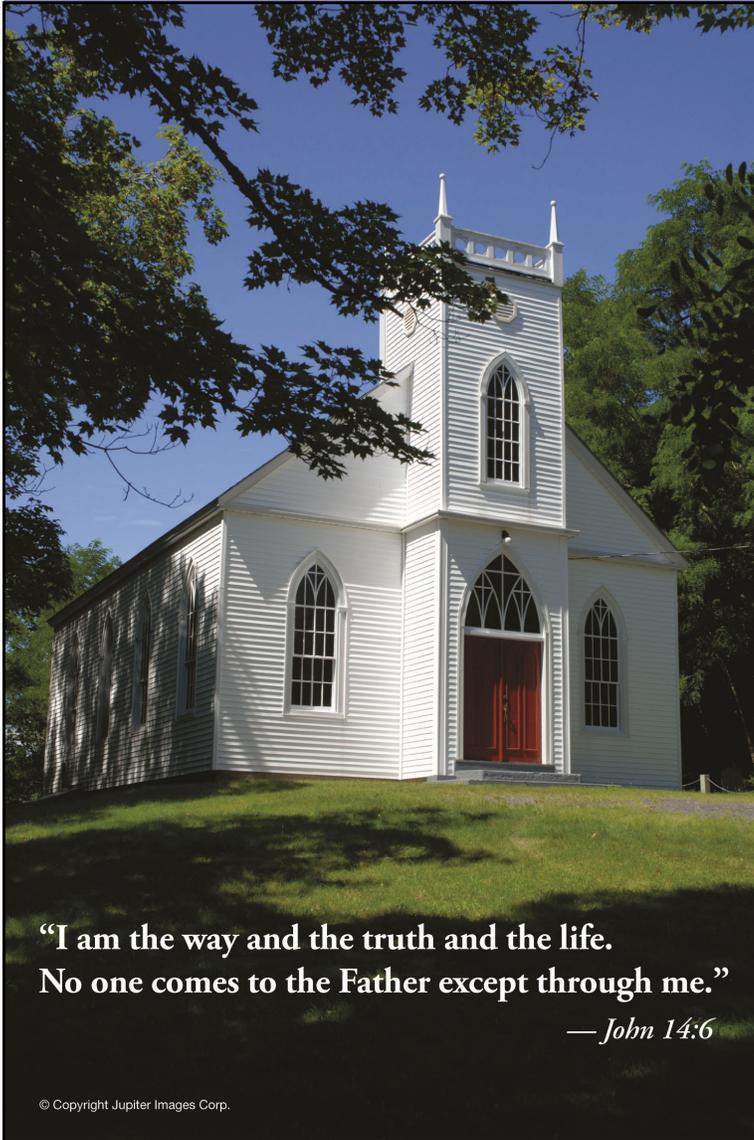


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**“I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.”**

— *John 14:6*

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Father Tom is available for Confession
by appointment.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Currently suspended.

HOSPITAL VISITS/ SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call parish office to request a
hospital visit or the Sacrament of Anointing
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Information During This Special Time

Our parish office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. The church is unlocked every day by 8:00 am and locked by 7:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to go in the church for private prayer, just keeping your social distancing, if others are there also. To receive the bulletin by email, just send us your email address. Printed copies are also placed in the church vestibule.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Sat., May 9	Easter Weekday Betty Bast
Sun., May 10	Fifth Sunday of Easter For the Parishioners
Mon., May 11	Easter Weekday Joseph & Mary Gulash (L)
Tues., May 12	Easter Weekday Adrianna Conley
Wed., May 13	Easter Weekday Carol Alcorn
Thur., May 14	St. Matthias Catherine Carrow
Fri., May 15	Easter Weekday Ray Matthews
Sat., May 16	Easter Weekday Margaret "Peggy" Blacketter
Sun., May 17	Sixth Sunday of Easter For the Parishioners

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Jim Friedrich, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Bob Schley, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Nelson Gregory, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoun, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Mary Friedel, Vi Perkhiser, Derek Trent, Jane Rood, Bev Randolph, Linda Leverich, Richard Swift, Virginia Forehand, Lee Bernt, Alex Kallal, John Richter, Tim Zacha, Brenda Wieneke. **Send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**



PARISH OFFERINGS

Many, Many Thanks to all who continue to send in your parish contributions!! They are greatly needed to keep our parish and school running! **There is a mail slot** on the outside of the office door for anyone who would like to drop their donation off. We are in the parish office on Tuesday and Thursday. Also, you can **make donations on-line** by setting up an account at www.givecentral.org Click on 'Find Your Charity' and enter 62010. Once you set an account up, you have complete control of every donation you make. You can start and stop at any time.

Week 43 & 44	Apr. 25/26 & May 2 & 3	Total to Date
Loose Envelopes	\$80.00	\$24,392.30
On Line Giving	\$17,281.00	\$437,968.69
Young People	\$2,906.00	\$84,091.00
Total	\$2.00	\$585.37
	\$20,269.00	\$547,037.36
Operating Budget	\$27,820.50	\$612,051.00
ACSA Budget	\$3,033.96	\$66,747.12
Difference	(\$10,585.46)	(\$131,760.76)

Envelopes received: 105 of 798
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$230.00
Other Charitable Donations: \$1,435.25

Dear Parishioners,



Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel for today Thomas says to Jesus; "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus responds; "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Thomas' statement reflects a lack of understanding of the message that Jesus had been teaching the disciples throughout his public ministry. It is only through Jesus that we can reach eternal salvation, and thus he is the way, the truth, and the life. Thomas' statement also comes between the prediction of Peter's denial of Jesus and a great promise for the disciples and us. Peter and Thomas reflect a flaw in their understanding of Jesus because they are lacking something vital for their journey of faith...that is the great promise. The promise is the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The power of the Holy Spirit will truly change both Peter and Thomas into the Apostles of faith that we honor at every mass. They and the other disciples no longer hide away in fear, but they go forth boldly to proclaim the faith. Many even do so at the cost of their lives. As they have received the Holy Spirit, so have we. As they were transformed by the Holy Spirit, so can we be transformed into faithful proclaimers of the Word. Every day let us remind ourselves of the power that dwells within each of us by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Today is also Mother's Day. As the Holy Spirit is a gift to all of us, I know that we see our mothers as beautiful gifts also. The Holy Spirit transformed the Apostles as stated above; and I think that all of us would say that our mothers transformed us into the people we are today. In this time of social distancing it may be difficult for families to be together today, however we can still reach out to wish our mothers a blessed day and to tell them how important they are to us.

May the Risen Christ bestow His blessings and mercy on all of you,

Father Tom

'Woman of Distinction'

In 2012 the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) hosted the first celebration of Women of Distinction in Springfield. The goal of the event is to recognize the contributions of all the good and holy women from each parish in the Alton Deanery. The chosen woman must actively live her Catholic faith with service to God, Parish and Community. She is honored with the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award with Mass celebrated by the Bishop and a luncheon being held this year on June 13th at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. OLQP is honoring Amy Frish for 2020 for her service and prayers for the lasting consequences she has done on behalf of her faith. Congratulations Amy!

May 10, 2020

A Prayer for Mother's Day

Heavenly Father, we pray:
for new mothers, coming to terms
with new responsibility;
for expectant mothers,
wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired,
stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance
the tasks of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their
children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical, mental
or emotional disabilities;
for those who have children they do not want;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be
a mother has not been fulfilled.
Bless all mothers, that their love may be
deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children
to know and do what is good,
living not for themselves alone,
but for God and for others. Amen.



Attention Men of the Parish

Fr. Tom's Steak, Scotch and Cigar night will be May 31, 2020 this year. This is a fun night and ALL the proceeds go to Father Tom to help for people from our Parish in Financial need. This is money for Father to dispense, Without Approval from anyone. Please donate \$100.00 per Person. IF you are not able to donate \$100.00 to Fr. Tom's fund Donate what you can. However, please keep in mind the cost per person for this event is \$45.00, so please donate \$45.00 or more. Dinner will include Black Angus Steak, Castelli's salad with bread and Castelli's pasta, please bring your favorite Scotch (or other beverage) to share, beer will be furnished, starting time is 5:30 P. M. The event will be held at Rich and Sue Hayes home at 668 Monaco Drive in Holiday Shores (Edwardsville) we are limiting this to 20 people. To reserve your place please e-mail richardhayesllc@gmail.com or text Rich at 618-407-5400 please do not use our land line it is there ONLY to support our computer service.

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

We participate again in this very worthwhile fundraiser to assist **Thrive Metro East** (formerly **Options Now Ministries**) in the work they do for moms and babies in need. Every donation to this ministry helps in reaching women at risk for abortion and save more babies. (The cost to save the life of 1 baby is \$1,200.) Bottles are in the main entrance of the church or in the church office. Pick up of filled bottles will be **June 20-21**.



JESUS, THE WAY

"How can we know they way?" John 14:5

We rely on our phone or GPS (Global Positioning System) to tell us where to go. The GPS device knows your exact location on earth. You tell it where you want to go. Then the GPS talks to you in a voice that tells you each street to turn on, and exactly where to drive. People trust the voice on the GPS.

Each of us has problems in this life, and we want to know "the way" out of these problems. We'd like a GPS to show us "the way" to move from debt to financial freedom, from addiction to freedom, from discord to unity, etc. We want directions for the way out. We ask: "How can we know the way" out of our situation? (Jn 14:5)

We want a roadmap, but God has a better plan; He gives us directions in the form of a Person: Jesus, the Way (Jn 14:6). Jesus always knows our exact physical location on earth. Moreover, He knows exactly where we are spiritually, emotionally, and mentally. Finally, His plan for us is the perfect way to get to our destination!

Our ultimate destination in this life is to spend eternity with God in heaven, and Jesus says: "No one comes to the Father except through Me" (Jn 14:6). Jesus is the Way. Follow Him (Jn 21:19).

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Your voice tells me whether to turn to the right or to the left (Is 30:20-21). I will do whatever You tell me and follow you the rest of My life (see Jn 2:5).

Promise: "The eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear Him." (Psalm 33:18)

Praise: "The Lord has been raised! It is true! He has appeared to Simon (Lk 24:34). Father God, we are humbled by Your divine plan.

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Pew Heart Project

Not being able to join together as a parish family has been hard. It's been especially hard for Father Tom. Let's fill our church with our faces until we can actually fill it with our whole bodies. If you haven't yet done so, all parishioners are invited to decorate a heart for the pews. Cut out a heart from a 8 ½ x 11 size piece of paper. Paste a picture of yourself/your family to it. You can create one for the whole family or let each family member make his or her own masterpiece. Take it to the church (use the door that faces the church office) and leave it in the box on the counter in the vestibule and we'll hang it for you. Let's join together in church with our hearts



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