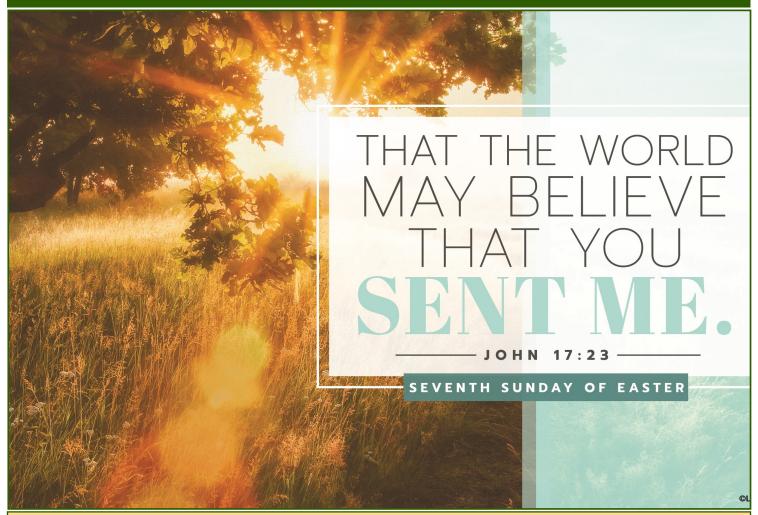


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Emmanuel Catholic Church **which means**, **God is with us**, is a faithful community of believers dedicated to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through word, sacrament, and service. As a parish family of God, we live by faith, truth, and love as we value the sanctity of life in all its stages and make the Holy Eucharist the center of our lives. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the consultation with our parish ministries, we desire to be witnesses of God's presence as we share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with God's Family.

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PARISH REGULAR SCHEDULE

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Every Friday at 6:30pm—7:30pm (after 6:00pm Mass) except for First Fridays.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Every Thursday after the 8:30am mass or call the parish office

BAPTISMS

Sundays at 1:00pm. Schedule one month in advance. Contact Parish Office.

WEDDINGS

Contact Deacon Tony at least 6 months in advance

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

5:00pm Vigil Mass 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

GIFT SHOP

Monday & Wednesday 8am-1:00pm

Tuesday Closed

Thursday & Friday 8am-1pm

Saturday Closed

4th Sunday of the Month 10:00AM-1:30PM

NOTE: Gift shop will be closed when the parish office is closed

ROSARY GROUP

Monday-Friday after the 7:30am Daily Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday after the 8:30am Mass

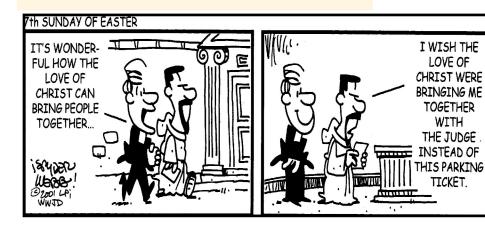
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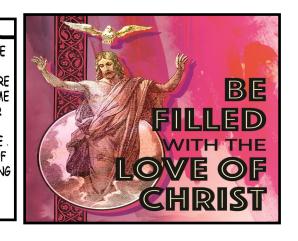
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PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 02 6:30A
Tuesday, June 03 6:30AAdoration 10:00AFaith Sharing
Wednesday, June 04 6:30AAdoration 4:00PSoulCore
Thursday, June 5 6:30A
Friday, June 06 6:30AAdoration 9:00AFirst Friday Adoration 6:00PFirst Friday Mass
9:00AConfession Sunday, June 08

1:00P.....Pre-Baptism Class





PARISH LIFE

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CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 01

7:30A Fr. Zamora 9:00A Fr. Timothy 10:30A Fr. Timothy 12:00P Fr. Theo 6:00P Fr. Theo

Monday, June 02

7:30A Fr. Zamora 8:30A Fr. Carr

Tuesday, June 03

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Timothy

Wednesday, June 04

7:30A Fr. Carr 8:30A Fr. Theo

Thursday, June 05

7:30A Fr. Zamora 8:30A Fr. Timothy

Friday, June 06

7:30A Fr. Carr 8:30A Fr. Timothy 6:00P Fr. Zamora

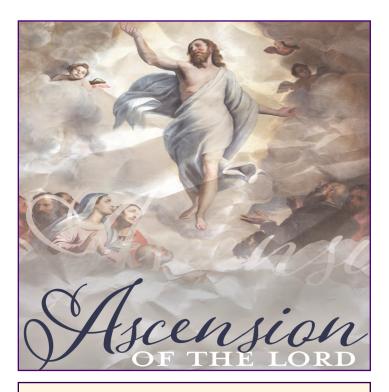
Saturday, June 07

8:30A Fr. Theo 4:00P Fr. Papes 5:30P Fr. Zamora

Sunday, June 08

7:30A Fr. Carr 9:00A Fr. Carr 10:30A Fr. Timothy 12:00P Fr. Timothy 6:00P Fr. Theo





OUR GIFTS TO GOD

May 11, 2025

First Collection \$ 12,637.00 Second Collection \$ 1,229.00 Online (05/11) \$ 2,861.30 **TOTAL** \$ **16,727.30**

May 18, 2025

First Collection \$ 13,595.00 Second Collection \$ 2,520.00 Online (05/17) \$ 5,267.04

TOTAL \$ 21,382.04

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Thank you all for your continued support and generosity!

(May 25 Counting report will be posted in the June 8 issue to accommodate an early submission request from our printers)

JUNE 02-JUNE 08, 2025 | 05

SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

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7:30am *Kris Santiesteban/Birthday by Evelyn Santiesteban

8:30am †Frances Biola by Angela & Mark

*Martha Rodriguez/Birthday -----†Tonia Hubert by Mary Ellen Luddy

Tuesday, June 03

7:30am †James Kenny by Nancy McDonald *Carisema Saint Jean & Family/Thanksgiving by Carisema Saint Jean

8:30am †Provenzano Family by Elisa Kevin McDonnell

†Rose Leirer by Joe & Gina Cox

Wednesday, June 04

7:30am †Jorge Rivas by Cheryl Cheber 8:30am †Helen Nebrotski by Family

†Edward Garofano by Knights of Columbus †All Souls in Purgatory by John & Christine

Thursday, June 05

7:30am †Catherine Snyder by Karen, Patricia & Cathy

†Lourdes Lopez by Haydee Rodriguez

8:30am *Daniel Fernandes by Marie Fernandes

†Agnes & Francis Martin by Daughter & Family

Friday, June 06

7:30am †Souls in Purgatory by Jennifer

8:30am †Susan Maria Pacienza & Family by Christine & John

*Anthony Sadolfo by Family

†Luis Quiñonez by Haydee Rodriguez

FOR PRIFSTS

6:00pm **FOR PRIFSTS**

Saturday, June 07

8:30Am †John Flynn -----

4:00pm

BOOK OF THE DEAD

*Deacon Jedidiah Preble/Sanctification by Monica Paez

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†Trevor Antao by Christina

Sunday, June 08

7:30am *Rev. Fr. Jude O. Okeke by Monica Paez

9:00am *Ladies Guild by Ladies Guild

5:30pm †Theresa & Anthony by Christina

PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS 10:30am

12:00pm †Donna Petricone by Husband

6:00pm †Muriel Meszaros by Meszaros Family

<u>†</u>Alex Chrzanowski by Garry & Debbie Pattazoni

†Julia Disca by Renelia Sevilla

PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

†Mary & Bill Walsh by Children

*Fr. Julian Harris by Vincent Buononato

UNSCHEDULED

*Maria DiBlasi by Tom & Clara Depko †Antonio Picinich by Theresa Picinich †Antonio Picinich by Theresa Picinich †Antonio Picinich by Theresa Picinich †All Souls in Purgatory by Theresa Picinich

*Joann Gerson/Healing by Ladies Guild †Antonio Picinich by Theresa Picinich †Antonio Picinich by Theresa Picinich † Martin Picinich by Theresa Picinich

†All Souls in Purgatory by Theres Picinich

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PRAYER LIST: WHISPER A PRAYER FOR ME L 06

Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers: For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness:

For men and women in the Armed Forces, and their families: AND FOR ALL LISTED BELOW

Joe Delagami Rose Marie Regner Michael Manuele Carla Ruiz Benjamin Robelo Karen McCarty T.J. Genzale Dave Ruiz Victoria Robelo Ms. S. Rose Borsella David Smeraldo Janette Cole Steven Martin Sikes Gianna Pagan Mary Loveland Sam Falcone Patricia Golstein Taylor Dosh Marilyn Martino Gulshan Modena Maggie Dolan Amelita Coz-Zarraga Heather Martin Ronald Griffiths Margie Giaquinto Maria Fernandez Raphael Roman James Ezeilo Brenda Ezeilo Cynthia Martin Francis Martin Hermoine D'Cruz Brigitte Knops Toni Kreamer Gerry Gerhard **Euclides Cerutti** Samuel Gonzales Victorio Ray Wolff Ida Giannettina Josette Weber Ann Cavaseno Charles C.Tufano Angela Discepola Anna Halford Sal Yanello Victor Rivera William Lindner Lisa Della Femina María E. Quiñones Mercado

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pray for us.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION. Lord, I believe and profess that You are truly Christ, Son of the Living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me this day as I partake of your mystical supper, O Son of God. May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord be not for judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of body and soul. I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious Body and Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM STORMS. God our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes and illness which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all fear and anxiety and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind, and the rain. You alone bring peace, calm, and safety. Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge. We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY. Almighty God We stand before you in supplication, Asking Your Divine mercy and protection, To envelop with Your invincible armor, Our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength

Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese,

Against all enemies, Both spiritual and physical, And hasten their safe journey, Back to their homes and families. If it be Your Holy Will That they be gathered to Your bosom, With the eternal vanguard of the saints, Let their journey to Your everlasting arms Be swift and painless, Where they may stand in honor and glory, Praising You for all eternity. Amen



TO ALL CONCERNED: Please help us maintain the Prayer Requests Column with timely status updates. Thank you all!

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 1, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/ Jn 17:20-26 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

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 JI 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/JI 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 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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Gospel Meditation

The famous 20th century St. Padre Pio said once that he would wait outside the gates of heaven until the people in his life had entered. I'm not sure that I, or frankly many people I know, would say that and mean it. Yet that is precisely the kind of attitude we see in Jesus as he prays for us in the Gospel today. Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord just a few days ago, we now hear the Son of God at the Last Supper pray to his Father "that they may be brought to perfection as one" (John 17:23). What does this mean for us?

I'd wager that we are not surprised that Jesus wants to make us perfect — that is, happy, whole, and healed. The shocker is that he desires this for us collectively and not just individually. Perfection is a team sport. We need each other to be perfect. Jesus is like a mother longing for her adult children to learn how to be in loving support of one another. He wants the perfection of his disciples to be not some individualistic plan of moral uprightness, but a loving communion of brothers and sisters.

Let's apply this practically. Do I see my participation at Mass as something I do merely for my own peace and edification, or as something I do with and for the people around me? Do I see my ongoing need for forgiveness as something that simply makes me feel better, or as a task that heals those around me, too? Is my dearest hope to individually get to heaven when I die, or is it to be part of the great procession of souls, together marching towards the heavenly Jerusalem? Do I want to be in heaven with people I currently find difficult? How would my life change if I did?

- Father John Muir

EMBRACING YOUR ROLE IN THE GREAT COMMISSION

In Luke 24:46-53, a pivotal moment unfolds as Jesus shares His final words with His disciples before ascending into heaven. This passage captures the essence of His mission and the call to action for His followers. Jesus explains that the Scriptures foretold His suffering, death, and resurrection, emphasizing the importance of understanding His purpose. With these words, He reminds the disciples that they are part of a larger story, one that brings hope and salvation to the world.

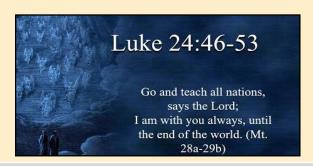
At the heart of this passage is the command to spread the message of repentance and forgiveness to all nations. Jesus instructs His disciples to be witnesses of these truths, urging them to share the good news. This call is not limited to the original followers; it extends to all believers throughout history. The message of love and redemption is meant to be shared widely, as it has the power to transform lives and bring hope to those in need.

As the disciples absorb this powerful message, they might have felt a mix of excitement and fear. After all, they had witnessed the astonishing events surrounding Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Now they were being tasked with carrying that message to the world. The weight of this responsibility could be daunting. Yet, Jesus reassures them that they will not be alone. He promises that they will be "clothed with power from on high," referring to the coming of the Holy Spirit, who will guide and empower them for the mission ahead.

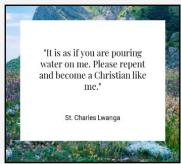
This promise of the Holy Spirit is a source of comfort and strength. Individuals often face challenges that may seem overwhelming, but the assurance of divine support can make all the difference. Just as the disciples were given the power to spread the message of Christ, believers today can rely on the Holy Spirit to guide and empower them in their daily lives.

As Jesus ascends into heaven, the disciples are left gazing up in awe. It's a moment of wonder, but one can only imagine the conversation that might have followed. Picture Peter turning to John and saying, "So, do you think He'll send us a postcard from heaven? Maybe a 'Wish you were here' note?" John, always the thinker, replies, "I hope He remembers to take a group photo!

Today's gospel message encapsulates the commissioning of the disciples and the promise of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' words inspire all of us to embrace our role in sharing the message of hope and love. The disciples' experience reminds us that, while the journey may be challenging, we are never alone. With faith, support, and a touch of humor, the call to spread the good news becomes a joyful adventure.



Saint of the Week - St Charles Lwanga & Companions (1885 - January 27, 1887)



One of 22 Ugandan martyrs, Charles Lwanga is the patron of youth and Catholic action in most of tropical Africa. He protected his fellow pages, aged 13 to 30, from the sexual demands of the Bagandan ruler, Mwanga,

and encouraged and instructed them in the Catholic faith during their imprisonment for refusing the ruler's demands.

Charles first learned of Christ's teachings from two retainers in the court of Chief Mawulugungu. While a catechumen, he entered the royal household as

assistant to Joseph Mukaso, head of the court pages.

On the night of Mukaso's martyrdom for encouraging the African youths to resist Mwanga, Charles requested and received baptism. Imprisoned with his friends, Charles' courage and belief in God inspired them to remain chaste and faithful. For his own unwillingness to submit to the immoral acts and his efforts to safeguard the faith of his friends, Charles was burned to death at Namugongo on June 3, 1886, by Mwanga's order.

Reflection

Like Charles Lwanga, we are all teachers and witnesses to Christian living by the examples of our own lives. We are all called upon to spread the word of God, whether by word or deed. By remaining courageous and unshakable in our faith during times of great moral and physical temptation we live as Christ lives.

Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: In today's Gospel, Jesus prays for me. And for you. And for all the people who woke up this morning and headed to Mass because, while it's true that God is everywhere, the Body and Blood of Jesus is only found in one place.

That the World May Believ

I love today's Gospel because, in it, Jesus prays for me.

And you.

And the guy sitting next to you at Mass. And the priest, and the altar server, and all the people in all the churches in all the towns in all the world who woke up this morning and headed to Mass because, while it's true that God is everywhere, the Body and Blood of Jesus is only found in one place.

And he prays for the barista who will sell you your coffee later today and see your crucifix and hear you say, "God bless," and think, "That's a weird necklace, and I don't believe in God," but who will one day, at her lowest point, wonder if anyone ever truly loved her, and remember the sight of that broken and bloodied Corpus.

Today, Jesus prays for the person you passed on the way into the parking lot this morning, the one who doesn't go to Mass anymore but who always walks his dog on this street, on this morning, for reasons he can't explain.

He prays for your great-great grandparents and your great-great grandchildren.

"Those who will believe in me through their word." That's me. That's you. That's us. We're the ones who believe through the word of the Apostles, who bore witness to the life and death and Resurrection of the God-Man, Jesus Christ, and whose testimony to that life is an eternal flame illuminating the understanding of every human being who will ever say, "I believe."

But if we listen to what Jesus says today, we must understand: it's not just the Apostles' job, and it's not done. It's not a book that is closed. It's a mission that is alive and ongoing, and it's as much ours as it was theirs: that the world may believe that you sent me.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Answer:

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively. and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches vour life today: what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God. (Acts 7:55)

Psalm:

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. (Ps 97) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rv 22:13)

Gospel:

"Father, they are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world." (Jn 17:24)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Father, they are your gift to me." This is what Christ says of his disciples. It is what he says of us. "I wish that where I am, they also may be with me." Do we have the courage to be where Christ is? Can we be the gift?

Observances for the week of June 1, 2025

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of

Easter; World Communications Day

Monday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Norbert, Bishop

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday



Devotions, Explained!

Though it is a less common practice in the modern world, early Church fathers like Tertullian and St. Jerome extolled the importance of praying after a meal, an action meant to inspire an attitude of thanksgiving and an acknowledgment of our dependence on God.

Prayer of Christian Unity

Help us to be one, Lord Jesus, as you prayed to the Father. Gather us all to you, diverse in culture, gift, call, way of life, and perspective.

May the love we have for you overflow into the love we have for each other.

Amen.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Give us the Wisdom to Follow God's Will to Serve

I often lead group prayer with similar words: "Give us the wisdom to know Your will for our lives and the courage to follow it as we seek to make our community a clearer reflection of the Kingdom of God." The words acknowledge that we need to be about God's will, not our own, and in that journey, we will bear greater witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

We talk about how we are called to live a stewardship way of life and that we have been given many good gifts, but it is never truly about us. We are never the main thing. In the same manner, it is never really about our parish. Our combined stewardship may lead to many fruits, like an increased offertory or more vibrancy in parish life. However, it is always about the Kingdom of God and the King, Jesus Christ.

Through our stewardship, we allow our parish community to shine like a city on a hill for others to see and then be drawn toward Jesus Christ. It is about leading people to heaven. Our actions of stewardship do not point toward us but instead to the one who calls

us to this life. Our constant prayer needs to be that we always seek to discern God's will and follow it instead of our own. By doing that, we can transform our own lives, our parish communities, and then the world around us.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS @LPi



GOD'S GAME OF TELEPHONE

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh.

As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.

But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.

Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.

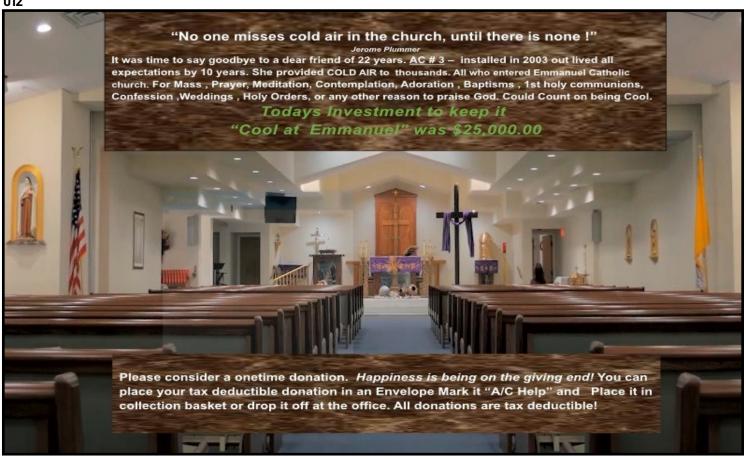
In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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you to sign up today. We're excited to welcome all our kids back next year as they continue growing in their faith.

To register, simply scan the QR code below or pick up a paper form at the parish office.



To pay by credit card:

Please scan the QR code below to access the Giving section of our website. Scroll down and select "CCD Payment" from the Fund dropdown menu. Cost is \$35 per

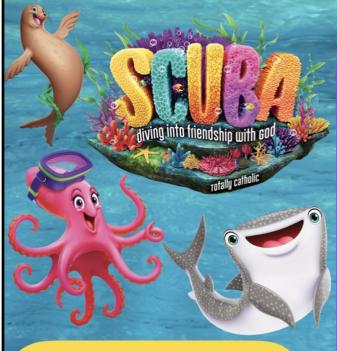






Vacation Bible School (VBS) - June 6-8th





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We're looking for parents as well as junior high & high school students to volunteer for our VBS Summer Program from June 6th to June 8th! This is a great opportunity to earn community service hours while helping children grow in their faith and learn about God through fun activities. Volunteer hours are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. We hope the youth of our parish will answer the call and help us make this one of our best summer programs yet. To sign up, simply scan the QR code above!

Registration is now open for our VBS Summer

Program, which will be held from June 6th to 8th for children in Pre-K through 5th grade at our parish. On Friday and Saturday, drop-off will be at 9:30 AM, with pick-up at



REGISTER NOW

3:30 PM. On Sunday, drop-off will be at 9:00 AM, and pick-up will be at 12:40 PM. To register, simply scan the QR code above. Registration is completely FREE! Don't miss this opportunity for your children to kick off their summer with this three day event filled with engaging, fun, interactive faith-based activities. SIGN UP TODAY!

DONATIONS NEEDED

Dear Parishioners,

We are reaching out to our generous community to request your support in covering the costs of our Vacation Bible School (VBS) Summer program for children. This program is offered free of charge to families, as we believe that financial barriers should not prevent children from participating in this opportunity to engage in fun, faith-based activities while strengthening their spiritual growth.

If you are able to contribute, we would be deeply grateful for any donation. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office, or to make other arrangements, please contact Jean or Sandra in the Religious Education Department at 561-496-248 Ext. 1005..

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support!

PRAY FOR OUR KIDS

"Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sinks deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime."

PRAY FOR OUR VBS

"Dear God, thank you for going before us as we prepare for VBS. Help us meet any need of supplies, decorations, and volunteers we may have. Provide the opportunity for families far and wide to attend VBS. Thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of these kids in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else you are glorified in our VBS."

Scan the QR Code with your phone camera to get to the diocesan SAFE **ENVIRONMENTS** page for direct contact information or for more resources.



Escanee el código QR con la cámara de su teléfono para ir a la página diocesana de **ENTORNOS SEGUROS para obtener** información de contacto directo o para obtener más recursos.

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