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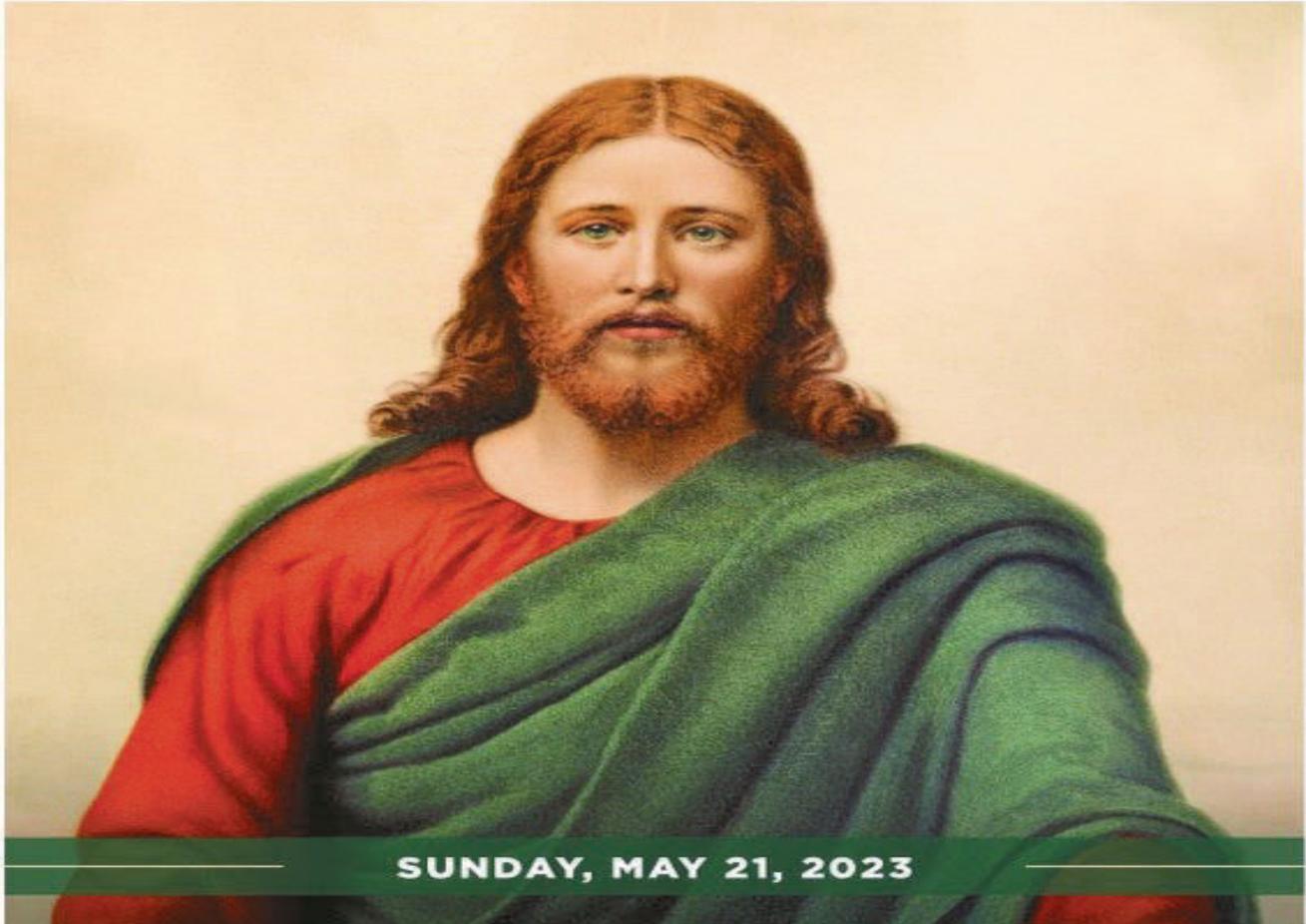
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SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

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Parish Council Mission Statement ~ We, the partnered parish communities of St. Gertrude and Christ the King, are faith-filled Catholics who have been called by our Baptism and empowered by the Good News of Jesus Christ to be Church for all. Although made up of multicultural faith communities we are ever united by our common faith.

We are committed to "building up the Body of Christ" through Word, Worship, Evangelization, Leadership, Service, Stewardship, and Fellowship. Dedicated to deepening our love of Christ and one another, together we strive to become a living reflection of Christ for our region.

We willingly accept our obligation to be the "Light of the World" for others and in that spirit we promise to use our resources to practice gospel justice, to heal divisive wounds among God's people and to join with all people of good will in addressing the spiritual and physical needs of all.

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Mass Times

Monday

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

Tuesday

8:30AM.....Christ the King

Wednesday

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

Thursday

8:30 AM.....Christ the King

Second Thursday of the month (Anointing Mass)

12:10 PM.....Christ the King

Friday

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

9:00 AM – 10: 00AM (Holy Hour)

Saturday

8:30 AM.....Christ the King

9:00 AM – 10: 00AM (Holy Hour)

4:00 PM.....St. Gertrude

5:30 PM.....Christ the King

Sunday

8:00 AM.....St. Gertrude

9:30 AM.....Christ the King

10:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:15 PM-3:45 PM.....St. Gertrude

Saturday, 9:00 AM.....Christ the King
(or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the anticipated date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation Class

Second Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM at Christ the King. Must be scheduled in advance.

All bulletin submissions

must be and turned into the parish office by Tuesday, 12:00 noon.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS OF OUR PARISHES.



St. Gertrude Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia

8:30 AM Mary and Perry A. Pinto

Wednesday, May 24

8:30 AM Rose Ashbaugh

Friday, May 26

St. Philip Neri

8:30 AM Mario Cesario

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday, May 27

4:00 PM Richard Tedeski

Sunday, May 28

8:00 AM For the Parish

10:30 AM Dorothy Macino



Memorial Candle
In Honor Of: Sil Odasso

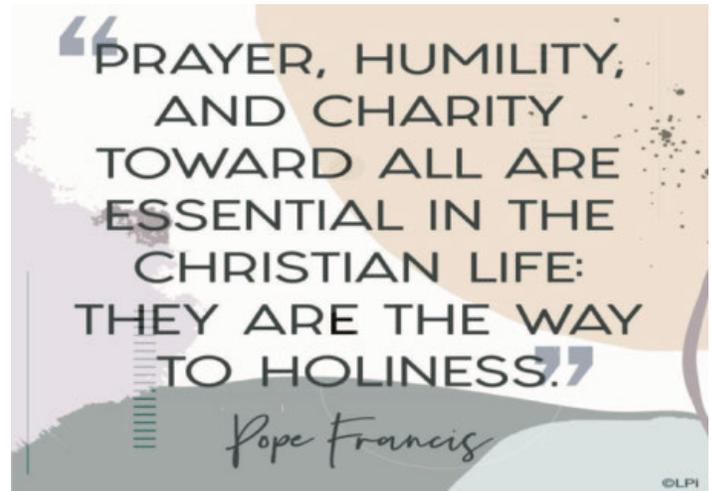
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 27 & 28	(EM)	(L)	(AS)
Saturday 4:00 PM	Nick Pityk	Shelia Tilson	Ed Troilo
Sunday 8:00 AM	Patty Kiebler	Tammie Amendola	Art Ambrose
Sunday 10:30 AM	Anna Malvone	Barb Poremski	Dom/ Rachel



Due to Ascension Thursday on May 18th, the spaghetti dinner for May is moved to **Thursday, May 25th.**



Everyday Stewardship

I don't think I am giving away anything to say that Knights of Columbus are supposed to always carry with them a rosary. Even before I became a Knight, often I would carry a rosary with me. Like most good habits, at times I would slowly become oblivious and forget to have it with me. Many weeks and months of carrying it in my pocket would give way to a couple weeks of wondering where it went. To stick with any practice you have to be intentional and mindful of what you are doing.

A good prayer life requires commitment. Carrying a rosary isn't really prayer, because the prayers are not being said. However, a rosary or other religious article does serve as a reminder of who we are and to whom we belong. A prayer life should not be one where we simply seek to recite words, but one where we walk in the presence of God at all times. Prayer is about presence.

An everyday steward will find success in cultivating a prayer life by inviting God into all aspects and moments of the day. Recited prayer throughout the day serves as the formal ritual part of our relationship with God. In all relationships we have standard things we say to each other about love, our needs, and our hopes for that person. It is what takes place between the words that sometimes makes the difference.

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Christ the King Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEULE

Tuesday, May 23

8:30 AM Dr. James Bonello
by Family

Thursday, May 25

8:30 AM Victoria Ravotti
by Christine Retarides

Saturday, May 27

8:30 AM For the Parish

PENTECOST SUNDAY

5:30 PM Margie Breski
by Frances Burlando

Sunday, May 28

9:30 AM Joseph and Mary Kardos
by Pat and Diane Kardos

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 27 & 28	(H)	(L)	(EM)
Saturday 5:30 PM	Pam Pastiva	SMI	Debby Vargo
Sunday 9:30 AM	Andy & Kathy Balbo	Valerie Zanotti	Carol Ferretti



Congratulations to our
Newly Baptized

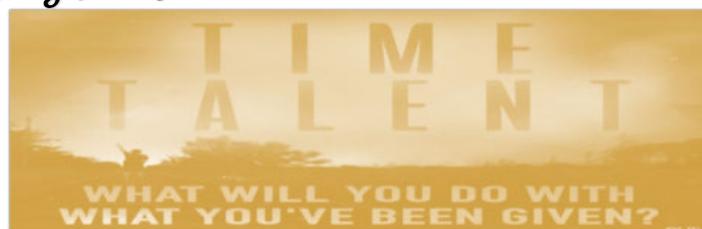
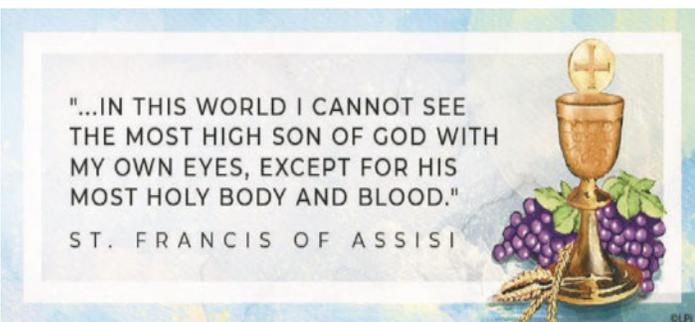
Mela Marie Kreashko

Child of

Thomas James Kreashko
and

Allison Christine Heilman

May they be her guide in Christian living.



Everyday Stewardship

I remember watching part of a college graduation address where the speaker said, "With this degree you are commissioned to go into the world and make a difference." The imagery conjured up in my mind by the use of the word "commissioned" was pretty powerful. I thought about the commissioning of military officers and the responsibility they took on for the lives of their subordinates but also the lives of those they protected. To me the word meant something very serious and solemn. It meant huge responsibility and expectation.

In the Bible, Jesus gives what we call the Great Commission:

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20a).

The word commission makes this more than a suggestion or a hope. There is an expectation, a responsibility, and a mandate. Of course, did you wake up this morning thinking about how you would fulfill the Great Commission today?

Sharing the faith is not just something we should do; it is something we must do. The key is that you don't need to speak all the time to share. It will be through your life of stewardship that others will be able to see Jesus. By giving of yourself, by always responding to the call, and by surrendering all to God, you will lead others to become disciples, to seek out the sacraments, and to observe his teachings. Yes, responding in full to the Great Commission, great things can happen.

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VISITS TO THE
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PASTORAL VISITS

Do you or do you know someone who is not able to come to church because of an illness or is homebound? Please call the parish office to arrange a pastoral visit ~ (724)845-8191 or (724)568-2331.

"THE CATHOLIC ACCENT"

Intentional Disciples, those who love and care for others with a purpose, will air on Sunday, May 21, and a half dozen more times on MeTV. Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick as he discusses the call of intentional discipleship locally and its role in the National Eucharistic Revival.

More than 1,000 people in one day visited Christ Our Shepherd Center in Greensburg to participate in a one-of-a-kind immersive experience. "The Catholic Accent" highlights other unique events in store for our faith community.

And, "The Catholic Accent" helps you plan your summer by featuring the upcoming festivals scheduled at parishes across the Diocese, including a special international food festival.

"The Catholic Accent" is always on at TheAccentOnline.org.



Quo Vadis Days

Attention all Catholic young men entering grades 9-12! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the *Quo Vadis Days* Camp to spend time with other young men your age who are open to God's call in their life. QVD will be led by the seminarians of the Dioceses of Greensburg and is supported by the Office for Priestly Vocations. This camp will be held July 23 to 26 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. If you are interested, please visit greensburgpriest.org for more information and registration.



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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

Sunday:

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday:

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday:

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

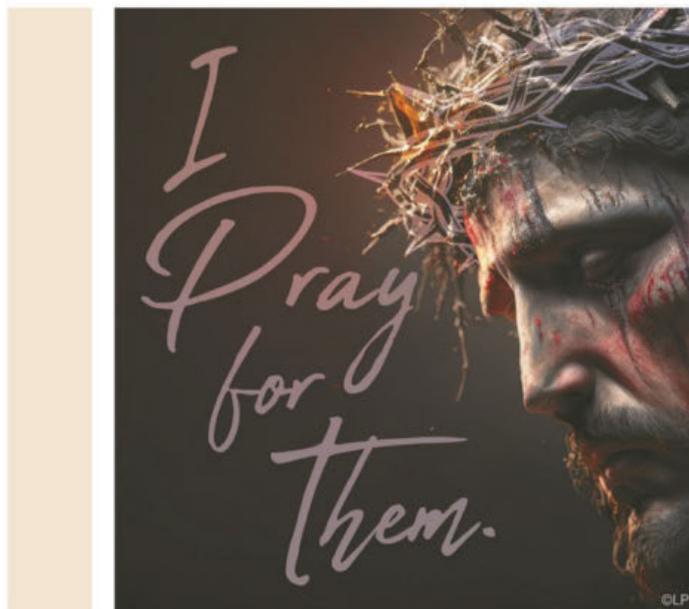
Next Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Seeking Christ in One Another

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one's bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I'm sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord's Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I'm sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed.

But we don't hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that "it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are too few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it.

But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us.

"Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks." — Psalm 27

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?

Answer:

While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm

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