

# SAINT WENCESLAUS PARISH

Pentecost Sunday

June 4, 2017

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Saturday Evening Mass 4PM - Sunday Mass 10AM  
Confession Available Before Every Mass

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### Contributions from May 27-28:

Adult Envelopes	\$865.00
Collection Plate	\$276.75
Youth Envelopes	\$2.00
Additional Property Insurance Donations	\$100.00

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### Diocesan Annual Appeal

Only few weeks remain to donate to the 2016-2017 Annual Appeal which supports the work of Christ throughout our La Crosse diocese. So far, we have raised \$10,155, 74% yet \$3,562 short of our goal. Thank you to all of the households below who have given so far. If you have not yet given, please consider making a contribution towards our goal before mid-June.

Lonnie Achenbach	Roger Feye	Robert McMillin
Marlene Baker	Gary Becwar	Beverly Meiller
Leonard Check	Tom Boland	Gary Morovits
Bryan Cody	David Cale	Greg Oppriecht
Ron Colson	Earl Duha	Jeanne Palmer
Donna Cornwell	Greg Fisher	Damaris Pintz
Bob Hagensick	Betty Fisher	Ronald Prew
Fr. Victor Feltes	Tom Fisher	Chuck Simmons
Florence Kilburg	Dale Hall	Roger Slama
John Kramer	Ray Martin	Tim Trautsch
Mark Lester	Ron Martin	Sheena Wolff
Don Lenzendorf	Ken Myers	Chris Wolff
Charles Linder	Paul Peloch	Elizabeth Wolff
Mark Martin	Brian Sipos	William Schultz
Robert McCarthy	John Slama	Shawn Schlee
	Ray Tirado	

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### Upcoming Liturgical Roles:

#### Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> : 4pm

**Lector:** Ken Myers  
**Ushers:** Loyde Beers & Mike Beers  
**Servers:** Any Available Servers

#### Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> : 10am

**Lector:** Jane Achenbach  
**Ushers:** Larry Walz & Isaiah Teynor  
**Servers:** Group G: Andrew Deegan, Jacob Martin, Noah & Tommy Sprosty

#### Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> Rosary Leaders:

The Donnie & Mona Fisher Family

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## Parish Announcements:

### Family Directory Photos

Still unscheduled for a free family photo session on June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>? Please register today in the back of church after Mass today.

### Parish Council of Catholic Women

Our PCCW will meet this Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Msgr. Baer hall. All women of the parish are invited. Call Toni Lenzendorf at 412-1734 for info.

### Trinity Dome Collection

Next weekend, June 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> we will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection to support the completion of a great mosaic at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. (See the article on back for details.)

### "Nun Camp"

Two Dominican sisters will lead a Bible school next week, June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Youths completing 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to this week of faith & fun. Registration forms are in the back of church.

### Life Guardians

Our area pro-life group invite you to their tea social this Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> starting 2pm at the Trillium Midwifery Birth Center at 1201 South Beaumont Road in PdC. This is an opportunity to share ideas, ask questions, and to get acquainted.

The Life Guardians wish to thank all those who helped them sell \$2,076 in Mothers Day roses. The funds raised will support their pro-life efforts.

### Confirmation Photos

202 photographs by Veronica Kramer of May 17<sup>th</sup>'s Confirmation Mass are available for viewing and download at: [tinyurl.com/confirmations2017](http://tinyurl.com/confirmations2017)

### Picnic & Homecoming Raffle Donations

To donate items to be raffled at this year's Picnic & Homecoming, contact Ronald & Joanne Prew at 874-4542 before June 15<sup>th</sup>.

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### Mass Schedule:

Mon, June 5 – 8am (St. Boniface) for:  
**Bernard & Norene Joy**  
**by Greg & Mary Fisher**

Tue, June 6 – 6:30pm (Weekday) for:  
**Bernard Boylen by Ray & Luella Martin**

Wed, June 7 – 8am (Weekday) for:  
**Harry Konichek by Tim & Shannon Sprosty**

Thr, June 8 – 8am (Weekday) for:  
**Larry Pelock by Dennis & Cathy Pelock**

Fri, June 9 – 8am (Weekday) for:  
**Fr. Jack Kilburg, MSF by Betty Fisher**

Sat, June 10 – 4pm (Feast of the Holy Trinity) for:  
**Frank Pintz by Damaris Pintz**

Sun, June 11 – 10am (Feast of the Holy Trinity) for:  
**Thomas Fisher**

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### June Hospitality Activities:

Hall Spring Cleaning (June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9am) All Groups  
Farewell Potluck (June 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11am) All Groups

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## God Raises Up the Lowly

She was a teenage virgin when she received a word from Heaven—she was to be God’s instrument in an incredible way. She asked how this could be, since she was merely an uneducated peasant girl. The messenger answered that God would deliver his people through her and she consented to her part in God’s plan. Despite her utter lack of military training, St. Joan of Arc (1412—1431 AD) would go on to lead French troops to swift victories against the English armies occupying her homeland, paving the way for her people’s liberation.

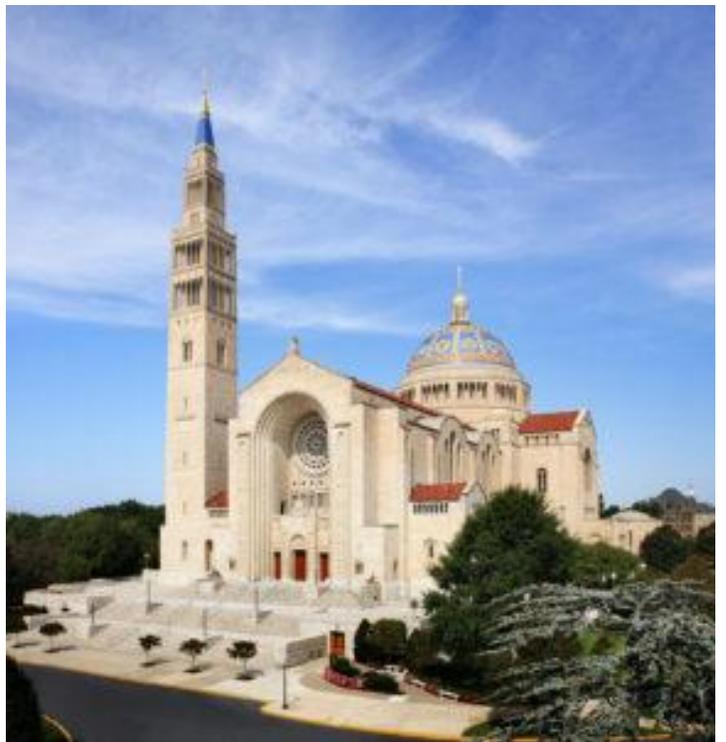
Every year, St. Joan’s of Arc’s feast (May 30<sup>th</sup>) comes the day before the Feast of the Visitation, which celebrates the meeting of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Elizabeth when they were pregnant with St. John the Baptist and Jesus the Christ. I think it is fitting and providential that these two celebrations are paired together on the liturgical calendar. These three holy women display God’s preferred means of intervening and triumphing throughout human history: by manifesting his mighty power through the weak and the lowly.

Of course, God can work through the high-ranking and the powerful to accomplish his purposes as well. For example, in 312 AD the pagan emperor Constantine, on the eve of a great battle in a civil war for control of the Western Roman Empire, reportedly had a vision of the Chi-Rho (☩), a Greek symbol for “Christ.” He then heard these words: *"In this sign you will conquer."* Constantine had this symbol painted on his soldiers' shields and prevailed in that decisive Battle of the Milvian Bridge. Constantine became the first Christian emperor and promptly legalized the previously persecuted Christian religion throughout the Roman Empire in 313 AD.

And yet, the Virgin Mother Mary rejoices that God prefers *to show the strength of his arm by lifting up the lowly and by casting down the mighty from their thrones*. St. Paul once reminded the Christians in Corinth, Greece of this truth:

*Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. ... "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."*  
— 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:26-29,31

In the Old Testament, God chose shepherders, like Moses the Prophet and later King David, to lead and deliver his oppressed people. He chose working-class fishermen as some of the Church’s first bishops. At the Visitation, the four most important people in the entire world met together in one place: two women and their unborn babies. And through one condemned man, whose three-year rabbinical career seemed to end in failure and death, God redeemed the world. Such is the divine approach, lest we look to merely our own human plans and efforts as the source for our salvation.



## Our National Basilica’s Trinity Dome

The Blessed Virgin Mary, under her title as the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. is the largest Roman Catholic church in North America and one of the ten largest churches in the world. Those who visit it (as I have several times while participating in the pro-life March for Life) find it beautiful and awe-inspiring. This church, in preparation for its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020, is currently completing its central and largest dome with a 14 million piece, interior ceiling mosaic.

The Trinity Dome will feature the Most Holy Trinity, the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Immaculate Conception, and saints with special connections to our country. These include Juan Diego and Kateri Tekakwitha, the first canonized male and female Native Americans; Damien of Moloka’i and Marianne Cope, who cared for Hawaiian lepers; Francis Xavier Cabrini, the first U.S. citizen to be canonized; Mother Teresa of Calcutta, an honorary American citizen; John Paul II, the first pope to visit the National Shrine; Junípero Serra, canonized by Pope Francis in 2015 at the National Shrine, the first canonization ever on American soil; and a number of others.

The Bishops of the United States have approved a special one-time second collection to take place this summer so that every American Catholic has an opportunity to support this national work of holy devotion which, God willing, generations will behold for centuries to come. Please consider a contribution in our second collection next weekend, June 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>.

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### Pope Francis’ June Prayer Intention:

*That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.*

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