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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

ROLE OF DEACONS IN THE CHURCH

May is the traditional time for the ordination of priests in the Catholic Church. This weekend in the Archdiocese Archbishop Naumann is ordaining three new transitional deacons, men who will become priests next year. But what is a deacon?

Sometimes going to Mass can be confusing for a Catholic unfamiliar with deacons. Both clergy members wear vestments at Mass and in some dioceses, both even wear Roman collars. To make it even more confusing, sometimes priests and deacons wear the same graycolored clerical shirts with those Roman collars.

However, while deacons and priests may sometimes appear to be the same, their roles in the Church are very different.

The USCCB provides a succinct definition of a deacon and his particular role in the Church: "A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or 'orders,' of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, presbyters and deacons. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came 'to serve and not to be served.' The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church."

Deacons have been around the Church since the very beginning, frequently being referenced in the New Testament. The most well-known reference to deacons in the New Testament is from the Acts of the Apostles. It reads, "And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may

appoint to this duty" (Acts 6:2-3).

From the very beginning deacons were known to serve and assist the priests and bishops in their sacramental ministry. The first Christian martyr was St. Stephen, who was a deacon. One of the most famous deacons of the Church is St. Lawrence.

Practically speaking deacons can do many activities that priests participate in. Deacons can baptize, preach during Mass, officiate at a Catholic wedding, and even run a parish (with the permission of the local bishop). Deacons can also lead communion services that often look and feel like a Catholic Mass.

Deacons, however, can not consecrate the Eucharist or hear confessions. They can not administer the sacraments of Confirmation or Anointing of the Sick.

Simply put, deacons are meant to be servants, assisting the pastor (and Church) in whatever way he can.

All priests and bishops are also deacons, because the diaconate is the first of the three stages of Holy Orders. Deacons who go on to be ordained priests are known as transitional deacons. They are vowed to celibacy. Men who serve in the permanent diaconate — meaning they will not, as a rule, proceed to priestly ordination — may be married at the time of their ordination, but may not remarry if their spouse passes away.

The permanent diaconate is a specific vocation in the Church, one that depends on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. God is the one who calls deacons to service in the Church through the sacrament of Holy Orders. It is important to remember that it is not something that is gained by going through the ranks of the Church, but something that is given (and received) through the grace of God.

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Parish News

Memorial Day Mass Cancelled

There will be no Memorial Day Mass, avenue of flags or flander's field at the cemetery due to Covid-19. However, a display of crosses will be erected around the altar in the cemetery in memory of our parishioners we have lost over the past year.

Online or ACH Giving

Parishioners can give online for a small processing fee or through a Direct Deposit at no charge. Complete information can be found on the Giving page of the St. website located Gregory https:// www.stgregorychurch.org/giving.

Public Masses

We have begun the slow transition back to public Masses. The faithful are invited to attend the Sunday Masses but please note that seating is limited. Next weekend we will have a Saturday 5:30pm Mass and Sunday 9:00am Mass.

Dispensation of Sunday Obligation

The dispensation given by the Archbishop from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will remain in effect until it is safe to revoke it. Persons with higher vulnerability to the virus are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the dispensation and refrain from attending public Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 19

12:05pm

~Living and deceased members of Don and Dorothy Kramer family

Wednesday, May 20

12:05pm

+Nadine Taphorn

Thursday, May 21

12:05pm

+Catherine Price +Leonard Haefele

Friday, May 22

12:05pm

+Barbara Ring

Saturday, May 23

5:30pm

+Bernard Schneider

+William Schwindamann

Sunday, May 24 9:00am

+Jack and Jackie Dwerlkotte

+Albert Ketter

~St. Gregory and St. Malachy

Parishioners

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 23

4:30-5:15pm

Confessions

5:30pm

Mass

Sunday, May 24

8:30am 9:00am Rosary* Mass*

*Live on Blue Valley Ch. 3 and Facebook

NEW CHURCH DIRECTIVES

- Hymnals have been removed for the time being.
- Certain pews are designated for use during Mass.
- No congregational singing at this time.
- All are asked to use hand sanitizer before and after Mass.
- During the distribution of the Eucharist, there will be locations on the floor of where to stand for appropriate social distancing.
- Masks covering the mouth and nose are suggested. Eucharistic ministers will be required to use them during the distribution of the Eucharist.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for May 10th

\$ 11,950.00

(\$11,254 Expected Average Collection needed each week)

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Balance (as of 5/7/20)	\$904,901.67
Donations (since 5/01/20)	(\$ 6,460.00)
Estimated Outstanding Expenses	\$83,272.25
Total Parish Liability	\$ <u>982,168.92</u>
Total Contributions to Date	
(\$9,100 needed each month for	loan payment)

MEMORARE PRAYER

The actual author of the Memorare prayer is unknown but traditionally it is attributed to the abbot St. Bernard of Clairvaux from the 12th century. Many saints, like St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta, implored Mary's intercession through this prayer often.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

PLAN TO REOPEN KANSAS DATES

Updated 5/14/20

Phase 1: Began May 4, 2020

Groups of 10 or more must be at least 6 ft apart

Phase 1.5: Begins May 18, 2020

Groups of 10 or more must be at least 6 ft apart

Phase 2: No sooner than June 1, 2020

Groups of 30 or more must be at least 6 ft apart

Phase 3: No sooner than June 15, 2020

Groups of 90 or more must be at least 6 ft apart

Phase Out: No sooner than June 29, 2020
Large gathering limits are significantly relaxed

#TOGETHERISBETTER

Idntiteez will continue this program until May 31st and then will no longer be printing these designs. Be sure to get yours ordered ASAP!

You can purchase the *Together Is Better* St. Gregory t-shirt for \$20 in a variety of colors. For every t-shirt purchased, \$10 will be donated back to the church. All shirts must be purchased online.

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ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Enrollment - Enrollment packets for the 2020-2021 need to be returned to the school office along with the enrollment and book/supply fee no later than May 22, 2020. If you are unable to pay the enrollment fees at this time, please contact the school office to let us know of our current situation and plans can be made to pay enrollment fees at a later date. If you would like to enroll at St. Gregory Catholic School please call the school office at 785-562-2831 email kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org and we will send you an enrollment packet.

End of the Year School Mass - Please join us on our School Facebook page for a LiveStream Mass to end the school year on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 pm.

Teacher Position - St. Gregory the Great Catholic School is seeking a Full Time 4th Grade Teacher for the upcoming 2020-21 school year. Interested applicants should complete the teacher application process online at www.archkekes.org. Questions may be directed to Karen Farrell at 562-2831 or through email at kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org.

CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

May 18	Mike Hogan, Garrett Haverkamp, Craig
•	Mueting, Trisha Finkbiner
May 19	Christopher Lauer
May 20	Norma Mitschler, Ricci Beikman, Grace Lauer,
•	Jacob Haefele

May 21 James Preuss, Lindsey Dressman, Loren Gugenhaun

Will Meinhardt, Jim Ellenbecker, Amanda May 22

May 23 Lacey Byers, Caitlin Kongs May 24 Davis Lee, Reid Lienemann

ANNIVERSARIES

May 18 Jeff and Pam Schroller May 19 Andrew and Alyssa Feldkamp Francis and KayeLynn Kroeger May 21 Scott and Rashele Brown

Tyler and Chelsea Haight May 22

May 23 Joe and Penny Howell

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Great lives are not built by doing and having. A great life comes only by becoming — that is, by spending a lifetime chosing to become a-better-version-of-yourself each day, and asking God to help you do just that."

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Linda Mitchell, Rick Ham, Mallory LeSage, Lori Stohs, Liz Arth, Evelyn Anderson, Mike Watters, Doug Ryan, Steven Appel, Tony Evans, Shane Molton, Teresa Reiling, Bruce Leonard, Doug Wende, Breckyn File, Melody Germann, Brittany Pappada, Mary Landoll, Hudson, Jim Shaughnessy, Dolores Fr. Wassenberg, Jim Nordhus, Don Cudney, Tori Dettke, Margaret Schotte, Kristi Meyer, Scott Throm, Joel Rivera, Janet Holle, Bill Mullins, Parker Price, Joleen Cohorst, Jessie Sawin, Christen Hatzenbuehler, Janet Kirkland, Mary Feldhausen, Boston Bieler, Hudson Gartner, Raymond Throm, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Mary Ann Lehman, Keith & Teresa Peeks, James & Jessa Sublette, Annette Pacha Smith, Joan Wacek, Rick Weigel, Barry Baber, Jordan Mackey, Wayne Price, Angie Miller, Scott Wayne Kruse, Dorothy Peschel, Andy Frerking, Kwapnioski, Larry Wissmann, Jane Fragel Williamson, Grace Koelzer, Libby Muchow, Jennifer McKeen, Leah Wassenberg, Walt & Charlotte Zimmerling, Tom Nolte, Margaret Stoehr, Francis Kloeker, Sandy Schmitz, Martha Meier, Marty Clark, Emily Larson, Debbie Jueneman, Jim Davis, Bernard Bussmann, Pat Plegge Pratt, Jim D. Schmitz, Carl Walston, Fred Behrens, Katie Vering, Dennis Mason, Sally Hall, Brian Studer and Mike Wetter. To make changes call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.

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Baptisms: See website for information Weddings: Contact Father Nathan

If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.



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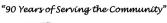
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