

WE THANK everyone who shared a portion of their blessings to God through your church.

May 1 & 2, 2021: Regular Collection: \$2,304.00, Building Fund: \$310.00, Cemetery: \$30.00, Seminarians' & Priests' Ed: \$536.00 *Thank you!*

NOTE:

Although we must continue to pray for our sick, our elderly and their families, some names have remained on the list indefinitely, so we have removed all for now. Please inform us if you know of someone who is ill and needs prayers.

In the future, names will be removed after two weeks, unless we are notified that they should remain for another two weeks.

MONEY COUNTERS (Note your day):

Monday, May 10: Clara Jozwiak, Peggy Husky, Gene Malinowski, Judy Willitzer.

Monday, May 17: Dorothy Bielski, JoAnn Horton, Mark Jozwiak, Alvin Malinowski.

**WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

Best Wishes and Congratulations to:

Elizabeth/Larry Gurka, May 4— 47th
Janie/Albin Mikolajchak, May 6— 49th
Janice/Marty Kubezcka, May 18— 36th
Diane/Brennan Peterson, May 18— 36th
Virginia/Alvin Malinowski, May 21 — 55th
Janis/Edward Kmiec, May 23 —40th
Patricia/Gerald Novak, May 24—52nd
Bebe/Joe Gurka, May 26—59th
Jenny/Kieran Tobin, May 27—20th
Susan/Joe Gutkowski, May 31—35th

The Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be pleased to provide Marriage Certificates, signed by Bishop Joe Vasquez, to any of our parishioners who, in the year 2021, are celebrating a milestone anniversary of 25 years, 50 years, or 60-plus years (60 plus any year greater than 60). If you wish to have one of these certificates, please call our Parish Office during normal office hours (8:30 am to 3 pm on Thursdays or Fridays).

CASINO NIGHT

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday May 15 in the parish hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM.

Tickets are still available: Contact Eddie Kmiec 979-277-8815

Knights: please come to the parish hall at 11 am on Saturday morning to help set up.

Those who would like to donate items for the Casino Night Silent Auction, please drop them off at the parish hall on Saturday morning, May 15.

BAZAAR INFORMATION

The deadline for notifying us of Raffle Prizes you are donating, is June 1st. (call Virginia-979/836-0080). We are accepting items for the Live Auction (Crystal-979/251-4048), and 'gift cards' (\$5-\$25) for the Target the Card Booth. You may consider donating gift cards you have received and not used. This booth is our most popular at Bazaar time, and we need plenty of cards! You may place your gift cards in an envelope with your name on it and mark it "Target the Card" and drop it in the collection basket.

We're accepting hunting/fishing/outdoor items for the Outdoor Booth, as well as sponsorships. September 5th will be here before we know it, so think about an item for the Bazaar when you are out shopping!

Thoughts for Your Meditation

True love is difficult to define. And it becomes more difficult when one tries to define it without connection with God. In our day and age, what most people call love are merely fleeting series of feelings, excitement, lust, and even illusion.

The search for the definition of Love in God will lead us to examine love as one of the characteristics of God. When we talk about God loving us, we are talking about God's mercy, His kindness, charity, and sacrifice for our sake. So the fundamental basis of love is selflessness which means doing something for another's sake even at the cost of one's life.

In the Gospel today (John 15:9-17), our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a commandment, which is to love one another as he loved them (and us) (John 15:12). He went further to define true love as sacrificial: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13). He went further to qualify the designation "friends" as representing all those who do what he commands; and what did he command? That they should love one another!

We know that love is misunderstood and misapplied among us. Lust has been rendered as love, just as fleeting excitement or attraction, mere appreciation, fondness and other emotions that primarily serve the interest of the so-called lover not the loved. For love to be genuine and divine, it must be for the interest of the loved not that of the lover.

In Jesus Christ we discover the full meaning and expression of that kind of love. He came because of God's love for us (John 3:16) and suffered and died so that we can have life and be healed (1 Pet. 2:24). From this viewpoint, we understand that love goes beyond the shallow attributes we often give to it. It is not only selfless, it is also sacrificial. In love we discover one important CONSTANT and that is giving (letting go). That means to love is to give (to let go): for instance: "God so loved the world that he GAVE his only Son". The lover must be ready to let go something of a greater value.

Today in the Gospel Reading, our Lord began and ended his exhortation with the commandment to love. We must not then take it lightly. Hence, we are called upon to attend to this commandment of loving one another as he loved us. Practically, this calls for the breaking down of the walls of enmity, the walls of hatred, the walls of apathy, the walls of disunity, and the walls of segregation that have torn families, communities, races, and nations apart. To love is thus not an option but a grave duty we must perform. In fact, it is a necessity and we have no excuse not to love, as without love we have no business with God.

When our Lord Jesus Christ said 'love one another', he was thus saying that we should stop being wicked, we should stop being selfish. He was saying that we should adopt utter generosity, care, and kindness to all, irrespective of differences of backgrounds and dispositions. This we saw very clearly in the First Reading (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48) when God's love reached out to the Gentiles and they also received the Holy Spirit: "God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35).

As we launch into the Sixth Sunday of Easter, let us be attentive to the Lord's command that we must love one another as he loved us. Love is actually the fundamental phenomenon that drives the Christian life.

Rev. Fr. Boniface Nkem Anusiem PhD

Congratulations to Claire Louise Laskowski, who received her First Holy Communion on May 2nd, and we ask for God's continued blessings on Claire, her parents and friends.

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

“Charity is the soul of the holiness to which all are called: it governs, shapes, and perfects all the means of sanctification.

‘If the Church was a body composed of different members, it couldn’t lack the noblest of all; it must have a Heart, and a Heart BURNING WITH LOVE. And I realized that *this love alone* was the true motive force which enabled the other members of the Church to act; if it ceased to function, the Apostles would forget to preach the gospel, the Martyrs would refuse to shed their blood. LOVE, IN FACT, IS THE VOCATION WHICH INCLUDES ALL OTHERS; IT’S A UNIVERSE OF ITS OWN, COMPRISING ALL TIME AND SPACE—IT’S ETERNAL!’
[St. Therese of Lisieux].”
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 826)

THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

Speak out with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth: The Lord has set his people free, alleluia.

Sat. May 8	6:00 PM	+VINCENT P. & DOROTHY KITOWSKI by Family
Sun. May 9	9:00 AM	+CLAUDIA BRONIKOWSKI by Justin Kubicek
Wed. May 12	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Thur. May 13	8:00 AM	+THE HOLY SOULS by Patricia/Michael Huse
Fri. May 14	8:00 AM	+Deceased members of the PINKNEY FAMILY by Patricia/Michael Huse

ASCENSION SUNDAY—THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky? The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia.

Sat. May 15	6:00 PM	ALVIN & VIRGINIA MALINOWSKI, for Blessings—55th Wedding Anniv.
Sun. May 16	9:00 AM	+BARBARA GURKA by Denise/Tim Murski ASCENSION SUNDAY
Wed. May 19	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Thur. May 20	8:00 AM	+Deceased members of the BEAUMAN FAMILY by Patricia/Michael Huse
Fri. May 21	8:00 AM	MIRIAM JONES by Patricia/Michael Huse

From the Office of the Bishop

“Effective May 23, 2021, Pentecost Sunday, the temporary protocols for the celebration of the sacraments initiated during the COVID-19 pandemic will be rescinded, and the temporary dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which I granted because of the pandemic, will be lifted. I joyfully invite all Catholics back to in-person participation in the sacraments and the life of the parish. [...] Although the COVID-19 dispensation will no longer be in effect. [...] anyone for whom attending Sunday Mass would pose a serious health risk is excused from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.”
Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez, Bishop of Austin

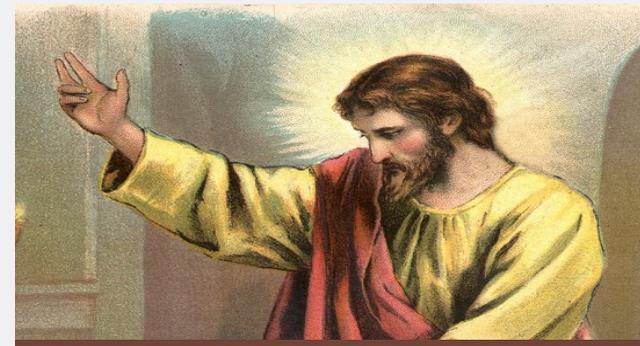
Father Jozef is continuing the ongoing study on the Catholic Faith, each Wednesday at 6:30 pm (following the 6 o'clock Mass) in the rectory. This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge of the Bible and the riches of our Catholic Tradition and doctrine.

ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS 77426

MAY 8TH & 9TH, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Anyone who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; John 4:21

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Regular Mass Schedule:

Saturday :	6:00 PM
Sunday:	9:00 AM
Wednesday:	6:00 PM
Thursday & Friday:	8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 5-5:45 PM/ Sun. 8- 8: 45 AM and 30 minutes before weekday Masses

Sacrament of Marriage: Call at least 6 months before the planned wedding.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Parish Office at least 2 weeks in advance.

Parish Boards and Councils / Chairpersons:

- Parish Council: Mark Bilski
- Cemetery Board: Kenneth Kettler
- Building & Maintenance: Lloyd Stelter
- Altar Society: Gertrude Nowak
- Religious Education: Peggy Husky
- Knights of Columbus: Darrell Loukanis
- Hall Committee: Janie Mikolajchak

