### March Mass Readings

#### May 02
Acts 9:26-31  
1 Jn 3:18-24  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
John 15:1-8

#### May 09
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
1 Jn 4:7-10  
John 15:9-17

#### May 16
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
1 Jn 4:11-16  
John 17:11-19

#### May 23
**Pentecost Sunday**  
Acts 2:1-11  
1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23

#### May 30
**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**  
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40  
Rom 8:14-17  
Matt 28:16-20

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**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The divine Trinity takes up his abode in us on the day of our Baptism: “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Every time we sign ourselves with the sign of the Cross we remember God’s name in which we were baptized. With regard to the sign of the Cross, a theologian, Romano Guardini, remarked: “We do it before praying so that… we may put ourselves spiritually in order; focus thoughts, heart and will on God; after praying, so that what God has given us may remain within us… It embraces the whole being, body and soul… and everything is consecrated in the name of the Triune God.”

SOURCE: POPE BENEDICT XVI, ANGELUS ADDRESS, MAY 30, 2010

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
The meeting was called to order by President Trudy Pascale. The other officers present were: Mary Shannon Fikes, Connie Boutwell and Kathryn Brickey. The opening prayer was given by Mary Shannon. Minutes of February 4, 2021 were approved as corrected. Two items of correspondence were read. The card report was provided by Pam Thornton and read by Connie Boutwell with 3 Get Well cards and 2 Sympathy cards. Please notify Pam if any cards need to be sent. 9 members were present.

Unfinished Business:
1) New booklets have been printed and the committee inserts will be available until next month.
2) Trudy reminded committee members to stay and help clean up.
3) Bingo is scheduled for April 24 and the June Picnic is scheduled for June 5, 2021. During discussion, Wendy Ruggeri suggested holding the two events together on June 5. After discussion Leonard Zell made a motion and it was seconded to have the Bingo and the Picnic on June 5. On May 12, the mask mandate may be lifted allowing a more relaxed atmosphere. Mary Shannon will check with Gail Bryant to get it in the bulletin for the weeks leading up to June 5.
4) Wendy reported 9 people helped with the Altar/Church cleaning before Easter.
5) Kathryn reported Gail is preparing a Ziegler order and candle supplies will be ordered at that time.
6) Mary Shannon didn’t have any new information on 5th Sunday potlucks. We discussed hosting a Halloween 5th Sunday potluck on October 31 if possible. More details will be discussed later.
7) Mary Shannon will put a notice in the bulletin advertising all Catholics may join Altar Society.
8) When Gretchen Zell delivered items for prisoners and guards, the chaplain asked her if our church would be interested in donating clothing to be used when prisoners are released. She will check to see if women’s clothing is needed as well. A report will be given at the May meeting.
9) Mollie Boeving conducted the Stations of the Cross on March 19. She said it was different not moving from station to station. She thanked everyone for asking her to do it.

New Business:
There was no new business to discuss.

Announcements:
1) Trudy thanked Chairman Wendy and Co-Chairman Mollie and their social committee for providing the sack meals.
2) The next meeting will be May 6, 2021.

Closing prayer (Memorare) was led by Mary Shannon. Trudy adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,
Connie Boutwell, Secretary
Remember, this is our parish newsletter and our way to connect with each other. If you have news you would like to share, please email me at stjosephnews14@gmail.com.

**MAY**

**BIRTHDAYS**

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09  Gary & Kathryn Brickey
15  John & Bonnie Wood
17  Ronald & Donna Renfro
18  Joe & Pam Thornton
21  Brady & Stephanie Dean
26  Tai & Kellie Pham
30  Kris & Jennifer Kline
30  Greg & Rebecca Turchi
31  Tony & Lori Echlin

**Happy Anniversary!**
The regular meeting of Court Our Lady of Victory #564 was called to order by Regent Mary Ann Kizer at 12:20pm. The minutes were approved as corrected. Gretchen read the local correspondence which was one thank you note. There was no national correspondence to be read. Kathryn Brickey had provided her Treasurer report which Angelique Ford read.

**Circle of Love Chair Reports**

**Family:** Gretchen Zell reported on the March for Life which was rescheduled for Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2pm at the State Capitol. Gretchen attended with her husband and sister-in-law. As District Deputy, Gretchen distributed small statues of St. Joseph and St. Joseph holy cards. Members were reminded to record volunteer hours.

**Quality of Life:** Angelique Ford reported that 8 cards were sent during the month of March---3 get well, 3 sympathy, and 2 thinking of you. Members were reminded to let Angelique know when a card needs to be sent. Kathryn Brickey made 6 face masks for the community. They were given to Regent Kizer for distribution.

**Spiritual Enhancement:** Mollie Boeving reported that the most sacred week of the year was Holy Week. She gave an update of the Holy Week schedule; reminded members to start the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday; shared the Litany of the Sacred Passion; discussed “Contemplate My Wounds” chaplet; hared the Arthritis Novena to Saint Alphonsus Liguori; and noted the Seven Last Words that Jesus spoke from the cross.

**Youth/JCDA:** Wendy Ruggeri reported for Sarah Caroline Ruggeri on the Easter Egg Hunt. Due to the weather, the hunt was held indoors. The hallways and the library were used to hide the eggs. The older children looked for eggs in the library; while the younger children, looked for eggs in the hallways. Ten children attended the hunt. Everyone was able to get a prize basket. Nine CDA members assisted at the hunt. Possible options were discussed regarding future egg hunts.

**Other Committees:**

- **Membership:** Regent Kizer noted that our court needs new members.
- **National Charitable Projects:** Emma Lafitte reported that fundraiser plans were on ‘hold’. Details will be determined by the new covid directives that are coming out May 12th from the Bishop.

**Unfinished Business:**

**State Officer and Nominating Committee Elections:** Delegates were asked to vote today; so, ballots could be postmarked by April 29th. Gretchen Zell made a motion that our court make a $25 donation to the CDA Convention charity, the CALL. The motion was seconded and passed.

Regent Kizer reported that the 100th Anniversary of our Court is December 11, 2021. She reported that there are 15 Life Members. 

**JCDA Court:** Regent Kizer reported that at least 8 girls between the ages of 6-18 years of age are needed to start a JCDA court. It was suggested that between St. Peter’s and St. Joseph’s parishes there might be enough girls to form a Court. The priests need to be contacted regarding JCDA.

**Financial Review Committee:** It was reported that Angelique Ford, Beth Turchi, and Gretchen Zell completed the State CDA financial review. The local court needs to complete its financial review. It was due to National Office by April 30, 2021. Emma Lafitte agreed to chair the local financial review. Carolyn Ferguson, Deb York, and Gretchen Zell, District Deputy were asked to assist.

**Announcements:**

Give “Pennies for State” to Connie Boutwell for our Court to keep.

Easter is April 4, 2021.

Next meeting is April 25, 2021.

First Communion is May 16, 2021, 11:00 a.m. Mass.

The Closing Prayer was a Prayer for Priests led by Regent Kizer. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 25, 2021, 12:00 p.m. in Gallagher Hall. The April Social Chair is Gretchen Zell.

Submitted by,

Gretchen Zell

Recording Secretary
The regular meeting of Court Our Lady of Victory #564 was called to order by Regent Kizer at 12:20 pm. Regent Kizer led the praying of a prayer dedicated to our deceased CDA sisters who have died since the last state convention. Minutes of the March 28, 2021 were read. The minutes were approved as corrected. Regent Kizer reported that our court had received a dues bill from National. She will forward the bill on to Kathryn Brickey, court Treasurer.

Reports of Circle of Love Chairmen:

- Family: Gretchen Zell did note that possible family activities for next year were being considered. As District Deputy, St. Joseph medals and holy cards were distributed. A statue of St. Joseph would be given away as a door prize at the end of the meeting. Members were reminded to record volunteer hours.
- Leadership: Trudy Pascale related a Leadership quote by President Dwight Eisenhower. She also stated qualities of good leadership and noted how it could be achieved.
- Quality of Life: Angelique Ford reported that one sympathy card had been sent since the last meeting.
- Spiritual Enhancement: Mollie Boeving noted that today was Priest Vocation Sunday and Good Shepherd Sunday. A handout was distributed with 4 prayers for priestly and religious vocations and the prayer emphasis for each day of the week with an explanation.

Other Committees:

- National Charitable Projects: Fundraiser is on ‘hold’ due to COVID. Emma Lafitte is still waiting on the new directives from the Bishop expected May 12th. Regent Kizer noted that several individuals had received newsletters from Tutwiler and suggested that the court might be able to assist with one of its needs.
- Financial Review Committee: Emma Lafitte noted that the books were reviewed and everything was found in order.

Unfinished Business:

- State Officer and Nominating Committee Election Results: Regent Kizer noted that outgoing State Regent Trudy Pascale emailed the local state court regents the election results. The results were as follows: State Regent—Connie Boutwell, Court #564 (Pine Bluff), First Vice Regent—Judi Ostergaard, Court # 2574 (El Dorado), Second Vice Regent—Carolyn Wethington, Court #2656 (Hot Springs), State Secretary—Jo Marie Smith, Court # 2287 (Little Rock), State Treasurer—Cyndi Risques, Court #2656 (Hot Springs).
- Nominating Committee results were as follows: Dottie Sanders, Chair, Court #2287, Jane Doyle, Court # 2574, Sherry Asbell, Court #2656, Mary Hemann, Court # 2255, and Emma Lafitte, Court #564.
- JCDA Court: Regent Kizer noted that 8 girls between the ages of 6-18 were needed to form a JCDA court. The priests needed to be contacted.

New Business:

- Bake Sale: Deb York, Vice Regent, reported that according to the court’s calendar that a Bake Sale was scheduled for next weekend (May 1&2). She suggested that the Bake Sale be rescheduled for a later date. It would give members more time to plan and information could be placed in the bulletin. After some discussion, Connie Boutwell made a motion that the Bake Sale be rescheduled for May 22nd and May 23rd, if it would not conflict with the church calendar. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Awards Banquet, June 19: Regent Kizer reported that the Awards Banquet was scheduled for June 19th. She asked if the membership preferred potluck or catered. Catering was the preference. Regent Kizer was going to check with Rice Catering regarding menu, prices, and availability.
- Scholarship Applications: No report. Regent Kizer noted that according to the court’s standing rules that the Scholarship committee is comprised of current court officers, past court regents, and the education chair of the Court. The Scholarship Judging Committee includes the Education Chair, current Regent, immediate past regent, and district deputy.

State Officer’s Report:

Trudy Pascale, past state regent, reported that her last official duty will be May 7th when she conducts the transition meeting with the new officers. A brief officer’s installment ceremony will be held at that time.

Announcements:

- Bake Sale tentatively scheduled for May 22 &23

The closing prayer was the Prayer for Vocations led by Regent Kizer. The next scheduled regular meeting is Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. in Gallagher Hall. The May Social Chair is Beth Turchi.

Submitted by, Gretchen Zell
A Pentecost Prayer

Welcome Holy Spirit,
In the silence of a still night’s fearful thought you come
Comfort in the sleepless worries
Gentle in the rising doubts
Forgiving all our handmade hurts
Patient in our pointless hurry
Counseling as the waves come crashing,
“Be still and know that I am God”

Wonderful counselor, comforter, God with us
You will never abandon us
You will always be with us
Your promises are sure
Help us to give like you, forgive like you, live for you
Amen

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