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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2020

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Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
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MASS INTENTIONS April 27—May 2

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| MON 27 | 6:00 | + J. Kent Stier |
| | 11:30 | SI Phyllis Link (Wedd. Annv.) + Betty Ferone (1st Annv.) |
| TUES 28 | 6:00 | SI Patrick Moore |
| | 11:30 | SI Mary Ann Sanders (Birth.) + Laura Whitmer |
| WED 29 | 6:00 | + Parish Book of Remembrance |
| | 11:30 | + Fr. Joe Casey, SJ + Mike Ruffin |
| THUR 30 | 6:00 | + Parish Book of Remembrance |
| | 11:30 | + Carleen and Richard Niehaus + Rosemary Hanahoe Dosch |
| FRI 1 | 6:00 | + Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday |
| | 11:30 | + Judy Dyer + Bob Auberger (Wedd. Annv.) |
| SAT 2 | 7:00 | + Joe Feiertag |

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**From the Pastor:****“Thank you and Good-bye”**

This Sunday’s Gospel happens to be one of the most remarkable of the Resurrection stories: the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). I have always liked this passage at the end of Luke’s Gospel. For me it has been a kind of “canon within the canon.” Which is to say: this passage could be the entire message of the Scriptures distilled in one story. So, as I near the end of my term of ministry here as pastor of St. Xavier Church, this Gospel scene inspires me again; perhaps it provides a fitting image for a coming farewell, and a soothing way to say **thank you and good-bye**.

At the end of this passage, a kind of journey, the scene begins with sadness and changes into joy. We see two disciples who learn about how Jesus is foretold in all of Scriptures. Then they invite Jesus to stay with them, and He does. He stops at their home and sits with them at dinner. Well, the symbolism shows that it is more than just dinner. At the table fellowship, Jesus takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them. This is the Eucharistic feast. As Jesus breaks the bread, the eyes of His disciples are opened and they recognized Him. Just then, He vanished from their site. “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” In a sense, we have here a summary of mysteries: the proclamation of the Gospel, the Last Supper, the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the burning hearts of Pentecost all in one. All tied together with gratitude.

When I arrived seven years ago, like those disciples, I too found the Lord Jesus in the proclamation of the Gospel. We welcomed Jesus into our home, and shared table fellowship with one another. I found Jesus in this holy space. I loved Jesus as I placed His host in your sacred hands. Soon I will enjoy a “last” supper with you, and then you will disappear from my sight. For me that will be a loss, a time of sadness along the way. I will be grateful and in wonder. But then I hope to feel that burning heart. I will take the fire of St X and carry it to my next mission. I have found Jesus in all of you since the day I arrived, and I believe I will find him in my good-byes.

I will experience a time of “missing.” I will miss that, and this, and you, and you. And especially you! And for all of it I am eternally grateful. But I believe an opportunity comes to me (and you) whereby the Holy Spirit might enter and fill whatever space is created by departure—whatever “distance” we might have to endure. For Jesuits, we call this “the grace of leave-taking.” This grace helps us move on and announce the good news to other people.

Sometimes good-bye is good news. In that sense it is a mystery. It may look sad and unfortunate (for some), but a good-bye can also be an opening, a gap which needs to be filled. Any loss or good-bye can be an opportunity for the entrance of the Spirit to fill that gap. How will the Spirit bless you in coming weeks?

After Jesus vanished from the table, burning hearts took over. After Jesus ascended from the earth, the Holy Spirit took over. After I leave my hometown and all of you, I trust the Spirit to set my heart on fire for Chicago. Yet another Chicago fire.

So what about you? May the Spirit set you on fire to welcome those Jesuits who come next, in search of Jesus at St X. Welcome them and show them the Lord. They will stay a while, break bread with you, and learn how Jesus lives, although vanished. Show them how he lives here among us.

As for me, I will be taking up new tasks in August. Not only will I serve as the superior for a community of Jesuits, I will also serve the students and adults at St Ignatius College Prep which is where I used to teach years ago. As a veteran language teacher, I must add this pedagogical note about the etymology of the word good-bye. “Goodbye” comes from the Gaelic term “God-bwye” (God bu wee yuh) a contraction of the phrase “God be with ye”.

The first documented use of the contraction “Godbwye” appeared in a letter English writer and scholar Gabriel Harvey wrote in 1573. As time went on, it is believed the phrase was influenced by terms like “good day” and “good evening”, transitioning then from “god be with ye” to god-b’wye to good-b’wy and finally ending in today’s blessing of goodbye.

So when I say good-bye I am actually filling the gap with God. I may be leaving, but may God be with you. I like that. Please take my good-bye as a blessing, and I’ll do the same with yours. Thank you.

— Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J., Pastor

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for April 19 \$7,217

THANK YOU to all those who remembered to support St Xavier Church during these hard times. If you are interested to donate electronically, see our website for information about online giving.

TRANSITIONS

May 1—Fr. Robert Thesing S.J. begins ministry as Temporary Parochial Administrator (interim pastor)

June 1 — Fr. Cy Whitaker, S.J. will serve as an assisting priest during the summer.

September 1 — Fr. Paul Lickteig S.J. arrives after his tertianship in Australia to begin ministry as the 22nd pastor of St Xavier Church.

Due to unusual days and schedules, we do not yet have dates for final Masses and celebration events for Fr. Fairbanks, Fr. Gamber, nor Fr. Veigas. TBA

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APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER**MAY 2020 For Deacons**

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

A Prayer Amid an Epidemic

By Kerry Weber (executive editor, America Magazine)

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of anxiety, give us peace. Jesus Christ, heal us!

**2020 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES**

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2020 can request a personally signed certificate from the Archbishop. If these noteworthy milestones apply to you, please call Diane at the office. For couples celebrating 50 years, there will be a GOLDEN Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Sun August 1 at 4:30.

ST VINCENT de PAUL needs YOU!

The St. Vincent de Paul group is in great need of a **few strong arms** to help. An hour or so of your time would be great! Leave your number at church office if you can help. We'll contact you.

FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION

Lift up these young children in your prayer as they prepare themselves for First Communion and Confirmation soon. Susan Stewart-Pirone, Margaret Meyers, Grace Sychay, Alexander Siller and Braxton Rhinehart for First Communion and Brennan Bucher for Confirmation. We are grateful to John Kollar, Emily Conklin, Mary Fetick and Clare Krumme for preparing them. May the grace of our loving God envelop these young people as they receive these sacraments.

**RCIA: CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES
OUR NEW CATHOLICS**

In light of the alternative schedule for the month of April, the Archdiocese has advised parishes to look to the Solemnity of **Pentecost** (May 31) as the Sunday on which we welcome new members into the Catholic Church. Our 9 candidates and catechumens will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at this time. Please keep them in your prayers, and stay tuned for more information.

**Chelsea Cole, Chris Stratmoen,
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Brittney Fernandez, LaToiua Foster,
Zachary Powell, Riley Sheehy, Emily Voll**

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