

I give you a new commandment: love one another.



As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

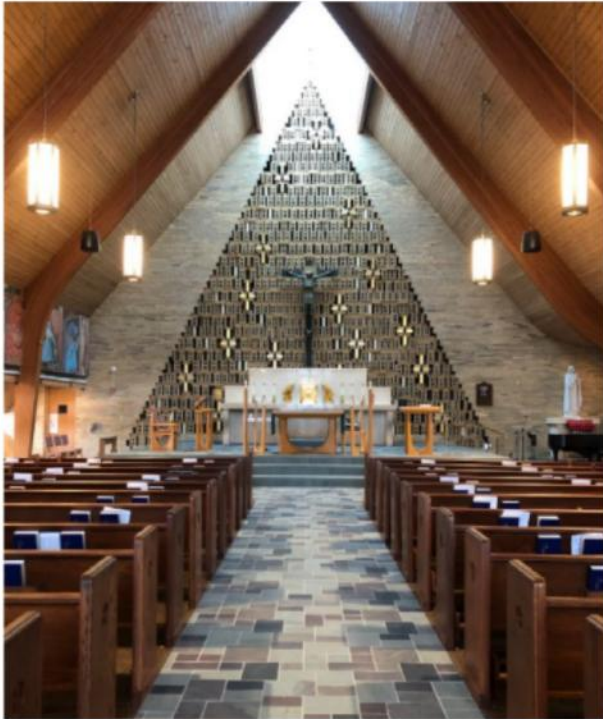
John 13:34 & 35

May 15th, 2022 | 5th Sunday of Easter

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Letter from the Pastor

Christos Anesti ... Alithos Anesti

Before his passion, our Lord gives a 'New Commandment.' This is a commandment of love, which would characterize the new community he is establishing, which is the church. Jesus says, love one another (not as yourself, which is already admonished in the Old Testament, but as he, Jesus, loves you). This begs the question, how has Jesus loved us? And the response would be: "Look at the Cross." His dying and rising are proof of his love. The cross demonstrates the extent to which he would go for love of us.

But what is "new" about the commandment Jesus gives? Love had been preached even before the coming of Jesus. What then was he proposing that was new? In a culture where love was extended primarily to insiders, members of one's family or community, and to friends, the newness of Jesus' command consists in its scope. Jesus charges his disciples to model their love after his own example. His love embraces all, the deserving and undeserving alike. Jesus died for the whole of humanity, and his love is for all of God's creation. Jesus makes love the marker for identifying his disciples. He says, "by this will all people know you are my disciples, if you love one another (John 13:35). As disciples of Christ, we too are called to set no boundaries to our love. We witness to our Christianity by the love we have for one another. And this love must never be understood only as an emotion, as emotions are fickle and temporary. Our love must be marked by a commitment to the good.

The law commanded people to love their brothers and sisters as they loved themselves (Leviticus 19:18). But Jesus' new commandment called people to love as he did. Jesus loved humanity more than himself. He emptied himself of his divinity to assume human nature and to go to his death for

their sakes. Hence he tells his disciples, 'greater love than this no one has than for a person to lay down their life for their friends' (John 13:15). Jesus wants us to go beyond the conventional "I love you" which means different things to different people, and is easily said than meant. I think if people paid for the number of times they said those words, perhaps many would say them sparingly. Talk is cheap, but the Lord demonstrates his love beyond words; he dies to prove it. In this is God's love manifested, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

When we love one another just as Jesus loves us, willing the good of one another, the world would be a more peaceful and loving one. There would be no need for wars and the senseless violence that characterize political discourse today. We would not seek to annihilate people who disagree with us, or who hold different opinions than we do as though they were our enemies. We would be charitable in how we approach anyone, seeing that we have the obligation to love as Christ did. The result of having the Christ kind of love for everyone would be a "new heaven and a new earth." This kind of love would bring about a renewal of the face of the earth. It would be heaven on earth, a place where God dwells among us. This is the whole essence of Christian discipleship.

May Jesus bless you, and may Our Lady protect you!



Fr. Julius



Save Your Seat: Bus Ride to Eucharistic Procession & Festival in Warsaw

"I hope and pray that you and thousands of the faithful of our diocese will participate as public witnesses to our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and an expression of our love for the great gift of the Most Holy Eucharist, the wonderful sacrament of Christ's love."

– Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sign up to ride on our bus now: spots are limited! Only those with their names registered will be permitted onto the bus. We will be departing from Little Flower following the 11:30 am Mass. Please meet us in the lower parking lot immediately following Mass.

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Scripture Readings For the Week of May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35

Monday Acts 14: 5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14: 19-28; Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21;
Jn 14: 27-31a

Wednesday- Memorial of Saint John I, Pope, Martyr

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10;
Jn 15:9-11

Friday Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday- Memorial of Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 14

5:30 pm †Jim Smith

Sunday, May 15

9:00 am †Jane Tafelski
11:30 am The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower
8:00 pm †Susan Fitzpatrick

Monday, May 16

8:30 am †Victoria Schwab

Tuesday, May 17

8:30 am †Walter West

Wednesday, May 18

8:30 am †George & Delores Kovacs

Thursday, May 19

8:30 am †Vincent Dinh

Friday, May 20

8:30 am †Vincent Dinh

Saturday, May 21

8:00 am Damian Morell
5:30 pm †Robert Jurkowski

Sunday, May 22

9:00 am †Matthew Vu Phong Pham
11:30 am The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower
8:00 pm †Mark Love

A Journey Through the Liturgical Year: A Festival of Scripture and Song celebrating the feast days and seasons of the Church, from Advent to Christ the King

June 5, 4:00 pm, St. Bavo Church

The program will feature soloists, choral music, and congregational singing, including some brand new compositions. It's an excellent way to celebrate the "Birthday of the Church," and will be held on Pentecost Sunday! Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

Healing Prayer Corner: The Most Important Words for Healing

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Love is the goal and sign of discipleship. A friend wrote this to me: "I have spent so much of my life taking up positions on issues as a Catholic. Now, I want to move towards following Jesus by being of service to people that he leads me to." That brings us back to last Sunday's Gospel. Are we willing to be sheep who hear his voice?

In the increasing divide and bitterness in the body politic, will there be any room for Jesus' one new commandment? There can be, but will there be?

In the Second Reading, we hear: "Behold, I make all things new," That refers to the new heaven and a new earth, but we have a foretaste of it now when we pray the words: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Can we not achieve that by believing and living the words in the Mission Prayer that we recite before each Sunday Mass? Therein lies healing.

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Fit Shepherds

Saturday May 21, 6:30 am, Upper Parking Lot

Fit Shepherds aims to have every man in our parish community be in the best physical and spiritual shape of their lives. We strive to model our lives after the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Fit Shepherds are formed through demanding workouts, fraternity and discipleship. Join us Saturday, May 21, at 6:30 AM in the upper parking lot for a workout followed by prayer and reflection. All men ages 16 and up are welcome.

For more information, please visit fitshepherds.org or contact Brian Ritz, brianmriz@gmail.com or call/text (219) 808-4648.



Help us Welcome New Parishioners!

Our **Accompaniment Implementation Team** wants to resurrect the Hospitality Team that was started before Covid, as well as implement new ways of reaching out to new parishioners, helping them get plugged in at the parish. There is something for everyone to help with: greeting people at Mass, phone outreach, New Parishioner Welcome Brunch and more!

If you feel called to put your gifts to use by growing our parish in this way please fill out the forms found at littleflowerchurch.org/info or by scanning the code.



Save the Date: Called & Gifted Workshop for Young Adults (18-30s)

Friday, June 10, 7-9pm &
Saturday, June 11, 8:30am-5:15pm
St. Therese Little Flower – Upper Room
Presented by Ablaze Mission

God has called you to a unique mission in life. Discover your spiritual gifts to reveal that call. When you were baptized, you were given gifts of the Holy Spirit (charisms) that enable you to be a channel of God's love, truth, beauty, and mercy for others. Discovering your charisms is key to living out your God-given mission and vocation. The Called & Gifted discernment process is designed to help you learn about charisms and lead you through the process of discovering your own. Space is limited. Subsidized Fee: \$20

Register Online: bit.ly/ablaze-gifted
Contact: Sean Allen
sallen@ablazemission.org or 858-354-9006



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SERVES THE POOR

April Outreach Report

In April, the Outreach Program provided \$7,300.15 in assistance to 29 families or individuals for 32 accounts. Covid continues to rear its ugly head. One woman had Covid when she was pregnant and required much medical care and hospitalization. She was out of work for five months. Her husband was employed, but his wages couldn't cover rent, utilities, and car payments. A single mom with three small children could not find adequate childcare, had to quit work, and then got sick. A single man was self-employed doing carpentry work, barely making it, caught Covid, and was facing utility disconnections. So many people living on the edge. Thank you for your generosity that throws lifelines to these folks.

It Happens Monday Night

Be sure to read the results of the Service and Charity Survey in this bulletin. Then plan on coming to the Social Justice Commission's "Deep Dive" this Monday night, **May 16, 5:30-7:00 pm** in the Parish Center. Mingling and snacks 5:30; program begins at 6:00.

A summary on the Survey will be followed by a Big Opportunity concerning refugee resettlement. Lisa Hayes, Refugee Services Manager from Catholic Charities, will explain the program and invite our parish to play a major role, which will live out the words in our Parish Mission Prayer: "welcome the stranger," and "open our eyes to see Jesus in all people and to be Jesus to everyone."

Parish Food Pantry

Are you or someone you know in need of food? Our parish food pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-3:15 pm. Please bring a photo ID and official piece of mail as proof of address.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT EXTENDS
THE KINGDOM OF GOD

All Women are Invited!

Thursday, May 19th, 7:00 pm in the Church

Join us for our monthly women's gathering. Come hear a Scripture-based teaching, encounter Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Household Life: May Dates

Upcoming Household dates:

House of Praise – Friday, May 27th, 6:30 pm

Households are medium-sized communities that gather monthly in homes to share a meal and "do life together".



Sign up for the Household newsletter to receive monthly gathering details by scanning the code or visiting bit.ly/3dK45oi



St. Francis Convent is taking applications for the following positions:

Full- or Part-time Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse or Nurse Aide - Experience in long-term care of the elderly preferred. Come and experience nursing as it is meant to be! Work shift consisting primarily of evening shift, 3:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. with weekend rotation and holiday coverage as needed.

Part-time Switchboard Operator / Front Desk Receptionist - Related experience is preferred. For this position we require a female who is a practicing Catholic to answer questions as appropriate. Schedule consists of every other weekend 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. or every other weekend 2:30 – 9:00 p.m. and weekday evenings 4-9 p.m. Holiday coverage may also be required.

Groundskeeper – Year-round full-time position with a large variety of duties – maintaining underground sprinkler system; care of flowers, trees; maintenance of property in wooded areas (ravine, in particular); maintain the roadsides along the farms; maintenance of equipment – tractor, mowers, snow blowers, etc.

Interested applicants - Kindly contact Sister Jennifer at 574-259-5427 to arrange to pick up an application. We can't wait to meet you!

Holy Cross College: Summer Theology Institute

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Marriage Encounter Experience

July 30-31, Christ the King Parish

We are inviting EVERY married couple and religious to attend, but there is limited capacity. It is a series of talks presented by 3 couples and a priest. You will learn about tools you can use to continue to enrich your sacrament. Get it on your calendar now! Register at www.wwme-ni.org Questions can be sent to the Application Couple at application@wwme-ni.org or call them at (260) 484-1664. There is a \$75 application fee with a free will donation requested on Sunday. You deserve this experience!

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SUNDAY MASS
9:00 am, 11:30 am, & 8:00 pm
Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

DAILY MASS
Monday - Friday 8:30 am
Saturday 8:00 am



Reconciliation Times

Monday, Wednesday & Friday..... 9:00-9:30 am
Saturday..... 8:30 to 9:30 am, and 4:30 to 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday..... 9:00-9:30 am
Saturday..... 8:30-9:30 am

Additional Sacraments

Baptism & Anointing of the Sick—Contact the office for more information.

Marriage—Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday..... 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Closed Wednesdays..... 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving: April

Adult Collection	\$50,952.00
Loose Collection	8,249.33
Easter	\$ 890.00
Total Collections	\$60,091.33
(Under)/Over Budget	\$ 1,758.00
Year to Date Under Budget	\$ (9,796.18)

Capital Campaign	\$ 732.00
Food Pantry	\$ 857.00
Whatsoever You Do	\$ 4,271.34

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