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WEEKEND MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH:

Saturdays: 6:00 pm (odd months)
Sundays: 8:00 am (even months)
Ruma Convent: Sunday at 11am
Daily Mass varies at both locations
Confessions at St. Joseph:
Saturday 5 - 5:40 pm & Sundays 7:15 - 7:45 am

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!

— *Psalm 67:6*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67)

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) or Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel — Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you (John 14:23-29) or John 17:20-26.

THE GIFT OF PEACE

“There arose no little dissension and debate.” Did that happen at work this week? Most of us can recall run-ins with coworkers, even with the boss. Did it happen while socializing with friends? Go easy on politics, religion . . . even sports. At home? Even the most peaceful household experiences a little “give and take” now and then. So where was it that “there arose no little dissension and debate”? That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today’s Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in today’s Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. What evolved was that “reconciled diversity,” often encouraged by Pope Francis and even envisioned in today’s Revelation passage; and a wondrous experience of Jesus’ promised Gospel gift: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord’s Day among our ancestors in the faith was “The Eighth Day,” meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That’s why it is still Easter!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

May 25th THROUGH June 2nd

Sat.	6pm(J)	Veterans who died for our country.
Sun.	11am(C)	Bill & Vernie Fry
Mon.	11am (C)	Those Who died Serving Our Country
Tues.	4:10pm(C)	Barb & Russell Teague
Wed.	4:10pm(C)	Kevin Crafton
Thurs.	8am(J)	Nelson Hart
Thurs.	4:10pm(C)	S. Rose Anthony Mathews Family
Fri.	8:15am(C)	Kenneth & Tammy Jurek
Sun.	8am	Deb Horne & Norman Bachelier
Sun.	11am (C)	Ordination class of 1973



May 19th 2019

Envelopes (41)	\$1143.00
Loose	\$47.00
Total	\$1190.00
Weekly goal	\$1700.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 25	Allie Seiber
May 26	Cade Ellner, Paul VanBuren & Emmett Deterding
May 29	Ava Laurent
May 30	Katie Roider & Lane Leonard
May 31	Joyce Wetzler

May your day be filled with Good Wishes, Birthday Greetings and God's Blessings

Happy Anniversary!

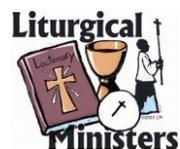
June 2 Msgr. Daniel ordination anniversary

May the Lord continue to bless your marriage and each of you for many years to come.

PRAYER REQUEST

Rev. Carl Scherrer	Our Homebound
Patty Cissell	Rev. Ken Schaefer
All Cancer Patients	Tracy Bender
Carolyn Schneider	Rev. Richard Mohr
Diane Corzine	Rev. Joe Rascher
Freeman (Doc) Greer	

All names of the prayer list will be left on for 4 weeks. Please call the rectory if you would like them to remain on the list.



Sat. May 25th @ 6 pm

B Leonard
C Earleen & Marvin
L Mary B
S Volunteers
G Richard D fam.

Chalice/Paten:
John M. fam.

Sun. June 2 @ 8a.m.

B Steve G
C Lynne & Nate
L
S Katie & Mackenzie
G Ray Wiegard Fam.

Chalice/Paten:
Floyd Roy Fam.



From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, Jesus in the Gospel promises his disciples that God will continue to dwell with them and with all who love him. He also promises that they will receive the Holy Spirit, who will continue to enlighten them. But he leaves them one more thing -- peace. Peace to keep their hearts from being troubled. Peace to protect them from fear. Peace to stay with them forever. On this Memorial Day weekend, let us reflect on the peace that only God can provide. Let us not forget to remember and pray for those who gave their lives in the defense of Freedom and Peace. May we also pray for the safety of all our military men and women wherever they are serving. As we so often sing in the Prayer of St. Francis, "make me a channel of your peace." Have a blest 6th week of Easter. Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. ---Eleanor Roosevelt

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sat.: 6pm Mass remembering all veterans who lost their life

Mon: Office Closed for Memorial Day

Boy Scout troop 338 BBQ at American legion

Parade starts at 10am

Tues. R&R @ 10:30a.m. Finance Council mtg. 7p.m.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Sarah was teaching her young son how to pray. One afternoon, as she was taking him to McDonald's for a treat, they passed an accident on the road. It didn't seem serious, but Sarah told her son that they should always pray for accident victims. She paused and prayed for those involved in the accident. As she finished, Little Johnny piped in: "And God, please don't let there be an accident at the entrance to McDonald's."

PARTNERSHIP MASS FOR JUNE IS:

St. Joseph: 8am Sunday

St. Patrick: 6pm Saturday

DID YOU REMEMBER



Please contact Paulette R. Deterding 618-284-7353 if you or a fellow parishioner are suffering from an injury, illness, or grief and would like a visit.



The Prayer chain is in place. If you know of someone who is in need of emergency prayers please call Jeanelle Dinan 284-7788 or the rectory @ 284-3314.

Religious Education



PSR registrations for the 2019-2020 school year were mailed out this week. Please make sure that the forms are back as soon as possible so supplies can be ordered. If you didn't receive a copy please pick one at the rectory or in back of Church.



If you are looking for a special gift for a loved one the youth is selling candles made from recycled Easter candles. They are \$15 and all proceeds go to the NCYC fund.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Empty Arms, Broken Heart: As we accompany Mary along the journey after Jesus' death and resurrection, let us be aware that Mary journeys alone. Mary, mother, without a child in her arms, experiences the total impact of what Simeon told her about sorrows - that they would pierce her heart. Empty arms, broken heart... Learn, Act, Connect, and Pray: If you know any mothers who have lost children through miscarriage or other causes during this Easter Season, pray for them. Pray that Mary would walk with them and console them. Be a beacon of hope to those that have experienced loss.

DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS:

Gibault: Summer Camps for basketball, soccer, volleyball, band, theater. More info: gibaulthawks.com.

PARTNERSHIP CORNER:

BE A BLESSING GARDEN PROJECT

THE GARDEN IS IN!!!! THANK, THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT WERE ABLE TO HELP AND TO THOSE THAT FINANCIALLY CONTRIBUTED TO GET US STARTED!!!

We are in need of a few items...tomatoes stakes, straw bales, (maybe 10 to start out with) and an animal repellent called Repels-All.

If you would like to help maintain, feel free to go when you have time to pull weeds, water etc.

We asked that you stop at the front desk at the convent to let them know you will be working in the garden.

You can find supplies in the little brown shed located next to the garden. Please be respectful and return in the condition you found them.

We are the section between the orange cones. Any questions call Sandy @ 282-3176.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Prairie du Rocher American Legion:

Memorial Day Parade steps off at 10a.m. Monday
& Boy Scout BBQ serving at 11a.m. Monday

Evansville Knights of Columbus Fish Buffet

Friday, June 7 Serving 4:30 - 8pm
4 kinds of fish, chicken strips and 7 sides
Adults \$12.00 Children 5-12 \$5.00
Buffet is Dine-in only. Carry outs available by the Plate,
Sandwich or by the Pound.

FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

Remember to give to the capitol fund. This fund is set up for the repairs and maintenance of our beautiful church and grounds. Thanks to all who donate to this fund.

PRIORITY LIST UPDATES:

It was agreed that the Church A/C system was the most popular repair.

Total Cost to replace the Church A/C is \$25,750.00.

There is a goal thermometer outside to help track of our progress. Not Sure if you noticed but we are half way to our goal. Thanks to all who have helped thus far, please remember to donate we don't want church to hotter than...well you know! We will be able to start work on the A/C very soon.

The resolution has been sent to Belleville and we are waiting on approval from Bishop Braxton.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

Next Event is the Picnic:

Aug. 3, 2019 don't forget to pass the word!

KIDS GAMES: We will be accepting cash and prize donations for the kids games, we completely ran out last year. Check the dollar store, dollar general or any stores clearance item for kid size fun. There will be a tote in the foyer of church for prizes. If you wish to donate cash place it in the collection basket with the label kids games.

BASKET STAND:

Please consider one of the following options for donating to the basket stand.

- Monetary donations- any amount is appreciated. Place in collection basket labeled BASKET STAND
- Completed baskets
- Place items equaling a complete basket in a bag and we will assemble.

Make the value of a basket a minimum of \$10. Cellophane bags to wrap completed baskets will be

available in the back of church. Completed baskets and/or items to make a completed basket can be left at the church or rectory. If you have any questions contact Jolene 284-7125

FROM FINANCE COUNCIL:

Our totals for the Diocesan tax, Clergy aid, Insurance and Subsidies (Gibault and St. John's) and our total for FY 2018/2019 is slowly decreasing from 54,179.71 to \$37,926.26. Because of your generous donations since October we have paid off \$16,256.46 of the diocesan bills. Please continue donate generously. Most recent payment was to St. John's, Gibault, & Parish Assessment. Way to Go!

Please continue to donate as generously as possible.

School Subsidy	\$23,582.00
Parish Assessment	\$13,044.20

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

As the new mowers figure out their mowing pattern please remember to be patient. We ask that you personally do not mow around any tombstones for liability reasons. If you have any questions please ask for a copy of the Cemetery rules.

Dip The Colors

by Lenore Hetrick

We dip the colors in honor today
Of the soldiers who said goodbye,
And marched away to defend their land
Beneath a foreign sky.

We dip the colors to those who struggled
Under a native sun,
And did not cease the strife of warfare
Until the battle was won.

To all the soldiers who sleep today,
Who rest beneath the sod,
We dip the colors and say a prayer,
And leave them to their God.



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