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May Crowning

- ***Weekend Masses:** Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.
- ***Weekday Masses:** Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon
Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.
- ***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every 1st Saturday and Sunday of the month after Mass.
- ***Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment.
- ***Baptism:** Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic.
- ***Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least **six** months in advance before any other plans are made.
- ***Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688
- ***Parish Council:** Lou Khourey, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad, Gary Weisner.
- ***Choir Members:** Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Holly Stahl.
- ***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
- ***Altar Servers:** Joe Roxby and Christopher AlKhouri
- ***Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President
- ***Women's Society:** Jeannette Wakim, President



***Bulletin Announcements:**

Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week.

***New Parishioners:**

We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners.

***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven.

Gospel Reflection: May Crowning

Readings: Ez 34:11-25; Eph 2:1-10 and Jn 21:15-19

The third question is perhaps the crucial one for the interpreter. For when Jesus questioned Peter for the third time He said (to continue to treat the two words for love as not synonymous): ***“Simon son of John, do you care for me?”*** The words with which John follows this question: ***“Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time ‘do you care for me?’”*** seem to confirm the view that the two words are not synonymous. It is indeed understandable why Peter should have been grieved had the narrative been using two synonymous words for love. But to treat them as not synonymous brings an immediately heightened tension and drama into the narrative. Twice Jesus had used the strong, new, typically Christian word for love; and twice Peter had deliberately avoided using it in his reply. Now, in his third question, that must have brought to Peter’s mind the bitter memory of his three denials, Jesus used the very word by which he had hoped to escape the worst of the probing. ***“Simon, son of John, do you really care for me? Are you sure of that?”*** seems to be the dramatic question Jesus now puts. And Peter cannot and knows he cannot lay claim even to this. All his self-knowledge and all his self-confidence have gone; the only thing he can trust is his Lord’s knowledge of him that has, even at this moment, twice recommissioned him, and he says: ***“Lord you know everything; you know that I care for you.”*** So at last Peter is brought to the point of being completely remade in the reception anew of his divine commission: ***“Feed my sheep.”***

Miracles of Jesus (24, 25 & 26)

The 24th miracle of Jesus when he fed 4000 people

During those days another large crowd gathered. They had nothing to eat. So, Jesus called for his disciples to come to him. He said, “I feel deep concern for these people. They have already been with me three days. They don’t have anything to eat. If I send them away hungry, they will become too weak on their way home. Some of them have come from far away.” His disciples answered him. “There is nothing here,” they said. “Where can anyone get enough bread to feed them?” “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied. He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. He took the seven loaves and gave thanks to God. Then he broke them and gave them to his disciples. They passed the pieces of bread around to the people. The disciples also had a few small fish. Jesus gave thanks for them too. He told the disciples to pass them around. The people ate and were satisfied. After that, the disciples picked up seven baskets of leftover pieces. About 4,000 people were there. After Jesus sent them away, he got into a boat with his disciples. He went to the area of Dalmanutha. The Pharisees came and began to ask Jesus questions. They wanted to test him. So, they asked him for a sign from heaven. He sighed deeply. He said, “Why do you people ask for a sign? What I’m about to tell you is true. No sign will be given to you.” Then he left them. He got back into the boat and crossed to the other side of the lake. (Mark 8:1-13)

The 25th miracle of Jesus when he healed a Blind Man at Bethsaida

Jesus and his disciples came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him. They begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand. Then he led him outside the village. He spit on the man’s eyes and placed his hands on him. “Do you see anything?” Jesus asked. The man looked up. He said, “I see people. They look like trees walking around.” Once more Jesus put his hands on the man’s eyes. Then his eyes were opened so that he could see again. He saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home. He told him, “Don’t even go into the village.” (Mark 8:22-26)

The 26th miracle of Jesus when he healed a Blind Man

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who was blind. He had been blind since he was born. Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned? Was this man born blind because he sinned? Or did his parents sin?” “It isn’t because this man sinned,” said Jesus. “It isn’t because his parents sinned. He was born blind so that God’s power could be shown by what’s going to happen. While it is still day, we must do the works of the one who sent me. Night is coming. Then no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” After he said this, he spit on the ground. He made some mud with the spit. Then he put the mud on the man’s eyes. “Go,” he told him. “Wash in the Pool of Siloam.” Siloam means Sent. So, the man went and washed. And he came home able

to see. His neighbors and people who had seen him earlier begging asked questions. "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" they asked. Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No. He only looks like him." But the man who had been blind kept saying, "I am the man." "Then how were your eyes opened?" they asked. He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So, I went and washed. Then I could see." "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said. (John 9:1-12)

Diocesan Appeal fulfilled

--Vickie Joseph in Memory of Al, Georgette and Michael Joseph

This Weekend Mass Schedule. Sat-Sun. May 2-3

Saturday May 2, Mass at 4:00 p.m.: Benediction after Mass

- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- † Fran Saseen by The Cave Club
- † Noel Foreman by his wife Anne & Family

Sunday May 3, Mass at 10:30 a.m.: May Crowning

- † Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- † June Fahey (Anniversary) by George & Patty Fahey
- † Harry J. Nolte (Anniversary) by his granddaughter Janet Shutler

Weekdays Mass schedule

Monday May 4: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday May 5, Mass at Noon.

- † Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

Wednesday May 6: No Mass.

Thursday May 7, Mass at Noon:

- † Earl Ragase (Anniversary) by Mary Ragase
- † Thomas Hicks by Anna Bris
- † Fran Saseen by Linda Karaujo

Friday May 8: No Mass.

Mothers' Day Masses, from Sat. May 9 until Sun. May 17

Masses for the Deceased Mothers and Grandmothers

† Special Remembrance on these special days:

--on May 9: Shirley Elias Nickerson & Deceased of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong & Family

--on May 10: † Ray McLaughlin (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

--on May 16: Shirley Elias Nickerson (9th Anniversary) by Tammy Strong & Family

--on May 17: † Gladys Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena, Louie Khourey

† Earl Ragase (Birthday) by his wife Mary Ragase

† Deceased mothers & grandmothers of Jamil Harb (MI)

† Louise N. Khourey & Gladys V. Howard by Lou & Charlotte & Emmalena & Louie

† Emily Nader & Nabiha "Lena" Khourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

† Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

† Sadie Chidiac (mother), Kathrine & Hasibi (grandmothers) by Msgr. Bakhos

† Mahasen Kazour by her daughter Jocelyne Chahine & Family (Pittsburgh)

† Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart

† Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

- † Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- † Fran Huffman (Anniversary) by Debbie Huffman
- † Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone
- † Cecilia John & Carol Burns by their loving children Susan & Ron Burns
- † Sadie John, Tamamie Joseph & Sarah Burns by their loving grandchildren Susan & Ron Burns
- † Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin & Selma Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin & Family
- † Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin & Family
- † Mary (Joseph) Shipley & Salema (Awed) Joseph by Thomasina Geimer
- † Cecilia Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier
- † Siham Frenn & LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Andrea, Zack & Christian Riedel
- † Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris
- † Virginia & Martha Shia and Anna Shia by Sue Jochum & Family
- † Edna Jochum by Sue Jochum & Family
- † Lenore Albaugh & Leona Albaugh & Anna Bernas by Denny Albaugh
- † Helen Schroeder by her son Mark Schroeder & daughter Jane Wine
- † Nora Hughes & Margaret Schroeder by Mark Schroeder & Jane Wine
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson & Amelia Elias by their Loving Family
- † Wanda Nickerson by her Loving Family
- † Agnes Jacovetty by George & Patty Fahey
- † June Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- † Angela Henning & Anne Bott by Don & Roberta Henning
- † Charlotte George (MN) by her daughter Margaret George
- † Dolores M. Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Chamse Rahi & Marie Rouhana by Alicia & Scott Peklinsky
- † Rose Shedeed-Fadoul & Nell Comer-Duffy by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Sharon Rose Tipton & Lilly Hebdo by Rose Hebdo-Oberst
- † Sally (Simon) Wodusky by her son Rob Wodusky
- † Mary (Coram) Puperi by her grandson Rob Wodusky
- † Pearl (Nolte) Shutler by her daughter Janet Shutler
- † Isabelle (Frey) Nolte by her great-granddaughter Janet Shutler
- † Clara (Frohnafel) by her granddaughter Janet Shutler
- † Martha Saseen by her son George Saseen
- † Elizabeth Harasuik by her daughter Susan Harasuik-Saseen
- † Lucy Gibbons & Ann Otterbeck & Sadie Coury by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- † Betty Joseph, Teresa Ferrera, Selma Joseph & Grace Veechione by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Judy Wilson, Edith Joseph, Diane Russell & Sara McLaughlin by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Lottie Elwartoski by her son Richard Elwartoski
- † Georgette Joseph by her daughter-in-law Vickie Joseph
- † Cecilia & Saada Habdo by Carol Dougherty
- † Mary C. Ritts by her son John Ritts
- † Maria Namey by her grandson John Ritts
- † Elizabeth A. Magnone, Josephine Ferris, Isabel Wolfe, Bess Garcia, Nancy Coffield, Mary Zaid Stees, Zaid Ferris, Giovanna Magnone by Libby G. Magnone
- † Mariam Joseph by her granddaughter Mary Beth Weisner
- † Anita Weisner by her granddaughter Mary Beth Weisner
- † Mary Joseph by her grandson Gary Weisner
- † Linda Hostutler by Gary Weisner
- † Evelyn Goodson by her daughter Cathy Goodson
- † Emily Vince by her Children and Grandchildren

- ✠ Patricia Gompers by Matt and Vicki Gompers
- ✠ Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen-Connell
- ✠ Marie Connell by Jim & Pat Saseen-Connell
- ✠ Elizabeth Machel & Anna Spyra by Judy & Mike Sofka
- ✠ Theresa Sofka and Sandy Sayre & Mary Jean Stanton by Judy & Mike Sofka
- ✠ Ella Boehm by her Family
- ✠ Margaret Glaser by her Family
- ✠ Eva M. Coury & Marianna Khoury by Richard Coury
- ✠ Deceased mothers and grandmothers of Anthony & Rena Nassar

Masses for the Living Mothers and Grandmothers

- ✠ Charlotte Khourey by her children Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ My sisters by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Jocelyne Chahine (Pittsburgh) by her children & grandchildren
- ✠ Barb McLaughlin by her grandchildren Nathan & Shane Graney
- ✠ Brenda Riedel & Diane Frenn by Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ✠ Brenda Riedel & Diane Frenn by Christian Riedel
- ✠ Nancy Joseph by her daughter Cheryl Tucker & Family
- ✠ Dolores Oser by her daughter Debbie and Mark Huffman
- ✠ Patty Jacovetty Fahey by George Fahey & daughters Lisa & Jennifer
- ✠ Andreah Riedel by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Zack & Christian Riedel
- ✠ Susan Saseen by her granddaughter Ginny Naswadi
- ✠ Andee Ferrera, Deana Ferrera, Becky Ferrera & Melissa Renzella by grandchildren Danielle Losengo, Lucca, Grace, Mia, Cask, Reid & Larry Ferrera
- ✠ Nancy Valles by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Carla Ferris, Amanda Buzzard, Josie Ferris, Arlene Magnone, Lacey Magnone, Caroline McDowell by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ M. Jean Weisner by her daughter Mary Beth Weisner
- ✠ Jean Weisner by her son Gary Weisner
- ✠ Christine Ruiz by her parents Matt and Vicki Gompers
- ✠ Sarah Sofka-Rinehart and Linda Rinehart & Judy Sofka by Judy & Mike Sofka
- ✠ Kelly Howalski and Czeslawa Kowalski by Judy & Mike Sofka
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Coming Events in a Glimpse

Sunday, May 17	Cedar Club meeting after 10:30 am Mass
May 9-17	Mothers Day Masses. Remember your mother on her feast day.
Dance Troupe practice May 17, 24, 31	Lasts for 45 minutes directly after 10:30 am Mass. May 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 14, 28 and July 12, 19, 26
May 11-16	Spring Bake Sale Monday, May 11: Onion Prep Tuesday, May 12: Prep meat, roll kibbee balls Wednesday, May 13: Bake kibbee Thursday, May 14: Bake meat pies Saturday, May 16: Pick up orders
Saturday, June 6	Rummage Sale from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 9	Mahrajan (Lebanese Festival) See details below

May Crowning Procession (Sunday, May 3rd after Mass)

The May Queen this year will be Eloise Chapman, the daughter of Matt and Senator Laura Wakim-Chappman. She is the granddaughter of Chris and Jeannette Wakim. The procession will take place on Sunday, May 3rd after Mass. All parishioners are invited to a complimentary brunch sponsored by the parents and grandparents of the May Queen.

Lebanese Festival News (Sunday, August 9 from 11 to 6 pm)

Outdoor Mass (Sunday Mass will be at 10:00 am not 10:30 am at Oglebay Park. There will be no Mass at the church that Sunday.)

Souvenir Ad Book

--If any parishioner want to put an ad in the Souvenir Ad Book that will be distributed at the festival and all over, please contact Msgr Bakhos 304-233-1688 or Mark McLaughlin. We will help you in the free design.

Dance Troupe of OLOL

--We are once again recruiting for our parish dance troupe. If you know anyone (age 5-21) who would be interested to join, please contact Nesrin Alkhouri at 304-231-7728. We have to see many young dancers. Practice schedule: Lasts for 45 minutes directly after 10:30 am Mass. May 17, 24, 31 June 7, 14, 28, July 12, 19, 26

Volunteers:

--If you are able to volunteer 2 hours at the festival, please call Msgr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Thanks

Diamond Sponsors:

All those generous benefactors who sponsored the 2026 festival with \$200 or more will be recognized in the Ad Book as Diamond sponsors.

5 Cash Door Prizes:

--All guests will be welcomed at the entrance of the festival with good news of five cash prizes donated by generous parishioners. Everyone who submits his/her name and address at the welcome booth, will have a chance to win \$100 cash. Drawings will take place around 6:00 pm before the Raffle cash prize. Good luck to everyone and many thanks for our generous benefactors.

No Canope or Pop-ups at the Festival:

The Festival committee decided not to allow anyone to bring his/her own canope or pop-up tent to the festival ground -that is rented by the church- for insurance and safety reasons. The committee will ask the owners to remove their pop-up immediately.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month

May 5: Eden DeMuth
 May 6: Nikki Lenz
 May 16: Jacqueline Petros
 May 17: David Weisner
 May 18: Millet L. Fadoul
 May 23: Danny Ferrera
 May 27: Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin
 May 30: Josie Stees Fertig
 June 1: Billy Committee

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)

Gina & Shelley Hancher, Lisa Kennedy (daughter of Carol Dougherty, OK), Joe Popovich, Earl & Linda Duffy, Nini Miller, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Mary Ragase, Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores Oser, Anthony Wakim, Sandra DeMuth, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Denny Albaugh, Rita Rae Sage, John Frazier. (son of Luane Frazier),

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,177.00	Sunday Collection
198.00	2 nd collection
1,327.00	Bake Sale (deposited in Women's Society account)
30.00	Candles
16.00	Coffee hour
4,640.00	Mahrajan (Lebanese festival)
\$7,388.00	Total Deposits: May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home! Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Susan Burns, Liz Murad, Mark McLaughlin

Around Us

“Celebrate Life” Walk: Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Where: Wheeling Park Parking Lot then we will proceed down National Rd. to St. Michael's Angelus Center.
9:30am: Prayer & Registration; 10:00am: Walk Begins

Lunch will be provided at the end of the walk.

Not able to walk but want to show support? We have other options of holding signs at the Washington Ave. National Rd. intersection or sponsoring someone to walk in your place with a donation of your choice that goes directly to NPC-WVFL. Please call for more details.

Questions or to RSVP, Please call: Judi Varner Meyer@ 304-639-3041

Question & Answer (#66)

Question #66: “What can you do to help set your friend straight without losing the friendship?”

Answer: The greatest thing you can do for a friend is to tell him or her the truth in love. You are not really a friend if you let that person continue living a sinful life.

This is “false compassion.” We think we are being nice by not saying anything, but we may be helping the person risk losing his or her soul.

The book of Genesis says we are our brother's keeper (Gen. 4:9). We are responsible for the action of others to a certain degree. We could be committing a sin of omission if we do not say something.

I would recommend that you pray, ask other responsible people like a priest or parent for guidance and then say something to your friend with heartfelt love and compassion. In the end, that person may appreciate it. Be sure to keep your friend in your prayers after you deliver the message.

Spirituality

A wealthy Jewish merchant treats a poor old man with rudeness and disdain as they travel together on a train. When they arrive at their common destination, the merchant finds the station thronged with pious Jews waiting in ecstatic joy to greet the arrival of one of the holiest rabbis in Europe, and learns to his chagrin that the old man in his compartment is that saintly rabbi.

Embarrassed at his disgraceful behavior and distraught that he missed a golden opportunity to speak in privacy to a wise and holy man, the merchant pushes his way through the crowd to find the old man. When he reaches him, he begs the rabbi's forgiveness and requests his blessing. The old rabbi looks at him and replies, "I cannot forgive you. To receive forgiveness you must go out and beg it from every poor old person in the world."

Wisdom: Count your blessings

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following.

There would be:

57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south, 8 would be Africans. 52 would be female, 48 would be male. 70 would be non-white, 30 would be white. 70 would be non-Christian,

30 would be Christian. 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States. 80 would live in substandard housing, 70 would be unable to read, 50 would suffer from malnutrition. 1 would be near death; 1 would be near birth; 1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education; 1 (yes, only 1) would own computer.

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

And, therefore . . .

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare, even in the United States.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them, or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer healing touch.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can read this message, you have just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

As you read this and are reminded how life is in the rest of the world, remember just how blessed you really are!

Story

Years ago, I was enthralled as I listened to a pastor who for several years had faithfully served the church. His executive responsibilities had taken him all over this country. As he concluded his message, he told of one of the most frightening yet thought-provoking experiences of his life.

He had been on a long flight from one place to another. The first warning of the approaching problems came when the sign on the airplane flashed on Fasten your seat belts. Then, after a while, a calm voice said, "We shall not be serving the beverages at this time as we are expecting a little turbulence. Please be sure your seat belt is fastened."

As he looked around the aircraft, it became obvious that many of the passengers were becoming apprehensive. Later, the voice of the announcer said, "We are so sorry that we are unable to serve the meal at this time. The turbulence is still ahead of us."

And then the storm broke. The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines. Lightning lit up the darkening skies, and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next, it dropped as if it were about to crash.

The pastor confessed that he shared the discomfort and fear of those around him. He said, "As I looked around the plane, I could see that nearly all the passengers were upset and alarmed. Some were praying. The future seemed ominous and many were wondering if they would make it through the storm. Then, I suddenly saw a little girl. Apparently, the storm meant nothing to her! She had tucked her feet beneath her as she sat on her seat; she was reading a book and everything within her small world was calm and orderly.

Sometimes she closed her eyes, then she would read again; then she would straighten her legs, but worry and fear were not in her world.

When the plane was being buffeted by the terrible storm, when it lurched this way and that, as it rose and fell with frightening severity, when all the adults were scared half to death, that marvelous child was

completely composed and unafraid. The minister could hardly believe his eyes. It was not surprising therefore, that when the plane finally reached its destination and all the passengers were hurrying to disembark, our pastor lingered to speak to the girl whom he had watched for such a long time. Having commented about the storm and behavior of the plane, he asked why she had not been afraid.

The child replied, "Cause my Daddy's the pilot, and he's taking me home."

There are many kinds of storms that buffet us. Physical, mental, financial, domestic, and many other storms can easily and quickly darken our skies and throw our plane spinning out of control. We have all known such times, and let us be honest and confess, it is much easier to be at rest when our feet are on the ground than when we are being tossed about a darkened sky.

Just remember: Our Father is the Pilot. He is in control and taking us home!

Jokes (219)

Truth

A car accident occurred in a small town.

A crowd surrounded the victim so a newspaper reporter couldn't manage to get close enough to see him.

He hit upon an idea. *"I'm the father of the victim!"* he cried, *"Please let me through."*

The crowd let him pass so he was able to get right up to the scene of the accident and discover, to his embarrassment, that the victim was a donkey.

Education

"What did you have in school today?" a father asked his teenage son.

"Oh, we had lectures on sex." was the reply.

"Lectures on sex? What did they tell you?"

"Well, first there was a priest who told us why we shouldn't. Then a doctor told us how we shouldn't. Finally the principal gave us a talk on where we shouldn't"

Education

A little boy running down the street turned a corner suddenly and collided with a man. *"My goodness!"* said the man, *"where are you off to in such a hurry?"*

"Home," said the lad, *"and I'm in a hurry because my mother is going to spank me."* *"Are you so eager to be spanked that you are running home for it?"* asked the astonished stranger. *"No. But if father gets home before me he will do the spanking."*

Authority

A centipede consulted an owl about the pain it felt in its legs. Said the owl, *"You have far too many legs! If you became a mouse you would have only four legs -and one-twenty-fourth the amount of pain."* *"That's a very good idea,"* said the centipede.

"Now show me how to become a mouse."

"Don't bother me with details of implementation," said the owl *"I only make the policy in this place."*

What would Jesus drive?

"Mom," my grandson yelled, *"Jesus is behind us in a Trans Am."* *"Jesus doesn't drive a Trans Am, David,"* my daughter replied to her 3-year-old.

"Uh-huh, Mom. Look", he insisted.

She turned and saw a man looked surprisingly like the picture of Jesus in David's Sunday school classroom.

"That isn't Jesus, honey. It's a man who looks like Jesus," she told him. *"Jesus is with us in the car, right here, right now."*

There was silence for a while.

“Mom,” David said softly, “*you told us never to lie.*”