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CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

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Alleluia!

"Yes, Christ, my hope is arisen; To Galilee He goes before you"
(Easter Sequence)

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
TBA in bulletin
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule Weekday Mass Schedule

Confessions

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Bulletin Submission Deadline

Monday Noon | @saintedwards.org



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 14 – SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER;

May Crowning of Blessed Mother Mary

8:15 a.m. Mothers of Cannon & Gallicchio Families
by The Cannon Family

10:45 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

Monday, May 15 – Easter Weekday, St. Isidore

9:00 a.m. Anthony Skufca (RIP, Birthday)
by Tony & Dottie Skufca

Tuesday, May 16 – Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. Anita Brown (RIP) by Tom Sigrist

Wednesday, May 17 – Easter Weekday, St. Paschal Baylon

9:00 a.m. David Gaul (RIP) by Gregg & Barb Hinterschied

Thursday, May 18 – Easter Weekday,

St. John I, Pope & Martyr

9:00 a.m. Scott Brown (RIP) by Roy & Dorothy Brown

Friday, May 19 – Easter Weekday,

St. Peter Celestine V, Pope

9:00 a.m. Paul Kiser (RIP, Anniversary) by Vicki Kiser

Saturday, May 20 – Easter Weekday,

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

5:00 p.m. Irene Storey (RIP) by Karen Ratcliffe

Sunday, May 21 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. Tatla Dager (RIP) by Judith Novak

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023 – YEAR A

PRELUDE

Hail, Holy Queen (arr. P. Fey, 2021)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: On This Day, O Beautiful Mother (#702)

SPRINKLING RITE: I Saw Water Flowing (arr. R. DeBruyn)

** see "Notes from the Loft" for words **

GLORIA: Mass in Honor of St. Benedict (text: inside front cover or p. 6)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PSALM: Ps. 66: Let all the earth cry out... (p. 148)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 149)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY: Lord of All Hopefulness (#410)

SANCTUS, MEM. ACC. A, AMEN, LAMB OF GOD: Mass in Honor of St. Benedict

COMMUNION (5:00 p.m. and 8:15 a.m.): My Soul Rejoices (#824)

COMMUNION (10:45 a.m.): Ave Maria (Schubert; horn: Jocelyn Standley)

COMMUNION 2 (10:45 a.m. Choir): Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (arr. Tate)

CONCLUDING RITE

CLOSING: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (#723)

POSTLUDE

O Sanctissima (arr. B. Henkelmann, 1995)

CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Randy Kerr

8:15 a.m.: Kayce Long

10:45 a.m.: Michael Flanigan



NOTES FROM THE LOFT

♪ Last week's prelude consisted of three gentle Marian hymns: one English, one Irish, and one Polish. As we celebrate the May Crowning today, the prelude is also a hymn to Mary, but it has a totally different feel. Paul Fey's 2021 arrangement of "Hail, Holy Queen" is a triumphant and grand fanfare that abounds with joy. Fey is a 35-year-old German organist who plays often at St. Thomas Church in Leipzig. (St. Thomas is where the famous J.S. Bach was music director for 27 years...and where he is now buried beneath the choir area floor.) Holy Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us!

♪ Words for "I Saw Water Flowing" during Sprinkling Rite:
I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia! Alleluia!

1) The water flowed, Alleluia! Flowed from the temple, Alleluia!
2) It brought God's life, Alleluia! And his salvation, Alleluia!
3) The people sang, Alleluia! They sang in joyful praise, Alleluia!
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~ Paul Radkowski, Music Director,
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WITH SYMPATHY



The parish extends deepest sympathy to the family of Rosemary McCarthy, who passed away at the age of 100. May she rest in the eternal peace in the presence of God.

Deepest sympathy of the parish is extended to the family of Raymond Thomas, beloved father of parishioner Pete Thomas. *May he rest in peace in the eternal presence of God.*

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

1. Hats off to Michelle Shoaps and helpers Christie Pappas, Janell Rogers, and Leslee Herro, who planted the lovely flowers outside the entrance to the church and Parish Office. They look wonderful!
2. We bid farewell to one of our most senior members, Rosemary McCarthy, who died and was buried this week. Rosemary was 100 years of age! May she rest now and forever in peace.
3. We also extend our prayers and sympathy to Pete Thomas on the death of his father, Raymond Thomas, from St. Mary in German Village.



"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Psalms 122:1

Happy Easter Season! WELCOME all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship today! To our visitors, you may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us. Children are always welcome at Mass! We hope you will return regularly to worship at St. Edward Church! If you would like to be a member of St. Edward Parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket, or stop by the Church Office, or call us at 740-587-3254. **God bless you!**

I WANT TO JOIN ST. EDWARD PARISH!

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE (CELL) _____

PHONE (HOME) _____

Ministry Scheduler Pro	Eucharistic Ministers:	Lector:	Altar Servers:
May 13-14 – Sixth Sunday of Easter			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Adrienne Carter Dave Conway	Eugene Gray	Arianna Carter Olivia Priano
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	John Casale Sue Casale	Stephanie Dodd	Kara Bergeron A.J. Bergeron
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Noelle Gremling Maria McDermott	Roy Brewer	Andrew Cottrell Katie Cottrell
May 20-21 – The Ascension of the Lord			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Jerod Long Mary Maltry	John Fitzpatrick	Case Long Jude Long
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Jane Dougan Lisa Sloan	Sarah Rundell	Avery Miller Sydney Miller
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Andrea Harvey Julie Smith	June McCarthy	Francis Aransky Augustine Dodd

Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.

This Week at St. Edward

May is the Month Dedicated to Our Blessed Mother
SUNDAY, MAY 14, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mother's Day

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.

Choir – 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 15

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Eucharist Adoration – 9:30 a.m.

Preschool

SVDP – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Lounge

TUESDAY, MAY 16

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Painting Class – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

Men's Rosary & Faith – 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Knights of Columbus – 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall

Choir – 7:00 p.m. on the choir loft

FRIDAY, MAY 19

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive at Licking County YMCA

Last Painting Class – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Saturday Men's Fellowship – 7:00 a.m. in Parish Hall

Confession – 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m.

Second Collection for Catholic Communications Campaign

SUNDAY, MAY 21, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mass 8:15 a.m. – Mass in Honor of High School Graduates

After 8:15 a.m. Mass – Breakfast for Graduates and

their Families in Parish Hall

Mass 10:45 a.m.

Last Day of Children's Liturgy until September

Choir – 9:30 a.m. on Choir Loft

Second Collection for Catholic Communications Campaign

SVDP- 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge



Graduating HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

In Your Honor, Please Attend

GRADUATION MASS

Sunday, May 21st at 8:15 a.m.

**Breakfast Following Mass in Parish Hall
for Graduates and Their Families**

RSVP to the Church Office at 740-587-3254

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive

Knights of Columbus

Council 10876

YMCA - Licking County

- English Gym

English Gym

470 W. Church St.

Newark, OH 43055

Friday, May 19, 2023

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org,
sponsor code: KCC.

Join our team! Come give 5/1 thru 5/19 for a \$10 gift
card by email to a merchant of your choice

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App



For Catholics to Return to Church

For our Country

Bishop Fernandes & All Bishops to Share the Word of Christ

Msgr. Enke, Fr. Hayes, & All Priests

For Young Men to Heed the Call to Become a Priest

Newly Confirmed, Baptized, Receivers of 1st Communion

PSR and Youth Programs

All Sick & Homebound Parishioners

Those Grieving a Loss

All Volunteers of St. Edward Parish

~The St. Edward Prayer Chain Will Pray for Your Needs~

Contact Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 for prayers



WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOUR RETURN TO ST. EDWARD

*We hope to see you return and be a part of the parish!
We're waiting for you.*

*Please know that we miss you. You are always
welcome at St. Edward— no matter what.*



The Food Pantry needs this week are canned fruit,
canned vegetables, canned soups, pancake syrup and
toilet tissue and laundry soap. Please put donations in
the box in the Gathering Space or the wooden box outside of the Parish
Office. Thank you for your continuous donations!

Schedule Mass Intentions

There are no weekend Mass Intentions left during 2023.

There are various openings for weekday Mass Intentions from May through December.

When you desire a specific date/s for Mass Intentions, it is recommended to contact Maggie Barno, who schedules Mass Intentions, by phone or e-mail at maggie@saintedwards.org at least six (6) months before the desired date.

Your requests for Masses are scheduled when received. If your requested date is already taken, we endeavor to schedule your Mass on a date that will suit you. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

To comply with Diocesan Finance Office policies, a \$10.00 stipend is requested when Mass Intentions are scheduled.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Maggie at the office.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORES NEED YOU! PLEASE HELP



Our Thrift Stores at 200 E. Main Street and 135 Wilson Street need volunteers. **If you can help us in any way, please stop in at one of the thrift stores, or call Main Street store at 740-340-1600, or Wilson Street store at 740-349-8425, and ask for the manager.**

THANK YOU!
Barb Scholten

SUPPORTING ST. EDWARD CHURCH

"Each one must do as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

MAY 7TH

Offertory \$ 12,359.00

Please consider ONLINE GIVING. Sign up on the St. Edward website home page at www.saintedwards.org. If already giving online, please update any changes to your credit card on your online account. For help, contact the Parish Office.

May Second Collections

Catholic Communications Campaign – May 21

ST. EDWARD SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

St. Edward Church has two \$1,500.00 scholarships, the **FATHER LOWERY SCHOLARSHIP** and the **BERNICE AND JOE CIRICOSTA SCHOLARSHIP**, available to any St. Edward parishioner who is actively pursuing a post-secondary program. To apply, click on the Scholarship link at www.saintedwards.org. Former applicants who have not been recipients of the awards may reapply. Any attachments to the applications, such as letters of recommendation, should be emailed to church@saintedwards.org. **Completed applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted on or before noon, May 19th, 2023.**

ST. EDWARD'S BOOK CLUB

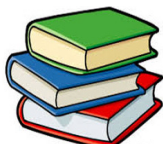
Thursday Evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Book – The Great Divorce

Come and be a part of this great adventure into the spiritual life as stakes are high... our eternal souls!

What, in our lives, blocks us from God's healing grace? Join us in the lounge as we explore this question through C.S. Lewis' fantasy novel, *The Great Divorce*.

The book club is open to all teenagers and adults. You can purchase the book on Amazon. For more information, contact Dana Updegrave at 425-417-9303 or danaupdegrave@comcast.net.



WOMEN OF ST. EDWARD



May is the Month Dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary – Pray the Rosary Every Day



We would love for all of the women of St. Edward and the women who attended the Candlelight Retreat to be a part of The Women of St. Edward!



DUFFEL BAG PROJECT by The Women of St. Edward



Did you know that 700 children, ages infant to 18, enter foster care every day, many right here in Licking County? Many who are taken out of their homes are given a garbage bag to put their belongings into. We believe the children deserve a duffel bag – not a trash bag – to transport their things.

We are collecting duffel bags or soft-sided suitcases which will be given to agencies in Licking County to give to a child who is being relocated. In each duffel we will include a toiletry bag with items such as toothbrush and toothpaste, comb, brush, shampoo, etc. We are asking for help from the parish. We are collecting new or gently used, foldable duffel bags or soft sided suitcases (with no wheels), along with monetary donations we can use to purchase toiletries and additional bags. We are focusing on ages 4 to 12.

A box is in the Gathering Space to receive donations. Thank you for your help!

Know Your Saints

Pope John, Bishop & Martyr ~ St. John I was a martyr for the faith, imprisoned and starved to death by a heretical Germanic king during the sixth century. Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox Christians also honor Pope St. John I, on the same date as the Roman Catholic Church.

The future Pope John I was born in Tuscany and served as an archdeacon in the Church for several years. He was chosen to become the Bishop of Rome in 523, succeeding Pope St. Hormisdas. During his papal reign, Italy was ruled by the Ostrogothic King Theodoric. Like many of his fellow tribesmen, the king adhered to the Arian heresy, holding that Christ was a created being rather than the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

In 523, the Byzantine Emperor Justin I ordered Arian clergy to surrender their churches into orthodox Catholic hands. In the West, Theodoric was angered by the emperor's move, and responded by trying to use the Pope's authority for his own ends.

This put Pope John in an extremely awkward position. Despite the Pope's own solid orthodoxy, the Arian king seems to have expected him to intercede with the Eastern emperor on behalf of the heretics. John's refusal to satisfy King Theodoric would eventually lead to his martyrdom.

John traveled to Constantinople, where he was honored as St. Peter's successor by the people, the Byzantine Emperor, and the Church's legitimate Eastern patriarchs. The Pope crowned the emperor and celebrated the Easter liturgy at the Hagia Sophia Church in April of 526.

But while John could urge Justin to treat the Arians somewhat more mercifully, he could not make the kind of demands on their behalf that Theodoric expected.

The gothic king was furious with the Pope when he learned of his refusal to support the Arians in Constantinople. Already exhausted by his travels, the Pope was imprisoned in Ravenna and deprived of food. He died on or around May 18, which became his feast day.

from Catholic News Agency

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Flow through Us

Generous God,
you pour your infinite love
upon the whole world.
Thank you for infusing every cell
of our bodies
and every seed of creation with your
Holy Spirit.

Open our eyes to recognize this gift
of love

flowing through our lives.

May your unbreakable bond of love
propel us to act with mercy,

kindness, and compassion
toward all those in need of your
unconditional grace.

Through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Love Eternal

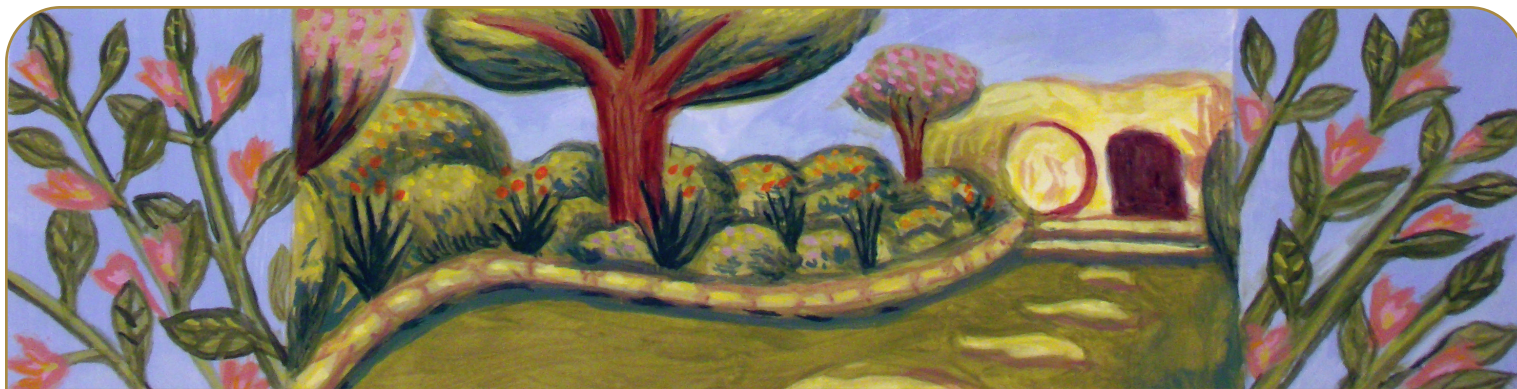


Today's readings: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; Psalm 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15–18; John 14:15–21. The Gospel readings of the Easter season persistently invite us to remain close to the risen Christ in love. This love is born in trust that the Lord is with us for all time in the form of the Holy Spirit. He made that promise to the disciples in the upper room before he suffered and died. He repeated the promise before he ascended to heaven. And he makes that promise to us today.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit entwine us in an unbreakable bond of love. Binding us together, this love makes us one in faith. This love creates and sustains life and glorifies the earth with beauty. This love inspires us to clothe

the naked, feed the hungry, and bring others to faith. This love reveals itself through a mother's gift of life, protection, care, and devotion. This love welcomes us into the world at our birth and draws us to the Father when we take our last breath. This love is with us and in us for every breath we take during our earthly life, in every relationship, in every twist and turn of our journey.

The invitation to love is always present. It courses through every cell of our body and sustains every breath we take. Our response to this great gift is to receive love with open hearts, allow it to guide our walk through life, and share it with others.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 15

Lydia's Example

Trailblazer Lydia sells high-end purple fabric, listens to Paul's witness with an open heart, and undergoes a conversion. She responds to Paul with Christian hospitality, inviting his companions and him to stay at her home. Lydia paves the way for women business leaders across all generations to live faithful and generous lives. *Today's readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.*

Tuesday, May 16

John 16

Chapter 16 of John's Gospel is proclaimed passage by passage this week. During the Last Supper, Jesus speaks at length to his disciples just before he is arrested, urgently trying to convey the depth of his love for them. Jesus promises his disciples that they will never be alone, that he will send an Advocate (the Holy Spirit) as protector and guide, and that they will be equipped to fulfill their mission. *Today's readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.*

Wednesday, May 17

Hallelujah!

As Pentecost draws near some of the psalms we pray begin with "Hallelujah!" These psalms from the end of the psalter give praise and glory to God with full heart and voice. Psalm 148 leads our prayer imagination through all the wonders of creation. Bring your Bible outside and read from it aloud. Appreciate the wonder of God's creation all around you. *Today's readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.*

Thursday, May 18

Ascension of the Lord

Jesus' final words to his disciples before ascending to heaven are direct: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

Our mission is to draw others to a life of committed faith within the Church community. Jesus promises that he is with us in all that we do in service to his name. Take time in prayer to contemplate the truth that Jesus empowers us with as he accompanies us. *Today's readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9 (6); Ephesians 1:17–23; Matthew 28:16–20.*

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Faith Works

The reading from Acts provides a small detail about St. Paul's life as a missionary disciple. In the midst of his efforts to grow the Christian community, St. Paul continued to work as a tentmaker. Like all of us, he needed to earn a living to provide the basic necessities. This apostle exemplified the balance of work and faith in the life of a committed disciple. *Today's readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 16:16–20.*

Friday, May 19

Take Heart

Jesus continues to prepare his disciples for the shock of loss that is to come. In our lives, too, we face loss as we keep vigil with a dying loved one and watch older generations decline in body and mind. We know the time is coming when people we love will pass from earthly life to heaven. But when anticipated death arrives, shock and grief are still felt. Jesus promised his disciples that grief will be transformed to joy. Take heart, grief is a process. Jesus walks with us. *Today's readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:20–23.*

Saturday, May 20

Ask and You Will Receive

Jesus adamantly encourages us to ask God for what we need and assures us that God hears our prayers. When it seems that our prayers go unanswered, remember that God holds the long view of our lives, giving us what we truly need. Have faith in the big picture. Know that God desires to be close to us and wills the best for us. *Today's readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.*



Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Devotion to the Blessed Virgin is actually necessary, because there is no better means of obtaining God's graces than through His most holy mother."

~SAINT PHILIP NERI

Monday, May 15 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter
Optional Memorial: Saint Isidore the Farmer

Holy Gospel: John 15:26-16:4a Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. "I have told you this so that you may not fall away. They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God. They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me. I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you."

Meditation: What does Jesus tell us about the Holy Spirit? First, the Holy Spirit is inseparably one with the Father and the Son. It is the Holy Spirit who gives life – the very life of God – and who kindles faith in hearts receptive to God's word. The Spirit makes it possible for us to know God personally. He gives us experiential knowledge of God as our Father. The Spirit witnesses to our spirit that the Father has indeed sent his Son into the world to redeem it and has raised his Son Jesus from the dead and has seated him at his right hand in glory and power. The Holy Spirit reveals to us the knowledge, wisdom and plan of God for the ages and the Spirit enables us to see with the "eyes of faith" what the Father and the Son are doing. Through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit we become witnesses to the great work of God in Christ Jesus. Jesus warned his disciples that they could expect persecution just as Jesus was opposed and treated with hostility. We have been given the Holy Spirit to help us live as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Spirit gives us courage and perseverance when we meet adversities and challenges. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen you in faith, hope and love and to give you courage and perseverance?

Prayer: Grant, O merciful God, that we may experience at all times the fruit produced by the paschal observances. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Saint Isidore the Farmer: Lord God, to whom belongs all creation, and who call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us, inspire us by the example of Saint Isidore to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of all people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Special Prayer for Farmers: God our Father, we pray for the farming community as they continue to work hard to grow the crops and raise the livestock that we enjoy. Bless all who focus their time and God-given talents in growing crops and raising livestock. Surround them with your love so they may know they are cared for and valued. Help us to be thankful for the food they produce and not to waste it. Amen.

Contemplation: Have you ever given any thought as to where you turn for help and support when you most need it? True friendship is strengthened in adversity. Jesus offers his disciples the best and truest of friends. Who is this promised friend? Jesus calls the Holy Spirit our *Counselor* and *Advocate* (also translated *Paraclete* or *Helper*). Counselor is a legal term for the one who will defend someone against an adversary and who guides that person during the ordeal of trial. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Helper who brings us safely through the challenges and adversities we must face in this life. As Jesus approaches the hour he was to be glorified – through his death on the cross and his resurrection – he revealed more fully to his disciples the person and role of the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday, May 16 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 16:5-11 Jesus said to his disciples: "Now I am going to the one who sent me, and not one of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I told you this, grief has filled your hearts. But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes he will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation: sin, because they do not believe in me; righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; condemnation, because the ruler of this world has been condemned."

Meditation: Have you ever felt like God is far from you at times? Separation and loss of relationship often lead to grief and pain. The apostles were filled with sorrow when Jesus spoke about his imminent departure. Jesus explained that it was for their sake that he must leave them and return to his Father. He promised, however, that they would never be left alone. He will send in his place the best of friends, the Holy Spirit. Paul reminds us that "nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:39). By sending the Holy Spirit to his followers, the Lord Jesus makes his presence known to us in a new and on-going way. We are not left as orphans, but the Lord himself dwells within us through the power of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 4:9; 6:16b). Jesus tells his disciples three very important things about the work of the Holy Spirit – to convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. The original word for convince also means convict. The Holy Spirit is our Sanctifier. He makes us holy as God is holy. He does this first by convicting us of our sin and by bringing us humbly to the foot of the Cross. The Spirit convinces us of God's love and forgiveness and of our utter dependence on God for his mercy and grace. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us from the error of our sinful ways and to show us the way of love and truth.

Prayer: Grant, almighty and merciful God, that we may in truth receive a share in the Resurrection of Christ your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The Jews who condemned Jesus as a heretic and blasphemer thought they were serving God rather than sinning when they crucified Jesus. When the gospel was later preached on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:37), many were pricked in their heart and convicted of their sin. What made them change their mind about Jesus? It is the work of the Holy Spirit to both convict us of wrongdoing and to convince us of God's truth. The Spirit convinces us of the righteousness of Christ, backed by the fact that Jesus rose again and went to his Father. The Holy Spirit also convicts us of judgment. The Spirit gives us the inner and unshakable conviction that we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God. God's judgments are just and good. When we heed his judgments we find true peace, joy and reconciliation with God. Do you allow the Holy Spirit free reign in your life that he may set you free from the grip of sin and set you ablaze with the fire of God's love?

Wednesday, May 17 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 16:12-15 Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

Meditation: Jesus told his disciples that he would send them the Spirit of truth who will guide you into all the truth...and declare to you the things that are to come (John 16:13). Through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit poured out on the new community of faith on the day of Pentecost, we too are able to profess the same creed which the apostles proclaimed – that Jesus died, and was buried, and rose again on the third day, and will come again to judge, raise the dead, and give everlasting life (the Apostles Creed). We not only have the same faith given to the apostles and early believers, but we have the same Spirit in us who raised Jesus from the dead. The Lord Jesus gives each of us his Holy Spirit as our divine Teacher and Helper that we may grow in the knowledge and wisdom of God. Do you listen attentively to God's word and allow his Holy Spirit to give you understanding of God's truth and will for your life?

Prayer: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as we celebrate in mystery the solemnities of your Son's Resurrection, so, too, we may be worthy to rejoice at his coming with all the Saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What we would all give to know all truths! Truth, however, is not something we create nor is it our discovery. It is the gift of God who is the possessor and the giver of all truth. Jesus tells his disciples that it is the role of the Holy Spirit to reveal what is true. How can this be? Skeptics of truth don't want to believe in an absolute Truth. If truth is objective then it must be submitted to as authoritative. Some fear the truth because they think it will inhibit their freedom to act and think as they wish. Jesus told his disciples that the truth will set you free (John 8:32). The truth liberates us from doubts, illusions, and fears. Since God is the source of all truth, then the closer we draw to him and listen to his word, the more we grow in the knowledge of him and of his great love and wisdom for us.

Thursday, May 18 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 16:16-20 Jesus said to his disciples: "A little while and you will no longer see me, and again a little while later and you will see me." So some of his disciples said to one another, "What does this mean that he is saying to us, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" So they said, "What is this 'little while' of which he speaks? We do not know what he means." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Are you discussing with one another what I said, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy."

Meditation: The world says take your joy now in whatever pleasures you can get from this present life. Jesus points to an "other-worldly" joy which transcends anything this world can offer. Jesus contrasts present sorrows with future joy. A woman in labor suffers the birth-pangs first, but then forgets her sorrow as soon as her new-born child comes to birth. We cannot avoid pain and sorrow if we wish to follow Jesus to the cross. But in the cross of Christ we find freedom, victory, and joy. Thomas Aquinas said: "No one can live without joy. That is why a man or woman deprived of spiritual joy will turn to carnal pleasures." Do you know the joy of the Lord?

Prayer: O God, who made your people partakers in your redemption, grant, we pray, that we may perpetually render thanks for the Resurrection of the Lord. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Saint John I: O God, who reward faithful souls and who have consecrated this day by the martyrdom of Pope Saint John the First, graciously hear the prayers of your people and grant that we, who venerate his merits, may imitate his constancy in the faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: How do "weeping" and "rejoicing" go together? Jesus contrasts present sorrows with the future glory to be revealed to those who put their hope in God. For the people of Israel time was divided into two ages – the present age and the age to come. The prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah as the dawn of a new age. Jesus tells his disciples two important truths. First, he must leave them to return to his Father and second, he will surely come again at the end of time to usher in the new age of God's kingdom. Jesus' orientation for the time between his first coming and his return in glory at the end of the world is a reversal of the world's fortunes. Do you find yourself weeping and rejoicing in the Lord?

Friday, May 19 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 16:20-23 Jesus said to his disciples: "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy. When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. On that day you will not question me about anything. Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you."

Meditation: Why does Jesus tell his disciples to weep and mourn? Jesus was neither a pessimist nor a masochist, and he was certainly more than a realist! The way to happiness and joy in the kingdom of God is through the cross. Sin must be brought to the cross of Jesus Christ and evil can only be completely mastered by the power of God's redeeming love. Jesus told his disciples that it was more blessed to mourn for sin because it would yield the fruit of peace, joy, and righteousness. Jesus knew that the cross would be a stumbling block for those who refused to believe in him. The cross for Jesus was not defeat but victory – victory over sin, over the forces of evil in the world, and over Satan, the arch-enemy of God, humankind, and all that is right and good and true.

Prayer: Hear our prayers, O Lord, so that what was promised by the sanctifying power of your Word may everywhere be accomplished through the working of the Gospel and that all your adopted children may attain what the testimony of truth has foretold. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We must remember that through his death on the cross, Jesus won for us new life and freedom over the power of sin, despair, and death. The Easter victory of Jesus teaches us courage in the face of suffering and death. In the resurrection of Christ our fears are laid to rest. His resurrection is total, final triumph, and for us peace and joy at the end. We will have troubles in the present reality. Through the eyes of faith, we know the final outcome – complete victory over sin, suffering, and death in Jesus Christ. That is why we can pray confidently now, knowing that the Father will give us everything we need to live as his children and as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Do you know the Easter joy of Christ's victory over sin and death?

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF A FAMILY TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
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I kneel here before thee with my family
and choose thee for my Lady, Mother,
and Advocate with God.

I dedicate myself and all who belong to me to thy service forever.
I beg thee, O Mother of God,
to receive us into the company of thy servants.
Take us under thy protection.
Help us in life and at the hour of our death.

Mother of Mercy,
I name thee Lady and Queen of my family and relatives,
my interests and all my undertakings.
Take charge of them;
dispose of everything as it pleases thee.

Bless me and all my family.
Never let any of us offend thy Son.
In every temptation defend us;
protect us in every danger;
provide for us in the necessities of life;
counsel us in doubt;
comfort us in every sorrow;
in every sickness;
and especially in the final sorrow of death.

Never let the powers of Hell boast that they have
enslaved any of those who here consecrate themselves to thee.
Grant that we may all enter into Heaven to thank thee and, in thy company,
to praise and love Jesus our Redeemer for all eternity.

Amen.

Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio

A Catholic perspective on the proposed constitutional amendment to expand and enshrine abortion in our state.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women. As Catholics, we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust, and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of all life.

WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2023 ballot. More informational resources are coming, but in the meantime:

- Decline to sign any petition to put this amendment on the November ballot
- Pray, Learn, and Volunteer by visiting the "Protect Them Both" resource center at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect



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THEM BOTH**



OUR CONCERNS

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PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

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**ENDANGERS
PREBORN CHILDREN**

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Where Does the Amendment Say That?

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

1

- Vague language would challenge any attempt to regulate who could perform an abortion and the standards of care required
- Could eliminate current safety standards, such as the presence of a licensed physician and assurance of hospital access in an emergency

“The State shall not... interfere with...an individual's [abortion]... unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means”

ENDANGERS PREBORN CHILDREN

2

- Would force Ohio to abandon protections enacted for preborn children with a detectable heartbeat
- Permits abortions at any time in pregnancy; a clinician could justify a woman's anxiety or depression as a reason for late-term abortion

“...in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health”

ENABLES THOSE WHO PRESSURE WOMEN INTO ABORTIONS

3

- Majority of women who have had an abortion report “high levels of pressure” to seek the abortion+
- Anyone who transports, counsels, or pressures a woman into an abortion, including abusers, traffickers, and negligent clinicians, would be protected by law
- Parents would no longer need to give consent or even be informed if their minor is seeking an abortion, removing their ability to report suspected abuse of their daughter

“The State shall not... penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against... A person or entity that assists an individual [to get an abortion]”



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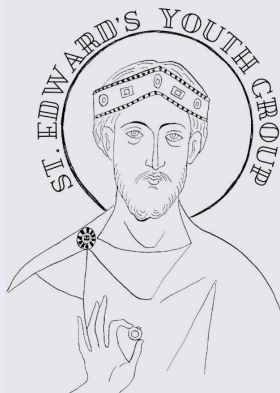
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I want to thank all the youth for attending youth group this year. It has been a blessing to get to know and pray with you. I also want to thank you for all your hard work in helping me to cook and serve the homeless. I finally want to thank the parents for donating food for the homeless and the youth group. Thank you so much for your generosity. This summer we will resume youth group with some fun activities.

In Christ,
Steven

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9th**

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MAY 14, 2023 — SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 8:5-8; 14-17; PS 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 PT 3:15-18; JN 14:15-21

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us Christian stewards of the importance and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. They also teach us that love of God shows itself in concrete actions — this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary. Throughout the Easter season, our first readings, taken from the Act of the Apostles, have recounted the growth (and growing pains) of the early days of the Church. Today, we read that the Samaritans had accepted the word of God, and while there was great rejoicing over this, they were still in need of more before they were fully empowered disciples. So, Peter and John “went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.” Peter and John “laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.” The “more” that these new Christians needed, was, of course, the Holy Spirit.

We, too, need and have received the Holy Spirit in our lives, initially at our Baptism, and in full measure at the moment of our Confirmation. The gifts and guidance of the Holy Spirit are essential to the Christian steward and the stewardship way of life.

Today is a great opportunity, especially as we draw nearer to Pentecost, to begin to examine our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Do we make full use of all of the grace and power the Holy Spirit has for us in meeting the challenges of life?

Our second reading, from St. Peter, is certainly filled with challenges for us, beginning with the first verse, “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.” In other words, we must put Christ first above all else in our lives. His role is not merely as Savior of our lives, as significant as that role is; He is to be “Lord” of our lives as well.

As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives — our time, talent, and treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord in our lives, to “prove” our love, in a manner of speaking, because true love is not merely sentiment. “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me,” Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John.

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God’s commandments. This requires courage, humility, and deep trust in Him. It requires that we lean on the Holy Spirit for the strength and wisdom to continuously make Jesus the Lord of our lives.

But the rewards are indescribably wonderful. Christ tells us Himself, “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us?

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us fully embrace the stewardship way of life to truly sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts.

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