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Saturday—5 PM Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

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JUNE 1, 2025 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Dear friends,

Many of the scripture passages that we have reading these past few weeks come from the Gospel of John and tend to be indentified as Jesus' last words to this disciples. At one point Jesus knows the disciples are anxious about being left on their own and he tells them "if you loved me you would rejoice that I am going to the Father." (John 14:28). There is a natural tendency to be anxious when the time comes for us to have to be on our own. Jesus understands but reassures the disciples (and us) that the Father will send the Advocate to be our helper and guide. He trusts us and believes in us.

Still, it can be a bit daunting. It's like the kid who now has the ride the bike with the training wheels taken off. It is even more so when we face things that feel overwhelming.

Recently I can across this quote, "if you are going through hell, make sure you don't come back empty handed." No one really wants to go through difficult times and yet one of the hard earned bits of wisdom is that life is hard and full of challenges. We all will face times like these—an unexpected death, a cancer diagnosis, the loss of a job, the end of a relationship, a friend suffering from a drug or alcohol addiction. They come, unwanted and often unexpected and they flat out knock the wind ojut of our sails.

When you are in the midst of any of these challenges, sometimes the only thing you can do is to do the next thing and trust that it will lead you on. It takes great courage to just simply show up to the experiences of our life.

The old adage tells us "if it doesn't kill you it will make you stronger, but first you will feel pretty awful." When we have walked this journey, we know something about not coming back empty handed from going through hell.

Jesus continued to reassure his disciples—"Do not let your hearts be trouble," "Do not be anxious or afraid." I guess he knew all to well the human condition. Truth be told, Jesus had more confidence in the disciples than they had in themselves. And it is true for us as well.

St. Paul tells us in the reading from Ephesians "may your eyes be enlighten so that you may know the great hope to be which you are called." And later, he tells, "we give thanks to God whose power now at work in your lives can do far more than you can ask or imagine."

Sometimes, as we face the challenges of life, we need to take a deep breath, quiet all the anxious voices in our heads, and then move forward with confidence. We need to take Jesus at his word when he said, "I will be with you always."

Leaning into the journey of life, Fr. Gene Schroeder



FRIDAY -- JUNE 13 3 PM -7 PM

SATURDAY -- JUNE 14 7 AM -- Noon

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, MAY, 31 FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

5:00 PM MASS: Dorthea Hartlein (1864), Vincent Macke (1926), Vernon (1973) & Beatrice Sidenbender, Ann Clark (1978), Joseph Reising (1996), Clarence (2012) & Mildred Rexing, Chaz Schwart (2017)



SUNDAY, JUNE 1 FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

8:00 AM MASS: Joe & Eleanor Lasher, Leroy & Rose Weiss, Leo & Marie Gumbel, Freddie, Tony, & Henry Weiss, Alvina Schnieder, Florentian Pfettscher, Bernard, Lawrence & Nancy Gumbel

10:30 AM MASS: Fr. Francis Schroering (22nd Pastor of St Joe) (2005), Frank, Mary, Linus, Cyril, Denny, Frs. Raymond & Cletus Schroering, Pauli Kissel (1898), Forest Briel (1999), For the needs of all the people in our parish

MONDAY, JUNE 2 EASTER WEEKDAY

6:30 PM MASS: Guy Smyth, Norm Feaster, Leo Happe (1899)

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

ST. CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS

7:30 AM MASS: George Hoffmann (1876), Anna Bender (1889), Maria Rumade (1907)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4
EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS: Catharine Negele (1866), Sr. Irene O.S.F. (Margaret Ochsner)(1948), Walter (1958) & Margaret Cox

THURSDAY JUNE 5 ST. BONIFACE

NO MASS: Joseph Handel (1863), George Lambers (1948), William Helfrich (1961), Elizabeth (1977) & Barthal Rexing, Michael Barnett (1995), Donald Geuss (2004), Annie Weiss (2013)

FRIDAY, JUNE 6 EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS: Sophia & Sophia Litzelmann (twins) (1862), Clinton Happe (1951), Collette Austin (1985), Edwin Englert (2010), Donna (2013) & Larry Alsop

SATURDAY, JUNE 7
PENTECOST SUNDAY

5:00 PM MASS: Peter Schmitt (1900), Simon Kraft (1905), Francis Wisendauger (1910), Lawrence (2007) & Nancy Gum-

bel, Leo, Marie, & Bernard Gumbel, For the needs of all the people in our parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 8
PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00 AM MASS: Tom & Joann Muensterman, Jerry Muensterman, Jermoe & Marcella Muensterman

10:30 AM MASS: Peter Baumgart (1880), Henry Will (1885), William (1973) & Leoda Kempf Sr., Ron, Tom, Bill & Janice Kempf



WEEKDAY MASS NOTICE: As we get into the summer months, please remember that, unless otherwise noted, we will continue to celebrate our weekday mass at 7:30 am in the rectory conference room.

TO JOIN US LITURGY OF THE WORD

AT THE 10:30 AM MASS EACH SUNDAY

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

The second reading today contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"!



 May 25, 2025
 \$ 9,989.00

 WEEKLY BUDGET
 \$ 15,350.00

 TOTAL INCOME TO DATE
 \$ 682,680.03

 BUDGET TO DATE
 \$ 721,450.00

 CHILDREN'S COLLECTION
 \$ 5.00

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 \$ 20.00

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JUNE 1: Marilyn Elbrink, Premila Patel, Vishnubhai Patel

JUNE 2: Conner Atherton, Cheri King, Alice Weis

JUNE 3: Jack Arnold, Brian Gerth,, Elle Seibert

Jjune 4: Rick Baylor, Jade Elfreich, Kaisley Elpers, Tom Elsner, Gavin Murray. Gabe Reffett

JUEN 5: Dan Kissel, Ron Schell

JUNE: 6: Karla Deweese, Gary Gries, Elsey Lyke,

Debra Payne, Jason Smith, Addalyn Wilkinson

JUNE 7 Randy Appler, Dave Dippel, Conner Frey, Kylie Frey, Brooks Hendon, Sharon Hollingsworth, Palmer Koester

JUNE 1: Nick & Kelsey Austin

JUNE 2: Mark & Deborah Schultz, Gary & June Beverly

JUNE 3: Shane & Jenna Wessel,

Reid & Lauren Grossman

JUNE 4: Ron & Jane Kremer

JUNE 5: Peter & Jodi Fehrenbacher,

Nick & Jackie Hughes

JUNE 6 Ray & Eloise Hamner (61 Years!),

Rick & Joan Lutz, Dalton & Emily Brandenstein

JUNE 7: David & Angie Henderson

LOOKING FOR SOME PART TIME WORK?

We are seeking someone to do Custodial work in our school during the morning hours, approximately 3-4 hours per day, 7:00 am until 10-11:00 am (hours can be flexible). Position would begin with the new

school year, the first week in August. contact Dennis Niemeier, 812-480-1770 for more information.





HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

WEEKEND OF MAY 31-JUNE 1: 5 PM (L) Susie Schapker, (EM) Butch and Linda Feulner, Sis &

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) Drone, (EM) Randy and Kathy Fehrenbacher, Tom and Dolores Folz 10:30 AM (L) Josh Baehl, (EM) Sally Kempf Cecelia Koch, Kitty Deig Paul Hillenbrand

WEEKEND OF JUNE 7-8: 5 PM (L) Toni Askins, (EM) Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher, Donald & Brandon Werner 8 AM (L) Jalene Weber, (EM) Imogene Baehl Michael Elpers, Chick Duncan Marcia Frey 10:30 AM (L) Shane Wessel (EM) Becky Dosher Steve Jung, Debra Baumgart Al Debes

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COUNTDOWN TO OUR SUMMER SOCIAL--JULY 27

By now you should have received your packet of ten tickets. If, by some chance, you did not get your packet of tickets, let us know and we'll get you another packet of tickets. The tickets are \$25/ticket, but we are giving you a deal by buying/ selling 10 tickets for \$200. Remember we also have extra tickets if you can sell them (or would like to buy more tickets!) Again, call the parish office and we'll get them to you. Get your tickets in by June 30 to be eligible for our early bird drawing worth \$500.



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Holy Rosary — May 29-31 St. Joseph (Princeton) - May 31-June 1 St. Joseph, Jasper —June 1 Saint Wendel Grillin' & Chillin' - June 7 St. Boniface-June 8

THE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS

We continue reading from Pope Francis' recent letter to the church "On the Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ."

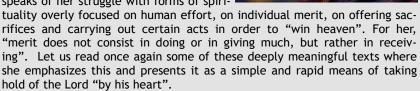
Those moralizers who want to keep a tight rein on God's mercy and grace might claim that Therese could say this because she was a saint, but a simple person could not say the same. In that way, they excise from the spirituality of Saint Therese its wonderful originality, which reflects the heart of the Gospel. Sadly, in certain Christian circles we often encounter this attempt to fit the Holy Spirit into a certain preconceived pattern in a way that enables them to keep everything under their supervision. Yet this astute Doctor of the Church reduces them to silence and directly contradicts their reductive view in these clear words: "If I had committed all possible crimes, I would always have the same confidence; I feel that this whole multitude of offenses would be like a drop of water thrown into a fiery furnace".

To Sister Marie, who praised her generous love of God, prepared even to embrace martyrdom, Therese responded at length in a letter that is one of the great milestones in the history of spirituality. This page ought to be read a thousand times over for its depth, clarity and beauty. There, Therese helps her sister, "Marie of the Sacred Heart", to avoid focusing this devotion on suffering, since some had presented reparation primarily in terms of accumulating sacrifices and good works.

Therese, for her part, presents confidence as the greatest and best offering, pleasing to the heart of Christ: "My desires of martyrdom are nothing; they are not what give me the unlimited confidence that I feel in my heart. They are, to tell the truth, the spiritual riches that render one unjust, when one rests in them with complacence and one believes that they are something great... what pleases [Jesus] is that he sees me loving my littleness and my poverty, the blind hope that I have in his mercy... That is my

only treasure... If you want to feel joy, to have an attraction for suffering, it is your consolation that you are seeking... Understand that to be his victim of love, the weaker one is, without desires or virtues, the more suited one is for the workings of this consuming and transforming Love... Oh! How I would like to be able to make you understand what I feel!... It is confidence and nothing but confidence that must lead us to Love".

In many of her writings, Therese speaks of her struggle with forms of spiri-



To her sister Léonie she writes, "I assure you that God is much better than you believe. He is content with a glance, a sigh of love... As for me, I find perfection very easy to practise because I have understood it is a matter of taking hold of Jesus by his heart... Look at a little child who has just annoyed his mother... If he comes to her, holding out his little arms, smiling and saying: 'Kiss me, I will not do it again', will his mother be able not to press him to her heart tenderly and forget his childish mischief? However, she knows her dear little one will do it again on the next occasion, but this does not matter; if he takes her again by her heart, he will not be punished".

So too, in a letter to Father Adolphe Roulland she writes, "My way is all confidence and love. I do not understand souls who fear a friend so tender. At times, when I am reading certain spiritual treatises in which perfection is shown through a thousand obstacles, surrounded by a crowd of illusions, my poor little mind quickly tires; I close the learned book that is breaking my head and drying up my heart, and I take up Holy Scripture. Then all seems luminous to me; a single word uncovers for my soul infinite horizons, perfection seems simple to me. I see that it is sufficient to recognize one's nothingness and to abandon oneself like a child into God's arms".

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