THE BULLETIN



May 12, 2024 ASCENSION OF THE LORD



MUSINGS + MESSAGES

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Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, which marks the end of the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. While he is no longer physically present to his disciples, they still perceive his spiritual presence and remember what he said and did during his time among them. His final commandment to his

disciples, to "proclaim the gospel to every creature," is also given to us. In our Family of Parishes, aptly named "Disciples Unleashed," we strive to proclaim the Gospel message in various ways—in worship, education and formation, Christian service and charity, engagement, and family ministries.

The Gospel is not one-dimensional; it is multi-faceted and expressed in many ways. Indeed, we proclaim the Gospel formally through homilies and catechetical presentations, but it is also proclaimed informally by acts of kindness, charity, and service. The Gospel is also exercised when we have fun at concerts,

Connecting Point

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What do I need to continue my Mission for Christ?

The Ascension marked a major decision point in the lives of Christ's Disciples. As Jesus was taken up into heaven, they had to decide to face any fears or apprehensions head-on and forge ahead without their fearless team leader by their side. Although Christ shared the groundwork and elements needed for their ongoing Mission to spread the Gospel, the goal has yet to be fully realized.

The entrance antiphon we sing for the celebration of Ascension calls us to focused action: "Men of Galilee, why sit and wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw Him go. Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Continuing this Mission with focused action is **not** *Mission: Impossible*. With the right tools, determination, tenacity, and faith, we, too, can use our God-given gifts and talents to spread the Gospel. The following list includes specific tools to ponder on our Mission for Christ.

Clear Objective: Draw others to Christ.

Intel: The Devil is constantly hacking away at our plans. He gets into our psyches through the smallest details, even causing us to question our-

selves, our worth, and our abilities. Be aware of him and constantly be ready to thwart his efforts to draw us away from our Mission.

Team: Assemble and associate with a trustworthy group of co-workers who have diverse skills and talents. That's Church! There is power in the Body of Christ!

Equipment (Provisions): Our best nourishment is the celebration of Mass, where we are fed spiritual food for the journey in Word and Sacrament. Through prayer and worship, we gain more acute powers of surveillance and navigation, as well as communication tools to overcome obstacles, including complacency and sin.

Training: Take advantage of opportunities for continuing education to be adequately trained and up-to-date with the latest techniques, mastering specialized skills for sharing the love of Christ in various daily scenarios.

Plan: God calls us to be different things for different people at different times. He gives us what we need. Pray that God's plan unfolds within you fully as a Disciple Unleashed. Stealth & Disguise: Never use an inyour-face approach; always maintain a low profile of genuine care and hu-



mility, which goes a long way toward furthering the Mission of love.

Timing: Vigilant readiness, awareness, and focused attention are crucial for seizing the moment of opportunity. Strike (gently) in moments of need when vulnerability can work in your favor.

Execution: Do and say everything with love.

Each of us is called to live the Gospel in different ways. Personally, I need the unconditional love of my immediate family to continue my vocation in serving the people of St. Isidore. God has called me to use the gifts and talents he has crafted in me

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CALENDAR

MAY 12 - 19

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- 9 AM OFFICE HOURS
- 8 AM MASS
- 9:45 AM MASS/ CHILDREN'S CHURCH
- 11:45 AM MASS/ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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- 9 AM MOBILE MEXICAN CONSULATE
- 9:30 AM STRETCH & STRENGTH
- 2 PM **ROSARY**
- 5 PM **GROW: GR. 1-6**
- 5 PM MISSION: GR. 7-8
- 6 PM EVANGELIZATION MTG
- 6:30 PM **GROW: GR. 1-6**
- 6:30 PM **MISSION: GR. 7-8**

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- 7 AM **AA MEETING**
- 8:30 AM **MASS**
- 9 AM MOBILE MEXICAN CONSULATE
- 1 PM **GRIEF SUPPORT**
- 5 PM GROW: GRADES 1-6
- 5 PM MISSION: GRADES 7-8
- 6:30 PM **GROW: GRADES**
- 6:30 PM MISSION: GRADES

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8:30 AM **MASS**

- 9 AM MOBILE MEXICAN CONSULATE
- 9:30 AM STRETCH & STRENGTH
- 10 AM LITTLE WAY ROSARY MAKERS
- 5:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSALS
- 6:30 PM **FAITH, FUN, AND FRIENDS**

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- 7 AM **AA MEETING**
- 8:30 AM **MASS**
- 9 AM **BOOK CLUB**
- 9 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
- 9 AM MOBILE MEXICAN CONSULATE
- **3 PM CONFESSIONS**
- 6:30 PM LECTIO: EUCHARIST
- 7 PM CBS OF MICHIGAN

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OFFICE CLOSED

- 8:30 AM **MASS**
- 9 AM MOBILE MEXICAN CONSULATE
- 9:30 AM STRETCH & STRENGTH
- 10 AM **FUNERAL SIELI**
- 5 PM **K OF C FRATERNAL NIGHT**

SAT

18

- 3 PM OFFICE HOURS
- 8 AM ARMOR OF GOD/ K OF C
- 12 PM CONFIRMATION LUNCH
- 1 PM CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL
- 1 PM SILVER ROSE SERVICE & SOCIAL
- 4:30 PM **MASS**

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19

9 AM OFFICE HOURS

- 8 AM MASS
- 9:45 AM MASS/ CHILDREN'S CHURCH
- 11:45 AM **MASS/**
- CHILDREN'S CHURCH
- 1:30 PM SENIOR CARD GROUP
- **3 PM CONFIRMATION**

EVENTS



SAT | MAY 11 | 8:00 PM

ORCHARD LAKE PHILHARMONIC CONCERT

Come out to a great concert of the Orchard Lake Philharmonic Orchestra which includes Msgr. Kasza on flute! This movie-themed concert at St. Therese includes music from *Magnificent Seven, Golden Pond, ET, Moon River, 007* and more!



NOW THROUGH MAY 30

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

The St. Therese K of C and Christian Service Commission have teamed up again to support the Compassion Pregnancy Center in Clinton Twp. Change a life by picking up and filling a baby bottle with spare change, bills, or a check (made out to St. Therese) and returning it to the parish office by May 30. Bottles are available in the Gathering Space.



THU | MAY 16 | 5:30 PM | ST. FRANCIS-ST. MAXIMILIAN

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST & K OF C SPAGHETTI DINNER

Please join the St. Francis-St.

Maximilian K of C on Thursday, May
16, as they welcome guest speaker
Colleen Vermeulen from the Catholic
Biblical School of Michigan (CBSM).
Before her presentation, the Knights

will host a spaghetti dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. A free-will offering is appreciated. All are welcome to enjoy an evening filled with music, adoration, confession, and good food!



FRI | MAY 17 | 7 PM | ST. ISIDORE

PENTECOST CONCERT

Join us for a Pentecost concert featuring the combined music ministries of St. Isidore, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Francis-St. Maximilian parishes. This special event will celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit with an inspiring selection of hymns and choral

pieces that reflect the joy and unity of our faith community. Come and experience the powerful harmony of voices from three vibrant church communities as we come together to lift our hearts in praise. This concert is open to all and promises to be a moving and uplifting experience.



SAT | MAY 18 | 8 AM | HOLY HOUR AT 7 AM

ARMOR OF GOD MEN'S GROUP

Join us for the final session of Armor of God (including a Holy Hour beginning at 7 AM). We are looking forward to the discussion!



SAT | MAY 18 | 2 - 4:30 PM | ST. FRANCIS-ST. MAXIMILIAN

MARY'S LOVING HANDS SPRING TEA

Mary's Loving Hands Spring Tea will host guest speaker Brother Tien Dinh from Solanus Casey Center's "On The Rise Bakery." Seating is limited. Reserve your seat by emailing Carol Gawel at Carol24G@hotmail.com. Doors will open at 1:30 PM, and lunch will be served from 2 to 2:45 PM. Consider bringing a free-will offering and school supply donations.



SAT | MAY 18 | AFTER 4:30 PM MASS

K OF C SILVER ROSE SERVICE

St. Therese of Lisieux's K of C council is privileged to host a Silver Rose, displayed on the altar during all Masses the week of May 13. There will be a special service following

4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, May 18, in the Social Hall as we pray in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and respect for life. A social gathering with light food and refreshments will follow.



SUN | MAY 19 | AFTER ALL MASSES

K OF C COFFEE AND DONUTS

The Knights of Columbus will host the next Coffee and Donuts after all Masses on Sunday, May 19. Fill up your cup spiritually at Mass, and then see the Knights in the Gathering Space for your fill of coffee, donuts, and fruit. You are invited to linger awhile as you visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!

EVENTS (CONT'D)



TUE | MAY 21 | 1 - 4 PM

PET PANTRY

On Tuesday, May 21, from 1 to 4 PM, the Humane Society of Macomb will host a Pet Pantry at St. Therese. Free dog and cat food will be available for those in need to help our fourlegged friends. All are welcome!



THU | MAY 23 | 12:30 - 5 PM

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE

On Thursday, May 23, St. Therese will host a Versiti Blood Drive from 12:30 to 5 PM. The Versiti Blood Company supplies blood to all of our communities' Henry Ford and Corewell Hospitals. Please consider helping someone in need. If you are interested in donating, please call for an appointment at 866-642-5663 or visit bit.ly/41g81UM.



SAT | JUN 1 | 12 PM

BLESSING OF BIKES AND MORE

As the warm days of Summer approach, St. Therese of Lisieux is gearing up for a special event that combines faith, community, and the open road. On Jun. 1, parishioners

and visitors are invited to participate in our annual blessing of bicycles, motorcycles, RVs, scooters, new drivers, and any other mode of transportation.





SAT | JUN 1 | 4:30 PM

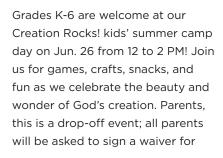
GRADUATION MASS

Calling all 2024 high school and college graduates of St. Therese of Lisieux! Come celebrate your accomplishments with your parish family at the 4:30 PM Mass. Graduates are invited to wear their gowns, cords, sashes, medals, etc., to this Mass, but please do not wear

caps. In addition, we want to publish each graduate's picture in a gallery on our website and Facebook page. To do so, we need your pictures no later than Sunday, May 12.

WED | JUN 26 | 12 - 2 PM

KIDS' SUMMER CAMP DAY: CREATION ROCKS!



their child to participate. This event will be nut-free; for all other food allergies, please bring a snack labeled for your child. Kids can bring a friend, but all participants must register. Use the QR code to sign up! For any questions, contact juliel@stol.church.





SAT | JUN 29 | 6 - 10 PM

SOCK HOP

Get dressed up and join us on Saturday, Jun. 29, for a 50s-style sock hop with diner-style food, dancing, and fellowship! Poodle skirts, letter sweaters, and other 50s-style clothing are encouraged but not necessary. \$40 per person or \$75 for two tickets. Doors open at 6 PM, and the event goes until 10 PM.

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MON - FRI | JULY 15 - 19 | ST. ISIDORE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Pre-K through 6th graders are invited to this year's Vacation Bible School with the theme of "Scuba: diving into friendship with God." We can't wait to share our faith and love of God while having some

summer fun. See you in July! If you are interested, please contact Dawn Ormsby at dawno@stisidore.church.

DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

Mission Minute

GROW Program Updates

As we move toward Pentecost, students in grades 1-6 discussed the importance of Jesus' examples of sacrifice and love. Lessons focused on the fact that we can follow Jesus' example by doing small acts of kindness for others. Children also discussed the importance of personal space and respecting one another.

Confirmation at St. Therese

Next Sunday, May 19, forty teens will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Therese.

Did you know this sacrament is one of the three sacraments of Christian Initiation?

In the Roman Rite, the bishop extends his hands and invokes the Holy Spirit with this prayer:

"All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen." CCC 1299

Through the Sacrament of
Confirmation, we receive a special
outpouring of the Holy Spirit as
once granted to the apostles on
the day of Pentecost. Through
this sacrament, we are more
deeply united to the Holy Trinity,
the gifts of the Holy Spirit are

strengthened, our bond with the church is made more perfect, and it gives us the strength to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never be ashamed of the Cross. (CCC 1303)

Let us pray for all who will be Confirmed this Easter Season.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give us a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him.

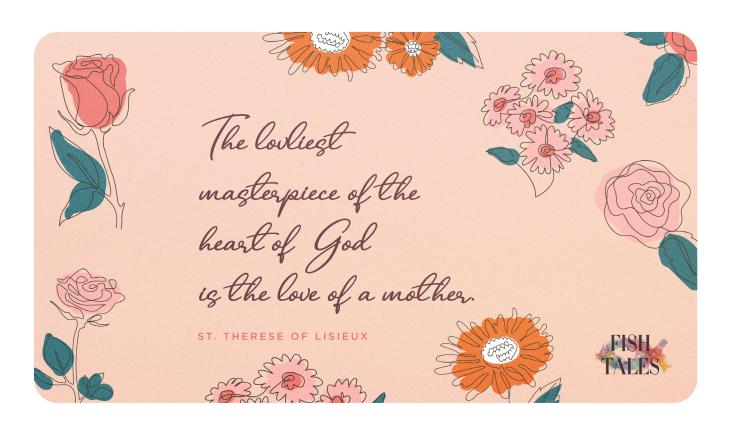
Musings + Messages (cont'd)

trivia nights, and family festivals. Whenever we gather to celebrate our faith and friendship as Christian men and women, the Gospel is realized, and Jesus is made present.

I encourage you to participate in the many summer events throughout our Family of Parishes and around the Archdiocese of Detroit. Take advantage of the opportunity to exercise your faith and share your experience of the Risen Lord.

Connecting Point (cont'd)

thus far for his glorification and the Sanctification of his people. Revisiting that call periodically is essential in adapting to life's ever-changing circumstances. By virtue of our Baptisms, we are all called to our Mission for Christ. May our Mission not be inhibited by what we lack, but enhanced by the power of Christ within us. There is no *Mission: Impossible* with God.



Rice Bowl Return!

If you still need to return your Rice Bowl to the parish office, you can do so until May 24.

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Days

The St. Therese of Lisieux St. Vincent de Paul conference will have Bundle Days on Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9. A truck will be delivered to our parking lot to fill with your donations of clothing and household items (no furniture items, regardless of size!). Please do not bring any donations until the truck arrives on June 8.

By hosting the Bundle Days once a year, the St. Vincent de Paul store gives us unlimited vouchers to use for our needy neighbors as they come to us. Thank you for considering this vital ministry and attending to our needy brothers and sisters.

The drop-off hours will be:

- Saturday, June 8: 12 to 6 PM
- Sunday, June 9: 7:30 AM to 2 PM

Parishioner Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelope packets are mailed out bi-monthly. Sometimes, a parishioner may not receive their packet due to a mix-up with the post office. Please inform the parish office if you have not received your envelopes. The packets are sent out one month before use. Please wait until the end of that month before contacting the office.

You should receive your packet during the months of:

December: January/February Envelopes

February:March/April EnvelopesApril:May/June EnvelopesJune:July/August Envelopes

August:September/October EnvelopesOctober:November/December Envelopes

Ministry Schedule

SAT | MAY 18 4:30 PM

Lector 1: Rick Fisher Lector 2: Paul Bieber

Altar Servers: AnneMarie O.
Usher Team 2: Sam Guzzardo

SUN | MAY 19 8:00 AM

Lector 1: Paul Willhelm Lector 2: Marilyn Kylmala

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed Usher Team 3: Matt Stephan

SUN | MAY 19 9:45 AM

Lector 1: Michelle Mistretta Lector 2: Charlene Tocco

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed Usher Team 4: Tomaz Dopico

SUN | MAY 19 11:45 AM

Lector 1: Jim Thomas
Lector 2: Javne Thomas

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed

Usher Team 1: Ann King

SUN | MAY 19

3 PM - Confirmation

Lector 1: Rick Fisher Lector 2: Diana Devine

Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed Usher Team 6: Jack Simonetta

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Schatko, Mary Ann

Schwartz, Brian

Snodarass. Doris

Stanek, Maryann

Sterling, George

Swanson, Joan

Tikkanen, Jason

Tiedt. Tom

Trent, David

Sterling, Carol

Smith, Felicia

We pray for the sick...

Asterisk denotes newly added name

Adhikary, Erica Adhikary, Holden **Baby Scarlett** Bacheldor, Marv Beaulieu, Michael Beaulieu. Ted Beaulieu, Don Beninati, Patricia Best. Ann Bethune, Larry Binkowski, Madeleine Bliss, Jennifer Bliss, Sarah *Boza, Bill Candela, Violet Cassidy, Barbara Cosentio, Amy DeFauw, Paul Denton, Eden DeRemer, Colin *DiMeglio, Terri Doherty, Lynda Dombrowski, Toni *Dryer, Sharon Fain, Rose Marie

Finkel, Ryder

Fraylick, Kat Fuelling, Ethan Goodman, Debbie Gorka, Ruth *Gulding, Tony Guzzardo, Mary Henig, Louise Herriage, Camryn Hill. Dan Hill, Sandy Hosking, Leanne Jachcik, Bradley Jachcik, James Jachcik, Nancy Jerzy, Pamela Kaja, Hala Klakulak, Mary Kmiec, Eileen Knee, Colleen Kremer, Paul Lieder, Lynn McGuire, Kim Mackowiak, Elaine Mahler, Bill Malane, Sharon Maliskey, Barbara

Maliskey, Larry Matthews, Sue Moreno, Nancy Morrison (Mikov) Vanessa *Neddermeyer, John Nguyen, Bruce Novak, Anthony Okon. Anne Marie Oleszkowicz. Bonnie Overholfer, Jamie Papp, Kimberly Pasque, Evelyn Patterson, David Paulizzi, Olivia Pazin, Delphine Petz, Christine Poma, Teresa Przepiora, Donna Marie Przybylski, Margaret R. Lisa *Rafalski. Lori Rice, Paul Rinehart, Nicholas

Sandstrom, Patricia

Schafran, Barb

Sayen-Bazinet, Sherry

Trent, Dave
VanDerhagen, Barbara
VanDerhagen, Rich
VanDerhagen, Rick
Visconti, Dianne
Volpe, Amy
Walter, Albert
Walter, Julia
White, Dawn
White, Johnny
Wigginton, Jim
Willis, Rose
Willoughby, Claudia
Zoellner, Brent

...and for those serving in the military

SrA Thomas Barone, Air Force 2nd Lt., Michaela Biske Army PVT Jonathan Bulter, Marine HM1 Christopher Burley, Navy SGT Andrew Chapoton, Army Michael Chmielewski, Navy Christopher Chryczyk, Navy Lt. Col. John Cisco, Marines Major Anthony D. Corsi, Army Leonard Cox, Army SGT Christian Jose Curtis, Army LCPL Matthew DeLaney, Marine Jerry Delia, Airforce PVT David Dimattia, Army PVT Jacob Earehart, Army

Ensign Matthew Gordon, Navy
LT David Grzywacz, Navy
Andrew Hall, Navy
PFC Killian Hannon, Army
Major Megan K. Hardesty, Army
Robert Kaljved, Army
LT. COL. Chris Kean, AF
SSGT Griffin Kozak, Marines
Andrew Larsen, Marines
Zoe Lowe, Army
MSGT Eric McCulley, AF
Captain James Miller, Space Force
Nick Radwick, AF
Staff Sgt. Drew Reynolds, AF
Derek Skorupski, Army

CPL. Nathan Taylor, Marine CPT Keith Trojniak, Marines Dante Vanuck, Army SFC Cally Wood, Army SFC Olivia Wood, Army Andrew Zalewski, Navy

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Give us peace. Amen

Mass Intentions

SAT. MAY 11 4:30 PM

For all living and deceased Mothers

SUN. MAY 12 8:00 AM

For all living and deceased Mothers For the people of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish

SUN. MAY 12 9:45 AM

For all living and deceased Mothers For the people of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish

SUN. MAY 12 11:45 AM

For all living and deceased Mothers For the people of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish

TUE. MAY 14 8:30 AM

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

- † Mary Jo Marchione
- † Jerry Wasik (Bday)
- † Mary Louise Molitor
- † Steven Molitor (Bday)

WED. MAY 15 8:30 AM

[†] Frank Recchia Joanne Reiss Jennifer Miller

† Sara Rocca

THU. MAY 16 8:30 AM

†Joseph Pudlo

FRI. MAY 17 8:30 AM

- † Dave Kuptz (Bday) Diane Bilczewski (Bday)
- [†] Bob Zuzga Tim Vanstone (Healing)

SAT. MAY 18 4:30 PM

- † Joseph & Nina Salomone
- † John R. Salada (Bday)
- † Joe Basirico
- † Helen Frankowski
- † Chiara Ruggeri
- † Al Saam
- † John Schoeberle (Bday)
- † Blanche Trudeau & Tommie Lenzini
- † Stella Buzynski & Barb Wilson
- † Lucille Patalon & Pauline Dolsen

SUN. MAY 19 8:00 AM

- † Amy Cervi
- † Virginia Hoffman Szatkowski Families, Nardi Families
- † Earl Schick
- † Chase Malinowski, Lidia Diakin
- † Jack Fravlick
- † Mary Wolfe (1st Anniv.)
- [†] Janet Hartigan, Larry Dluge, Ed & Evelyn Dluge, and Jack & Carol Hartigan
- † Alice Gill
- † Mary Ann Wasik

SUN. MAY 19 9:45 AM

- † Ernesta Serra
- † Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Tuttle
- † Rozalia Chryczyk, Maria Chryczyk & Maria Guzik
- † Diane Tanghe
- † Captain Drew Russell
- † Ed Wiegand
- † Robert Hiddings
- † Jerry & Mary Ann Wasik
- † Maudie Hibdon
- † Angalina Gonino

SUN. MAY 19 11:45 AM

- † Helen Blaisdell (Bday)
- † Gaspare Lombardo
- [†] John & Theresa Berd, Dennis Berd, Vicky Berd
- † Lillian Kasza (41st Anniv.)
- † Joyce Geis, Tom Antkowiak
- † Maria Vassollo
- † Grazia DiMaggio
- † Giovanni Meschini (14th Anniv.)
- † Barbara Kelly
- † Nik Bojaj

Readings

SUNDAY

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

TUESDAY

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

THURSDAY

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

SATURDAY

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25

MONDAY

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

WEDNESDAY

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

FRIDAY

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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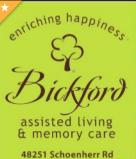
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Saturday 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Lunch 12 - 1 PM (Mon-Thurs)



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