



From The Pastor's Desk

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Verse seven of Acts of Apostles in the first reading: *"The word of God continued to spread."* We celebrate together during this Easter season the fact that Christ Has Risen! In today's Gospel we hear the interchange between Jesus and Thomas, the disciple who on the Second Sunday of Easter wanted to touch Christ's wounds and Jesus allowed him to do, so that he and all might believe. In this Gospel of John, Chapter 14, we hear Jesus telling Thomas that He (Jesus) is going ahead to prepare a place for all who follow Jesus.

Jesus says: *"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE, and NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME!"* JOHN 14:6. And then we hear Jesus' words to Phillip: *"Believe me that I am in the Father and Father is in me."* JOHN 14:11.

Jesus directs us to the One God who is Father, Son and Spirit! He leads us to the beautiful intimacy of the relationship that He has with His Heavenly Father. It is possible for us. Why don't we all try to integrate the story of Christ and weave it into our lives? Jesus shows us the Way, for He is the Truth and the Life!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

Altar Servers

Father Maddaloni has been doing a wonderful job inviting young people to consider being Altar Servers. Father will be conducting more Altar Server training. Any children in 4 grade or above who may be interested, please call the Parish Center and leave your name and phone number.

Eucharistic Ministers and Homebound Ministers

This ministry is for high school students over 16 through adulthood. If you are interested in being **an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or a Homebound Minister**, it is necessary to take a half-day class in the Diocese given in October and April every year! Write a short letter or email to me (Father Ed) explaining why you would like to be a Minister of the Eucharist.

First Holy Communion Masses

Last weekend we celebrated our second weekend of First Holy Communion Masses on May 6. This weekend we had one more at Saint Rosalie's. Congratulations again to all our young people! Please pray for our First Communicants and their families. A big thank you goes to Eileen McPhelin, our Religious Formation Coordinator, her assistants, Katy and Liliana, and our wonderful catechists who all do so much for our children and all of us in educating these young people in the light of faith!

Again, congratulations to all our First Communicants.

Father Ed