

May 7 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

**"DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS
BE TROUBLED."**

Jesus, as your disciples, our hearts are troubled.
Is there some escape, we ask,
from war, gun violence, racism, climate change?

Be with us now, please.

To know you is to know and love
the Father and the Spirit.
And that is everything. No fear there.

You are our way, our truth, and our life.

Wherever you abide is the place
that we always want to be –
circling in eternal, self-giving love,
with you, the Father, and your Holy Spirit.

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What is God Really Like?

That is a very profound question, asked by children and adults alike. Answers range from the image of an old man in a white robe with a beard; the all-seeing eye on the back of the dollar bill; "the big guy up there." Such answers seem frivolous when we think about the dynamic force behind the Big Bang from which evolved everything in the billions of galaxies that we know exist. What is such a God really like?

The disciples were probably not thinking of astrophysics when they asked Jesus about God. Their questions flowed from Jesus' constant reference to God as "Father." That title in itself tells us something about God. It tells us that God, like a father, is the source of Jesus' being and existence.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that he is about to return to his Father. He also assures them that they also will have a place with the Father. However, like us, they still are not sure what this Father is like. Jesus responds to their lack of understanding and suggests: "Look at me!" His life is lived for others. He is one who cares for those in need rather than walks past them, who forgives rather than condemns, who endures misunderstanding without retaliating, who tolerates the pettiness of others without being snide. Why is it so hard for us to realize that this is what God is really like?

The disciples want to know what God is like. Jesus says, "Look at me"!

Want to see God? Observe Jesus.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

May 7 – Allie Walke
May 14 – Carl and Bertha Mistler
May 21 – Donna Hoover

MASS INTENTIONS

May 6 – Jim Schuler
May 7 – Dan Bauerle
May 13 – Mark Eckstein
May 14 – Trudy Bauerle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – May 13 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Morgan Busch, Ella Wagner
Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff
Gifts: Joe and Janet Wagner
EM: Terry Harmeyer (Hall), Janet Wagner, Rita Kress

Sunday – May 14 at 10:00 AM

Lector: Grace Truesdell
Gifts: Graduates
EM: Cindy Weisenbach (Hall), Kevin Tunny, Katie Spreckelson

Saturday – May 20 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Ava Wagner, Ella Wagner
Lector: Judy Steuri
Gifts: Mark and Rosie Lunsford
EM: Roseann Wirth (Hall), Judy Steuri, Beth Simon

Sunday – May 21 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Amanda Schutte, David Hardesty
Gifts: Greg and Amy Kinker
EM: Dana Newhart (Hall), Susan Schutte, Vicki Wagner

PARISH SUPPORT

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| Adult Envelopes | \$2814.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | \$ 14.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$ 317.00 |
| Total Regular Collection | \$3145.00 |
| Capital Improvement | \$335.00 |
| Easter | \$40.00 |
| Catholic Home Mission | \$474.00 |
| Smorgasbord Donation | \$170.00 |

**MAY ALL YOUR GIFTS TO GOD, ESPECIALLY
YOUR LIFE, BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOD.
THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK'S OFFERING!**

"One could summarize the diaconal spirituality...of service...ready to say yes, docile, without making life revolve around one's own agenda; and...looking at everyone, especially those left out, those who feel excluded...To receive not only the needy, but those who have pain...I entrust this to you." ~ Pope Francis

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked this weekend in the St. Anne Room following the Masses.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – Wednesday, May 10, 6:45 PM, is the last class for children in Preschool through Grade 5. The Award Program will be held in church at 7:20 PM.

A catechist meeting for those who teach Preschool through Grade 5 will be held on Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 PM. Thank you for your faithfulness in teaching our children this past school year.

YOUTH OUTING – Plans are underway for a trip to Cincinnati for a Reds ballgame on Sunday, May 21. More details next week!

175 YEARS – Though only in Napoleon for four years, from 1934 to 1938, Fr. Edward Eisenman accomplished much. He had a new roof put on the church, improved the drainage system, and re-surveyed the church property, as well as the whole town. He also had the cemetery overhauled, pulling the stones, releveling, and putting in a drainage tile down the center.

REFLECTIVE THOUGHT – "Jesus reveals to us a God who is as close to us as the poorest person is. I keep marveling at the radicality as well as the simplicity of Jesus' message. He breaks right through all the questions about what to do in order not to offend God and places the poor in front of us saying, 'This is me...love me.' How radical and how simple" (Fr. Henri Nouwen, Copyright 1998, Crossroad Publishing).

BRUNCH – The Batesville Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 14, serving from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Fried Chicken will be added after 10:00 AM. This is a free will offering and benefits the Special Olympics and the Knights of Columbus Charity Account.

HEALING SERVICE – Join Fr. Whittington for a Eucharistic Healing Service on Tuesday, May 16, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Sunman. Confessions are from 6:30-8:30 PM; praise & worship music at 6:45; and the service at 7:00 PM. Come, receive prayer!



OUR GRADUATES

*Cassidy Harmeyer
Nick Miller
Clare Spreckelson*

Graduates, you are a vessel of clay.
You carry the treasure of God's Spirit in you.
Be an empty conduit for God's grace.

Ask for humility,
so that you can truly be God's vessel.
God needs you to be a vessel of His love,
to be a vessel of goodness.
God has touched thousands
through a single vessel.
Each day, you are touched, called,
and challenged by God to grow.
Seek only to be a perfect vessel of grace.

Congratulations!

**OUR GRADUATES WILL BE HONORED NEXT
SUNDAY, MAY 14, AT THE 10:00 AM MASS.**

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

May 13 – Brian Horan, Gary Wagner
May 20 – Joe Wagner, Ken Hellmich
May 27 – Dennis Wagner, Eric Busch

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

May 14 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
May 21 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide
May 28 – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny

PRAYER – Lord Jesus, when there is conflict within our family or community, send your Spirit to guide us to reconciliation and unity, we pray. Amen. Alleluia! (The Redemptorists)






THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question: "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

"He's an artist!" a little boy replied.

"Really. How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"Our Father, who does art in Heaven," the boy replied. (via Mrs. Donna Benson Albuquerque, NM, The Joyful Noiseletter)

May 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | Preparing for Rummage Sale | Preparing for Rummage Sale | Preparing for Rummage Sale RE Classes 6:45 PM Mass and May Crowning 7:00 PM | Preparing for Rummage Sale |  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 - Noon Rummage Sale 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM | Rummage Sale 8:00 AM - Noon Mass 4:00 PM Pick Pockets Blood Pressure Checks |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 175th Committee Meeting 8:30 AM Last RE Class 8:30 AM Mass - 10:00 AM Pick Pockets BP Checks Donuts & Coffee | | | Last RE Class 6:45 PM Attendance Awards Program in Church 7:20 PM | | | Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Sixth Sunday of Easter SENIOR GRADUATION MASS 10:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY Donuts & Coffee | | | Catechist Meeting 7:00 PM | Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM | | Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Missionary Priest ARMED FORCES DAY |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
|  FEAST OF THE ASCENSION Mass - 10:00 AM Missionary Priest Donuts & Coffee | | Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM | | | | VIGIL OF PENTECOST Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|  PENTECOST SUNDAY Mass - 10:00 AM Donuts & Coffee |  Memorial DAY | | VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH  For church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world. | | |