

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
May 3, 2015

M & M's

It is easy to first begin with a salute to Curt Abrahamson. He is first in our pictorial directory along with his parents, Ross and Emily. As noted earlier, he picked up the tab for the construction of the wall that makes up our lounge and meeting room in the lower level – just over \$9,000. He gave it from his savings from working at Meijer's pushing those carts in for 14 years! He wanted to do something as he prepares for his impending death from cancer. His last gathering at Mass with us appears to have been Easter. Without reservation, Pastoral Council has designated it, CURT'S ROOM.

I move through listings of other examples of faith in the parish:

- We continue to look for a Faith Formation Director (DRE plus) as noted on our parish website and other postings. Quality nominations are coming in.
- CSA has already gotten a lot of attention from letters received from Bishop Raica and myself. We can be confident in our vibrancy that the target will be made. THANK YOU. May 2/3 and 16/17 is our principal weekends.
- Stop by St. Vincent de Paul Store! Great place to shop – swapping out a few quality pieces of furniture for rectory. And please consider volunteering so as to keep the store on Woodmere Ave. open more. I support it so strongly, if you wish just leave a message with me, or Jim Warren or Julie Ellalasingham.
- And consider slipping into a graduation or wedding gift, one of your favorite Lighthouse Media cd's in the back of church! I thank Bridge Thuente for management of the multitude of offerings.
- St. Francis High school students are planning to come over this coming Friday and spruce up the appearance of our highway sign. Anyone with a green thumb want to supervise the choosing of shrubs and plants? Donations?
- Act on Pastoral Council nomination form in your pew. Even nominate self.
- As noted in CSA letter, we will need volunteers to lay out plans for partial new flooring in lower level. We will definitely be going with a mixture of carpet and hard surface (outside "tunnel" and food offering area). Can we get it done by end of May? Maybe Boy Scouts can pull up old carpet to save money?
- A donation of \$500.00 arrived in the mail from a frequent downstate visitor with a special liturgical compliment: very brief note included..."We did like the 10 am Mass, mainly due to the attendance. The church felt full and alive".
- Tracy Gallagher has offered to take on all logistics for again sending high school students to Youth Conference at Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH. – June 26-28. Check with her or the office – solid "wow" testimonials from those who have gone.

Never to minimize our reason for existence and spirit within, HIS RESURRECTION,

Fr. Ray Cotter

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following Confirmation/First Communion Candidates
received their Sacraments of Initiation at
Christ The King Parish—Sunday, May 3rd, 2015.

Christ The King Parish Confirmation

Bryson Ellalasingham

Confirmation/First Communion

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| David Best | Luke Bobrowski | Chris Bobrowski |
| Collin Bramer | Levi Dillion | Rylee Duffing |
| Sophia Ellalasingham | Trey Ettawageshik | Lucas Jarvis |
| Caden Kowal | Garnet Mullet | Eva Pray |
| Anthony Ribel | Bjorn Tracy | Evan Yenshaw |

Sacred Heart Church, Elk Rapids Confirmation *only*

Brendan Shockley, Declan Shockley

THANK YOU!

Thank you Bishop Raica, for celebrating with us on your
first official visit to our Parish of Christ The King,
this special day of Confirmation and First Communion.