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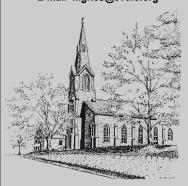
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SCHEDULE
Saturday—5 PM
Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM
SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILATION
SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

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#### MAY 7, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear friends,



They say that the most repeated phrase in the Bible are the words: "Do Not Be Afraid." We hear them in the gospel today. "Do not let your hearts be troubled," Jesus tells his disciples. As much as they listened to Jesus and for as long as they were around him and saw how he related to people, the disciples still seemed to be controlled by their fears.

If it was so with the disciples, I guess we can't be too surprised that fear can have such a hold on us in our lives. Most of the angry outbursts from people and the quick rushes to judgment that seems so prevalent

among people today have, I believe, their roots in a deep sense of fear. We are living in such a great time of transition and change. In many ways, the world that we grew up seems to be crumbling around us. We hear people all around questioning the way we looked at life and made sense of things. This whole experience can be very unsettling and fill us with great anxiety. And when we are filled with this kind of energy, it is no wonder that fear plays such a big role in our lives.

It's hard to admit that we are afraid. It's hard to say, "I don't know what is going to happen and I am scared." We'd rather think that we are beyond this. Somehow, admitting our own fears, is much too vulnerable. Men, especially, grow up in a culture that they are supposed to know the answers and be in control of every situation. When we face things like a change in jobs, an uncertain economic future, a sudden illness that rocks us on our heals, a child that is dealing with an addiction issue, the most normal response would be to say "I am scared and afraid. I don't know what is going to happen."

When these kinds of things happen, we try to go back to something that seemed to give us a sense of security. In the gospel today, Jesus doesn't tell the disciples to ignore their fears or pretend they don't exist. He says, "do not let your hearts be trouble." It's a bit like saying, "Yes, you are afraid and that is ok. But don't dwell there. Don't let the fear consume you and control your life. Take a deep breath. Feel the fear and then do the things that will help you move forward."

And then, Jesus ends his conversation with the disciples by telling them something pretty amazing. "Trust me and believe in me. And when you do this, you will do greater things than I have done." Now that is a far cry from shaking in our boots because of fear. And know this, the promise that Jesus gave to his disciples is the same promise he gives to each of us today. So, let's acknowledge our fears but also remember the great power God gives us.

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Next week, we will begin offering people the chance to receive communion under the form of wine as well as bread. You may recall that we stopped offering this option when the covid pandemic began several years ago. So next week we will begin offering that option and my hope is that you will avail yourselves of this opportunity. I know there have been some legitimate concerns about sharing from the same cup. For what it is worth, there have been any number of studies done over the years that drinking from the cup does not spread disease.

Even before we went through the covid pandemic, I always thought it was a bit strange that everyone did not receive from the cup. It's like we hear Jesus say, "take can eat," and we say, "ok that is fine." But when he says, "take and drink," we often say, "no thanks, I'll pass on that. Interesting. Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

### ALTAR SOCIETY SPRING PIZZA

#### PARTY THURSDAY MAY 11

The Altar Society is inviting you to join them for their informal Spring Dinner Pizza Party on Thursday, May 11th at 6:00 pm in the

Meeting Room. Come and learn about the work of the Altar Society, enjoy some great food and meet some wonderful people. Make your reservation by May 8th. Call Susie Schapker at 812-483-4799 or Donna Dippel at 812-963-5911.



Thank you to everyone who helped fill and mail the Spring

college care packages! The students always appreciate getting the goodie filled packages! As a parish you filled and delivered 58 packages, donated extra snacks, and gave \$155.00 towards mailing the out of town envelopes. Thank you for your time and effort towards this ministry!

### FOR REBECCA

How do you tell a daughter
that life moves on from sorrow,
somehow, and the heart, that bruised
sweet plum, is where the seed lies.
How do you tell her that moistened



and fed
by rot,
the seed
holds tight
in its rough
fist
a new,
green
universe
as yet
unimagined
but clean,

clear in its intention
of any contradiction: utterly plum.
—Pat Schneider

### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, MAY 6

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 5:00 PM MASS: Darlene Martin, Don Barfield, August Kraft (1988), Gilbert (2000) & Albert Fehrenbacher (2000), Geoffrey David, Denny Fehrenbacher, Jim & Avila Fehrenbacher, Wilbur &



Marian Fehrenbacher, Catherine & Clarence Miller, Bernard Ray, Peter & Josephine Fehrenbacher, Mildred & Tommy Wallis, Marlon & Eljean Solomon, June & Rex Rexing, Bud & Eileen Bengert

#### SUNDAY, MAY 7 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM MASS: Doug Schapker, Joe James, Dolores Elpers, Marie Friedman, Louise & James Wedding, Stephen & Golda Mae Wood, James Wedding, Jr., RD Wedding Jr. Pat Wedding, Michael Brown, Kathrinamma Natha,

10:30 AM MASS: Eric Seib, Anna Straub, Leroy & Freddie Weiss, Shelli Adams, Ray Straub, James Emge, Rick Dile, Buddy Parkinson, Jerry Parkinson, Rosa Brack (1896), Pat Effinger (1945), Thomas (1980) & Sophia Kelle, Rebecca Rose Scheller (2015)

#### MONDAY, MAY 8 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

6:30 PM MASS: William & Dorothy Martin, Theresa Will (1875), Martha Perkins (1923), Roscoe (1966) & Agnes Daugherty, Philip (1996) & Ruth Duncan, Janet Payne (2018)

#### TUESDAY, MAY 9 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM MASS: Adelaid Hassing (1869), Maria Trunk (1883), Joseph Baehl (1908), Victoria Brenner (2010)

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM MASS: Katherine Bender (1888), Makenzi Mossberger (1998), Joseph (1999) & Winnie Schu, David Rexing (2002), Jenny (2015) & Herb Langner (2015), Leroy Weiss (2015)

#### THURSDAY, MAY 11 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

NO MASS: Maria Faust (1865), Barbara Faust (1865), Magdalen Weiss (1882), Edward Wolf (1928), John Hillenbrand (1956), Eugene Wargel (1999), Arthur (2007) & Bettye Logel , Robert Blesch (2012)

#### FRIDAY, MAY 12 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM SCHOOL MASS WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN: Mary (1959)& Joseph Frank, Leo Hillenbrand (2003)

#### SATURDAY, MAY 13

#### THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 PM MASS: Remembering our mothers, living and deceased and all the women who mothered us with their life; Henry (1930) & Gertrude Rexing, Sr. (1930), John Angermeier (1942), Joseph Goebel (1883), Edward (1883) & Carrie Helfrich, Marlon (2021) & Ella Mae Kroeger

#### SUNDAY, MAY 14 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM MASS: Remembering our mothers, living and deceased and all the women who mothered us with their life 10:30 AM MASS: Remembering our mothers, living and deceased and all the women who mothered us with their life; Infant Baumgart (1865), Infant Barhorst (1888), Jane (2006) & Dick Lawson

#### STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

"The one who has faith in me will do the works I 📢 🙌 ards do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells his disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!



April 30, 2023	\$ 6,978.00
April 28, 2023 Auto Debit Collection	\$ 2,395.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 19,692.00
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#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

HERITAGE CENTER: Brenda Koester, Mary Lou Davis, Christine Settle

PREMIER NURSING CENTER (NEW HARMONY) Betty Fischer

THE RETREAT AT LEISURE LIVING: Margaret Kafel

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER (NEWBURGH): Steve Hasselbrinck NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Marie Gumbel, Carl Kempf

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May 7: Ellie Blesch, Joe Crowdus, Brooklyn Kinnaman, Ron Ubelhor

May 8: Jayce Evans, Grant Glaser, Carlie Hobbs, Pat Schapker, Donnie Will, Shirley Woods

May 9: Becky Dosher

May 10: Victor Aydt, Troy Link, Miles Rodriguez, Christiana Wolfe

May 11: Madison Elpers, Anna Mae Gries (97 years young!!),

Jim Hermann, Logan Kissel, Greg Matt, Landon Smith, Everleigh Ann Werner

May 12: Laura Duncan, Zoe Schell, Sophia Schuble, Betty Will

May 13: Ann Heldt, Dosey Lehman, Phil Schmitt

May 7: Frank & Sandy Hertel May 8: Bill & Diane Layman May 9: Jon & Bernette Locklar

May 11: Glenn & Julie Conley

May 12: Jonathan & Katelyn Mochau

May 13: Tony & Teresa Tenhumberg, Rodney & Star Lincoln, Brian & Stephanie Price

**HAPPY** 

BIRTHDAY

ANNIVERSARY

#### Coming this Week.....

#### Knights of St. John Meeting Monday 7 pm Join us for food and fellowship Senior Citzen Gathering--Friday, May 12 1 pm in the Meeting Room

UNTIL WE ARE READY ONCE AGAIN TO RETURN TO OUR CHURCH, OUR WEEKDAY DAY MASS AND MONDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held in our "new" rectory chapel. Enter through the front door. WEEKEND MASSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN THE GYM. COME HELP US SET UP FOR MASS...Friday at 3 pm. Come and join us. Many hands make the work quick and easy for all of us.

### CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME



In this year of Eucharistic Renewal, we continue reading Pope Francis's teaching letter (encyclical) entitled Laudato Si—Caring for Our Common Home and seeing the real presence of God in all things. II. CULTURAL ECOLOGY



Along with the natural heritage, there is an equally threatened historical, artistic and cultural heritage. It is part of the common identity of a place and the basis for building a habitable city. It is not a question of destroying and creating new hypothetically more ecological cities, where it is not always desirable to live. It is necessary to integrate the history, culture and architecture of a specific place, safeguarding its original identity. Therefore ecology also requires the care of humanity's cultural riches in their broadest meaning. More directly, it asks to pay attention to local cultures when analyzing issues related to the environment, making



the technical-scientific language dialogue with popular language. It is culture not only understood as the monuments of the past.

The consumerist vision of the human being, favored by the gears of the current globalized economy, tends to make cultures homogeneous and to weaken the immense cultural variety, which is a treasure of humanity. For this reason, expecting to solve all the difficulties

through uniform regulations or with technical interventions, leads to neglect the complexity of local problems, which require the active participation of the inhabitants.

The new processes in gestation cannot always be integrated into models established from the outside but coming from the same local culture. Just as life and the world are dynamic, caring for the world must be flexible and dynamic. Purely technical solutions run the risk of taking into account symptoms that do not correspond to the deeper issues. starting from their own culture. Not even the notion of quality of life can be imposed, but it must be understood within the world of symbols and customs specific to each human group.

Many forms of intense exploitation and degradation of the environment can deplete not only local livelihoods, but also the social resources that have enabled a way of life that has long sustained a cultural identity and a sense of existence. and living together. The disappearance of a culture can be as serious or more serious than the disappearance of an animal or plant species. The imposition of a hegemonic lifestyle linked to a mode of production can be as harmful as the alteration of ecosystems.

In this sense, it is essential to pay special attention to Aboriginal communities with their cultural traditions. They are not a simple minority among the others, but rather they must become the main interlocutors, especially when they proceed with large proiects that affect their spaces. For them, in fact, the earth is not an economic good, but a gift from God and from the ancestors who rest in it, a sacred space with which they need to interact to feed their identity and their values. When they stay in their territories, they are the ones who take better care of them. However, in different parts of the world, they are under pressure to abandon their lands and leave them free for mining, agricultural or livestock projects that do not pay attention to the degradation of nature and TO BE CONTINUED culture.



#### THE MONTH OF MAY IS TRADITIONALLY KNOWN AS THE MONTH OF MARY.

Here are some special ways to celebrate this month.

- Join us in praying the rosary twenty minutes before each of the weekend masses. We will begin at 4:40 pm on Saturday and 7:40 am and 10:10 am.
- Attend a pilgrimage to the Monte Casino Shrine at St. Meinrad which are held each Sunday in May beginning at 1 pm (2 pm CST). The pilgrimages begin with an opening hymn and a short sermon, followed by a rosary procession. The service ends with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a hymn.
- Join in a family rosary with the members of the "That Man Is You" faith sharing group. They will be held on the first Wednesday of Month (May thru August) at 5:30 pm in the school meeting room.

### COMING OUR WAY....

JUNE 19-22 🏖 8:30 -- 11:30



We will be gathering at

Resurrection School. Children entering Preschool-4th Grade are welcome to attend, and students entering 5th gradecollege are welcome to help Contact Jessica Reckelhoff (812)-598-1151 or jreckelhoff@evdio.org. to register and for information.

Incoming 6th-outgoing 8th Graders Contact Jessica to register 812-598-1151 jreckelhoff@evdio.org



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### FRIDAY & SATURDAY **JUNE 9 & 10**

Our 21st rummage sale is coming-June 9-10. Among other things, we'll be collecting household items, children's toys, tools, antiques, collections, baby items, games, clothing, puzzles, household furniture. Rule to follow: if you wouldn't buy it, don't bring it.

We'll also be collecting medium size Target bags to be used at the sale. Drop them off at the Parish Office.

Questions? Call Imogene - 812- 963-5221



Please remember in your prayers Kathrinamma Natha, the mother of Fr. Simon Natha, who died this past week. Fr. Simon is a priest of our diocese. May God grant her eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of her family.

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