St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, May 14, 2023 (A Cycle)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER’S DAY
Remembering the Truth

We live in an age when nostalgia sells. We have radio stations devoted to “oldies,” that is, the music of some former era. Television has endless recall of shows from Jack Benny to Leave it to Beaver to I Love Lucy to ... you name it.

Such a human thing it is to remember the spirit of the past and to understand better what we have done and have been. Can all of it media hype, designed to “sell product”? We are tempted to say, yes, hype, hype and nothing but hype. Yet much of what our nostalgia dredges up was actually good in its day, and remains so.

Do you remember to say yes to Christ’s presence within you?
Throughout Easter the Church is recalling the adventures of the Church in the weeks after Jesus died and then rose again. We sit around the campfire of our memories, telling stories about how it was then. Philip. Remember Philip who told Jesus, “just show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Of course he was seeing Jesus and therefore was looking at the Father, but he did not know it.

And do you remember what Jesus said just before his passion and death? That he would send the Spirit of Truth into our hearts. And that we would not be left orphans. It was hard to understand then and it is still pretty difficult.

Let us go over it one more time. Jesus seemed to say, first, that God the Abba was so much within Jesus that every time you see him it is the same thing as seeing God. Second, Jesus said, I am going to be so much within you—yes, you normal people—that whenever people see you it will be the same thing as seeing me! And of course, the Father is in me, so they see the Father too!

“I almost have it,” Philip gulped.

So Jesus said it again. You will not see me anymore. But that doesn’t make me absent from you. I and Abba will be within you so that your very spirit will hold the Spirit of me and of the Father. All you need to do is to say “yes.”

Then Philip saw it. In the upper room he touched the truth. Very soon he was running from place to place doing miracles and preaching about the Messiah!

With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

We ourselves touch the truth and receive it also. Maybe it is not so dramatic as Philip’s experience, but we have it every Sunday and any other day we choose to participate in Mass. We touch and receive Jesus on the tongue.

Simple? No.

Well, maybe it is simple. This Sunday let us remember again not hype but these deepest, dearest mysteries of our lives.

~ John Foley, SJ
ENVELOPES: We are preparing to order envelopes for 2024 (from a different company than last year). If you want a box of envelopes, please sign up on the list on the back table. If you aren't in church, please send us an email or call the rectory to get on the list. The order will be placed on Monday, May 15, so please don’t delay in signing up. Remember please, if you make donations by check, you can just drop your check in the collection basket, but if you donate by cash, we have no way of crediting your account without an envelope.

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Nativity Pantry Update… We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we need Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, and Soup. Again, thank you never seems to be enough, but THANK YOU!

Sunday Community Dinners… As one of our most important ministries to our members, neighbors, we have been blessed to have many sponsors, but as with most ministries, we are in need of more. If you and your group would like to learn more about sponsoring a meal or if you’re ready to sign up, please call or email Georgia Kingsley at 586-206-2202, gfk111@aol.com.

MAY & JUNE DINNER SCHEDULE:

- May 14, 2023 – Mother’s Day (NO MEAL)
- May 21, 2023 – (NO MEAL)
- May 28, 2023 – Memorial Day Weekend (NO MEAL)
- June 4, 2023 – Joan Jacobs and Friends
- June 11, 2023 - Shaun Nethercott
- June 18, 2023 - Father’s Day (NO MEAL)
- June 25, 2023 – Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary
- July 2, 2023 – Independence Day Weekend – (NO MEAL)

Happy Mother’s Day!
MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 14, 2023
All mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and those who stand in for mothers

Sunday, May 21, 2023
Deceased members of the Kelly Family

Sunday, May 28, 2023
Carl Ayoub Nefatari Kuumba

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Mary Canaday
Joy Harris
Joan Jackson
Michael Martin
Jerry McFee
Tommy Nance
Dr. Bob Preuss
Alicia Smith
Anna Tyler
Rene VanZaalen
Alonda Walker
Jerry Walker
Theresa Williamson
Pam Young

TODAY’S READINGS

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17
(Reception of Holy Spirit)

Psalm 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
(Glorious Deeds)

First Peter 3: 15-18
(Life in the Spirit)

John 14: 23
(Divine Love)

John 14: 15-21
(Eternal Penance)

The Holy Father’s Intentions for the Month of May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 15: Acts 16: 11-15; Psalm 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; John 15: 26b, 27a; John 15: 26 – 16: 4


Thurs., May 18: Acts 18: 1-8; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14: 18; John 16: 16-20


Sun., May 21: Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Matthew 28: 19a, 20b; Matthew 28: 16-20

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:
Stewardship Plans

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.” 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times, we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right!”

Here’s the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for his Stewards.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

5-07-2023

Collection $1,461.01
Online Donations $1,522.00
TOTAL $2,983.01

BE KIND
Celebrating the Mass at Our Family of Parishes

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 14
11:30 Mass livestreamed/ Presider and Preacher: Father David Preuss

Tuesday, May 1st
[5 PM Mass at Sacred Heart SSAM: SVDP Food pantry, Men’s Faith Sharing/ 6 PM Men’s Faith Sharing]

Wednesday, May 17th
[SSAM NO 8 AM Adoration, 9 AM Mass/ Presider: Capuchin Father, Preacher: Deacon Chris; Zoom Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link]

Thursday, May 18th
[Nativity, in the church NO 8 AM holy hour; 9 AM Mass; Emergency Food Pantry: Open 1:00-4:00 SSAM 8:15AM holy hour for priests and vocations]

Friday, May 19th
St. Charles NO 8 AM holy hour/11 AM Mass Fr. David Preuss

Saturday, May 20th
[No Saturday Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass this month]

Ascension Sunday, May 21st
11:30 Mass livestreamed with social distancing/Priest and preacher: Fr. David Preuss

2021-2023 IGNATIAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
Do you know an emerging young adult leader? Are you one? Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) is a leadership program for young adults (age 24-39), rooted in the spirituality tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The world needs Ignatian leaders – passionate “contemplatives in action” discerning God’s movements in their lives and responding out of love as hopeful, joyful people with and for others. This kind of leadership flows from a deep spiritual life and inspired sense of purpose.

If you are a young adult, learn more about CLA and the application process contemplativeleaders.org/about-cla! If you are a seasoned adult, please nominate younger adults you know who would benefit from this national program at the email address below.

Apply by May 31.
To learn more, visit CLA-Detroit and our FAQs.
Local Contact: Anthony Marciniak, cladet@ignatianyoungadults.org.

Mass in Honor of Our First Responders

The Archdiocese of Detroit invites you to join us for a Mass in honor of our first responders on Wednesday, May 17, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Most Reverend John M. Quinn will be the celebrant as we pay tribute to the brave men and women who protect our community.
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Archbishop Vigneron’s statement on Pope Francis’ Global Rules for Reporting Abuse

A new papal law requiring priests and religious to report sexual abuse and misconduct provides “clear directives for universal accountability in response to the horrors of clergy sexual abuse,” Archbishop Vigneron has told Detroit Catholic. The law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines internal procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal or religious superior. “I am deeply sorry to all those who have been injured and are enduring a lifetime of physical, emotional and spiritual suffering because of perverse actions by those in authority,” the archbishop said. “No one is above civil law, and importantly, no one is above God’s law.” Pope Francis announced the new norms. The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred. The Michigan Attorney General’s Office has established a toll-free reporting hotline at (844-324-3374, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm) aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Individuals also may contact their local police department. For complaints involving priests, deacons, religious, or laity, individuals are welcomed to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit’s Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or vac@aod.org.