

STEWARDSHIP SPOT: Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself –my skills and talents, my time and resources—will best demonstrate my love for God's people?



“If abortion isn’t wrong, then nothing is”
St. Teresa of Calcutta

We are still in need of greeters/ushers for Saturday nights. Also could use another person to read. Please consider putting forth your time and talent for this ministry. Call the office and leave your name and we will contact you.



~~~~~ Easter Time ~~~~~

**Year B, John 15:9-17:** No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.



Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

We are being invited to begin the "**Novena of the Holy Spirit**" on **Thursday, May 9**--or the traditional **Feast of the Ascension**. The Diocese usually requests parish participation in this--at least to invite parishioners to prepare for the **Feast of Pentecost** on **May 19** with this prayer. They are available as a bulletin insert and more at the church office.



“When we work hard, we must eat well. What a joy, that you can receive Holy Communion often! It’s our life and support in this life – Receive Communion often, and Jesus will change you into himself.” Saint Peter Julian Eymard

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**ANIMA CHRISTI:** Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash over me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; Within your wounds hide me; Separated from You, let me never be; From the evil one protect me; At the hour of my death, call me; And close to You bid me; That with your saints, I may be, praising You forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**Monthly Devotion for May ~ the Blessed Virgin Mary**



“In the hierarchy of holiness, it is precisely the ‘woman’, Mary of Nazareth, who is the ‘figure’ of the Church. She ‘precedes’ everyone on the path to holiness; in her person ‘the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she exists without spot or wrinkle’”.

--John Paul II *Mulieris Dignitatem*, 1988

**AN ACT OF CONTRITION** (*outside the confessional*): O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they [have] offend[ed] Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.  
**Amen**

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:** My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen**

**The Holy Father's Intentions for May 2024 For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians:**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Come join in the prayer of the Rosary before Mass. Saturday at 4:55pm & Sunday at 7:25am.