

**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER**  
**MAY 6, 2018**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: 4-29-18** Tithe:\$4,359; Loose plate:\$149; Votive:\$10.00; Mass stipend: \$25.00

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH**  
7105 Cass Ave. DENTON, NE 68339  
Parish priest: Msgr. Mark Huber  
**Regular Sunday Masses: Sat. Vigil: 5:00 pm**  
**8am, 10am, 12 noon**  
◆ **Daily Mass: 8:00 am**  
**Confession: ½ hour before weekend Masses**  
**or anytime upon request**  
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**MASSES INTENTIONS 5/07/18 – 5/13/18**

Mon - 8am - special intentions  
Tues - 8am - Marge Bessmer  
Wed - 6pm - Julie Sullivan  
Thurs - 8am - all people  
          - 7pm - Harold Ullsperger  
Fri - 8am - Bill Cohee  
Sat - 8am - James Weaver  
          5:00pm - Marie Stern  
Sun - 8am - Louis Coppersmith  
          10am - Jane Constantin  
          12 noon - all people

**ASCENSION MASSES:** Wed. 6pm; Thur. 8am & 7pm

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Meets at 7pm Tuesday.

**PLANT SALE:** May is selling plants on the south side of the building from 9am to noon this Sunday.

Thank you to all who donated plants for the sale and for all who participated.

**CCD:** The year concluded with May Crowning and an ice cream social. Thank you to the teachers: Rogene Villamonte, Jamie Louch, Kim Oates, Karen Kugler, Deb Henkel. Godteens will meet this week.

**ADORATION:** This Saturday 7-8am holy hour.

**PARISH THINGS:** May 8<sup>th</sup> Altar Society meeting // May 10<sup>th</sup> Ascension Thur. (Wed. 6pm vigil, 8am & 7pm Thurs) // May 12 7-8am Holy Hour // May 21<sup>st</sup> Knights of Columbus at 7pm // May 28<sup>th</sup> 9am Memorial Day Mass // June 9<sup>th</sup> mens' grounds clean up morning // June 11-15 days w/Sisters of Christ the King

**PRAYER LINE:** parishioners will pray for your intentions, forward to Boots, [bootswailes@aol.com](mailto:bootswailes@aol.com) or 402-328-9730.

**WORKS OF MERCY:** *Corporal:* Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, visit those in prison, Bury the dead; *Spiritual:* Instruct the ignorant, Counsel the doubtful, Warn the sinner, Bear wrongs patiently, Forgive offenses willingly, Comfort the afflicted, Pray for the living & the dead.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS:** Forms are available in the desk in the narthex; if you prefer an electronic version send an email to [urbanovskyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:urbanovskyfamily@gmail.com) Due May 31<sup>st</sup>

**POPE'S INTENTIONS:** That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

**NEARBY EVENTS:** // NFP session May 10<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm at John 23<sup>rd</sup> Center, see [www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp) // May 12<sup>th</sup> Father-daughter (ages 6-11) day at Villa Regina // May 17<sup>th</sup> Blue Mass at 9:45am at St. Mary's in Lincoln // May 25 7pm diaconate ordinations & May 26 11am priest ordinations // Pray the rosary at 9:30 and 1pm on Tuesdays outside the Lincoln abortion clinic // Marian Mantle prayer group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month 3pm in the Flanagan room at Madonna Hospital to pray for faith of children // June 1&2 School of Healing at St. Peter's in Lincoln \$55// June 2 @6:30pm Healing service, no cost, open to all people // July 13-15 Steubenville Youth Conference, \$400 w/ thru the diocese. //

**LITURGY PLANS- May 5 & 6, 2018**

5pm vigil	8am	10am	
	Coppersmith	Shinaut	music
Krause	Ellerbee	G Shinaut	reader
Kavan	Chapman	Zinnecker	aclete
Griffin	Hollman	Henkel	ushr
	Topil	Ryan	ushr
Gandara	Hollman	Voboril	gifts
	Ellerbee	B Hobbs	srvr
		S Henkel	srvr

12noon –the Schola will lead music

**CHURCH CLEANING:** May: April: Linda Aschoff, Barb Novak, Beth Wieseler, Denise Baum, Jessica Marsh, Brooke Rogers, Michelle Worster, Kelly Chapman, Nichole Ernst, Janee Hamilton.

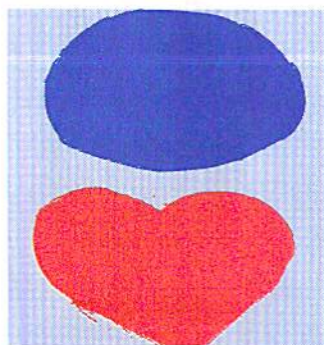
**FORMED.ORG:** Visit this website and go to the section with a registered parish, put in the **parish code d3d398** and you will be able to enter your email address and password to access the materials, Catholicism, Symbolon, Y-disciple, and more...

**FOODNET:**Volunteers serve at Denton Comm. Center, 5pm Mondays. If you could assist preparing meals at 3:30pm, picking up food from different locations on Mondays 1-3, serving, or cleaning up later contact John Hetcko or Mary Coulter.

**FAMILY LIFE OFFICE:** Type in "diocese of lincoln"; for events/ opportunities. For study from home go to "Education", under religious education there are good materials.

**ACT OF FAITH:** O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because You have revealed them Who are eternal truth and wisdom, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

*John Paul II:* Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible to himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it. It is Christ the Redeemer who fully reveals man to himself.



## MULTIPLE CONVERSIONS

The story described in our first reading is a major turning point, both in the book of Acts and in the early Christian community. In Acts 10 and 11, we hear a story of multiple conversions: of Cornelius, of Peter, and of the church. Cornelius embraced the path of Jesus and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Peter, through his earlier visions and the pouring out of the Spirit on Gentiles, began to understand how God was breaking through his pre-conceived ideas. The story concludes in the next scene with the meeting of the leaders in Jerusalem. As Peter described to them what happened to him and to Cornelius, the leaders were amazed at what God was doing. God was breaking down barriers and inviting everyone to God's table. The church realized that it had to rethink how it understands God and itself as church.

## OUT AHEAD OF US

In the book of Acts, we learn that God is the primary active agent in the world. God is indeed active within the church. But here we learn that the Holy Spirit also is out ahead of us, working in the lives and communities of people who are different from us. God is busy within and among people who don't know God, or who understand God differently, or who struggle to understand God.

Like Peter and the early church, many of us somehow learned, often in childhood, whom to trust and who should be avoided. God, however, seems to be fond of crossing boundaries. The Spirit is stirring in our neighborhoods, workplaces, and public spaces. Many of us will need to learn to pay attention to this. The Spirit invites us to find God there and to join in God's work. Our parishes are invited to embrace our local communities. As we listen and learn from our neighbors and share God's love with them, we will deepen our understanding of being the church today.

Today's Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

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In today's Gospel from John, Jesus speaks of his disciples as his friends. God's invitation to loving friendship is present in all of our readings. God offers a relationship of mutual knowledge and trust. As with our ordinary human friendships, a space is created where we can relax, rest, and be playful with each other. We can feel safe enough to reveal our inner selves to each other, and to heal divisions between us. Friendship with God is not burdensome or dutiful,

as with slaves and masters, because it leads to a shared joy. Nor is the friendship shallow or sentimental, because it involves a mutual laying down of one's self. Friendship with God eventually means extending this shared love to others, and becoming a part of the wider circle of God's friends. God longs to be friends with us, and extends an invitation.

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