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**Worship Times**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**, 4:00p  
**Sunday Mass 11:15a**; En español, 1:00p  
**Daily Mass, Holy Days** Consult bulletin  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

**Sunday Mass** 9:00a  
**Communion Service** Tuesdays, 12:15p  
**Holy Days** 7:00p  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
By appointment

**Welcome, New Parishioners**

*We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.*

**Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony**

*For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.*

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

*For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.*

**Anointing of the Sick**

*For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 15, 2022**

*Morning Church!*

Imagine being part of the 1<sup>st</sup> century, newly-forming Christian community. Put yourself in a pair of these disciples' dusty sandals. In Jesus' physical absence, it is up to you to proclaim his gospel among non-believing foreigners and skeptic Jews with no manual in hand. All you have or need is follow The Way and the Spirit's lead.

That's quite a ominous task, even for those who knew Jesus firsthand. Paul and Barnabas, lead by the Spirit, ventured to Pisidia (Turkey) and Perga (Greece). There they encountered hostility, even in Jewish communities! What resilience and courage it took to proclaim the reign of God! Barnabas, and Paul, who transformed from a persecutor of Christians to a proclaimer of the gospel, seemed like exact opposites. Together, they carried the heart of the gospel into a world, like today, one constantly disfigured by insurrections, illness, instability, and wars.

Lead by the Holy Spirit the disciples boldly carried out Christ's mission and ministry. The Way grew and expanded in new ways; the gospel reached beyond the borders of their homeland ~ to the ends of the Earth! Paul's pastoral sense lead him to see that Gentiles are to be welcomed into the Christian community without becoming Jews first. A bold move ~ a loving move Jesus would have made! Sounds like the best answer to Mary Oliver's question:

*"What is it you plan to do with your one,  
wild, and precious life?"*

Today, Pope Francis canonized 10 people who shared their precious lives for the sake of the gospel. One of them is a professor, journalist, mystic, linguist, and a priest of the Carmelite Order, Titus Brandsma, who can add saint to litany of accomplishments.



He is renowned for his resistance to the Nazi occupation, and their repression of academia and the press. During his six month of imprisonment, he kept a journal, writing on social and cultural life in his home Netherlands. He made public his opposition of Hitler, which put him on the Nazi watch list. With decisive firmness, he joined in with Dutch bishops who opposed the order to expel Jewish children from Catholic schools. He called their expulsion a "flagrant injustice...an attack on the Catholic Church itself."

Brandsma said, "The Church, in carrying out its mission, knows no distinction of sex, race or nation." Even the nurse who administered the lethal injection noted Brandsma always treated her with kindness. In his biography, "The Courage of Truth", he wrote of the Nazi nurse, *Tizia*, who executed prisoners in the infirmary daily. She felt uncomfortable in his presence. Fr. Titus always treated her kindly, unlike other prisoners who were hostile to her because of her role in the camp. He'd given her a wooden rosary, even though she was an atheist who openly "despised priests." Not knowing what to do with the object, she kept it in her apron pocket. On the day in 1942, she injected Brandsma and ended his life. Some time later, it touched he when she found the rosary again in her pocket. In her testimony, *Tizia*, who kept her real identity hidden for all these years, attributes Titus Brandsma for her abandonment of the Nazi ideology and her conversion to the Catholic faith.

The early Christian community, Titus Brandsma, and nine others canonized today, echoed the gospel down through the centuries, helping to create a New Heaven and a New Earth in Jesus' Name.

*"What is it you plan to do with your one,  
wild, and precious life?"*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*spania*

M A Y	
15	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter Combo Mission Collection
 16	RCIA Give Blood ERS 1:30-6:00p 
17	Communion Service, 12:15p
 19	Wise Ones Hosts: Ramona & Jim Margarita Mexican Restaurant 105 Valley Drive, Jonesville 
21	SSJ Governance Zoom 10:00a-3:00p
22	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter
 23	RCIA
24	Communion Service, 12:15p
29	Feast of the Ascension
 30	RCIA
31	Communion Service, 12:15p Clergy Connection Racism, 3:00p

PROCLAIMERS of the WORD		
5/15	Jerry S	Lou S
5/22	John O	Mary H
5/29	Rob W	Theresa M

 *Reflecting and Acting on the Word* 

*“What is it you plan to do with your one, wild, and precious life?”*

Daily Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

M A Y	
15	Kevin McQuade (Birthday) +Lori Knowles
22	+Yaira de Jesus
29	Crista & Patrick Gantz (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) Mary Tyrrell (Birthday)

### Parish Celebrations

15 Ron Berryman

Luis Angel Lopez

19 Lizette Hernandez

21 Luz Hernandez Reyes

23 Aymes Davis

Morgan Orta

Jonathan Ramirez

24 Gail Pieropan

Crystal Fuentes

26 Lila Keller

28 Alex Lara Serafin

30 Mark Kroeger

Brian Lopez

31 Hilda Lopez-Sanchez



15 Jennifer & Jason LaCashio

16 Rebekah & Ryan Treannie

19 Linda & Mark Kroeger

28 Theresa & Phil Martin

30 Joyce & Aaron Kelly




**Our Lady,  
Queen of Peace,  
pray for us!**

### Combination Mission Collection Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

 Catholic Relief Services

 The Holy Land

 The Works of the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)

 Catholic University of America

### Opportunities for Almsgiving/Service

*Feed to the Elderly (every 6 wks.)*

Contact Gail Altemueller (336) 835-2633

*Tri-County Christian Ministries*

Gelda or Jody (336) 526-1089

*Blessings & Congratulations!  
Vincent Cahill, graduated  
Penn Law, May, 2022!*



*Blessings & Congratulations!*

*Luis Rodriguez and*

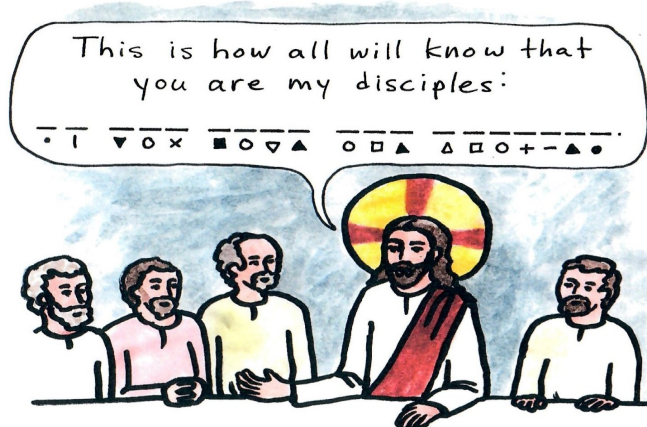
*Ethan VanHorn*

*Class of 2022 Elkin High*



# The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 15th, 2022



What did Jesus tell His disciples in today's Gospel reading? Use the code below to find out!

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John 13:31-35

# The New Commandment

In the Old Testament, before Jesus came, there were many commandments. They told the people how they should live and what they should and shouldn't do. Jesus obeyed the commandments, but He gave His followers a new one, something different than any of the others:

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**

The love that Jesus was talking about is called charity. It means doing what is best for a person. Here are some ways to love others:



Always think kindly of people. Even when you know something bad about someone, try to think nice thoughts about them.

Always speak kindly about people. Saying bad things about others can hurt them.



Always act kindly toward others. Treat everyone in the way that you would want to be treated. Show that you are a follower of Jesus by how you love others!

Answer to Word-Find: If you love one another.

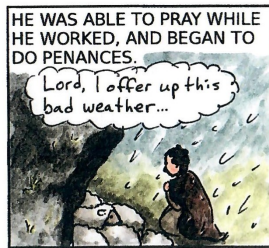
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# Saint Pascal Baylon

May 17

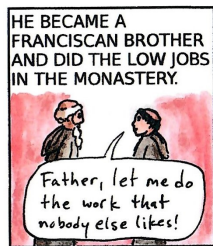


PASCAL BAYLON WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY IN SPAIN IN THE 1500'S. AS A BOY HE WAS SENT OUT TO LOOK AFTER THE SHEEP IN THE FIELDS.



HE WAS ABLE TO PRAY WHILE HE WORKED, AND BEGAN TO DO PENANCES.

Lord, I offer up this bad weather...



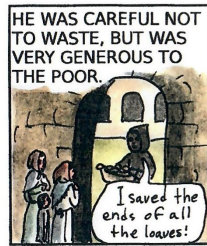
HE BECAME A FRANCISCAN BROTHER AND DID THE LOW JOBS IN THE MONASTERY.

Father, let me do the work that nobody else likes!



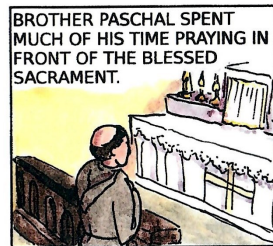
Food for the monks?

SOME JOBS WERE BEING A GARDENER, THE PORTER AND EVEN THE BEGGAR!

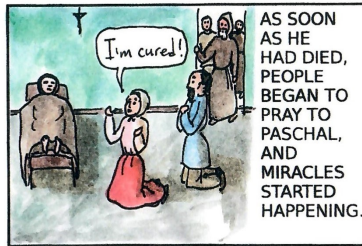


HE WAS CAREFUL NOT TO WASTE, BUT WAS VERY GENEROUS TO THE POOR.

I saved the ends of all the loaves!



BROTHER PASCAL SPENT MUCH OF HIS TIME PRAYING IN FRONT OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.



AS SOON AS HE HAD DIED, PEOPLE BEGAN TO PRAY TO PASCAL, AND MIRACLES STARTED HAPPENING.

PASCAL NEVER STUDIED OR HAD ANY IMPORTANT JOBS, BUT HE BECAME A GREAT SAINT ANYWAY. HE KNEW WHAT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING: LOVING JESUS. WHEN YOU REALLY LOVE JESUS YOU WILL BE GENEROUS WITH OTHERS TOO. DO YOU REALLY LOVE JESUS? HOW CAN YOU BE GENEROUS?

# The New Jerusalem Word-Find

Try to find all the words in **CAPITALS** in today's second reading. The leftover letters fit into the blanks at the end.

J J O H N E T E A R A O S  
U E A R T H R O N E D R H  
B R I D E A T H E M O D A  
H U M A N P R E P A R E D  
U S H A L L S A E L N R M  
S A Y I N G C V O W E A O  
B L M W M A K E P A D C U  
A E O A O V M N L Y E E R  
N M R I L O U D E S S Y N  
D W E L L I N G W I P E I  
T H E I R C E V E R Y S N  
D O W N B E H O L D A G G  
A I N G O D H I M S E L F

Then I, JOHN, saw a new HEAVEN and a new EARTH. The former heaven and the former earth HAD passed away, and the sea was no MORE. I also saw the holy city, a new JERUSALEM, coming DOWN out of heaven from God, PREPARED as a BRIDE ADORNED for her HUSBAND. I heard a LOUD VOICE from the throne SAYING "BEHOLD, God's DWELLING is with the HUMAN RACE. He will dwell with THEM and they will be his PEOPLE and GOD HIMSELF will ALWAYS be with them as THEIR God. He will WIPE EVERY TEAR from their EYES, and there SHALL be no more DEATH or MOURNING, WAILING or pain, for the old ORDER has passed away."

The One who sat on the THRONE said, "Behold, I MAKE all things new." Can you find this in the Bible? -> Rev.21:1-5

This tells about what will happen after

