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May 5th, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 "The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also."

Reading 2: 1 John 4:7-10 "God is love."

Gospel: John 15:9-17 "No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friend."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	04	5:00 p.m.	ML	David Kodadza	✠	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday	05	8:30 a.m.	KW	Beaumont & Mary Forester	✠	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday	05	10:30 a.m.	SH	High School Seniors		Sixth Sunday of Easter
Tuesday	07	8:30 a.m.	ML	Edwin Simon	✠	Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter
Wednesday	08	6:00 p.m.	ML	Bill Nittler	✠	Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter
Thursday	09	8:30 a.m.	KW	Boyd & Sally Forester	✠	Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter
Friday	10	8:30 a.m.	SH	Shirley LeClaire	✠	Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter
Saturday	11	5:00 p.m.	ML	For an Increase in Religious Vocations in the Diocese of Dodge City		Ascension of the Lord
Sunday	12	8:30 a.m.	KW	Eugene & Adela Mae Becker		Ascension of the Lord
Sunday	12	10:30 a.m.	SH	John Dohm	✠	Ascension of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

In last week's gospel, we reflected on Jesus as the vine, and we as the branches. In it, Jesus made it clear that without him, we can do nothing. Yes, it is true that without Jesus you and I can do nothing. This is the reason why he is giving us the commandment of love today so that we can remain in his love. It is, however, unfortunate that the word love is one of the most misused words in our world. People express love to one another and end up disappointing each other. In the context of Christianity, the word love is one of the most precious and cherished. God is love. Because of that he created the world with love. That is why after he had finished creating all things, he saw them to be good. In his love for man, God has enhanced the dignity of humanity by giving humanity a share in his divinity. It was for this that, after creating all his creatures, God brought them to the man to name them. Again, seeing how the world was being destroyed, God - out of love - sent his only begotten son to redeem it (Jn 3:16). Jesus, who came into the world out of God's love, has given us the commandment of love, which cuts across all the readings of today. According to Jesus, as his Father loves him, so he loves us. If that is the case, you and I should also remain in his love (Jn 15: 9). In doing so, we will love one another. If we live in the commandment of love, there will be peace in the world. Jesus has given us an example to follow by laying down his life for our salvation. Jesus did so out of love. In our second reading, we are told that everyone who loves is begotten by God, and knows God. This is because God's love is in him. - Father Patrick

CHURCH NEWS

- **You are Invited:** Bishop John B. Brungardt will ordain Carson Haupt to the order of Deacon at 10 o'clock in the morning on Saturday, June 1, 2024, located at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. Please join in celebrating the Ordination Mass and sharing in the reception that follows.
- **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress:** All are invited to attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress (bilingual) September 13-15, 2024 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. The weekend will include prayer, adoration, witness talks, the Holy Mass, an outdoor Eucharistic Procession and more. There will be a special youth event as well. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.dcdiocese.org/40hours>
- **Nationwide Invitation to Prayer from March 25 – June 2024:** On March 26, 2024 the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a case that has the potential to make a major impact in the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to offer a daily Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life, for the end of abortion and for the protection of women and pre-born children. The prayer and more information can be found at www.usccb.org/prolife/nationwideinvitation-prayer

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Edna Swayden, Karma Redgate, Isaac Venters, Theo Miller, Rayann Rucker, Ken Ricke, Jim Pulliam, Kelli Young, Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Ralph & Myra Dick, Eileen Schmidt, John Eck, Juanita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, Mary Eck, and Kelly Capansky.

For the Faithful Departed:

Bill Nittler, Beatrice Ricke, Ruth Blick, John Dohm, Ruth Ann Simon, Randy Ricke, Roger Ringer, Helen Eck, Shirley LeClair, Norman Fischer, Peyton Theis, Sandy Blick, Sandy Ricke and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Triston Boor, Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Luke Fisher, Michael Castaneda.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

Brenna Ricke (May 4th), Mike Rogers (May 4th), Kenneth Larkin (May 5th), Ryan Stephenson (May 9th), Landry Warner (May 10th)

Ministry Schedule for May 11th –12th

Week 2	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Mason Eck	Chris Tharp	Brian Withrow
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	John Hern	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Mason Eck/John Hern	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Paul/Jacque Totty Michelle Eck	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Brian Withrow Julie Thompson
Servers	Drake Schmidt Ashtyn Schmidt	Volunteer	Volunteer
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Norman and Becky Clouse
Sacristan	Karin Traffas	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
Rosary	John Hern		Leroy and Diane Seiler

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