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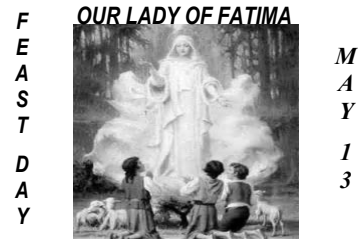
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 12, 2019**

"I have made you a light to the
Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of
salvation to the ends of the earth."
— Acts 13:47b

Our Lady of Fatima
*Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.*



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
Rectory Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG
Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM Winter
9AM - 6PM Summer
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held
at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603

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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11
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Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM	8:00 AM	-----
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

May 12, 2019

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SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

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MOTHER BLEST

Though she was the Mother of the Lord, yet she desired to learn the precepts of the Lord, and she who brought forth God, yet desired to know God.

—St. Ambrose

MOTHERHOOD

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

—Anonymous

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be a 2 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament today after the 10:30 AM Mass.

Father Alfred will expose the Blessed Sacrament before he leaves the church.

There will not be Benediction for lack of a priest on site.

Our Lady of Fatima would be pleased if you could stay awhile and pray for vocations.

May 12, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30

Today's Intention-Frances Kasun

Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-33,34-35
Sun., May 19th, Fr. James D. Zatalava (Ruth & Daryl Dittsworth)

Cathedral Mass Intention

May 13, Monday: Our Lady of Fatima

Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

6:45 AM Christina Flanagan (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

12:00 AM All Catholic Daughters

May 14, Tuesday: Saint Matthias, Apostle

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

6:45 AM Evelyn Adams (Great Grandchildren)

12:00 PM Mary Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

May 15, Wednesday Saint Isidore

Readings: Acts 12:24-13: 5; Jn 12:44-50

6:45 AM Dottie Berger (McNelis All Stars)

12:00 PM M/M John Vogel Wed. Ann.(Mary Gene & Maureen)

May 16, Thursday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth Anniversay (Husband)

12:00 PM Dot Cole/Corsaro, Ann.(Jim & Jane Smith)

May 17, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

6:45 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

10:00 AM Holy Trinity Catholic School/ May Crowning

12:00 PM Leo and Alice Winkler (Family)

May 18, Saturday: Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Readings: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

8:00 AM Dave Baronner (Bernie & Suzy Behe)

12:00 PM Jim and Jane Smith, Wed. Anniversary

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

5:00 PM Deceased Members Kurdziel & Sadel Fam.

Easter Evening Prayer - Every Sunday in Easter Season the Cathedral Parish gathers at 6:30 PM for Evening Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

CONGRATULATION - FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 2019

Piper Durgin, Kendall Durgin and Henrick Hosgood received First Communion on April 28th at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.

May 12, 2019 Scripture Reflections

Witnessing to the Good News of Jesus Christ can be fraught with danger, but we can be assured that we will be victorious if we heed the voice of the Good Shepherd.

In the First Reading, we hear of Paul and Barnabas' missionary work in Antioch of Pisidia. We see that their message is not well received by some of their Jewish brethren, which provides the context for their declaration that God has sent them to be the light to the Gentiles. Persecuted and expelled from the region, they move on in joyful confidence that their mission has been inspired by God. A word of caution: we should not take Luke's word as a condemnation of Judaism. Rather, he was simply trying to give a reason for why the Good News spread beyond its original boundaries to the rest of the world.

The second Reading provides a commentary on John's vision of a great multitude of people in white robes - a symbol of victory - carrying palm branches, typically used to greet kings returning from battle. An elder informs him the people are the martyrs who endured the great persecution. God now shelters them and the Lamb shepherds them.

In today's Gospel, Jesus assures his followers and warns his detractors by saying that he knows his sheep and they know him. His sheep hear his voice and, because he gives them eternal life, no one can harm them ever.

- **What do you think it means that Paul and Barnabas "shook the dust from their feet"?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg.85

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

Rite of Sending

On Sunday May 19, at the 10:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral, Our Lady of Fatima eleventh grade Confirmation candidate, Gretta Levine will be sent forth to be Confirmed with the Cathedral group by Bishop Mark Bartchak.

Confirmation

Our Lady of Fatima candidate, Gretta Levine will be confirmed on Tuesday, May 28th, at 7:00 PM. with the Cathedral candidates.

Religious Education - PK/8

The final F.I.R.E. class will be held in the Cathedral Hall on May 19, 2019 from 6:15 until 8:15 PM. All Service Hour forms are due now.

Vacation Bible School 2019

"Set Sail With the Holy Trinity"; July 29 to August 2. Ages 4-10 more information to come.

MOTHER'S DAY

God bless all our mothers, living and deceased. We remember our Mothers with the following prayer. Thank you to all who have given us life and shared your love with us:

"Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so You watch over your Church. Bless these women so that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

May 12

John 10:27-30

"The works that I do testify to me." Jesus walked the talk. He was a shepherd who "knew his sheep and they followed him." Mother's Day gives us the opportunity to celebrate the unconditional love of mothers. Whether living or dead, a mother's love always invites us to follow her example by loving generously and selflessly.

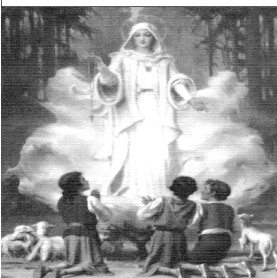
Independent Catholic Foundation News

The Independent Catholic Foundation seeks applicants for the 2019 Welge Scholarship which provides financial assistance to worthy parishioners who are entering their junior or senior year of college and are a member in good standing here at Cathedral Parish. Applications are available in the parish office or can be downloaded from the "Grants" page of the Foundation website, www.icfdaj.org. Completed applications, including the pastor's signature, are due no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, June 15.

Collection May 5th = \$ 1646.10

BIRTHDAYS: Dan stitt, Jr. 5/16; Tom Colledge 5/19; Jim McKnight, Jr. 5/19; Jonathan Carper 5/21; Connie Kowalski 5/21
Anniversaries: Paul and Sue Masic 5/18; Justin and Jenn Adams 5/21

There will be a baptismal preparation session for infant baptism on Tuesday June 4th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Seton Suite. Parents need not wait until your baby is born to attend the class. All parents are expected to attend this informative meeting regarding your baby's baptism.



OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

FOR

PEACE AND OFFER

SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!



Diocesan Seminarians with Bishop Bartchak and Fr. Reese

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS is Sunday, May 12, 2019. The theme that Pope Francis would like us to focus on is, “***The courage to take a risk for God’s promise.***”

Pope Francis, in his message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, says, “The Lord’s call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a ‘cage’ or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking.”

The world in which we live would like us to believe that to follow God is to limit our freedoms, but the true restriction is living a life without a complete, open, loving relationship with our God which sometimes can only be lived by answering a call to draw closer to him more intimately by entering into a religious vocation of priesthood or religious order. Some people who may want to draw closer to God may be asking about how to do so.

Pope Francis continues in his message, “I think primarily of the call to the Christian life which all of us received at Baptism. It teaches us that our life is not a fluke but rather a great gift: the gift of being God’s beloved children, gathered in the great family of the Church.”

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To understand our calling in life can only be done when we understand our call to Christian living through our Baptism which, as Pope Francis says, teaches us that life is a great gift of being God's children in the family of the Church. Every family member has a role to fulfill. So also every member of the Church has a role to fulfill. YOU have a role to fulfill in the great family of the Church!

Who are your future priests? They may be your sons, your brothers, your cousins, your grandsons. They may be your classmates, your employee, your friend. The future priests of this Diocese and the universal Church live in your midst now! They are discerning and listening for the voice God speaking to them in their hearts. They are praying, and they are asking questions. Will YOU be there to help them and encourage them?

On this WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS remember the Pope's theme, "***The courage to take a risk for God's promise.***" Our Church, our Diocese, NEEDS men and women who are strong enough to have the courage necessary to take a risk by answering yes to God's call to priesthood and religious life in order for God's promise for all people to be fulfilled.

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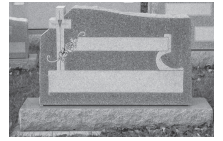
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