

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 2014



Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

PASTORAL CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 24

4:00 PM-SFX - Members of St. Catherine, St. Francis Xavier, & St. Joseph Parishes - Father Brucker

6:00 PM-SJ +Fritz Kluting by M/M Phil Brown
Father Badgerow

SUNDAY MAY 25

9:00 AM- SC+Harold Hoefling by Howard & AnnaMae Woodward - Father Brucker

11:00 AM-SJ + Jean Lothschultz
by Lorraine Kluting & Ed Kluting
Father Brucker

MONDAY, MAY 26

Memorial Day

9:00 AM-SFX + Paul Towne by K of C #4404

TUESDAY, MAY 27

8:00 AM-SJ + Ed Rasch by M/M Mike Dietrich
8:30 AM- Adoration

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

NO MASS

THURSDAY, MAY 29

8:30 AM-SC + Gertrude Young by Family & Friends

FRIDAY, MAY 30

8:00 AM-SJ +Nancy Bacon by M/M Erwin Kluting

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Confessions: 10:00 – 11:00am at St Francis Xavier's

4:00 PM-SFX +JoAnn (Josie) Monday by Ron & Janet Rider - Father Vainavicz

6:00 PM-SJ -Members of St. Catherine, St. Francis Xavier & St. Joseph Parishes
Father Brucker

SUNDAY JUNE 1

9:00 AM- SC + Jerome & Pauline Arends by Howard & AnnaMae Woodard–Father Brucker

11:00 AM-SJ + Emmett Schoenborn
by M/M Bob Schoenborn - Father Brucker

Dear Parishioners,

1) And once again, we have reached the Memorial Day weekend, the beginning of summer. On Memorial Day we honor those who died in the service of our country, whether in wartime or peacetime. They kept us safe and we are all thankful. We will have the Cluster Memorial Day Mass at St. Francis Xavier's at 9:00 AM Monday along with special prayers for those who are buried in our three cemeteries. After Mass, we will go outside for a salute from the veterans honor guard, a fitting tribute, I must say.



2) Due to less people reading newspapers and the fact that the Grand Rapids Press and Muskegon Chronicle only get delivered three days a week, we are not getting enough paper in the paper drives to make it worth our effort. So Divine Providence Academy has decided to have no more paper drives. Papers (no cardboard) can be put in the truck at Trinity Lutheran Church or St. Mary's, Marne (Paper Gator), or St. Michael's, Coopersville (Paper Gator). The Paper Gator is not available to our three churches. At Marne and Coopersville it supports their religious education and youth ministry programs.

3) THANK YOU Marianne Umlor for the beautiful work done on St. Joseph's three statues: St. Ann, St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother. All three have been very tastefully painted and are much more visible in front of the off-white colored wall.

4) The Catholic Services Appeal Campaign continues doing well. At this writing (Tuesday) St. Francis Xavier's has received pledges totaling \$6,875.00 from 36 households toward our goal of \$10,115.00. St. Catherine's has received \$23,915.00 from 64 households toward our CSA target and Cathedral Square assessment of \$35,457.00. And St. Joseph's has received \$35,530.00 from 136 households toward our target of \$39,827.00. THANK YOU to all who have pledged so far. Let's see if we can hear from the rest of parishioners and complete this campaign.

5) Divine Providence Academy presents its Spring Concert at St. Catherine's Hall this Thursday at 6:00 PM. If the program is anything like what was presented during Advent, we are in for a treat. Everyone is very welcome and encouraged to attend to see what wonderful things are happening at our School.

6) Please remember that, even though many Catholic calendars say so, the Solemnity of the Ascension is NOT this Thursday, but is next Sunday. This schedule affects most of the United States with the exception of a few dioceses.

Enjoy the holiday weekend.

I love you,
Fr. Fred Brucker

St. Catherine's Parish News & Information

ST CATHERINE'S COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jason Klein (F), Cheryl Helsen (F), Penny Hulka (F), Marge Rusco (F), Ethel Nutt (F), Kevin Murphy (F), Hailey Mabrito (P), Tony Helsen (P), Dorothy Gould (P), Louise Schaallema (P), Paul Herremans (P), Howard Woodard (P)

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS JUNE 01, 2014 -9:00 AM

Greeters & Gifts: Jean & Luke Meyers

Sacristan: Joe & Helen Helsen

Eucharistic Ministers: Dee Swanson, Nichole Rusco
& Libby Spencer

Lector: Brenda Goodno

Ushers: Mark Grover, Kevin Murphy, Mike Barker
& Carl Meyers

Mass Servers 05/29/14: Trevor Block &
Taylor Dohm

Mass Servers: Skyler Conran, Delaney Mabrito
& Dominic Mabrito

Music: Eileen Hoogterp & Marsha Walter

Money Counters: Jim & Cheryl Helsen



COLLECTION FOR MAY 11, 2014

74 Adults - \$3,269.00, 10 Youth - \$9.25
Loose - \$272.78, Votive - \$8.00, for a total of
\$3,559.03.

Thank you for your continued support!

CENTERING PRAYER – Chapel at St. Catherine Church, following Thursday's Mass.

Centering Prayer – Contemplative Prayer

Helps us to understand the Gift of Wisdom which provides us God's view of things, a kind of divine perspective on reality that penetrates through events and perceives the divine presence and action at work, even in very tragic and painful situations. It is the source of the Beatitude of the Peacemaker who is able to establish peace around them whether it is in their families, communities, or the workplace.



May is Rosary month: The rosary will be recited 20 minutes before every mass.

Altar Server Training – There will be two sessions for Altar Server training at St. Catherine's, June 01, 2014 and June 8, 2014 immediately following the 9:00am mass until 11:15am. Any student in 3rd grade or older in our parish is welcome. It would be beneficial, if you wish to become a server, to attend both sessions as different responsibilities will be covered and reviewed at each session. Thank you for serving your parish.

Men's Club News: The next Men's Club meeting will be Wednesday, May 28th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. All men of the parish are invited.



St. Catherine's Campus of Divine Providence Academy's Penny Drive collection needs your help! Please drop off your pennies in the back of church or at the school or parish office. We really want to reach our \$1,000 goal.

St. Francis Xavier's Parish News and Information

ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rick Alt (F), Jim Arends (F), Rich Creager (F), DJ Krum (F), Fred Riplo (F), Bonnie Denhof (P), Bill May (P), Bill Miller (P), Robert Krey (P), Tom Stream (P), Diana VanOeffelen (P)

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS MAY 31, 2014 - 4:00 PM

Greeters: Janet Wellman

Sacristan: Diana VanOeffelen

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill May & Anne Klein

Lector: Florence Postema

Ushers: Marvin Miller & Allen Miller

Mass Server: Lynne Myszak

Music: Eileen Hoogterp

Money Counters: Fred & Connie Riplo



COLLECTION FOR MAY 11, 2014

31 Adults- \$1,019.00, 7 Youth - \$11.37
Loose- \$45.50, Votive - \$12.00, for a total
of \$1,087.87. Food Pantry - \$153.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Altar Society hosts for May are Pat Sanford & Marian Shuker.

St. Joseph's Parish News & Information

ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michele Allers, Lou Armock, Ashley Dietrich, Joe Dietrich, Lorrain Dietrich, Bob Rander, Bob Umlor, Sheri Umlor, Vince Umlor

ST. JOSEPH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Arlene Armock, Al Dietrich, Ben Looks, Donald Rasch, Steve Umlor, Larry Williams

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

May 31-6 PM-Ben Looks
Jun 1-11 AM-Deb TenBrink

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Allison Camp
Amy Armock

MINISTERS OF THE CUP

May 31- 6 PM-Deb Clelland & Barb Umlor
Jun 1-11 AM-Tom Klein & Deb Ler

SACRISTAN:

May 31-6 PM-Rick Cederholm
Jun 1-11 AM-Chuck Rasch

MUSIC SCHEDULE

May 31-6 PM-Amy Irish-Brown
Jun 1-11 AM-Becky Goodwin

GREETERS

May 31-6 PM-Faith & Bob Umlor
& Bernie & Norm Kluting
Jun 1-11 AM-Andrea & Troy Ruwersma
& Betty & Tom Klein

USHERS SCHEDULE

May 31-6 PM-Mark Zemaitis & Sons & Mike Armock
Jun 1 -11 AM-Don Rasch & Sons

ALTAR SERVERS

May 31-6 PM-Nicholas & Jacob Dame, Jack Kluting
& Joshua Klein
Jun 1-11 AM-Myla & Roman Armock & Sophia Umlor

Liturgical Notes



Rosary Intention for May—Let us pray for God's blessings on our crops and for our farmers for their financial, physical, and mental well-being.

Parish Information



GIVING BACK TO GOD 5-18-2014

ADULT (70)	\$3498		
YOUTH (6)	\$5	Electronic Contributions	
LOOSE	\$71	1452	(7)

TOTAL \$5026

Thank you for your continued support

CLUSTER INFORMATION

Weekly Scripture Readings

Monday, May 26—Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday, May 27—Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 28—Acts 17:15-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, May 29—Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 30—Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 31—Zep 3:14-18a/Rom 12:9-16/Lk1:39-56

Sunday, June 1—Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a



St. Joseph Bible School The Israelites have escaped from Egypt...But now what? How can they survive? Where should they go? How will they know what to do? Find out at Wilderness Escape! Join us

June 23 to 27-9am to 11:30am. VBS for ages, preschool to grade 5, middle and high school junior leaders welcome. Registration forms in back of church, or register online at: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/stjoe2014>



Get ready for a week that will be ONE of a kind! You are invited to attend vacation bible school June 23rd-27th. Any child preschool age (3-4 years old) through 5th grade is invited to attend. Registration forms are located in the back of church at both St. Catherine's and St. Francis Xavier. Once completed, you may place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. We are in need of many donations to make this week a memorable one! Please find donation slips in the back of church. Your donation can be dropped off any time before June 15th. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the back of church labeled VBS Donation. We thank you in advance for your generosity. We look forward to having a wonderful week filled with games, crafts, and bible adventures. Parents are invited to attend the "Tail End" at 11:30 each day to see what we have been learning. Should you have any questions, please contact Shawn at 853-6632. We hope to see you there!

Senior Euchre will take place on Tuesday, May 27th at 1:15 pm. Games start at 1:30 pm and finish approximately 4:00 pm. Senior Euchre takes place every other Tuesday at St. Joseph's



St. Francis Xavier is selling the following:

John Deere 425 Hydro Lawn Mower 425 hours of use. 20 HP with 60" mower deck. Well maintained asking \$4100.00. John Deere 525 Hydro Lawn Mower 325 hours of use. 17HP with 48" front mower deck. Well maintained asking \$1200.00. Any questions please call Bill Miller at 616.899.2678 or 616.262.5168 or Kim at 231.853.6222

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departures. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions. "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Seventh Sunday of Easter **June 1, 2014**

Sharing Christ's suffering

Reading I Acts 1:12-14 (return to Jerusalem after the ascension)

Reading II 1 Peter 4:13-16 (blessings of persecution)

Gospel John 17:1-11 (completion of Jesus' work)

Key Passage If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. (1 Peter 4:14)

Adult: When we are welcoming, forgiving and generous, we may be criticized, but how does that connect us to Christ?

Child: Standing up for your faith means doing good even when it is easier not to. When have you experienced this?

DIVINE PROVIDENCE ACADEMY

Contact Information for School Cluster

Contact Kendra DeYoung at 616.437.0173 or kdeyoung@dogrschools.org.

The 8th grade students of Divine Providence Academy will be conducting a can/bottle return drive to help defray the cost of the East Coast Trip they will be taking this June. You can drop your returnable's in the garbage can next to the garage. Thank you in advance, your returnable's can help provide these students with lifelong memories!

Please join us on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at St. Catherine's Parish Hall for our Spring Concert and Art Fair. Festivities start at 6:00pm. Hope to see you there!

OUTSIDE THE PARISHES

Looking to spark the faith of your children or grandchildren while they have a blast at the same time? Check out Camp Sancta Maria located in Gaylord, MI. It is a Catholic camp that provides fun experiences while immersed in a faith-filled environment. We offer separate camping experiences for boys and girls which include daily Mass, horseback riding, swimming, archery, various sports, high and low ropes, and crafts. For more information check out www.campsanctamaria.org or call (248) 822-8199.

Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference: Seeking direction for your life? Wondering what God has to say to you? Have you ever thought about a life of service in the Church as a lay minister, or perhaps a religious sister, brother, or priest? You are not alone. Each summer,

young adults have the opportunity to "get away" from the hectic pace of their lives and gather to share stories, dreams, and concerns. The Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference takes place at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, August 5-9. The fee is \$100; space is limited. Apply today at www.catholicsoncall.org. For more information, call [773-371-5431](tel:773-371-5431).

St. Jude Parish is celebrating the 50th anniversary of our church building on Tuesday evening June 3, 2014. A vesper service will take place at 6:30pm with a light reception to follow. Please plan to join us. Former pastors, associates, religious staff, parishioners, students, teachers and all whose lives have been touched by the church and school are invited to gather for the celebration. Parishioners will be giving tours of our church and school buildings. Contact: Linda Parks: 363-6885 or 340-4439

Aquinas College Summer Academy - From June 16-27, the Aquinas Summer Academy will offer courses and workshops in Pre-Med/Health Sciences, Business, Communication, History, International Studies, Art, and Academic Writing. This powerful academic summer experience is a great way for rising junior and senior high school students to experience Pre-College courses, as well as for professionals to experience Academic Enrichment opportunities.

For more information and to register, visit www.aquinas.edu/summer/academic.html

DYMO Camp: Discover your values. Learn more about your faith. Find new sides of yourself to express. Relax. Grow. Build new and lasting friendships. Enjoy yourself. Experience a week in a wonderful woodland environment with other young people like you. The only Catholic camp held in our diocese for high school teens, DYMO Camp has been in operation for more than 40 years. At Camp, teens experience authentic Catholic Christian living, leadership formation, daily celebration of Eucharist as well as creative expressions in the arts, swimming, volleyball, and hiking. DYMO Camp will be held this year on June 15-21 at YMCA Camp Pinewood in Twin Lake. Camper applications can be found at www.dymo.org.

Catechetical Foundations will be hosting a "Day for Catechists" on Saturday, June 14 at Sacred Heart Parish in Grand Rapids. This training day will be held from 9am-3:30pm (Parish Mass at 8:30 a.m. is held beforehand if you would like to attend). This event is **FREE** to all parish employees, catechists, clergy, religious, discerning catechists, parents, and ministry volunteers. "Day for Catechists" also counts for 4 hours of catechist credit in the Grand Rapids Diocese, including 1 hours of "professional" theology. Keynote: Fr. Aaron Ferris - "The Catechist and the Missionary Mandate of the Church"

Sessions lead by Mark Postma, Michael Tober (of Catechetical Foundations), Jim Penrice (DRE at St. Mary's in Spring Lake) and Brian Pizzalato (the new Director of Catechesis for the Lansing Diocese).


PRIME TIME SINGLES-will be meeting at 9:00 AM for Saturday breakfast at NEW CREATION COFFEE HOUSE on US 31 between Lincoln and Ferris Streets

Marne Fest - Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th, 66th Annual Memorial Day Parade at 9:45 AM, 5 k Run, Chicken BBQ 11am-1:00pm, Car Show, vendors selling crafts and much more. For more information go to www.facebook.com/marnefest2014.

Memorial Day Weekend in Conklin

Sunday, May 25, 2014, the Conklin Firefighters Association will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 7:30am until 12:00pm at the St. Vincent DePaul Building Corp. Hall on 32nd Ave. The price is by donation and the proceeds this year will be used for equipment.



 On Monday, May 26th the American Legion will conduct a program in Conklin beginning at 11:00am. The parade will follow at approximately 11:30am.

Following the parade, a Memorial Day Picnic and Pig Roast will be held at the Conklin Reformed Church. Donations of \$5.00 per meal are appreciated.

Please come and join us for a day of community fellowship and to honor our veterans and their families! (Parade set up 10:30 at Chester Park. For more information on any of these events, contact Gary Meerman 616-916-6435)

Looking for Hosts for Students attending West Catholic during 2014-2015 School Year.

We have several young men who would like to attend West Catholic next year and we are looking for Hosts for these "Future Falcons". We are looking for Hosts, with or without children, Current Parents, Future Parents, Former WC Parents, Alumni and Grandparents who will provide them with loving homes. Families are compensated with a \$500 monthly stipend and \$1000 WC tuition credit per exchange student. Are you interested in finding out about the possibility of Hosting? Do you happen to know of a few people I can contact? Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in talking to me about the possibility of Hosting... or if you know of a few families I could contact, that would be appreciated. Nancy Beadling, WC CET International Community Coordinator, 616-915-1839, jkbead@gmail.com

Did you know that on any given day, Catholic Charities West Michigan has over 250 children in its licensed foster homes? Foster care means providing a temporary, substitute, safe, nurturing home to children who have been removed from their parent's care due to neglect and/or abuse. If you are ready to open your home and heart to a child in need, please call 1-866-857-1593 and ask for a foster care licensing worker.

Building Strong Catholic Families: The research on faith and the family cannot be clearer: **Parents matter... a lot!** All parents are invited to an evening designed for parents of children of all ages - **Wednesday, June 11, 7 - 9 p.m.**, at Cathedral Square (360 Division Ave. South Grand Rapids). The evening will be facilitated by Mr. Leland Nagel, Executive Director of National Conference for Catechetical Leadership.

- Listen and share with other parents and parish leaders your hopes, needs and concerns about the faith of your children and how the parish/school can support you in your efforts to instill faith.
- Examine and assess your own "family faith inventory" and discern steps for growing in faith as a family in the coming year.
- Discover some practical ideas and tools for family faith growth.

A \$5 contribution will be requested at the door. For more information, go to www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org



Memorial Day
Remember Those Who Served