

## A Homily from a Memorial Day Mass

By Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila

War reminds us to be people who work for peace.

Today, as we gather to honor our dead, we are reminded of the gift of eternal life that our God has promised to us, His people. He gives to us the promise in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God's intent for all of us is to live with Him forever in heaven. That is His divine will and we are free to choose and to embrace His will, to say "yes" to it or to say "no" to it. We especially honor today those who have died in war, those who have fought for our freedoms as Americans. We know, too, that war is never pleasant, that in the midst of war, even when it is a just war, evil is present.

One day I can remember speaking with one of my uncles. All four of my mother's brothers fought in World War II. All four of them came back home alive. One of them, though, was a prisoner of war for three-and-a-half years in Japan. He was in the Baton March, and he was one of the few who survived that march. He rarely spoke of the war. I asked him one time, when I was in college, what it was like. At that time the Vietnam War was going on. There were all sorts of questions around that war, so I wanted to know what it was like in World War II.

The gist of what he said was, "There is no glory in war. No matter how just the cause may be, war is always horrific, even when you are trying to battle evil and you are on the side of good. To kill another human being is never easy. To hold a fallen comrade in your arms is never easy. There is always a darkness to war."

War should always remind us of the call the Lord gives to us in the Gospel, to be people who work for peace, to be people who work for the right ordering of society, for the ordering of society according to the plan of God, not according to the plan of man. The only way that there will ever be peace within our world is if all peoples are converted to the message of Jesus Christ, if our hearts and minds are transformed to live our lives according to God's plan and not our plans. We must constantly propose the truth of the Gospel to the world, inviting them to come to know Jesus Christ. When we honor the dead and those who have gone before us, we, too, remember the tremendous sacrifices they have made. We remember how many of them have been scarred for life whether physically or emotionally.

In any war, the Evil One always has a field day. You can see that even in the war in Iraq. The Evil One is the winner in any war, even when good succeeds. We, as a people, are called to conversion. We are called to recognize the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst even in the dark times of war. We are called to reconciliation after war so that the grace of Jesus Christ may bring true healing and peace....

As we continue with the Eucharist this morning, let us ask the Lord to fill our hearts and minds with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let us ask Him to stir into flames the gifts He has given to us in Baptism and in Confirmation. Let us pray that we as a people may continually grow in obedience, as Mary was obedient to the will of the Father. Let us pray that we may always have the courage to speak the truth, to work for peace, and to work for true justice. Justice is always the ordering of society according to God's plan.

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Confessions: Saturdays 4:30-5:15 / Sundays 8:15-8:45 / By appointment

Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday 7:00 am

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# St. James Catholic Church

## May 28, 2017

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mon. May 29	Easter Weekday
Tue. May 30	Easter Weekday
Wed. May 31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thu. June 1	St. Justin
Fri. June 2	Easter Weekday
Sat. June 3	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday	May 27	5:30 pm	†Stan Kucera
Sunday	May 28	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	May 29	<b>10:00 am</b>	†Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	May 30	7:00 am	†Stan Kucera
Wednesday	May 31	7:00 pm	†Bernard Bartek
Thursday	June 1	7:00 am	†Poor Souls in Purgatory
Friday	June 2	7:00 am	†Dale Benal
Saturday	June 3	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	June 4	9:00 am	†Jim Brazda, Sr.

***Memorial Day Mass at Cemetery***

Weather permitting, Mass for Memorial Day will be celebrated at our parish cemetery at 10:00 a.m. If the weather does not permit then Mass will be celebrated at the same time at our church. If there is a question, drive past the cemetery on your way to church and see if anyone is there. If no one is there, it's a good bet Mass will be at the church!

**Minister Assignments**

	<b>Sat. June 3</b>	<b>Sun. June 4</b>
Acolytes	Ron Morrissey	Bob Sabata
Readers	Connie Eckley	Craig Quick
Servers	Jake Whitney	Garrison Knuth
	Connor Johnson	Aidan Boone

**May 20-21 Tithe**

Adults	\$ 3,880.00
Loose	58.65
Children	.00
Second Collection	69.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,007.65</b>

Monthly Obligations

St. Wenceslaus School	\$ 3,116.66
Bishop Neumann	8,247.00
<b>Total Parish Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 11,363.66</b>

**All-Night Adoration**



June 3-4  
Consider Taking  
an Hour.

Signup in the Vestibule

**Totus Tuus** is the week of June 11-16. High School is free this year and runs from Sunday, June 11 through Thursday, June 15 from 8-10pm in the basement of St. Wenceslaus Church in Wahoo. Students going into 1st grade through 8th grade will meet from 9am to 3pm Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 16 at St. Wenceslaus Elementary School. Cost is \$30 a student or \$100 a family. The community potluck will be Wednesday, June 14 at 6pm at Smith Park Pavillion. Please bring tableware and something to sit on the grass. Registration forms are available in the back of the church or online at [stwencwahoo.org](http://stwencwahoo.org). Please make checks out to St. Wenceslaus Church. Forms may be handed in at St. Wenceslaus School during school hours until Friday, May 12. After that please hand them in to Father Seiker or St. Wenceslaus Parish Office. All children from CCD, homeschooling, and Catholic school are invited! Join us for faith and fun. All questions should go to Jessica Pearson at 402-443-1722.

The new **Parish Directories** are available! If you had your portrait taken for the directory you may pick up your free copy in the vestibule. Copies are available for purchase as well.

**Neumann Youth Boys' Basketball Camp**

- Boys who were in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> this past 2016-17 school year will have their camp — Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Boys who were in grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> this past 2016-17 school year will have their camp — Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

Contact Mike Weiss @ 277-0495 or by email at [mike-weiss@cdolinc.net](mailto:mike-weiss@cdolinc.net) for information.

**Men's Retreat at St. John's:** Come join Fr. Michael Zimmer for a men's retreat at St. John the Baptist Church in Prague from June 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Michael Zimmer will speak to men about what it means to be a Catholic man in our world today and how men can grow in their faith while living in the world. There will be three talks: Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm ("*Being a Man*"), Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 6pm Mass ("*Behold the Man: Christ as the fullness of Man*"), and Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> after the 10am mass ("*Living the virtuous life of Fallen Man*"). Come for as many of the talks as you'd like. Fr. Michael Zimmer will also be celebrating the parish Masses that weekend.

**Marriage Help** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the program being offered Aug 25 -27, 2017, in Schuyler, Nebraska call 1-888-317-5654 or check the web site [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

**For Men & Women seeking healing from Divorce:** The Catholic Divorced Survival Guide was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. This 12 week program features 30-minute DVD segments that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, annulment, and much more. The next session will begin June 5, 2017 and is held at John XXIII Diocesan Center, from 7-9pm. Classes are kept small. Register by calling the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620, or [catholicflo@cdolinc.net](mailto:catholicflo@cdolinc.net)