Janet Bland Shirley Bland	Denise Smith	C-Jeff Rhodes* C-Greg Wethington S-Leo Wheatley S-Tom Winchell	Morgan Tabor Tabby Woods	Mike Wiedemer	
10:00 am	Joellen McGary Lori Carwile Ort Critchelow Kathryn Ables	Barbara Critchelow Danny Shain	C-Patrick Critchelow* C-Alvin Mattingly S-Bill Monin S-Griffin Moore	Alyssa Shaw Will Lewis	Barbara Critchelow	Deacon Tony

Radio Minister: Randy Howard

Children's Liturgy: NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY



'I just want to be accepted!' 'I was only looking for a little joy!' 'Is it too much to ask, to just be loved?' Have we ever heard these, or better, have we ever said these things ourselves? Often these comments come after we experience a fall, a breakdown, or some momentous failure. They clearly reveal our human vulnerability and tendency to be hurt and hurt ourselves by chasing after 'shiny' objects or persons that don't deliver what we thought. Some people call these disappointing letdowns, either 'Buyer's Remorse' or the 'Winner's Curse'. What

we were after is not at all what we end up with! What we thought would bring satisfaction and peace, turns out to torment and taunt us more, playing upon our weakness. And we have help, increasing the hurt in our life, from the greatest 'shiny apple' salesmen, the Devil Himself, who is always on call to whisper seductions in our ears. He promises us anything to keep us from God, who alone is our peace. From the beginning, the devil's pitch is always a version of 'Oh, have I got what you need, this apple is good food for you, you will never be the same; take it, you deserve it!' (Genesis 3:5). Jesus later calls out this bad influence, the devil, naming him the 'Father of lies' (John 8:44). But, buying it from the Devil, what did Adam and Eve end up with? Toil, anxiety, division and death! At first, the fruit was good-looking 'pleasing to the eye' (3:6), but it only delivered pain, suffering and alienation to us. YET, as always, Jesus provides the solution to our problem! Today's gospel **reveals His desire to truly give us all these things: 1)Joy, 2) Love and 3)Belonging.** Jesus says in John 15:9 "As the Father loves me, so ***I also love you.***" Then in verse 11, "I have told you this so that ***my joy may be in you***". And finally in verse 15, he says to us "***I have called you friends.***" Taken together, these three, 1)joy, 2)love and 3) belonging are what I call 'spiritual friendship'.

Yet, what does it mean to be a spiritual friend of Jesus? Jesus tells us that 'spiritual friendship' means following His example of sacrificial service. He says in John 15:13 "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." ***Friends love, and love strongly and greatest of all, love joyfully.*** Going beyond just a 'caring-sharing' relationship, spiritual friendship rises to the level of sacrifice without thinking of reward (a friend 'puts the need of others above oneself'). I see this spiritual friendship of Jesus embodied by that first community of disciples, frequently described in the Acts of Apostles such as in 4:32, 34, "The community of believers was of ***one heart and mind***, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had ***everything in common***....There was ***no needy person among them***". Also, we read in Acts 2:44 how the first Christians shared in everything, "All who believed were together and ***had all things in common***." Jesus began this unique relationship with them by ***giving his all*** to them. In John 15:15 Jesus says, "I have called you friends, because ***I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.***" In John 17:22, Jesus also speaks about giving away all that the Father has given Him, when He says "***I have given them the glory you-Father- gave me***, so that they may be one, as we are one..." This ***intimate sharing of life*** that Jesus possesses with the Father, He draws into and gives the apostles the same such life of joy, love and belonging. Friendship is being sensitive to others, knowing others and completing the 'follow-through' by giving to others all the same. How do we do this? By remaining with Jesus! Four times we hear that word ***'remain'*** in today's reading (verses 9, twice in verse 10, & once again in 16). To remain with Jesus, and He with us, implies 'staying', 'lasting' 'enduring', 'abiding', 'faithfulness' and 'being eternally together'. Such fidelity is great witness.

In Pope Francis' most recent Apostolic Exhortation 'Gaudete et Exsultate', just released March 19, he challenges us to live such 'spiritual friendship' ***with everyone***, by loving, rejoicing and sharing in whatever we are doing with them. We may not think we are evangelizing, but Francis reminds us that if we enjoy and love along the way of our lives, we are powerfully affecting others and subtly inviting them to join our company with Jesus. Spiritual friendship wants good, and always works for the true best of other people (not any self-gain but to benefit others). Francis

writes that "***Growth in holiness is a journey in community, side by side with others***" (GE #141). Of course, growing alongside others inevitably brings a 'rub' and 'friction' at times in the relationship, but friends always 'find a way' through to even deeper relationship. Francis goes on to say that "***Hard times may come, when the cross casts its shadow, yet nothing can destroy the supernatural joy that adapts and changes, but always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved. That joy brings deep security, serene hope and a spiritual fulfilment that the world cannot understand or appreciate***" (GE #141). The joy, love and belonging that come with friendship in Jesus only strengthens through tests and trials.

And such ***steadfast friendship and generous openness to others*** is a ***mark of credibility for Jesus' followers***. Pope Francis also recently reminded His Missionaries of Mercy of this at their conference in Rome on April 10, 2018. Francis pointed out that the fruitfulness of being a witness to Jesus' resurrection is ***demonstrated by the sharing of what has been received*** ourselves. He said "God needs those who bring His forgiveness and His mercy to the world. It is the same mission that the ***risen Lord*** gave to the disciples... This responsibility is placed in our hands – and it ***requires a style of life consistent with the mission we have received***. It is again the Apostle Paul who reminds us to act "so that ***our ministry will not be discredited***" (2 Cor 6: 3). To be ***co-workers of mercy*** therefore presupposes first living the merciful love that we received. It could not be otherwise." Such credible witness is exactly what we see in the first community of Jesus' disciples. They lived the generous love shown them by God and extended that same merciful love to others. ***And people took notice!*** Acts 4:33 says "With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and ***great favor was accorded them all people.***" The Christians 'anticipated one another in showing honor' (Romans 12:10) and they sought every possible way to 'rouse one another to love and good works' (Hebrews 10:24). The whole world took notice of such love shared and lived in common. Even enemies of the Church were struck by the 'witness' of the apostles, as seen by non-Christian Romans of the time. One popular Roman named 'Lucian of Samosata' (115-200 A.D.) described Christians as those 'living after the laws of their crucified sage, with the result that *they did not cling to worldly goods*, but regarded them merely as common property.'" ('The Death of Peregrine' 11-13). A Roman Magistrate Pliny the Younger had written His Emperor describing the ***Christians to be 'exemplary persons morally, living uprightly and trusted to keep oaths, though impious in not believing in Roman Gods'*** (Letter to Trajan, 112 AD). Later in the 300's AD, even apostate Emperor Julian himself, said of the Christians that "they devoted themselves to philanthropy. ***They support not only their poor, but ours as well***, when all men see that our people lack aid from us" ('Letter to Arsacius', and 'Fragment of a Letter to a Priest'). We know the favorite hymn 'They will know we are Christians by our love', and that song line comes from Tertullian in the late 100's when he wrote that "it is mainly our ***noble deeds of love*** that lead many to put a brand upon us, as they say, ***'See how they love one another...., how they are ready even to die for one another'***" (Apology #39). That is the spiritual friendship and resurrection living that powered the growth and spread of Christianity! That joy, love and belonging is contagious! Can we get a 'witness'?

Sunday: What words or message stayed with me from Mass today?

Monday: Do people know I am a Christian by my conduct and attitude toward others?

Tuesday: How do I practice 'remaining with Christ'? In my prayer, in my actions?

Wednesday: How joyful is my witness to Christ? How can I spread joy to others?

Thursday: Am I seen as a 'grateful' person? How do I show my gratitude?

Friday: Perform a random act of kindness to honor Christ's sacrifice for us. Pay it forward.

Saturday: Come to Mass early to pray a rosary for world peace and conversion of enemies.

Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian Johnson

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



Let nothing prevent you from the Journey of Faith!! If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office 270-756-2356 or contact Fr. Brian, Marie Rose, Deacon Tony or Deacon Mike. **We will walk with you!**



It is never too late to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation!! Are you a high school student or adult *who faithfully attends Mass*, but has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? We welcome the opportunity to help you prepare to receive that sacrament! Please call the parish office 270-756-2356 or contact Fr. Brian, Marie Rose, Deacon Tony or Deacon Mike.

Outstanding Teacher of the Year

Nominate a Catholic school teacher to receive the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award through the Catholic Schools Office and the Principals Association. Visit owensborodiocese.org/educator-award <<https://owensborodiocese.org/educator-award/>> for complete details and an online nomination form. Deadline to submit a nomination is July 1, 2018.

Picnic News

Silent Auction Donations Needed: Baked Goods, Fresh Vegetables, Home made items, newly purchased items of any kind, baskets (such as a wine basket), restaurant certificates, tickets to theme parks etc. Please contact Brenda Elder at 270-617-0176 or Sheila Sills at 270-993-8166 for more information.

Stuffed Animals: Donations of new or gently used stuffed animals are needed for our picnic. Baskets are at the doors of the church or you may bring them to the church office.

Meat Donations: Rudy & Kathy Brumfield will be collecting meat donations again this year. The donation is \$50. The meat is the biggest expense for our picnic and your \$50 donation is greatly appreciated. You may mail your donation to Rudy & Kathy Brumfield, 333 Hillside Drive, Hardinsburg, KY 40143 or put it in the collection basket in an envelope marked Meat Donation or drop it by the church office.

St. Romuald Senior Mass for our high school graduates is set for May 20 at the 10am mass. We will meet in front of the church at 9:30 dressed in our caps and gowns (which they are set to get on the 18th at school). Please contact Gayle Poole at 270-617-1308 if you will be able to attend.

Celebration

ANNIVERSARY: Bob & Patricia Lane, May 13th, 40 Years.

Ministry Schedule: We will soon be putting together the ministry schedule for June, July and August. If you want to participate in one of the ministries at Mass, change the Mass you are presently assigned to or be taken off the list, please call the office before May 9th. **We need more Eucharistic Ministers for the 10:00 am Mass and Rosary Leaders for all the Masses if you would like to volunteer!**

Christian Leadership Institute takes place June 10-15, 2018 at the Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Center. This is an annual leadership training experience for high school students who have either completed their freshman year through those who have just completed their senior year. The registration deadline to avoid a \$10 increase in fees is May 14. Register and pay online at owensborodiocese.org/christian-leadership-institute <<https://owensborodiocese.org/christian-leadership-institute/>>.

This Week at St. Romuald

Sun	6:00	Women's Jail Ministry
Mon	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Tues	10:00 am	Scripture Study
	1:00 pm	Mass (Extended Care)
	4:00 pm	Rosary
	4:00 pm	School Board
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus
Wed	4:00 pm	Confessions
	5:00 pm	Mass
Thur	9:30 am	Mass (Medco)
	6:00 pm	Family Holy Hour
Fri		8th Grade Gasper River Retreat
	9:00 am	School Mass
Sun		Mother's Day

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

A Word from Pope Francis:

"Always have before your eyes the example of the Good Shepherd, who did not come to be served, but to serve and to seek and save what was lost. Christ has chosen you. As you are ordained today, be always conscious of having been chosen among men and elected in their favor to attend to the things of God. Exercise in gladness and sincere charity the priestly work of Christ intent solely on pleasing God and not yourselves or other selfish gains or interests. Never tire of being merciful. Think of your sins, your miseries that Jesus forgives, and be merciful to others as your Father is merciful to you. As you minister, you are participants in the mission of Christ, the only Master. Read and meditate tirelessly on the Word of God so that you may teach what you have learned in faith, and live yourself what you have taught." (Homily to Newly Ordained Priests 4-22-2018)



Email Prayer Chain

Would you like to be part of an email prayer chain and pray daily for those in need of prayers due to illness or other needs? To be a part of this ministry, please send an email

to Marie Rose at rosejm@bbtel.com to become a prayer warrior. When others are in need of prayer you will be notified by email to begin praying for them. We (21 warriors) are currently praying for the needs of 66 people, those on our parish prayer list and the family members of the recently deceased, who were on our list. If you have a prayer request, just send an email to Marie at the above address.

Evangelization in Jail & Prison Ministry:

Evangelization in Jail & Prison Ministry The Prison Ministry Committee for the diocese is hosting a workshop for those who already work in prison and jail ministry or those who wish to. It takes place May 26 from 9-3 PM at the McRaith Catholic Center in Owensboro. Contact Richard Murphy at 270-683-1545 or Richard.murphy@pastoral.org for more information.

Send a Welcome Note & Prayer to Fr Tony Jones, New Pastor 6-12-18

Rev. Tony Jones email: tony.jones@pastoral.org or pastor@immaculateparish.org

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Fr Tony Jones' Birthday 02/17 & His Ordination Anniversary 05/27/89

Readings for the Week

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Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

Diocesan Appeal-DRF Update for St. Romuald, Hardinsburg: Thank you for your generosity toward our parish goal target: as of April 18, 2018
Parish Target: \$12,069.67
Amount Pledged: \$9,900
Amount Paid: \$8,330

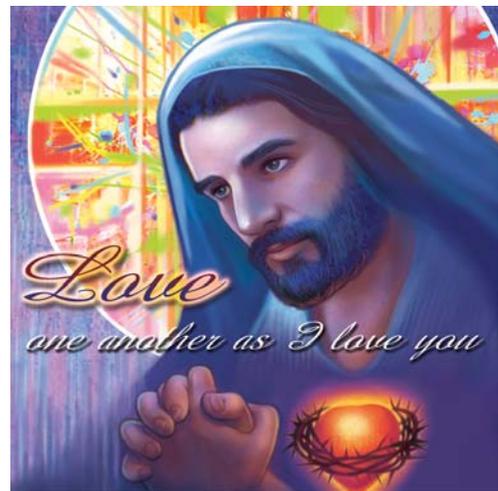
Brescia University's "Living & Leading with Love" (L³) High School Youth Theology Institute. is for you!

Will you be a high school sophomore, junior or senior next year?

Do you hear Jesus' call to love? Do you want to lead change for good?

Do you want to make lifelong friends?

If so, then Generously funded by the Lilly Endowment.. For more information or to **apply now** go to www.brescia.edu/L3
Or contact Dr. Emily DeMoore at 270-686-4229 or emily.demoor@brescia.edu



PRAYER REQUESTS

We Pray For:

Gilbert Abel, Frank Adkins, Baby Barr, Roy Bennett, Pat Bland, Debbie Bowlds, Becky Brown, Ava Bruner, Juanita Burch, Kathy Burns, Mike Clark, Anna Carrico, Ashley Carwile, Donnie Claycomb, Debbie Dubree, Davye Duggins, Sammy Duggins, Glenda Farris, Tessa Farris, Bonnie Gail Fentress, Ginny Flood, Don Ford, Dorothy Greenwell, Linda Greenwood, Austin Harris, JoAnn Henning, Patricia Miller Henning, Joe Hess, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Jacqueline Huddleston, **Mary Hurt**, Robert Jackey, **Alfred Jarboe**, Joe Jarboe, Virginia Jeffries, Mary Ann Johnson, Ashley Jones, Louise Kennedy, Rebecca Logsdon, Jimmy Mattingly, Walter Manning, Bevan Michael Miller, Joe Miller, Richard Miller, Barry Nottingham, Joe Oelze, Patsy Oelze, Janet O'Reilly, Peggy Phillips, **Bobby Potts**, Joan & Tom Powers, Joe Priest, Mary Jo Rankin, Rita Roach, Kimberly Rolen, Suzanne Rose, **Darcy Satterly**, Max Sharp, Bob Smith, Deborah Sue Stevens, Pam Sturgeon, Adalee Taul, Gina Thornsberry, Rufus Tivitt, Diane Whitney, Leona Whitworth, Tom Winchell, Anne Wolfe. **Serving in the Armed Forces:** Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Ryan Critchelow, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, Christian Hansen, Jack Hayes, James Howard, Charles Kuhlman, Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Lane D. Taul, Liana Tindle, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth



Stories of Hope & Healing: The Tribunal Office will hold information sessions, as a follow-up to the panel discussions, to address specific questions and issues regarding Declarations of Invalidity (Annulments).

Tuesday, May 8th - 6:30 pm St. Thomas Moore
Tuesday, May 15th - 6:30 pm St. Romuald
Tuesday, May 22nd - 6:30 pm Holy Spirit Parish
Tuesday, June 5th—6:30pm Our Lady of Lourdes

Barbecue Chickens: The Knights of Columbus will be selling Barbecue Chickens on May 6th at St. Romuald, St. Mary and St. Anthony after the Sunday Mass. For Knights of Columbus Members: If you can help cook chickens please text or email me at 270-617-0754 or jp_oreilly@yahoo.com respectively. Cooking starts at 3:30 am at St. Romuald's pit. Thank you GK Pat O'Reilly.



K-6 Religious Education

May Crowning - 2018

AROUND AND ABOUT

Al-Anon Meeting: Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.

Pray to end abortion: Join other Catholics and those from other faiths that gather each Saturday at 2nd and Market in Louisville from 7:00-8:00 am (EST) to pray for families entering the abortion clinic. Many children have been saved and mothers spared future grief by this prayer action and support. With God, all things are possible! Archbishop Kurtz is known to show up and pray with everyone too!

Abortion Update: Last week 62 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

Project Graduation: Please help the graduating seniors have a fun and safe celebration following their high school graduation, by contributing to the second collection we hold the weekend of **May 5-6**. A senior will offer an appeal at each of the masses. We welcome them and look forward to helping them out!

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!!

St. Romuald Interparochial School and Pre-school are now accepting applications for anyone wanting to pre-register their children for next year. We welcome your inquiries about an education at St. Romuald Interparochial School. A quality education at SRIS is truly a family experience. We have a proud "tradition of excellence." Call 756-5504, email lori.carwile@stromualdschool.org for pre-school or Sheila Drane sheila.drane@stromualdschool.org, or come by the school to pre-register your children.

2018 Kindred Fest: A Day of Praise Through Song: June 23rd music begins at noon! At Tradewater Music Festival Amphitheater located 5 miles west of Providence, Ky. Music Lineup includes Matthew West, Plumb, Stars Go Dim, Abandon & Leanna Crawford. Group pricing available, for more info, visit www.KindredMusicFest.com or box office 270-635-2969.

Mother's Day Photo Booth will be available Sunday, May 13th, before the 10 am Mass by the Breck County 4-H Photography Club, until noon. Come have your mom's picture taken with yourself or the entire family for only \$5.00, frame included. Come and support the youth of St. Romuald as we have two members from our parish who have gone on to become ribbon winners at our county fair and one a state champion.



Sunday, May 06, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The age of idols

Celebrity rules. Or so it seems. Every headline, photo shoot, and news crawl seeks to remind us that no matter what we're doing at the moment, someone's living a reality that is *so much cooler*.

We may secretly desire to be one of the beautiful people, to taste the sweetness of that success. Consider that folks who do command a high public profile like Pope Francis, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and the Dalai Lama have all repeated that they are mere mortals, doing nothing more than we all should be doing. Want fame? Pursue sainthood.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17 (56)*. "Peter, however, raise him up, saying, 'Get up. I myself am also a human being.'"

Monday, May 07, 2018

EASTER WEEKDAY

Come stay at my house

God has bestowed so many gifts on creation. In fact, the world is here in the first place because God's love overflowed—God wanted to share the divine love. God even sent Jesus and became human so as to invite people more deeply into life in God. So shouldn't the response to all this generosity be a generous one in which we welcome God into our lives, are open and inviting with God in prayer, and honor and care for our world and its creatures? Start opening doors today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a (291)*. "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home."

Tuesday, May 08, 2018

EASTER WEEKDAY

Make way for the Spirit

Much has been written about the importance of a "ministry of presence"—of being with people in times of need. Important as presence is, there is also a "ministry of absence," said noted spirituality author Henri Nouwen. We should never forget that it is the Holy Spirit ultimately who brings healing and comfort to people and that we need to trust God to do the work that only God can do in human hearts. There came a time when the risen Christ had to depart, but with assurances the Holy Spirit would be with us always. Sometimes your absence serves in a way your presence can't.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292)*. "But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go."

Wednesday, May 09, 2018

EASTER WEEKDAY

When Christians are in the margins

Often in stories of the church, both ancient and modern, you hear in the headlines about the scoffers. The anonymous faithful are relegated to the margins and the footnotes. "Is God dead?" the cover of *Time* magazine inquired funereally in bold red letters on a stark black background in 1966. It would hardly make the back page to reply: Not in the hearts and lives of believers. The pages of the New Testament are sprinkled liberally with folks who encountered Jesus or the apostles and came to faith. Good news travels quietly. Make a little noise with yours.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15 (293)*. "Some began to scoff [at Paul] . . . But some did join him, and became believers."

Thursday, May 10, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD; HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION (IN SOME AREAS)

Reading the signs

Signs are not destinations. They may assist us in getting where we're going, tell how far we've come or what to do next, but they're not intended to be goals in themselves. Early Christians viewed certain signs as indicators of spiritual authority: the ability to heal, inspired speech, command of dark forces, or facing dangers without harm. Saint Paul warned us not to become enchanted with power for its own sake. Instead, we should consider the needs of the community and how best to serve. Name some modern signs that someone is demonstrating with genuine spiritual authority.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20 (58)*. "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?"

Friday, May 11, 2018

EASTER WEEKDAY

Then, now, and later

Faith can seem like a time-travel video game. We look to the past, but the past is also present, and the present always looks to the future (for an example, think of the Mass). We learn the kingdom of God is within and among us—but not yet fulfilled. We worship and follow a Lord who appeared in human flesh, left in body but remained in Spirit, and will come again to usher us into the eternal. No wonder we get a little lost sometimes! Here's your compass: The world is broken but God still thinks it's good. Through Jesus, God calls us to help restore that goodness in ways large and small. And, finally, one day that work will be done.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 (295)*. "I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you."

Saturday, May 12, 2018

MEMORIALS OF NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS

Strike a blow for peace

In the early years of the church it was a matter of debate whether Christians should belong to the Roman army, although many did. Two of the martyrs remembered today, Nereus and Achilleus, were members of the elite Praetorian Guard, but after they became Christians they refused to serve and were eventually exiled and executed. At the end of the fourth century Pope Damasus had an inscription made in their honor, which read in part: "O miracle of faith! . . . they become converted . . . they throw away their shields, their armor, and their blood-stained javelins. Confessing the faith of Christ, they rejoice to bear testimony to its triumph." What bold and perhaps risky paths can you take to live out what you believe?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296)*. "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete."

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