

Dear Friends,

The gospel reading for the 5th Sunday of Easter not only presents Jesus as the guardian of our life: the way, truth and life; but each of us is assured of a dwelling place in His Kingdom. "Do not let your heart be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." This promise of Jesus is so consoling and encouraging, especially at those weird moments of life.

The image that comes to mind reflecting on the gospel reading of today is the use of the GPS in our cars, for guidance and direction on a road we find difficult to navigate. Yes, we so much trust the GPS garget to take us to our destination. Unfortunately, we see ourselves like the apostles Thomas and Philip, frequently resisting the guidance of God, doubting His goodness and potency to direct us in our journey of life. Jesus is NOT a GPS garget you can control. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. if you trust Him, He will lead you to Life eternal.

May I on behalf of the parishioners of St. Stephen Catholic Church, thank the organizers and all who participated at our 6th Annual Father Charles Davis Golf Tournament held at Mill Creek Golf Club on Friday May 12, 2017. Your generosity through your donations made it a great success.

I would like to congratulate the family, friends and parents of all our First Communion candidates for last Sunday. We are happy and proud to see you all participate in the heavenly banquet; where we are fed and nourished with the gift of God Himself. I also welcome with joy all those who will be joining the ministry of altar servers for the first time. You are by this service showing gratitude for the gift of God in the Eucharist. I hope you will find this service interesting and spiritually rewarding. To all of you our amiable and dedicated altar servers, we love you and thank you all for your ministry.

Fr. Jude Uche, MSP



Quinto Domingo de Pascua

Este domingo escuchamos sobre los primeros diáconos que fueron encomendados con un ministerio de servicio. Hoy con la restauración del diaconado permanente tenemos ejemplos de hombres en nuestra vida diaria que conectan el ministerio de la Palabra y el sacramento al ministerio del servicio. Los diáconos están en medio de nuestra vida diaria para llamar a todos los bautizados a nuestra vocación común de asegurarnos de que el bien común sea reconocido y aceptado.

Fifth Easter Sunday

This Sunday we hear of the first deacons who were tasked with a ministry of service. Today with the restoration of the permanent diaconate, we have examples of men in our midst who connect the ministry of Word and sacrament to the ministry of service. Deacons are in our midst to call all the baptized to our common vocation to ensure that the common good is recognized and accepted.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 13	5:30 pm	Roseanna Michalewicz +
Sunday	May 14	9:00 am 11:00 am	Dave Krause + Beatriz Morales Porro +
Monday	May 15		
Tuesday	May 16	6:00 pm	Nicholas Pritchett
Wednesday	May 17	8:30 am	J.P. Blankenstein +
Thursday	May 18	8:30 am	Bill Pavlat (Health)
Friday	May 19	12:00pm	Dave Krause +
Saturday	May 20	5:30 pm	Don Kohring +
Sunday	May 21	9:00 am 11:00 am	Nicholas Pritchett For the Families of St. Stephen

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY MAY 14

MONDAY MAY 15

6:30 pm Grupo de Oracion Bible Study (Spanish) *Marian Room*

TUESDAY MAY 16

8 am Men's Group- *OLOG Room*
6:30 pm *TNMC- Parish Hall*

WEDNESDAY MAY 17

9 am SSWS Bible Study- *OLOG Room*
6 pm New Altar Service Training

THURSDAY MAY 18

3 pm Ministry Meeting
7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

FRIDAY MAY 19

7 pm Grupo de Oracion

SATURDAY MAY 20

5:30 Graduation Mass

SUNDAY MAY 21

9:00 and 11:00 am Graduation Mass

Ministry Schedule for May 20-21 2017

Mass	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers / Greeters	Ministers of Eucharist
5:30 PM	E Cerda W Faulkner	M Markham E Markham	N Kozusko G Pritchett D Teague	Deacon Ernie J McGregor T Schatte R Schatte B Wald
9:00 AM	M Cross A Dworaczyk	C Carlson S Green I Dworaczyk	D Lumpkin B Watts M Duskocil	R Michalewicz C Brown A Krause K Cross L Simonette
11:00 AM	C Ortiz A Robert	V Medrano I Ivette M Sanchez M Cortes	B Rocha J Rocha	J Villarreal B Martinez C Tovar M Perez B Jaramillo

Monetary Stewardship

Collection Last Week:

Regular: \$ 4,590.00

Online: \$704.38

Total \$ 5,294.00

Building Fund
\$ 10,084.00

remembering the words of the Lord who said, it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 26-30, 2017



We will have volunteer meeting at 6 PM for All those interested in helping with VBS this year. This year VBS "Maker Fun Factory" will be held June 26-30 from 6-8 PM. Please join us! Please contact Laura Snyder for more information 254-913-2239



*Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday, May 17 @ 6 PM*

PICTURES

If you would like to download your pictures from First Communion go to the links provided below and you will be able to download them for free. If you have any questions call the office.

Happy Mother's Day

To All Mothers out there whether you are a Past. Present or Soon to be Mom. May your day be filled with love, joy and laughter.



Photos will be available for download at:

www.ashleyphotographyanddesign.shootproof.com/gallery/firstcommunion
Ashley Freeman Photography and Design 254-493-4632



NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

*For all those students who would like to become an altar server
Wednesday, May 17
6:00 PM*

