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“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” - Jn 15:16-17

MAY 9, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: REMAIN IN MY LOVE

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change lives and our relationships. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition, and

sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of

God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to the world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation, and heal many wounds.

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MAY 8 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. All Mothers

MAY 9 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Katherine McDonald†

Blanche Kielbasa†

Terry & Chris McDonald

10:00 a.m. Ellen Curia†

Curia Family

MAY 10 MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Glynis Board

Her family

MAY 11 TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Paul Baum†

The Jasper Family

MAY 12 WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Maria Ducci†

Sandina Leonard

MAY 13 THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. Donald Leonard†

Sandina Leonard

Ascension of the Lord (HOD)

MAY 14 FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Dylan McCormick

Ellen McCormick

Charles Freeman†

Sally & Zeke

MAY 15 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Veronica DiCola†

Agnes & Don Gray

MAY 16 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Bill Termin†

Termin Family

10:00 a.m. Bill & Rita Allen†

Ed & Rita Swierkos

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns
this week for

Ashley Miller

From Butch and Linda Miller

Love No Greater and Mother's Day

Arguably, all mothers both know and yet do not completely know everything about their children — this was especially the case for Mary. That God chose her from among all women to be the mother of the savior was a mystery that during her earthly life she never entirely understood.

St. Luke tells us that Mary pondered this mystery in her heart. We can imagine Mary's pride when Jesus began his public ministry and by his teaching showed the world the way to God's compassion and mercy. We can also imagine her intense agony as she followed her son as he was humiliated, tortured and crucified.

Today in the great shrines of Lourdes, Fatima and Guadalupe, in parish churches, chapels, in some silent corner of the heart, millions call on Mary for help. As Pope Pius IX

once said, she is "the best of mothers, our safest confidante ... the very motive of our hope."

In God's name, no love is greater.

To new and expectant mothers, bless you as you start your journeys!

To those whose mothers and grandmothers are still living—cherish them. Hug and kiss them.

For those whose mothers have passed, memorialize them.

Honor those who love others with a mother's heart. They are special souls who remind us that love is bounded only by the limits we create.

To mothers who have lost their beloved children, remember them as you would Mary, realizing their unending courage and sorrow.

To all our beautiful mothers, may you enjoy a peaceful Mother's Day.



Producing Fruit That Will Remain

There are a lot of ideas out there about what it takes to be happy: earn a certain income, have certain experiences, achieve certain things. In this weekend's Gospel, Christ presents a vision of happiness that is wildly counterintuitive to our contemporary, individualistic society: "love one another." Jesus reveals that we find ourselves by giving ourselves away since we are

made for relationship, not self-indulgence.

So how do we live out this self-giving love? Opportunities abound. One simple way is to support our ongoing Catholic Sharing Appeal. Your offering will directly contribute to our ability to share the love of Christ with a world in desperate need, truly producing as John 15:16 teaches: "fruit that will remain."

Prayer REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Chuck Taskalines, Sara Walters, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Chris McDonald, Bob Balgo, Sue Riffle.

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Bill Tennant, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Marie Lohri.

Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.

CALENDAR

CAMP CARLO EARLY REGISTRATION
 By **MAY 15/SCHOLARSHIPS by JUNE 1**
DWC.ORG/CAMP

Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life
 Wednesdays 9 a.m. /Thursdays 6:30 p.m.
 Church Hall

Confirmation Mass/Bishop Brennan
 4 p.m. Saturday, May 22

Parish Council Meeting
 Friday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m.
 Church Hall

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 FREE, first-year membership
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TRIP to LANCASTER, PA
Queen Esther Play
 Aug. 5th & 6th

SCHEDULES MAY 15 & 16

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. **A. Wise / L. Magnone**
 8:00 a.m. **L. Whitelatch / C. Frame**
 10:00 a.m. **C. King / L. Yoho**

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 p.m. **Frizzell / 8:00 a.m. Kent /**
 10:00 a.m. **King**

SACRISTY - Please Volunteer
 Jenny Ingram/Daunell Gump

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Envelopes	\$3,022.00
Loose Offering	\$258.00
Church Repair	\$35.00
Xavier Hall	\$25.00
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OTHER COLLECTIONS:	
Easter	\$20.00
Pennies for God	\$16.72
Online Giving	\$505.40
Attendance	172

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 THANK YOU

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From top down: Confirmation candidates attend Mass with SENT members. Center: A SENT activity in progress. Bottom from left: candidates Maddy Thomas, Maitlyn Miller, Sierra Taylor, and Allen Laberdee sit behind the SENT team.

SENT Retreat a Success

Several of our confirmation candidates shared a special afternoon of fellowship and reflection last weekend thanks to the young adults from SENT Ministries of Franciscan University of Steubenville. The retreat concluded with attending Mass. SENT, or Student Evangelization Networking Teams, is an outreach ministry in service to parishes, dioceses, and schools in planning and running retreats for middle and high school youth.

The one-day retreat comes just before our candidates receive the sacrament Saturday, May 22, from Bishop Brennan here at St. Francis. All retreats had been canceled because of pandemic, but recently eased restrictions made gatherings possible again for candidates statewide. Many thanks to SENT and to Father for bringing them. Our PSR Confirmation team and the students are grateful.

IF YOU HAVE YET TO RESERVE a seat for the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 22, during which Bishop Mark Brennan will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation, please call the office promptly to do so.

A reminder that we must take reservations for the May 22 Mass to comply with the diocese's mandatory health and safety guidelines for distancing. Masks also must be worn. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

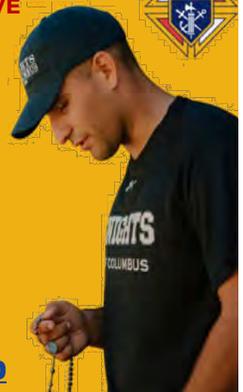
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By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

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