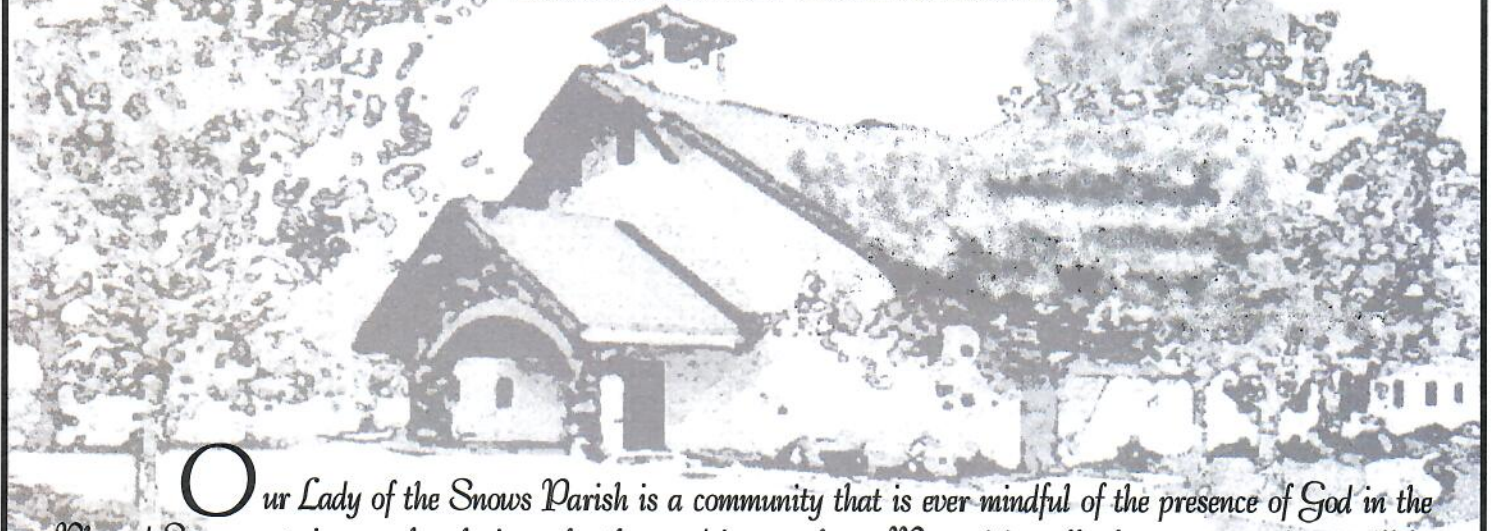


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May 21, 2023

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

The Ascension of the Lord (A) **Acts 1:1–11, 14–17 / Ephesians 1:17–23 / Matthew 28:16–20**

When the Lone Ranger and Tonto rode across our TV screens in days of old, someone would often ask, “Who was that masked man?” Folks never learned his identity, and it didn’t matter. For that man had saved them from evil, restoring their lives. In a sense, the Ranger, with Tonto, had passed on to them the power to live safely and productively.

As He was about to return to His Father, the risen Lord said to the apostles, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). Yet being blessed with the power that raised the Lord Jesus does not always feel much like a blessing. At times it can feel more like a burden that falls upon our shoulders, one to heal and mend as we try to bring peace and a better world.

We wonder why we always must be the one who says, “I’m sorry.” Why must we always be the one who plans the evening out or writes the Christmas cards or calls Mom or spends time with the children or listens to someone’s tale of woe?

Yet such is the power of Jesus for bringing about healing to both spirits and bodies, for creating joy, for designing bridges into the hearts of others, all because the Messiah rode off on a cloud of silver to be welcomed to the right hand of God. Thus, He empowers us.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

Why should I be confirmed?

In baptism, God calls you to be a priest, prophet and king. In confirmation, you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live out those vocations. A priest offers prayer and sacrifice. In confirmation, you are moved to make your everyday life a sacrifice that you join to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross (Romans 12:1). Prophet is from *prophētēs*, a Greek word meaning “spokesperson.” In confirmation, you are compelled to preach the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16), just as the apostles were when they received the Holy Spirit on the original day of Pentecost (Acts 2:2–4). When you were baptized, you were made a member of the royal family of God (1 Peter 2:9). Just as Jesus showed what it means to be a Servant King, so are we called to serve others in love. In confirmation, we are inspired by the love that God pours into us in His Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

In His first public preaching, Jesus quoted from Isaiah the prophet: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me” (Luke 4:18). That was the beginning of His public ministry. When the bishop anoints you with chrism, you can say the same. Your confirmation is the beginning of your own public ministry. --Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

Having a good day? Thank God for it. Struggling through a bad day? Invite God into it. Just another “ordinary” day? Find God in it. And - every day - praise God, for life is a gift never to be wasted.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekdays Tues. thru Fri. 8:30 AM

Confessions: Sat. 4 to 4:30 PM or by appt.

The 2nd Collection this weekend is for our Maintenance Fund.

Men’s Group meets Friday, May 26th at 5pm in the Social Hall. All men of the parish are invited, whether you are part of our seasonal family or are full-time residents here. Dinner will be served.

It is not too late to join Bible Study! We meet each Wed. from 10am to 11:30 am in the Social Hall. This is a 12-week course on “The Bible and the Church Fathers,” presented by Matthew Leonard of the St. Paul Center. The course is led by Larry and Debbie Rives.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEMORIAL WEEK-END BAKE SALE will be Sat. May 27th at Peninsula Market, beginning at 7 am. Would you like to bake something? We also appreciate monetary donations. Thank you for your support!

Women’s Retreat June 3rd in the Social Hall. Our leader is Janice Carleton. Mass is at 8 am, followed by coffee and refreshments at 8:30. The retreat will be held from 9am to noon. RSVP to Janice at 503-347-4079 or email her at carleton-janice53@gmail.com.

Are you new to our parish? Welcome! Please fill out the registration form for new parishioners. Forms are available on the table in the Social Hall. Drop your completed form in the mail slot on our office door. Or you can fill out the section on the front of the bulletin.

Please take a moment and say a prayer for all of our sick parishioners.

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Liturgical Tidbits

Hello everyone! Here is a new section in our bulletin that we will call "Liturgical Tidbits." It is one of the ways our parish is responding to the call by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for a Eucharistic Revival in our country.

This will be a small part of what our parish is doing to learn anything regarding the liturgy. This section will try its best to succinctly discuss topics like the meaning of the gestures the priest uses at mass, the prayers/ words he speaks, colors we use during the liturgical seasons, symbols we use, proper etiquette in mass, seasonal practices, sacred vessels that we use, etc.

Again, this Liturgical Tidbits section can cover a wide variety of topics regarding our liturgical celebrations. So, if you've always been curious about something that we do in the mass or other liturgies, be sure to check in with this section.

We will update it *every two weeks* with a new entry. And if there's something that you've always wanted to know about the liturgy, give Father Josh your suggestion and eventually he'll be able to address and answer it.

Joe Beuchat	Erin Kelly	Diana Pallari †
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Troy Buzzell †	Abigail Krebs	John Pezzi †
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Reuben Chavez †	Nancy Lambert †	John Price
Ron & Fran Dennis	Ronald Longacre †	Linda Porter
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Jessica Dowling	Pat Martin	Janet Saitone
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Jane & Reed Hilliard	Francis Ouellette	
Matthew Hunt †	Cindee Padula †	† indicates deceased
Helen Karch †	Mitchell Padula †	

Weekly Offerings

Sunday May 14th	\$ 2,589.00
Maintenance	\$ 3,116.00
Easter	\$ 45.00
Westwood Resource Ctr ./Helping Hands	\$ 280.00
Online giving March 15 thru May 15th	\$ 3,045.00

This Weekend's Ministry Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers Lectors

Saturday 5:00pm	Pat Didier	Pat Didier
Sunday 9:30 am	Kitty DeWitt	Jeffrey Janus

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Weekly Mass Intentions

May 20	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre †
May 21	Sunday	9:30 am	Rosa Cahill and Family
May 22	Monday	-----	NO MASS
May 23	Tuesday	8:30 am	David Melcon
May 24	Wednesday	8:30 am	John Price
May 25	Thursday	8:30 am	Janet Saitone
May 26	Friday	8:30 am	Nancy Lambert †

OLS News continued--

Mark your calendars: Altar Society will meet at 11 am on Tues. June 6th at Buffalo Chips, 322 Birch St. in Westwood. Hope to see you there!

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the first Friday of every month. The next Holy Hour will be Fri. June 2nd at 9am (following morning Mass).

Have you picked up your envelopes for 2023? They are on the shelf in the Social Hall (by the front door).

If you have not used envelopes but want to try it out--Choose any box that does not have a name on it (on the shelf by the front door). Thank you for supporting Our Lady of the Snows!

Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, special anointing, or just information—call the Rectory (530-259-3932) for an appointment. We are here to help and to lessen your burden.