MAY 14, 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MAY 13 –SATURDAY Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21 Vigil Readings: *see Sunday* 4:00 PM – Fr. Jim *English* – Intention of Sr. Ann Gorman 6:00 PM – Fr. Luca Spanish

MAY 14 – SUNDAY Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21 9:00 AM – Fr. Luca *Spanish* 11:00 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Those enrolled in Mother's Remembrance 12:30 PM – Fr. Luca *Spanish*

MAY 15– MONDAY Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a 7:30 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Living and Deceased Members of the St. Mary's Society MAY 16 - TUESDAY Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11 7:00 PM – Fr. Luca *Spanish*

MAY 17 – WEDNESDAY Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Jn 16:12-15 7:30 AM – Fr. Luca *English* – Ed LeSaint

MAY 18 – THURSDAY Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20 7:00 PM – Fr. Luca Spanish

MAY 19– FRIDAY Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23 7:30 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Ken Horn

MAY 20 –SATURDAY Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28 Vigil Readings: *see Sunday* 4:00 PM – Fr. Jim *English* – Intention of Connie and Ed Nuxoll 6:00 PM – Fr. Luca *Spanish*

MAY 21 – SUNDAY (Ascension of the Lord) Acts 1:1-11;Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 9:00 AM – Fr. Luca Spanish 11:00 AM – Fr. Pat English – Intention of Sr. Carol Ann Brockmeyer 12:30 PM – Fr. Luca Spanish

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English Mass Ministry Schedule: May 20/21

Lectors: 4:00 PM – R. Ogden 11:00 AM – R. Pennekamp

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

4:00 PM – S. Heidemann/T. LeSaint/M Sonenschein Volunteer 11:00 AM – J. Ruter

Servers: 4:00 PM – B. Browning/S. Heidemann 11:00 AM – A. Browning

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Welz 11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Sunday's Collection: \$6,274 Offerings received to-date: \$310,109 Amount needed to catch up: \$73,891 Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering. To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Rosemary Dyer (15), Kevin Robb (16), Josephine Hartman (16), Mary McMahan (17), Sam Moore (20), Kenny Gohs (20), Bobbie Brockman (21), Sr. Ann Gorman (21), Timothy Gillespie (21), Larry Hilton (21).

FOUR GRAND CLUB:

Congratulations to Steve Oberjohann, Marilyn Fenneman, and Skip Fellinger. They are the week 37 winners and each won \$25.

REFLECTIONS BY FATHER RUDY:

Throughout the vast and varied history of humankind, all of us have yearned for, focused on, dreamed about, and planned our lives around the most encompassing of feelings; that is, the true expression of love. Poets symbolically describe it, writers compose stories about it, songs are written and sung, and all of us, at one time or another, have felt the joy and pain of its existence. Love is the answer for all of us, as we are forever trying to define and obtain its magnitude. And yet, with this simple statement in the Gospel of John: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son..." we are presented with its truth, light, and accomplishment.

Today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter, and we continue to reflect on Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper as he reiterates his theme of love and introduces the promise of the Holy Spirit who will guide the future of all Christians in years to come. Throughout the gospel of John, Jesus speaks about "love" fifty-seven times, more than in all of the other three gospels combined, and he, in our reading today, begins and ends with this theme. How many of us begin and end our day with these two thoughts-will I love today and did I? Jesus wants us to know and understand his love, and if we do truly embrace this commandment of love, will we extend ourselves to others in his name? Many of us have experienced human love, but do we inherently know how to give it back? This week please reflect on your commitment to its fulfillment.

Today is also Mother's Day, and we honor those women who have been our mothers and our role models, who are the constant expression of love in our lives. Look around you today and you will see these remarkable women who have carried the torch of love to us all. We honor you; we thank you, and we love you. None of us would be who we are called to be without their presence in our lives. And in this month honoring Mary, the mother of our Lord, we realize the beauty and significance of all mothers everywhere.

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother. --St. Thérèse of Lisieux

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will hold its election in June. To be eligible to run, you must be 18 years of age and an active parishioner at St. Boniface. If interested in running, please submit a profile including full name, number of years as a St Boniface parishioner, reason for declaring yourself as a candidate and how your experience/background would contribute to the council and the parish. Please include picture, if possible. а Submissions will be accepted through June 10 and should be submitted using the parish email account: parish@stbonifaceschool.net. Please put Parish Council Election in the subject line. If you do not have access to email, please drop your paper submission at the Parish office.

HUNGER WALK: Monday, May 29 at 9 a.m. is the annual Hunger Walk. Our food pantry will once again take part. We are asking for you to join us for this 5k walk. All of the money raised for our team, *The Shepherds of St. Boniface*, will go directly into our account at the FreeStore Foodbank. This will help us to pay for the food needed to support our neighbors. If you are unable to walk, please consider donating to our team. If you would like to join us in walking, please register at:

https://secure3.convio.net/fsfb/site/TR/Events/Hunge rWalk2023?fr_id=1470&pg=teamlist. Search for "Shepherds of St. Boniface" If you are unable to walk, but would like to donate, please go to: https://secure3.convio.net/fsfb/site/TR?pg= team&fr_id=1470&team_id=13341

PROTECT THEM BOTH: Life in its earliest and most vulnerable stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to the Ohio Constitution for the November 2023 ballot to expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Catechism of the Catholic Church proclaims that "human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception." The Church accompanies and supports women facing unexpected pregnancies and mothers through programs like Walking with Moms in Need and the services of Catholic Charities.

The bishops of Ohio strongly encourage Catholics statewide to unite in prayer and work to defeat this proposed amendment and its grave consequences for women and preborn children in Ohio. More information will be forthcoming.