



All Saints Cathedral Parish

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Catholic in Faith, a People Empowered

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May The Month Of Mary



It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death and her presence with the apostles in the upper room, prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost day.

In our pilgrimage of faith, we always walk with Mary. She is our model of faith and she helps us with her prayers to live by faith. She teaches us to believe as she believed.

During this month, Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and adoration. This month, the

benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance. Many churches and schools celebrate the crowning of Our Lady's figures, and this beautiful custom expresses our love for the Mother of God as our Queen. Through the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Holy Rosary we enter more deeply into the mysteries of Christ's life. All honor that we give to Mary leads to the adoration of God. Devotion to Mary fosters within us a faithful adherence to her Son. When we crown images of Mary, we are honoring her. In honoring Mary, we ultimately praise God for the grace He bestowed on her.

We all probably have our favorite images and our favorite devotions to Blessed Mary: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of Perpetual Help, the Miraculous Medal, Blessed Mother of Czestochowa, etc. The many images and devotions express various aspects of Our Lady's vocation and mission. They help us to know the virtues

of Mary and remind us to turn to her for her intercession.

I invite you to pray with Mary during this month. Let us commend her for our prayers for life, marriage, children, and families. Let us all place ourselves in Mary's arms to learn how to love God more fervently and love one another as her Son has loved us.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us and draw us closer to Christ, her Son!

Bishop Jerry Rafalko



Jest wielowiekowym zwyczajem katolików poświęcać miesiąc maj Najświętszej Maryi Pannie. Maj jest zawsze częścią okresu wielkanocnego, pięćdziesięciu dni, które świętujemy w liturgii Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego, a także czasem oczekiwania na zesłanie Ducha Świętego w dniu Pięćdziesiątnicy. Maj jako miesiąc maryjny dobrze wpisuje się w liturgiczne obchody Wielkanocy, gdy wspominamy wielką radość Maryi ze zwycięstwa Jej Syna nad śmiercią i Jej obecność z apostołami w wieczniku, oczekując na modlitewnie Zesłania Ducha Świętego.

W maju oddajemy szczególną cześć Matce Najświętszej. W tym miesiącu chrześcijanie, zarówno w kościele, jak i w zaciszu domowym, składają Maryi szczególnie żarliwy i pełen miłości hołd modlitwy i adoracji. Wiele kościołów i szkół celebrowało koronację wizerunków Matki Bożej, a ten piękny zwyczaj jest wyrazem naszej miłości do Matki Bożej jako naszej Królowej. W maju odmawiamy Litanię do Najświętszej Maryi Panny jak również modlimy się odmawiając Różaniec. Przez te modlitwy głębiej wchodzimy w tajemnice życia Chrystusa. Wszelka cześć jaką oddajemy Maryi ma na celu i prowadzi do adoracji Boga. Przez

nasze nabożeństwo do Maryi zbliżamy się do Jej Syna. Kiedy koronujemy wizerunki Maryi, oddajemy Jej cześć. Oddając cześć Maryi, ostatecznie chwalimy Boga za łaskę, którą Ją obdarzył.

Wszyscy prawdopodobnie mamy swoje ulubione obrazy Maryi i ulubione nabożeństwa do Matki Bożej z Guadalupe, Matki Bożej Fatimskiej, Matki Bożej z Lourdes, Matki Bożej Nieustającej Pomocy, Cudownego Medalika, do Matki Bożej Częstochowskiej, itp. Wizerunki i nabożeństwa do Matki Bożej pomagają nam poznać cnoty Maryi i przypominają nam, abyśmy zwracali się do Niej prosząc o Jej wstawiennictwo.

Zapraszam do naszej wspólnej modlitwy w tym miesiącu. W naszych modlitwach polecajmy Maryi nasze małżeństwa, dzieci i rodziny i nasze parafie. Oddajmy się wszyscy w ramiona Maryi, aby nauczyć się żarliwiej kochać Boga i kochać siebie nawzajem, tak jak umiłował nas Jej Syn.

Niech Najświętsza Maryja Panna wstawia się za nami i przybliży nas do Chrystusa, Jej Syna!

Ksiądz Biskup Jarosław Rafalko





Gordon W. Bialasik
1938-2023

Quoting an anonymous wise man; *“Don’t tell me how much scripture you quote, show me how you treat people.”*

Reading scripture often, and remembering it well enough to quote, is aspirational. But treating people well? That my friends is *inspirational!*

And treating people well brings me to Gordon Bialasik. In today’s parlance, Gordon was an influencer. He just didn’t do it on Tik Tok or some social media app. He did it the old fashioned way; in person, face to face.

Who at the parish will not miss his warm smile, a heartfelt embrace, a firm handshake, a kiss on the cheek and his gentle humor as you entered the church on Sunday? The answer is anyone who entered the building. Anyone, whether he knew you personally or not. If you entered the church to attend service you were his friend and he treated you as one. Young boys were treated as young men with stature and a handshake. Little girls were greeted with that rare combination of joy and whimsy that would leave them giggling and blushing and looking forward to their next encounter with him.

His personal warmth and commitment to service extended to those he cared for at the nursing homes where he volunteered. This service was not as public but it was

consistent and genuine and heartfelt and given freely. Whether he recognized it or not, he offered healing to those whose souls were bruised and in need of some tenderness and care. It could be seen in the smiles on the faces of those he touched and those who touched him.

Gordon was a great benefactor to the parish with his time, his talent and his treasure. He was humble about his contributions in each of these areas but his influence can be felt by everyone who attends this parish. It went unnoticed by many perhaps, but he was here almost daily, to remove the trash, move tables and chairs as needed, help with small cleaning jobs, made small repairs here at the church and at the Chancery. Whatever or wherever the need, if he could fulfill it, he did. And he did it happily and without fanfare or fuss.

We celebrate Gordon’s life and the family he and his beloved wife Pat created as their living legacy. Two daughters, a son and six grandchildren. Each of them will carry many personal stories and memories into the future and I hope they share them. And I celebrate their good fortune for having had such wonderful parents and mentors in their lives.

In some ways Gordon is like the main character in the movie “It’s a Wonderful Life”, where the George Bailey character discovers what the world would be like if he were never born. Unfortunately, we are now going to experience a world where Gordon Bialasik is longer with us, and it saddens me greatly. Gordon frequently would pull me aside and thank me for some service I performed at the parish but I was always more in his debt for all that he did for me and the parish than

anything I did for him. He was generous and kind in that way and I will never forget it.

There is a song lyric that says, “they will know we are Christians by our love”. Gordon was a Christian. We will miss him.

“Rejoice and be glad, for this is the day the Lord as made.”

~ Gary Kurzynski, Parish Chairman



Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday, May 7th – 9 am Mass

Kara Deborah Lindenmuth
Sponsor: *MaryJane Scott*

Ella Veronica Smolka
Sponsor: *Debra Erickson*

*May the Spirit of the Lord
come into your heart as a
gentle Gift of Peace.*

*May He bless you on your
Confirmation Day and all
the days of your life.*

Amen.



PARISHIONERS: Laura Mrozek, Sonny Collinet, Phyllis Collinet, Donald Pagels, Stephen Scott, Mary Andersen, Adeline Kozak, Barbara Heath, Lorraine Truskolaski, Joan Pagels, Dolores Urban, Joan Maluchnik

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Rita Bader, Eugenia Czaban, Joseph T. Zawistowski, Marilyn D'Angelo, Mark Skorczewski, Sheree Peck, Jeannette Strelau, Donna Keck, Mary Nystrom

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Stephanie Rowinski, Gene Paprocki, Richard Stark, Jerry Maycan

ALL OUR TROOPS DEFENDING FREEDOM especially Martin Venegas (USAF), Michael Warren Sobczyk (USAF), Hannah Sobczyk (USAF), Noe Corral-Galvan (USAF)



Marilyn Cloven	(5/6)
Lorraine Truskolaski	(5/8)
Evelyn Michalczyk	(5/10)
Christina Papish	(5/21)
Betty Budziak	(5/22)
Christopher Henning	(5/24)
Michael Kaczynski	(5/24)
Keith Lewandowski	(5/26)
Cynthia Nytko	(5/26)
Christopher Waz	(5/31)

If your birthday is missing from this list, please email the office at info@ascpncc.org.

Good News



Ella Smolka is a freshman at Regina Dominican High School. Ella made the varsity lacrosse team and is a starter.

She was recently chosen as "Athlete of the Week" for her hustle and good

sportsmanship. Go Ella!



Do you have some good news to share with your Parish Family? Send your Good News items to info@ascpncc.org.



Our annual Summerfest and Classic Car Show is Sunday, August 13th.

Mark Kowalsky has again graciously volunteered to Chair this event. We are in need of volunteers to take the lead for the various attractions and activities.

Please contact Mark at 630-664-5547 for more information and to volunteer. Thanks!

Youth Gathering 2023 "Connect With God"

Dear Youth, Youth Advisors and Clergy of our Holy Church,

The Western Diocese Youth Commission and the Western Diocese United Youth Association are excited to announce that the 2023 Western Diocese Youth Gathering "Connect with God" will take place on **July 31 – August 3** at Walnut Ridge Retreat Center, in Morgantown, Indiana.

An inspirational and fun time is planned for you, your friends and all those from your Parish. Remember to tell your family and friends what a great time you had two years ago and invite them to come with you in July!

After consulting with Bishop Rafalko, the registration price will be set at **\$125.00 per person**. The 2023 Youth Gathering Committee realizes the financial strain this type of event can place upon a family or parish, so we have done our very best to keep the price as low as possible. Please note that the actual cost of the Walnut Ridge Retreat Center is much closer to \$225.00/person. This low registration cost is a direct result of the importance being placed upon the young adults and youth within our Diocese.

Please complete the registration form (available from Father David) and submit payment **no later than June 30, 2023**.

We are looking forward to a great time and can't wait to meet all our veterans as well as the newcomers to our 2023 Western Diocese Youth Gathering!

In His Service,

Very Reverend John P. Kowalczyk, Jr.
Youth Chaplain of the Western Diocese PNCC



Operation Christmas Child Recommended Items for May

Hygiene Items (new items only please)

Nail clippers and files, band aides, toothbrushes, floss, washcloths, car soap, reusable plastic utensils, lip balm, deodorant, flashlight with batteries, hairbrushes, combs, small blankets

Remember you can also give a monetary donation through Online Giving or by writing "Operation Christmas Child" on an offering envelope and place it in the collection basket.



The Choir will be taking a break from weekly rehearsals for the summer months. Remaining rehearsals are scheduled for **Friday, May 12th**, **Thursday, May 25th** and **Thursday, June 1st**.

May we pray for you?



Every **Saturday at 5 pm**, we pray the Rosary in person in the church and broadcast on Facebook Live. Submit your prayer requests using the cards in the vestibule.

2023 Scholarships

Our annual All Saints Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, May 14th to:

Madison Gradowski
James Lindenmuth
Michael Lindenmuth
MaryJane Scott

Congratulations to our wonderful Scholars!

Triple Feast Day!

On Sunday, May 21st we will celebrate our first-ever "Triple Feast" to commemorate Mother's Day, Father's Day and Children's Day! There will be ONE MASS at 10 am, with music provided by the Choir of the Alliance of Polish Clubs during and after Mass. We invite you to join in this special event, and stay for a common meal afterwards.

Camerasperson Needed



We have been broadcasting our Sunday Mass on Facebook Live since the beginning of the pandemic, and we have many regular online attendees. This new way of ministering to the faithful has become an important part of Parish life for those who cannot attend in person.

We are in need of at least one backup to be trained to do the broadcast when our regular cameraperson is unavailable. Facebook Live broadcasting is very easy, and training will be provided.

Contact Judie Szydowski at 630-222-0334 if you are interested. Thank you!



A big THANK YOU to those individuals and families who volunteer to host our Fellowship Hour. If you have been thinking of hosting for the first time, but aren't sure what to do

or need a partner, contact Judie at 630-222-0334. Remember – we now have a **Fellowship Fund** to which you can contribute online or in the Collection Basket.



For several years, All Saints has collected donations for MorningStar Mission, a non-denominational organization dedicated to relieving the spiritual and physical hunger of the poor by providing food for the hungry, clothes for the needy, shelter for the homeless and the gospel of Jesus Christ for all.

You can give to MorningStar by using the All Saints Online Giving portal or add your donation to the collection basket by writing "MorningStar" on the envelope. Your donations are forwarded quarterly.

Do you have a charity or volunteer organization dear to your heart that you would like to promote to the congregation? Let us know! Send your ideas to our parish email at info@ascpncc.org.



Please note – the deadline for submissions for the Monthly Newsletter is the **LAST SUNDAY** of each month. Send your submissions to info@ascpncc.org.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

(see Weekly "Blue Sheet" for schedule changes)

Sunday Masses

9 am English / 11 am Polish
(except when otherwise announced)

School of Christian Living Classes

Sundays at 10:30 am September–May

St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays at 7:30 pm September–May
(in person and via Zoom)

Pray the Rosary with Bishop Jerry

Saturdays at 5 pm
(in person and via Facebook Live)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parent Teacher Organization

Sunday, May 28th 11:15 am

Cemetery Trustees

Tuesday, May 9th 7 pm

Parish Committee

Tuesday, May 16th 7 pm

Youth Club

(to be scheduled)



May 7th – Confirmation

June 4th – First Holy Communion

June 18th – Sunday School
Commencement

July 31 through August 3 – Western
Diocese Youth Gathering

August 13 – Annual Picnic with Car Show

September 17th – Austin Rose Benefit

ALL SAINTS ON THE WEB

Tell others about our web site and Facebook page, and let us pray they come to find a spiritual home with us!

Web site:

<https://www.ascpncc.org/>

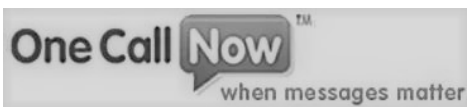
Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ascpncc/>

Online Giving

Online Giving from **Our Sunday Visitor** is a convenient, secure way to donate. You can set up regular contributions, pay your membership dues, or make an occasional donation to your favorite cause.

Sign-up is easy! Just go to the website (<https://osvhub.com/ascpncc/giving/>) and follow the instructions. Or contact the office for assistance.



One Call Now is the system we use to send our weekly In Touch Email Bulletin as well as the automated phone calls. If you would like to receive emails and/or phone calls, or make a change to your current setup, contact the office at info@ascpncc.org.

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EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS or DEATHS

Please report to Bishop Jerry or Father David immediately.

CEMETERY

Visiting Hours: 8 am – 5 pm
Office Hours: By appointment only
Jill Lindenmuth, Cemetery Secretary
773-380-7131 x4 cemetery@ascpncc.org

PARISH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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