

May 21, 2023

"We are the Eucharistic Church serving the Family of Christ"



STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

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OUR VISION

To expand and strengthen the Christian Community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is demonstrated and fulfilled.

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.



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ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday 5pm: SPP

Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's

11am: SPP

WEEKDAYS

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

Thursdays 5pm: St. Joseph's

HOLY DAYS

Vigil 7pm: SPP

Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's

Noon: SPP

CONFESSION

Saturday 4pm: SPP

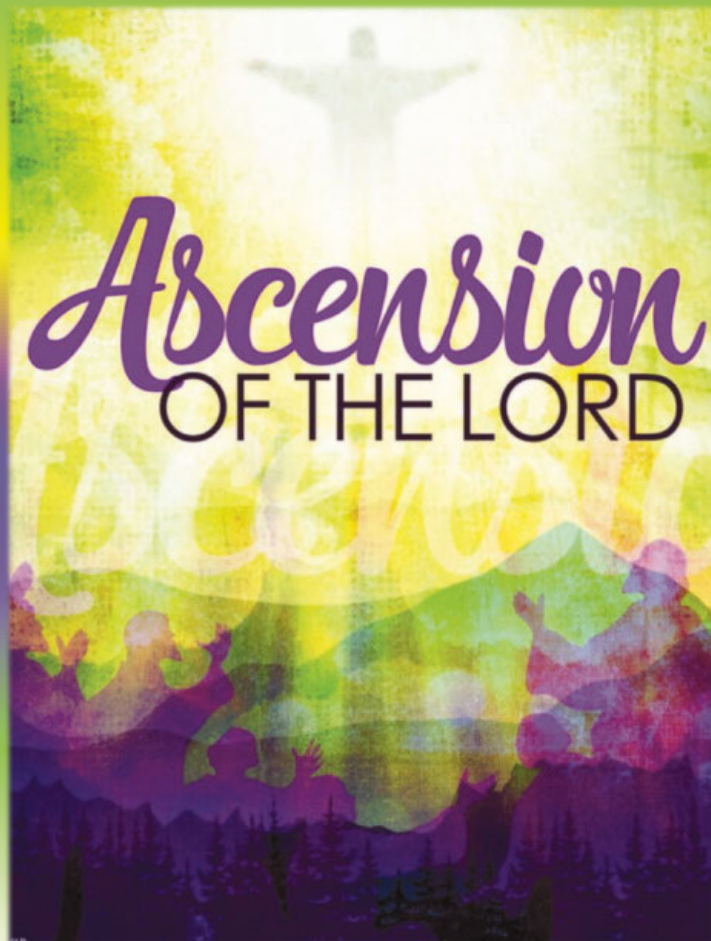
Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's
(or by appointment)

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office
to schedule Communion



EVANGELIZE

SANCTIFY

SERVE

WELCOME



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Marianne Stewart-Carbocci

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Sr. Madrine Mukaluziga

CUSTODIAN

Whether you are a visitor or new to our parish, interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or an active member of our parish, we are pleased that you have come.

BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to

karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org

Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/
Mt 28:16-20; Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8
(13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/
Jn 7:37-39; Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/
Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-
27/Jn 7:37-39; Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1
Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Observances for the week of May 21, 2023

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World
Communications Day
Monday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
Friday: St. Philip Neri, Priest
Saturday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

MAY 2023

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

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ALTAR FLOWERS

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Or have a Mass said for a loved one. Contact the office for availability.



**ASCENSION OF THE LORD
(SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)**

May 21, 2023

“They received the Holy Spirit.” The Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes for your faithfulness to the vocation to which the Spirit is leading you. Do you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him And His people as a priest or in the consecrated life?

Call the Vocations Office to speak with Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661

Or write

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



ENCOUNTER

Dear Sts. Peter and Paul Parishioners,

At the beginning of Lent, I made an appeal to support me to build a stronger Cash Reserve fund for our parish. Lenten Cans were put out, and most of them were picked. What was now pending was seeing what would come of that appeal.

It is now with great pleasure that I report that at the end of our Lenten exercise, we were able to raise **\$28,206** from both coin cans and checks that we received. As you would expect, I am so absorbed with great joy as I report this to you!

I would like to thank everyone who responded to that appeal. Sometimes I fail to thank you enough, but please understand that although sometimes words fail me, I am always grateful to many of you who step up to make things happen and Jesus' Mission supported in our parish.

In a parish like ours, now close to forty years, it is more likely that some infrastructures are wearing out, and will need our attention sooner rather than later. It is, therefore, wise on our part that we continue to build this fund whenever we can despite the mortgage we are servicing at the same time. I would like, therefore, to thank you for your understanding and for not getting tired whenever I appeal to you.

I pray God blesses you abundantly!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. David
Pastor

PARISH YOUTH

SAVE THE DATE

June 19 - 22, 6 - 8pm

Grades Pre K4 - 5th



Volunteers are needed. Our next planning meeting is Monday, May 22 at 6:30pm.

Come Join Us!

WHY CHOOSE CATHOLIC EDUCATION?

A Catholic education is unlike any other learning experience. Why? Catholic Schools educate to develop the *whole child* in a community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the traditions of the Catholic Church. The educational process is an opportunity to cultivate the entire person by engaging the human need for physical, mental, social, and spiritual nourishment. It is the mission of Catholic Schools to do just that. Charlottesville Catholic School continues to accept applications for the 2023-2024 school year. While some older grades have waitlists, we currently have openings in Junior Kindergarten through 2nd grade. We encourage you to call our Admissions Coordinator, Christine Fowlkes, for more information, or stop by any Wednesday between now and the end of the school year (between 9:00AM and 1:00PM for See Why Wednesdays Tours. We look forward to hearing from you!

Ms. Mandy Kowalski , Administrative Assistant
Charlottesville Catholic School
434-964-0400 ext. 327
1205 Pen Park Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22901

SHARE THE GOSPEL

Jesus prays for you every minute of our life. God the Father always listens to his Son. When you need help, ask Jesus to help you. He will send the Holy Spirit to show you how to solve your problem. The Holy Spirit will keep you safe. He will make you strong. The Holy Spirit will help you choose goodness, love and forgiveness. Then you will enjoy never-ending life with God in heaven.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, help me choose goodness, love & forgiveness.



Sts. Peter & Paul
Youth Group

Sts. Peter & Paul's Youth Group will start meeting every other Friday, beginning Friday, June 2nd, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, in Room 119 in the Parish Hall.

JOIN SCOUTING!

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 11 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign him or her up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys):
Chuck Palmer

charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com 571.212.4445



Come join us for our next fundraiser:

CAR WASH - JUNE 3^R

9 am - 12 pm

Thank You, All!



INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 20 - MAY 28, 2023

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	5/20	5pm	Margaret Ward	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	5/21	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/21	11am	Patti Markle	D	Royal & Janis Duffy
Wednesday	5/24	9am	Brigitte Ronan	D	Jerry & Linda Zink
Thursday	5/25	9am	Donald Bain	D	Patrice Malloy
Friday	5/26	9am	Fr. Jerry Przywara	I	Michael & Nancy King
Saturday	5/27	5pm	Fred Mariutto	D	Diana Mariutto
Sunday	5/28	9am*	Sheryl Mason	D	Will & Julie Kulick
Sunday	5/28	11am	Misa Pro Populo		

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .



Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Connor Dobbins, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, Katie Marron, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Luke Marron, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Russ Marron, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Alex Ostrowski, Adam Warren, and Matthew Reinitz.



REMEMBER in your prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Maria Boice, Melissa Bowling, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Emily Desgrosiellier, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Patricia Golgosky, Patrick Granville, Bob Griffin, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Tony Ingillieri, Sue Ingillieri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie & Joe Lodato, Art Menard, Brigid Markle, Joan Merk, Irene Nadig, Rosario Nixon, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Barbara Sipress, Carol & Ted Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Claire van Nierop, Raylan Trapp, Cornelia Waters, and Mike Waters.

Please call the office at **434.589.5201** for homebound or hospital visits.

May

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your marriage anniversary in May and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on either June 3rd or June 4th, please contact the office by Wednesday, May 24th.

Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda

Do you have old sneakers you no longer wear?
Catholic Health Initiative for Uganda can use them!
 There is a box at the front door where they may be placed.
Just sneakers, please!

Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda is a 501(c) (3) non-profit entity. All donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for your support!

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 125 Sun. - 196	May 14 - 15
First Offering	\$4,744
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$1,799
Total	\$6,543
May MTD Debt Reduction	\$3,480

The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

JUNE 3RD & 4TH

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

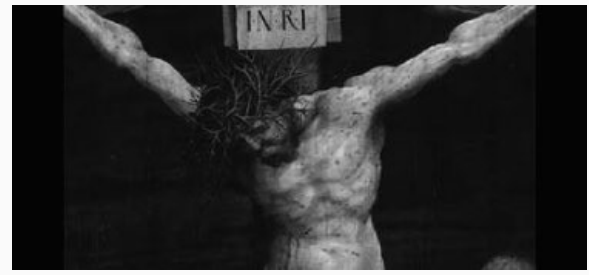
THE NEXT BAKE SALE IS JUNE 3RD AND JUNE 4TH. BAKED GOODS ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE MASS.



Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct.

You can sign up online at faith.direct/FD2 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757. You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

ADORATION



ADORERS,

As you know, we have adoration in the sanctuary of the church every Friday and, unlike in the chapel, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed all day on the altar. This makes it imperative that there is someone in the church at all times, until the benediction at 3pm. A group of ladies at the church have been faithful for years to try to ensure that there is someone there every hour. I am asking everyone to pray about making a stop-in to the church for some prayer time before the Lord on Fridays a priority. I would also ask that if anyone discovers a specific time on Fridays when the sanctuary is empty, please notify me so that I can get the word out and encourage someone to attend at that time.

Thank you all for your love for Him. Just a reminder that, during your time in the chapel, please refrain from moving or touching the monstrance inside the tabernacle. Only the door should be touched, when you open and close, in reverence. The sub-theme for the month of April is our young people, the youth of our church which, I'm happy to say, seems to be increasing in numbers lately! Be sure to pray especially for them when you're in the chapel in May. Our parish has a need for altar servers and you might especially pray that God will lead them to serve.

Peace to you!

Denise Minor, dminor92@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

AFCE replaces RCIA to offer instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with interest in being members of the Catholic faith. If you, a spouse or friend wishes to learn more about Catholicism, you may contact the office at 434-589-5201 for more info.

Group meets every Sunday at 9:30am in St. Elizabeth in the Parish Hall.



ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	20-May	Wedding/reception	11:00a	Church/Hall
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	21-May	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	22-May	Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	123
Tues	23-May	Yoga	11:00a	F
		Choir Rehearsal	5:30p	Church
Wed	24-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Troop 138/1138	7:00p	F
		Worship Committee	7:00p	123
Thurs	25-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
		Parish Mission Talk	7:00p	C
Fri	26-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
		Parish Mission Talk/ Adoration/Confession	7:00p	C/Church
Sat	27-May	Parish Mission Mass/ Brunch/Talk	10:00a	C/Church
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	28-May	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall)	R - St. Raphael (Church)	
		E - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	M - St. Michael (Church)	
		C - Commons (Church)		



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study meets each Monday from 1:00pm to 2:00pm (**May 22, last meeting**) Please join us in Room E in the Parish Hall.



SIGN UP TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JES
in the Adoration Chapel
M - Th, 6am - 8pm

The Adoration Chapel Schedule is posted in the vestibule on the wall for all to see. You can choose your own slot.

Contact: Denise Minor
dminor92@gmail.com

MINISTRIES
In the
Spotlight

The Good Shepherd Health Ministry
is hosting a



SENIOR HEALTH



Coffee Social

INVITE A FRIEND & JOIN US IN THE CHURCH COMMONS!



31 MAY | WEDNESDAY
2023 | 9:45AM

At **10:30** we will begin an interactive
presentation based on

**‘THE FOURTH QUARTER OF YOUR
LIFE, Embracing What Matters Most’**

BY ALLEN HUNT AND MATTHEW KELLY

For more information. Please contact the Parish Nurse,
Catherine Heffley, RN: caheffley@aol.com

**FIRST EVER MEMORY ALBUM
OF STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH**

Many exciting things are happening as we prepare for our 40th Anniversary, and there is so much history to honor!

In continued preparation for our 2026 Celebration, we invite you to share your special thoughts and memories about Sts. Peter & Paul Church. What is your first recollection? When did you arrive? Who was our Pastor at that time? What significant experiences here hold a special place in your heart?

Our goal is to create an archive of your presence in our parish family for today and for future generations. If you have something to share with us, contact Eileen or Tim Monahan at emttouch@gmail.com.

Thank you for your participation in this fun, and memorable journey!



Mission Week - Eucharist & Family
Thursday, May 25 - Saturday, May 27

Let's mark our calendars as we celebrate Pentecost with Mission Week which will encompass spiritual talks and prayerful reflections that can inspire, empower and motivate us throughout life's journey. The focus will be on **Family & the Eucharist** as related to this year's theme: "*We are the Eucharistic Church Serving the Family of Christ.*" Guest speaker, Carrie McKeown Delaney, Founder of Wings to Fly (www.wingstoflycm.com) will be our guest speaker throughout the mission.

Mission Week Schedule (in Commons & Church)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
May 25	7:00pm - 8:00pm	God's Covenantal Love
May 26	7:00pm - 8:00pm 8:00pm - 10:00pm	Do We Really Believe? Adoration/ Confession
May 27	10:00am 10:45am 11:00am - 12:00pm	Holy Mass Brunch God is Building Up an Army



ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Used Medical Equipment



All refurbished medical items are given at no charge, but monetary donations to help with operating expenses are gratefully accepted.

Please visit: www.allblessingsflow.org or
Call 434-422-8888

Email: allblessingsflow@yahoo.com



THE KNIGHTS' KORNER

The Knights of Columbus meet monthly. If you'd like more info or the opportunity to join, please contact: **Doug Mullinex at 434-981-6950**

Annual Yard Sale

June 9 - 10, 2023

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's yard sale. Please contact Cynthia Aycock, 434-996-6065, if you can help.

Thank you to

Town & Country Storage for providing storage space leading up to the sale.

When	Time	What is Needed
June 4	1:30pm	Trucks & people to haul & set up
June 5 - 10	Open	Set up: Sort & Organize
June 9 - 10	7 am to 4:00 pm	Sell items



Sts. Peter and Paul is in need of a reliable cleaning person to clean both the church and Parish Hall twice weekly (negotiable).

If you know of anyone, maybe you have a housekeeper yourself, that has experience, availability and is insured, please encourage them to talk to Karen in the office.

Please contact Karen Davidson at: 434.589.5201 or karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org



Virginia Department of Veterans' Services

Are you a U.S. Veteran in need of help? Visit the Fluvanna Community Center, 5725 James Madison Hwy by appointment only. Appointments are only available on the first Wednesday of each month from 9am to 11:30am. Call Pamela Zirkle & Jeannette Flint at 434-529-6431 to schedule your appointment. www.dvs.Virginia.gov

Does your marriage need a boost? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it -- you DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Experience! For more info or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with questions.

Upcoming Dates:

Sept 22-24, 2023, Crowne Plaza in Herndon, VA
Nov 17-19, 2023, Holiday Inn in VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Early sign up is recommended.

Charlottesville Catholic School is hiring for the 2023-2024 school year. Currently seeking an Elementary Teacher (JK-5th), a full-time Spanish Teacher (teaching Spanish I and II) and a School Counselor. Teacher applicants should have a current Virginia State Teaching License.

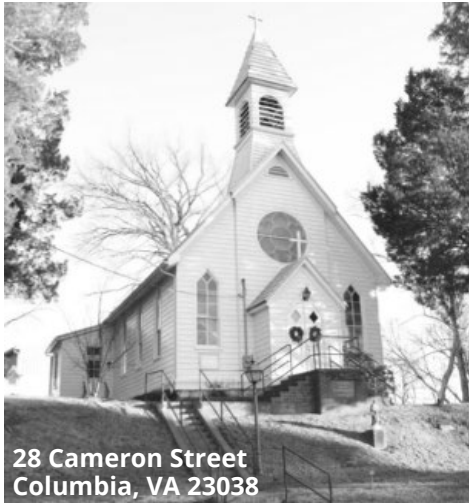
If you are interested in applying, please send a resume along with a diocesan Application, three letters of reference and a copy of your teaching license to:

Charlottesville Catholic School,
 Attention: Vada Fallica, Principal
 1205 Pen Park Road
 Charlottesville, VA 22901
 or via email to: vfallica@cvillecatholic.org

Did You Know?

- In AD 380 the Roman emperor Theodosius made Christianity the state religion, calling the new religion Catholic. In one generation, Christians went from being persecuted to becoming the official religion of the Roman Empire.
- The containers or vessels that hold saint's relics are called Reliquary.

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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ASST., Marianne Stewart-Carbocci | 434.589.5201

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PRISON MINISTRY

Will Kulick | 540.308.5152

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ROUNDTABLE CHAIRMAN

Denny Barberio | 434.981.0678

LADIES AUXILIARY

INTROSPECTIVE

May 21, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.

— Father John Muir



140th Anniversary Event*

Sunday, May 21st - Children's Mass

Our special Children's Mass today will be followed by a talk and presentation on the early parishioners who

kept the faith and educated the families in and

around Columbia. Hear about the one-room

schoolhouse that existed for over 40 years, and how one of our

parishioners was awarded the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" Papal Medal of

Honor, the highest award that could be attained by a female. We hope

you will join us for these and other stories following Mass today in the

Parish Hall.

Our next upcoming event will be on June 11th, celebrating the Feast of

Corpus Christi with Mass at 11:00am followed by a procession through

Columbia. Please visit our Facebook page for a full calendar of planned

anniversary events.

**All events are themed with a focus on history, faith, education or community.*



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Seeking Christ in One Another

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one’s bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I’m sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord’s Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I’m sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed. But we don’t hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that “it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you.” And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are too few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it. But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us.

“Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.” — Psalm 27

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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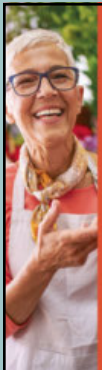
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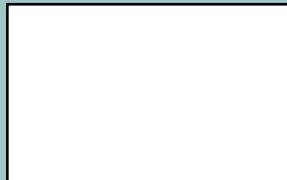
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