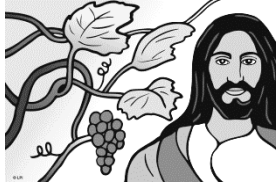


MAY 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter



“I Am the true vine, and My Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does He prunes so that it bears more fruit.”

Jn 15:1-2

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MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, May 3 (Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8)

8:00 am- Our Parish Family
10:30 am- Living & deceased members of Adolf & Josephine Zappe Family (*First Holy Communion*)

Monday, Easter Weekday (Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26)

7:00 am- Charlie & Annie Henke
10:00 am- Eunice Christ (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, Easter Weekday (Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a)

7:00 am- Alfons & Helen Steffek, Rudy & Bennie Konarik

Wednesday, Easter Weekday (Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8)

7:00 am- V.L. & Rose Rainosek
8:05 am- Karen Steffek
6:15 pm- Henry Joe & Marcella Henke's 56th Anniv. (CCD Mass)

Thursday, Easter Weekday (Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11)

7:00 am- Tyler Bludau
10:00 am- Ervin & Wilma Pesek (Stevens)

Friday, Easter Weekday (Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17)

7:00 am- Bea & Alton Heinzl
8:05 am- Frank & Agnes Polansky

Saturday, Easter Weekday (Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21)

5:30 pm- V.C. & Alois Labay

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10 (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17)

Happy Mother's Day!



8:00 am- Our Parish Family
10:30 am- Mother's Day Novena (SHCS Baccalaureate)

Bulletin Sponsor: Hoffer's Drive-In & Grocery.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Frank & Rita Zaruba.

Vigil Light: In memory of Karen Steffek by Robert & Leona Steffek, Marty, Kelsey & Dillon.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,465.50; Loose-\$1,475; Children-\$51; Seminarian Education-\$701; Holy Land-\$215; Manna-\$1,082; Catholic Home Missions-\$307.

Happy Anniversary!



Henry Joe & Marcella Henke 56 years May 3
Ronald & Barbara McElroy 30 years May 4
Robert & Patsy Fabian 50 years May 8

Welcome to the Parish: Ruben & Nicole Gilliam, & Brandon; Shayne & Holly Stovall; Bruce & Christine Ziegler; Wade & Ashley Kallus, Lynley & Kendis.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 3

-First Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m. Mass.

MONDAY, MAY 4

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.
-K.C. General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

-CCD: K-12th Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m. (Closing Mass)

SUNDAY, MAY 10

-SHCS Senior Baccalaureate, 10:30 a.m. Mass.



Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Becky Pekar, Amanda Gutierrez, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcak, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Sweet Hrcir, Henry Konvicka, Leo Haas, Jr., Clorisa Hartensteiner, Betsy Brown, Marcella Henke, Mark Henneke, Kirk Remmers, Richard Grahmann, Margie Becker, Dollie Parr, Joyce Tesch, Msgr. Celestino Say, Steve Grasshoff, Buddy Boehm, Sr. Rosalyn Henke, John Moore, Jr., Victor Roeber, Tommy Kanak, Rose Thumann, Rita Zaruba, JoAnn Zapalac nursing home residents & the homebound.

Catholic Daughters: Mail your 2015 dues to Monica Foyt, 11014 US Hwy 90A East, Hallettsville.

May Events at Amor Meus Spirituality Center, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria:

May 12- Prayer Circles, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

May 16- Guided One-Day Silent Retreat, "The Spirituality of Brokenness" led by Sr. Brigid Marie Clarke, CCVI, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Also offered are spiritual direction (by appointment) and private individually arranged retreats. Call Sr. Emilie Eilers at 575-7111 for more information.

Area Picnics & Events:

May 3: Holy Family Festival, Victoria Community Center. BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner 11am-2pm.

May 3: Holy Rosary MayFest, Hostyn. Holy Mass 10am. BBQ Pork & Sausage Dinner 11am. Auction, booths, games. Music: Texas Sound Check & Czechaholics.

Calendar Membership: Apr. 23: A. J. Kallus-\$100;

Apr. 24: Libertha Einkauf-\$100; **Apr. 27:** Kathleen

Chovanetz-\$100; **Apr. 28:** Tommy Tumis-\$100; **Apr. 29:**

Anna Havel-\$100.

Sacred Heart Youth News ~~

We thank all our seniors for an awesome farewell party and we pray for many blessings as they go forward. Our next event will be our Spring Picnic – Guinea Pig Plop and Nacho Stand. More information to come.

April Baptisms: Kendis Blair, daughter of Wade & Ashley Kallus; Drew Brice, son of Jeffrey & Holly Cliffe

From the Desk of Msgr. John

After 30 years, Sacred Heart Catholic School has a new principal. On Monday, April 27, Kevin Haas signed his contract for the upcoming school year. We congratulate Mr. Haas and look forward to working with him in the future.

On Wednesday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m., Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer will be at Sacred Heart Church and School to bless the new school addition and renovations and also the Ten Commandments Monument in front of the church. Everyone is invited to attend and take a tour of the facilities at that time.

Upcoming events:

Saturday, June 6, 10:00 a.m., Deacon Jacob Koether, who has worked with us for the last year and Deacon Scott Hill, who attended Sacred Heart School, will be ordained priests along with two others and Max Landman who spent a summer with us, will be ordained a Deacon.

Sunday, June 7, Mr. David Smolik will be recognized at the 10:30 a.m. Mass and a reception will follow at the KC Hall.

Monday, June 29, 2:00 p.m., Ordination and Installation of Bishop Elect Brendan Cahill, at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral.

Wednesday, July 15, 7:00 p.m., Area reception honoring Bishop Cahill here in Hallettsville.

Sacred Heart Religious Education News ~~

May 6: Closing Mass 6:15 p.m., with May Crowning, Rosary & Awards Ceremony (5th Grade participates)

May 13: 8th Grade Recognition Mass 6:30 p.m. (8th Grade participates)

May 16: Sponsor/Candidate Day of Reflection & practice, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

May 17: Confirmation – 10:30 a.m. Mass

May 23: HHS Baccalaureate, 5:30 p.m. Mass (12th Grade participates)

Sacred Heart School News ~~

May 3: Spring Band Concert, 6:00 p.m., Gym.

May 6: Booster Club Fried Chicken Dinner, 4:30-6:00 p.m., K.C. Hall

May 10: Senior Baccalaureate, 10:30 a.m. Mass.

May 11: Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Family Center.

May 17: Senior Graduation, 4:00 p.m., K.C. Hall.

Congratulations to our 38 young people who are receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion today, Sunday, for the very first time. They are: Dominic Atkinson, Lance Barton, Carter Blaha, Brock Bludau, Sam Bludau, Annika Brooks, Caleb Brooks, Jesse Cavazos, Sierra Chapa, Brianna Clark, Allison Dieringer, Aiden Drozd, Jacob Fields, Riley Haas, Carson Jansky, Hudson Kutac, Austin Lala, Wyatt Leopold, Aubrey Luna, Elena Maes, Shane Migura, Alison Mojica, Jennifer Monroe, Camilia Ochoa, Adyson Perez, Brody Psencik, Kole Pustejovsky, Daniel Reyes, Diana Reyes, Eve Roberts, Trey Satterwhite, Kaycee Schindler, Andrew Steffek, Hunter Tolson, Henri Vincik, Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson, Clay Vrana,



Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic – May 24th

It's picnic time! Your help is needed for a successful picnic! If you have cattle, antiques or unique items to donate to the auction, please call the Rectory as soon as possible so that we may begin advertising!

Auction: Randy Bludau-wooden beverage cooler.

Cattle: Rita Wachel Family-14 month Brangus heifer.

Cash donations are being accepted at the Rectory or may be placed in an envelope and dropped in the collection basket. **Committee Chairmen:** Please call the Rectory if you are in need of workers so that we can post it in the bulletin. **Country Store:** Please be working on handmade aprons, potholders, embroidered pillow cases, cup towels, or any other craft items. **Raffle**

books will be mailed soon. Please buy or sell as many books as possible. **Tickets** for a 2015 Polaris Ranger Crew 570 (2-seater) with a 12 ft. Maxey Single Axle Trailer along with 13 additional prizes are available for purchase at the Rectory (\$35 each or 3 for \$100). The drawing will be held at the Picnic.



Fifth Sunday of Easter –

"If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you." What a lovely promise! Imagine how satisfying it would be to ask for whatever we wanted and then to see that wish granted. Truly, it would be difficult to think of anyone who would not love to see a promise like this fulfilled. But we know Jesus isn't a genie in a magic lamp sent to indulge every selfish whim. So, what's the catch?

Well, as Jesus puts it in today's Gospel, this promise is extended to those who "remain" in Him. He uses the beautiful analogy of the vine and the branches to explain what this means. "A branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine ... I Am the vine, you are the branches." The idea here is that we are to be connected to Jesus so closely that our very life, our growth, our actions, indeed even our desires come from Him as their source. When we are authentically rooted in Christ, and when His words remain in us, then that cannot help but transform us into people who want what Jesus wants. And when we want what He wants, why wouldn't He give it to us?

This brings to mind a quote from St. Alphonsus Liguori. "In cold and heat, in rain and wind," said this wise doctor of the church, "the soul united to God says: 'I want it to be warm, to be cold, windy, to rain, because God wills it.'" In a similar vein, another doctor of the church, St. Therese of Lisieux, said that God has "always given me what I've desired, or rather, He's made me desire what He wanted to give me." This is the secret to constant contentment. No matter what life brings, when we truly desire to embrace God's will, we are bound to be happy.