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HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

Opening Prayer: Jesus who sacrificed himself to save us and obtain eternal life for us also show us the way to eternal life: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Many Ways, Many Truths and Different Views About Life: Which is the right way to follow? Which truth are we to hold on to and what does life really consist in? We have the freedom to choose our own way or the way of the world. We can also decide which truth to hold on to and whatever type of life we want to live or possess. Whichever way, truth or life we decide to choose does not rule out the fact that there is only one way-the way of God; there is only one truth-the Lord's; and there is only one life-life with God. Some often think and believe that they are created free and can choose their own way, decide on what truth they are to hold on to and what life consists of. The ways, truths and ways of life we often choose leaves us confused, divided, scattered and lost. Our ways, truths and choice of what really gives true meaning to life often leads us nowhere. So, the only way, truth and life in this world is the way, truth and life that leads us to eternal life with God.

The Only Way, Truth and Life: The fundamental choice for the disciple of Jesus is to follow the one and only way, truth and life. Before Jesus left His disciples to return to the Father, Jesus stated unequivocally: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14: 6). First, when Jesus proclaims I am the Way (John 14: 6), he meant that He is a road. We go to God the Father through Jesus and we call Jesus the Way because he is the visible manifestation in human form of all that his Father is. Jesus alone knows the way to the Father because he has been with the Father from the beginning-before time and creation. While we humans need road map or travel guide, Jesus is personally the way to the Father's kingdom, and we cannot miss the way to God if we follow Jesus. There is sincerely only one true way and that way is Jesus's way which is the way to God. Ideally, Jesus's way is the unique, best, perfect or special. Second, by proclaiming that Jesus is the truth, Jesus is telling us that He is the only one who reveals the whole Truth about God as a loving, merciful, providential and forgiving Father. Jesus claims to be one with the Father and to speak the truth which proceeds from the Father. Jesus promised his disciples that if they continued in his word, they would learn the truth and the truth would set them free" (John 8: 31). The truth which Jesus proclaims has power to set us free from ignorance, deception, and sin. The words which Jesus speaks are true because there is no lie or falsehood in Him. Third, Jesus also proclaims that he is the Life (John 14: 6). By proclaiming that he is life, Jesus means to tell us that he has Eternal Life in himself and that he gives it. Besides the fact that Jesus gives us his Lifegiving Holy Spirit, Jesus is also Life in the sense that through him we share in the life of God through the Sacraments. Even though there are those people who say that life consists in eating, drinking, working, making money, and sleeping. Given that some people take life to be really for doing good works for others in the community. Even though other people understand that life consists in the abundance of material wealth (Luke 12: 15). For those who believe, it is when we believe in Jesus that we will be led to a better, richer, and more meaningful life than we could ever find on our own. Jesus does not only show us the path of life (Psalm 16: 11); but he provides us with abundant life which lasts forever which only God can give. If someone is to find meaning and joy in life especially in the next, that person must take God and his Son Jesus Christ seriously and make them part of one's life.

Getting Home to Heaven to be With God: Home is very important in the life of every human being. It is where we would like to be. When tired and lonely, there is always a home to go to. When we are home, we feel relaxed and safe. Home is also a place of communion. The trip is never too long or difficult if we know we are going home. Despite our need and desire for an earthly home, we also need a home to go to when death strikes and this earthly life is done. Without such a home, life would be a journey to nowhere when we die. As St Paul says, all we have as we live here on earth is a tent. At death, our tent is folded up and we have to leave for a home which is eternal. It is this eternal home that Jesus in today's Gospel Reading referred to when he said: "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" (John 14: 2-3). When we die we have an eternal home to go to, namely, the Father's house. Despite this promise of Jesus the question still remains: How do we get to the Father's house which is our eternal home? There is never just one thing alone that we can accomplish in order to spend time in eternity with the Creator-God. Granted that we are saved and are united with God by His grace and through the death of Jesus on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins, it is still a fact that we come to see God when we repent and believe (Mark 1: 14-15). Being with God in eternity is possible when we have faith (Hebrews 11: 6) and are baptised (1 Peter 3: 21). Jesus did not only tell us that it is through Him we will have eternal life, "No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14: 6), but he went further to tell his disciple how they can reach the house of our Almighty the Father in Heaven: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." We cannot come to the Father except through Jesus. We cannot even come to Jesus whenever you want, or however you want. In fact, Jesus said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father draws Him" (John 6: 44). Let us not resist or defer coming to Jesus and following him today because tomorrow might be too late.

Closing Prayer: We place our trust in the Almighty God. May we reach the eternal dwelling place of God in Heaven when our days on earth is over.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13 Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered". Needed Ea Needed Ye Actual Yea Date: 4/30, Other Colle

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~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael (*For the Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, & St. Raphael) 6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel (*Helen Anstead)

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (*Joan Youngblood) 11:00am Mass at St. Anne (Charlie, Jan & Cathy Dettling)

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (For our sick parishioners and family members)

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (For all our youth) 9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (*Helen Rauch) 5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration & Reconciliation at St. Catherine 6:30 pm Holy Hour with the Lord at St. Anne Harrisville

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (*Louis Bey) 9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023 NO MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael 4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael 4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael (**For the Parishioners of St. Anne. St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, & St. Raphael) 6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel 6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel 6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel (Gerald Ludwiczak)

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023 *HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY*

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (William Kramer) 11:00am Mass at St. Anne (James Barth) 12:00 noon Mother's Day Breakfast in Maria Hall

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK (YEAR A)

SUNDAY: ACTS 6:1-7, 1 PT 2:4-9, JN 14:1-12 MONDAY: ACTS 14:5-18, JN 14:21-26 TUESDAY: ACTS 14:19-28, JN 14:27-31A WEDNESDAY: ACTS 15:1-6, JN 15:1-8 THURSDAY: ACTS 15:7-21, JN 15:9-11 FRIDAY: ACTS 15:22-31, JN 15:12-17 SATURDAY: ACTS 16:1-10, JN 15:18-21

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ST. ANNE WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING: Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7pm in Maria Hall. All women are welcome!
- ST. ANNE CEMETARY CLEAN-UP: Will be Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 10:00 am at the Cemetery. All volunteers are welcome.
- FR. JOHN'S GOING AWAY PARTY MAY 19 @ 5:30PM: St. Catherine will be having a potluck to celebrate the time we had with Fr. John. There is a sign-up sheet at the front of the church to sign up for what you would like to bring.
- GOODBYE POT LUCK LUNCHEON FOR FR. JOHN: Will be on Sunday, May, 21, at 12:00 noon in Maria Hall at St. Anne. All 4 parishes are invited to come and help celebrate with Fr. John.
- MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST: May 14, 2023 there will be a Mother's Day Breakfast at St. Anne Church after the 11:00 am Mass by the Men of the Parish.
- ST. GABRIEL CALVARY CEMETERY CLEAN-UP: Tuesday, May 9th at 5:00 pm with a rain date of May 10 at 5:00 pm. All volunteers are welcome. Please remove any items on graves that you wish to keep before clean- up or they will be disposed of.
- ST. CATHERINE CLEANERS NEEDED! There is a sign up sheet available at the front entrance of the church for parishioners to sign up to help clean the church. We are in great need of parishioners help. Times and dates will be on the sign-up sheet. Thank you in advance.
- ST. ANNE CHURCH CLEANING PERSON NEEDED: St. Anne needs Volunteers to clean the Church for June through December 2023.
- ST. CATHERINE'S ANGEL FUND COLLECTION: Has collected a total of \$7,323.00. If you would like to donate there are envelopes at both entrances of the church, just drop them in the collection or at the parish office.
- COFFEE & DONUTS:

St. Catherine: Coffee and Donuts will resume on May 14,2023! St. Anne: Coffee & Donuts after mass on Sundays! St. Raphael: Refreshments will be after mass on Saturdays!

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK MASSES:

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 11:00 am at St. Catherine Ossineke Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 5:30 pm at St. Raphael

This is for anyone who is suffering from an illness, disease, injury or will be having surgery in the near future.



MEMORIAL MASS FOR MARIJANE MACERI

Memorial Mass for Marijane Maceri will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at St. Anne Catholic Church. UPDATED! >>> Everything will begin at 5:30pm.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR ZANETTA BIELUSIAK

Memorial Mass for Zanetta Bielusiak will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 11:00 am at St. Anne Catholic Church.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS

SUNDAY: REV. DONALD LIBBY **MONDAY:** DECEASED PRIESTS TUESDAY: REV. MICHAEL LINGUAR WEDNESDAY: REV. WILLIAM LIPSCOMB THURSDAY: REV. T. PATRICK MAHER FRIDAY: REV. BENJAMIN MARTIN SATURDAY: MOST REVEREND BISHOP WALSH



FAREWELL FESTIVITIES FOR FR. JOHN

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Gaylord Diocese Service Committee For Holy Spirit Renewal is inviting all parishioners to a special celebration of Pentecost on Sunday, May 28, 2023 at St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord. The event will begin with a potluck at 1:00 pm followed by praise and worship music, a presentation, and the Celebration of the Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

God of all goodness, Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. When they feel alone, send them someone to listen and to care. When they are confused, provide reassurance and direction. When they are in pain, ease their suffering. When they despair, give them hope. May they experience your healing presence in the comfort of a caregiver's calm gaze and tender touch. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

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ALL-MICHIGAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE:

There will be held July 28-30, 2023 at the Diocese of Gaylord Pastoral Center in Gaylord. For Conference Information. contact AMCCC at 517-372-0504 or amccc.office@gmail.com.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Begins on Friday, May 19, 2023 (nine days prior to Pentecost). Please consider praying this novena.

St. Anne:

- Mary Gruba
- Donald Krejcarek •
- Mike Maturen **Catherine McNeil**
- Brian K. Somers
- Jason Wrush
- Wendy Wrush

St. Catherine:

- Beverly Aube
- **Charles Carriveau**
- Cathy Skwirsk •
- Glen Thompson
- T.J. Dryden

St. Gabriel:

• Karl Miltz Sr.

St. Raphael:

- Pauline Short
- Sam Rizzotto
- Stan Sufnar
- Christopher Troy
- Joyce Dingeldein

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This month, we are raising funds for the annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). Your support makes a difference for important ministries in the diocese and beyond. Thanks to generous support of the CSA, thousands of families in our parishes, Catholic schools, and ministries are supported each year. Our parish is asked to support the CSA to help provide for these diocesan programs that no single parish could provide on its own. The CSA effort is a means by which we work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has given to us. Our parishes goals are: St. Anne's Goal is \$22,555.

St. Raphael's Goal is \$7,633. St. Catherine's Goal is \$26,923.00. St. Gabriel's Goal is \$5,341.00. Please make a gift today to support this important mission. Learn more and online give at DioceseofGaylord.org/CSA23.

Bob Keen

PRAYER TO ST. DYMPHNA FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

Lord Jesus Christ, You have willed that St. Dymphna should be invoked by us as the patroness of mental health and have brought it about that her interest in these people and those that serve them should be an inspiration to and an ideal of charity throughout the world. Grant that, through the prayers of this youthful martyr of purity, those who experience mental health challenges everywhere on earth may be helped and consoled. Be pleased to hear the prayer of St. Dymphna and of your Blessed Mother. Give those whom invoke them the strength and courage to bear their affliction with resignation to Your Divine Will. Give them the consolation they need and especially the healing and recovery they so much desire, if it be Your Will. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Saint Dymphna, Patron Saint of Mental Health, the world is filled with stress, anxiety and mental challenges. Pray for us to deepen our faith, patience and wisdom.