

MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

Live-Streaming/Recording of Masses: Mass will be live streamed on Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m. on our St. Dominic Church Facebook page. This will continue each Saturday until further notice. It will then be uploaded to our parish app (myParish App) and YouTube channel and can be viewed any time after 8:00 a.m. Sunday. On the parish app click on the “video mass” button. On YouTube.com search for St. Dominic Springfield, KY.

Rescheduled Dates: First Communion, Sun., June 14, 2020, 10:30 a.m. & Confirmation, Sat., August 8, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Business Ads: St. Dominic Church is looking at the possibility of publishing a bulletin through Diocesan, which would be free to the parish if we can secure enough sponsorship ads from businesses. So, our local business community would play an important role in the bulletin process. Sponsorship (ads, cost, etc.) would be handled by Diocesan, not by the parish office. Should we look further into the process & you find yourself possibly interested in running a BUSINESS ad on the backside of the bulletin, please email me the name of your business, contact person & phone number. Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Sonya at the Parish Office at stdom@bellsouth.net / 859-336-3569.

Wanting the church bulletin always at your fingertips? St. Dominic Church has gone mobile for iPhone & Android users with myParish App! Get the parish bulletin, latest messages, prayers, daily readings, etc., all by just uploading a simple app. Go to the app store in your phone & search for myParish (it’s a blue app with a cross) or you can text App to 88202 to download the app. Once the app has been downloaded search for St. Dominic Catholic Church by zip code (40069). Make sure you “favorite” us & “allow” notifications.

Mass Intentions: Have you been planning on scheduling a 2020 Mass Intention(s) in memory of a loved-one? If so, St. Dominic Church still has some availability for 2020. A mass stipend is \$10. Please contact Sonya at the Parish Office (859-336-3569 from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.) to see what dates are available.

Parishioners,

Likely by now, registered St. D Church families have received Fr. David's letter in the mail in regards to the return of in-person masses at St. Dominic, starting May 23/24. If you have not had a chance to look over the letter, we hope you can find the time to do so. The letter gives an important overview of Fr. David's plans to proceed with Mass as safely as possible during this trying time of Covid19.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

MAY 17, 2020

A TIME OF TRANSITION, INSTABILITY, AND HOPE

Today's readings describe that period when the apostles are getting used to acting on their own. Acts describes the spreading of the word to Samaria, curing the sick, and their reception of the Holy Spirit. First Peter reminds us that our response to evil must be to do good and to speak of our hope with gentleness and reverence. The psalm is joyous with praise for God and a reminder of God's saving of those held captive in Egypt long, long ago. John talks not only about the Father and Jesus but also another Advocate, who will remain even when Jesus leaves. The readings also contain the promise of continued love and comfort. The readings today reflect a time of transition, instability, and hope, much like we are experiencing in these days of the pandemic.

WHEN YOU ARE MALIGNED

Each of the readings describes a time of transition and uncertainty. In Acts, the apostles are learning how to respond to those seeking to share in the joy of healing the sick and casting out unclean spirits. In First Peter, the new Christian community is reminded that they will be maligned. Their response to such suffering is shaped by Jesus' example of gentleness and reverence. The Gospel offers Jesus' words of consolation to those who are being left behind. All those who had lost Jesus once through crucifixion must prepare to lose him again. But this time they are promised that they will not be abandoned. They are left with the promise that Jesus' new commandments are the continuing guide to a life that, through death and resurrection, unites those who believe in Jesus, the Father, and the Spirit.

KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS

If keeping Jesus' commandments is the key to loving him, being loved by the Father, and accompanied by the Spirit, then what choice do we have but to keep his commandments? It seems simple, but unlike the commandments carried down the mountain by Moses, Jesus did not leave us with ten statements of conduct to guide our actions. Jesus left us with a much more complicated commandment, to love our neighbor as ourselves. This commandment requires that we first love ourselves as Jesus loved us. We must see in ourselves what Jesus saw in each one of us. Jesus saw that we too are made in the image and likeness of God and that we carry with us the fragility of our humanity. We must see that same Godliness and humanity in every person we encounter. It is not just ourselves we see in the face of our family, friends, acquaintances, and strangers. It is the face of God. We should act accordingly, especially during this pandemic.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17
Psalm 66:1–7, 16, 20
1 Peter 3:15–18
John 14:15–21

Jesus said, "If you love me
you will keep my commandments."

John 14:15

READINGS – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

First Reading Acts 8:5–8, 14–17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, “How tremendous are your deeds!” **R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

“Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!” Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam. **R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.** He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15–18

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

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MASS INTENTIONS for May 18-24, 2020 are as follows:

Monday: Clarine Carrico

Tuesday: Stephen Downs

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: Bud Hardin, Debbie Barber & Natalie

Friday: Wilburn Kelty

Saturday: Kenny & Barbara Corbett, For the Parish

Sunday: Jackie Smith, Rita & Eric Riley, Presider's Intention

Confession Schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

St. D Prayer List: Coronavirus Pandemic, Healthcare Workers, Victims of Abuse, U.S. Military, Unborn & Elderly, Addictions, Joseph E. Kurtz, Elaine McCain, Jane Rudd Volz, Mary Devine, Madeline Borders, Brenda Mackin, Roberta Williams, Jared Mudd, Jerry Craig, Larry Smith, Tom Miller, Margaret Faye Martin, Charlotte Disponett, Carolyn Greene, Marian & Wade Elliott, Sue Carter, Michael & Jennifer Jarboe, Debbie Hamilton, Buddy & Charlotte Smith, Wheatley Hamilton, Frank Peters, Lisa Hill (of Loretto), John Arnold, Corbin Noel, Geraldine Spalding, Dorothy Mattingly, Colin Walker, Cassie Robinson, Olivia Montgomery, Audrey Edelen, Marilyn Watkins, Sueanna Graves, Helen Parrot, Christy Caldwell & Nancy Hardin. Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church's prayers, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office at 336-3569. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic.

Tithing Contributions for the week (includes contributions during the week &/or ACH contributions, etc.): \$3,572.00