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OLPE, KANSAS

BULLETIN

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Accepting God's Plan

In Fr. Walter Ciszek's book, "He Leadeth Me," he tells the story of his twenty years' imprisonment in Soviet Russia, five years of which were in solitary confinement, and fifteen were in a Siberian work camp.

At one point, he says, "It is a mistake easily made by every man, saint or scholar, Church leader or day laborer. Ultimately, we come to expect God to accept our understanding of what his will ought to be and to help us fulfill that, instead of learning to see and accept his will in the real situations in which he places us daily.... The plain and simple truth is that his will is what he actually wills to send us each day, in the way of circumstances, places, people, and problems.... Each of us has no need to wonder about what God's will must be for us; his will for us is clearly revealed in every situation of every day, if only we could learn to view all things as he sees them and sends them to us.

May proposes many challenges. Parents see their children move on to another year of school or life beyond. Students end their year, often weighed down by tests and grades. The community shifts and changes as people grow up, children take one step forward, and some move on and away. These experiences are all good, but they bring with them sorrow and pain. We must face a new reality - one without the daily contact of our child, friend, or even love. In this time, it can be easy to rebel. We may be tempted to feel bitter. We may want to hold on to what once was but soon will be no more.

Yet doing so will not bring us joy or peace. Though for a moment in our anger and frustration we may feel empowered, this brief pleasure drifts quickly away and we are left empty handed and angry.

The path to joy in these transitions, then, is to accept it all as part of God's plan. This day, with all its sorrows and joys, was made just for us. He has a plan. Though following that plan may cause us to feel loss and at times suffering, we can trust that he will be with us step by step. Embracing him as he leads us forward is the only path to peace.

This knowledge gives us confidence and courage. No matter what this time brings, God will be there. What, therefore, need we fear? As it says in Psalm 23, "Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me. Your crook and your staff will give me comfort."

Whatever this time brings you, then, is the will of the Good Shepherd who loves you. The sorrow you feel is a beautiful part of it all, for it is a result of the love you bear and proof of the gifts God has given you.

Parents, savor these moments, and know that he has something marvelous planned for your children. Graduates, enjoy these days, and trust that God will be with you as you take your next steps. Students, embrace these last few days of school and look forward to the bright summer sun.

Know that I'll be savoring this time as well.
-Fr. Nicholas Ashmore

THIS WEEKS'S GOSPEL: JN 14:15-21

Pastor:
Fr. Nicholas Ashmore
pastor@sjolpe.org

Parish Office:
Hours:
Wed. 5pm-8pm &
Fri. 9:00am-Noon
620-475-3326

Administrative Assistant:
Angie Bolz: angie@sjolpe.org

Mass Schedule:
Saturday - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am
Wed., Thurs., & Fri., - 7:15am

Confessions:
Saturday - 4:00-4:50pm
30 Minutes before every Mass
Extra Time for Lent:
Wednesday from 6:00pm-7:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am-8:20am

Adoration:
Wednesday: 8:00am-9:00pm
in the Church

Other Sacraments:
Contact Parish Office

Parish Contacts:
Funeral Dinners: Linda Deiker, 475-3567
Cemetery: Terry Taylor, 340-5062
K of C: Steve Kuhlmann, 475-3784
Family Life: Kay Schmidt, 475-3767
Outreach: Arlene Redeker, 475-3414
Finance Council: Brian Schmidt, 475-3767
Pastoral Council: Diana Kuhlmann 475-3784
Religious Ed: Rose Redeker 475-3403

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St. Joseph Catholic Church

Announcements

Ministers

Sacristan 05/16 -05/22
Karen Hayes

Lector & Minister:
05/13: Jana Redeker
05/14: Seniors - Lectors
Trish Markowitz - Minister
05/20: Ben Lienemann
05/21: Shirley Langley-Lector
Barb Kuhlmann - Minister

Weekend Servers:
05/13: John Musick, MC
Brylee & Reece Johnson
05/14: Eli Markowitz, MC
Milly Bailey, Kamryn Temeyer, Brody Cole, and Ethan Redeker
05/20: Brayden Lienemann, MC
Trey & Lilly Lienemann
05/21: Brody Cole, MC
Taitlyn Cole, Hana Cole, Destiny Cole and Ava Flott

Offertory Gift Bearers:
05/13: Curt & Bobbie Johnson
05/14: Seniors
05/20: Ben & Christi Lienemann
05/21: Aaron & Michelle Cole

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	05/13:	5:00pm	For the Parish
Sun.	05/14:	8:30am	Liv/Dec Members
			Firmin & Addie
			Schneider Family
Mon.	05/15:		No Mass
Tue.	05/16:		No Mass
Wed.	05/17:	7:15am	+Corrine Frizell
Thu.	05/18	7:15am	+ Marie Kuhlmann
Fri.	05/19:	7:15am	+Marvin, Sylvia,
			& Steven Klumpe
Sat.	05/20:	5:00pm	+Bertha Trear
Sun.	05/21:	8:30am	For the Parish

Collection Last Week:

Envelope:	$ 1,193.00
Plate:	328.00
Cath. Comm. Campaign	5.00
Cap. Imp.	50.00
TOTAL:	$ 1,576.00

If you are unable to attend mass, contributions can be mailed to the church at P. O. Box 165, Olpe, KS. 66865 or online at sjolpe.org/give

United States Army:
SGM Matthew S. Richter,
Sgt. Austin Burenheide,
Grant Fath, Major Jacob Haag,
Pvt. Cory Owen
Air Force:
Master Sgt. Andrew Stevenson
Marines:
Lt. Col. James Bechtel

St. Joseph Prayer List

Bruce Bidwell
Sara Bidwell
Angie Bolz
Mary Beth Bonitatibus
Alex Conley
Dana Dengler
Susan Haag
Makenna Hoelting
Bernadine Kehres
Debbie Markowitz
Brian Martin
Barb Merry
James Nunley
Olivia Pimpl
Mrs. Ken Redeker
Jerry Redeker
Mike Redeker
Richard Scheve
Danny Schmidt
Dorothy Schmidt
Greg Schonhardt
Mike Wecker
Scott Wendling
Sonny Wendling
Brian Zweimiller

Join the Knights for a Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast this Sunday, Mother's Day, to honor Mothers and the OHS Seniors This will be the last breakfast until September.

SENIOR MASS
Sunday,
May 14th
8:30 a.m.

Walking with Moms in Need will have flowers after this weekend's Masses on Saturday, May 13th and Sunday, May 14th to celebrate Mother's Day. This is a fundraiser for this group and they are asking for a donation of $2.00 or free-will donation per carnation. Some people may want to give a flower for Mother Mary to honor Mary or for a Mother's Day gift to your mother. Donations for Walking with Moms in Need are appreciated to promote LIFE and celebrate motherhood.

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CARD SHOWER!

Dorothy Schmidt will be turning 90 on May 30. Wish Dorothy a Happy Birthday by sending a card to
634 Road L2
Olpe, KS. 66865

Congratulations to the following students who made their First Communion last Sunday!

Charlotte Marie Coffman
Taylor Rose Herrman
Zachary Joseph Jones
Sarah Irene Soyez
Caydence Jo Studer
Kennedy Michelle Trelc
Lydia Rose Weeden
Hadley Joyce Whitmore

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS APRIL $25 WINNERS

4/1	Jerry Haag	
4/2	Kaufman Dieker	
4/3	Marijo Swendson	
4/4	Mandy Hoffman	
4/5	Brian or Kay Schmidt	
4/6	Pat Steffes	
4/7	Jeanette Schmidt	
4/8	Laura Glazier	
4/9	Maren Ratcliff	$ 200.00
4/10	Rowyn Dexter	
4/11	Michael Phillips	
4/12	Macy Wecker	
4/13	Kaufman Dieker	
4/14	Ted or Betty Black	
4/15	Lori Bishop	
4/16	Michael Eurich	
4/17	Rowyn Dexter	
4/18	Julie Pettijohn	
4/19	Melissa Shandler	
4/20	Josie Orear	
4/21	Rose Wendling	
4/22	Ace Dieker	
4/23	Mike Petitjean	
4/24	Jared or Kathryn Whitcomb	
4/25	Stan Perry	
4/26	Gabe Galindo	
4/27	Leon Brown	
4/28	Bryce Weeden	
4/29	Samantha Barnhart	
4/30	John Blaufuss	

Religious Education Teacher Appreciation Meal
Wedneday, May 17th
6 p.m.
Bruff's & Bar & Grill!