

Dear Visitation Family,

Shalom (Peace)!

This is the Sixth Sunday of Easter! Easter season may end soon **but the message and mission of the Risen Lord will and must continue to the end of times and to the ends of the earth, through the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ.** This divine commission entrusted to the Growing Intentional disciples cannot be accomplished without help from above. Aware of this truth, **the Scripture readings for this Sixth Sunday of Easter provide a marvelous segway.**

With the school year ending, and graduation ceremonies crowding our week, we are reminded about the great changing of seasons and the promise of new beginnings. **Our Faith tells us that through every season, we will be able to carry out our mission only through God's power, promise, and presence.**

*"The Father will give you another Advocate to be with you always", says Jesus (Jn 14:16). "When the apostles heard that Samaria had accepted the Word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:5-8,14-17). **The Holy Spirit is the POWER** that is given for our mission to be GROWING DISCIPLES of & for Jesus. Therefore, at His Ascension, the Lord Jesus asked His disciples to begin a novena for the Pentecost (prayer printed on the next page).*

*"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to him"(Jn 14:23) was the verse we sang before today's Gospel. **Grace is the PROMISE** of Jesus, the indwelling of the Triune God in us that comes through our loving obedience to God's commandments. "Thy Will be done" are the four words that present the greatest challenge of Christianity" says Matthew Kelly in *Resisting Happiness* (pg 36).*

*"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you" (Jn 14:18). These parting words of Jesus at the Last Supper came to fruition at the institution of the Eucharist. In the Post-Resurrection era, we have come to understand and experience that **the Eucharist is the PRESENCE** of the Living God at Mass and in our tabernacles. He is there for us here and now.*

Our congratulations to all those who are graduating! Please remember that all of us are Growing Disciples in the school of Jesus all through our lives. Our Discipleship formation never ends. We will all encounter struggles along our way. **Together with the Power (Holy Spirit), the Promise (Grace), and the Presence (The Eucharist) we are also given the armor (the Rosary) of our Blessed Mother to persevere daily. With these heavenly aids we will never fail in our mission. "Go forward, Christian disciples!"**

God bless and Mary protect you!

Yours in Christ's service,

Fr. Edwin Kagoo

THY WILL, LORD!

Announcements

(Please submit bulletin announcements 2 weeks in advance of the expected publication date.)

Congratulations, Graduates: May God bless you in your future endeavors! **Rosebud-Lott H.S.** – Dawson Hering, Teran Willberg, Luke Petru, Marshal Kahlig, Helen Heese; **Rogers H.S.** – Taylor Frei, Jonathan Frei, Briana Hrabal, Brittany Hoff; **Troy H.S.** – John Meyer (Salutatorian); College: **Texas A&M** – Jonathan Willberg, B.S. in Agricultural Economics; **UT of Arlington** – Barry Neimeyer, B.S. in Microbiology; **Texas State** – B.S. History, minor in Exercise Sports Science, Secondary Teaching Degree.

Next Sunday Mass at 10am.

Special collection next weekend for the Archdiocese for the Military Services which provides access to the sacraments, the spiritual guidance of a Catholic chaplain, and authentic Catholic education to all those who serve, wherever they are. Please be generous.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion -

“Required Day of Prayer and Ongoing Formation for Commissioning” on Saturday, June 3rd. All current and new EMHCs are required to do the following:

1. Be compliant with the diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministries policy (contact Linda Lorenz to check your status).
2. Attend the Day of Prayer and Formation for EMHC in the parish (the Spring session is Saturday, June 3rd from 9am-noon).
3. Be present at the commissioning ceremony at the Corpus Christi procession on Sunday June 18th.

On meeting these requirements you will be commissioned by the diocese through the local pastor to serve as EMHC in our parish for the year 2017-18.

Memorial Day Tribute will be held Sunday, May 28th. Mass will be at 10am (there will NOT be another Sunday Mass that day) followed by a tribute to veterans. Lunch and a bake sale will be held in the Parish Hall to support the Westphalia Historical Society. If you would like to supply baked items, drop them off at the hall before the 10am Mass.

KC Corporate Communion will be May 28th – all members please sit in the front pews of church.

A Community-Wide Garage Sale will be hosted by Westphalia Knights of Columbus at the Westphalia Parish Hall Pavilion on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 7am-noon. Booth space is free. To obtain a booth space or be placed on a map - contact Ken or Teresa Jezicek @ [254-584-5840](tel:254-584-5840). Sausage wraps and drinks will be available for purchase from the KCs.

DID YOU KNOW?

This Tuesday, May 22, 2017 is the 122nd anniversary of the dedication of our church. Our parish, established in 1883, had two previous churches that were destroyed in a short time. Soon after, the parish church as we see it today was constructed and completed in February of 1895. The dedication was done by Bishop Gallager of Galveston diocese on May 22nd, 1895. In three years from now, God willing, we will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of the dedication of our parish church. We are grateful to God and to our ancestors for their beautiful gift to us and to posterity for God's greater glory!

Holy Spirit Novena

Dearest Holy Spirit, confiding in Your deep, personal love for me, I am making this novena for the following request, if it be Your Holy Will to grant it: (mention your request).

Teach me, Divine Spirit, to know and seek my last end; grant me the holy fear of God; grant me true contrition and patience.

Do not let me fall into sin.

Give me an increase of faith, hope and charity, and bring forth in my soul all the virtues proper to my state in life.

Make me a faithful disciple of Jesus and an obedient child of the Church.

Give me efficacious grace sufficient to keep the Commandments and to receive the Sacraments worthily.

Give me the four Cardinal Virtues, Your Seven Gifts, Your Twelve Fruits.

Raise me to perfection in the state of life to which You have called me and lead me through a happy death to everlasting life.

I ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Calendar for Summer Vacation – Please include daily Mass, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, regular confessions, Family Rosary, Scripture readings, and Works of Mercy as part of daily activities during this summer. Remember, we need God at all times!

<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>		<i>May 21, 2017</i>		
	May 20th	May 21st	May 27th	May 28th
	<i>Saturday, 6:00pm</i>	<i>Sunday, 8:00am</i>	<i>Saturday, 6:00pm</i>	<i>Sunday, 10:00am</i>
Intentions	Special Intentions for the Joe & Katie Wilde Family +Erwin Kahlig +Gladys Kahlig +Geraldine Frenzel	Parishioners	+Florene Gudat +Robert Hoelscher +Leonard Wilde +Leonard Buxkemper Special Intentions for the Henry and Nettie Beach Family	Parishioners Veterans
Altar Servers	Emma Hering, Preston Hering, Nate Hoelscher, Elizabeth Ordner	Adam Herwald, Mike Lewis, Helen Gausemeier, James Lorenz	Kolby Kosel, Kelby Kosel, Brenden Doskocil, Kasen Ordner	Nolan Kahlig, Logan Kleypas, Bryce Fikes, Maddie Dach
Lector	Shawna Ranly	Tammie Frenzel	Laurie Hoelscher	Susan Neumann
Gift Bearers	Charles Moeller Family	Graduates	Mike Heise Family	Veterans
Ushers	Walton Hering & Carl Hubik	Marvin Meyer & Edward Meyer	Mike Heise & Michael Heise	Gary Frei & Gary Ketterman
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Kerri Meier	Debby Meyer	Amanda Moeller	Janet Loden
Money Counters		Chris & Peggy Hrabal and Georgia Ketterman		Louis & Jerlene Vrana and Horest & Bernice Weaver
Rosary Leaders	Calvin & Cheryl Wilde	Jr. & Belinda Hering	Calvin & Cheryl Wilde	Jr. & Belinda Hering
Vocations Cross Family		Chris & Peggy Hrabal		Georgia Ketterman
Church Cleaners	5/20 & 5/27	Margaret Moeller, Pauline Hoelscher, Darlene Fikes, Jenette Driska, Courtney Hargrove, Jenny Frei		
Weekday Mass Intentions	May 23rd	May 24th	May 25th	May 26th
	<i>Tuesday, 8:00am</i>	<i>Wednesday, 7:20m</i>	<i>Thursday, 8:00am</i>	<i>Friday, 8:00am</i>
	Special Intentions for Joan Burns	+Charlotte Ann Thornton +Bernard W. Kahlig	Ascension +Erwin Hoelscher	+Larry R. Hoelscher +Gilbert Wilde +Pauline Wilde

Sanctuary Candle – in Memory of Robert & Leona Brenek and Ben & Zita Kahlig

Please pray for the sick & suffering:

Josie Kleypas, Dennis Fuchs, Beatrice Arnold, Steven Pletzke, Sr. Clemence Ribitzki, Pattie Pletzke, Mike Meyer, Kyla Frei, Bobby Bulls, Cathy Didner, Sr. Benedict Zimmerer, Don Drake, Al Buckholt, Gene Kreger, Hudson John Halfmann, George Wright, Charles Ordner, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, and Grace Hoelscher.

Free Book for Easter – Have you picked up your parish Easter gift: Best known author, Matthew Kelly’s recent publication – *Resisting Happiness*? If you haven’t, please contact the parish office.

Bible Study -We are in the sixth session of the 8-week *Quick Journey Through the Bible* by Jeff Cavins. It is exciting to see so many of you showing great interest in the study of the Word of God. All are welcome.

Meetings:

Adult Choir Practice 5/24 @ 7:00pm

CYO 5/24 @ 7:00pm

Bible Study 5/18 @6 pm in Centennial room in the Parish Hall

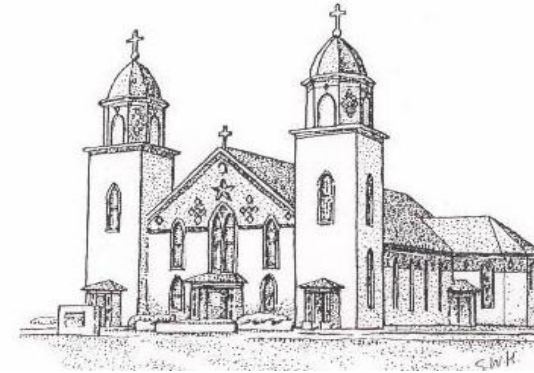
Offerings:

May 14 \$2,027.00

Children’s Collection \$21.00

Shrine of Imm. Conception \$225.00

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Deacon Bill Smetana

Deacon Charlie Wright

Deacon Julian Tyboroski

Saturday Mass – 6:00pm

Sunday Mass – 8:00am

Reconciliation: Sat. 5:20pm - 5:50pm and Sun. 7:20am – 7:50am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

05-21-2017

Our Mission is:

TO SEE JESUS
In life and liturgy

& TO BE JESUS

In family and community