

May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Revelations 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

The Proof is in the Pudding

Our culture is filled with proverbs about the contrast between what we say and what we do. It is a long accepted truth of human nature that “actions speak louder than words”. You hear what someone says and believe them to be good, kind, generous or loving, but until you’ve seen them in action you’ve only heard words. The proof, as it were, is in the pudding.

Christ himself has given us the same standard of measure in today’s gospel. “All will know that you are my disciples *if you love one another.*” We are to love one another, actively and consistently. And it by these actions of Christian love and compassion that we will be known as Jesus’ disciples, not by using the label Christian for ourselves. Take a moment today to ask, has my active love for others spoken more loudly than my words?

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 20

Memorial of Saint Bernardine of Siena, priest

No Mass

Tuesday, May 21

Memorial of Saint Christopher Magallanes, priest, and companions, martyrs

7: 00 am: Mass: Bruce "Tom" Tibbett

7:15 pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting – Church Hall

Wednesday, May 22

Memorial of Saint Rita of Cascia, religious

8:00 am: Mass: Laverne Schmitt

Thursday, May 23

8:00 am: Mass: Tyler Joseph Meier

10:00 am: Riverside Mass

Friday, May 24

8:00 am: Mass: William & Anna Matuszak

2:00 pm: Nursing Home Mass

Saturday, May 25

Memorial of Saint Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor

4:00 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Edward Sladich

Sunday, May 26

Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:00 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: St. Mary's Parish Family

10:30 am: Mass: William & Michael Kuchenbecker

General Parish Information

Father Varkey Emergency Cell Phone: 715-937-3664

New Parishioners: You are most welcome to join the family of St. Mary's. Please contact the parish office (715) 743-3840

Prayer Chain: Jean Kuhn (715) 937-1161

Meal Ministry: Mary Sladich (715) 743-4466

Bereavement Ministry: Annie Augustine (715) 937-1432

Visitation Ministry: Anne Durst (715) 743-3352 or Annie Augustine (715) 937-1432

Elizabeth Ministry: Renee Schoen (715) 743-4059

Marriage: Contact with the parish is required six months to a year before marriage. Preparation begins with the first contact.

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated during the 10:30 am Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. Baptisms following Mass can also be scheduled. Preparation classes are required.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Gretchen Fitzmaurice (715) 486-6674.

Weekly Collection

May 12, 2019

Tithe	\$3,065.00
Offertory	385.00
Student	10.90
Total	\$3,460.90
Weekly Budget	\$4,479.79
Catholic Times	\$20.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday, May 25-26

<u>Lectors</u>	(A)	(B)
Sat. 5:00 pm	Delores Schmitt	Mary Hartung
Sun. 8:00 am	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sun. 10:30 am	Larry Hoeser	Volunteer

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm	Mary Sladich/Lance Thomas/Jared Thomas
Sun. 8:00 am	Caitlin Hannasch/Volunteer/Volunteer

Sun 10:30 am Volunteer

Cantors

Sat: 5:00 pm	Gina Krzyzanowski/Lorraine Spencer
Sun. 8:00 am	Rose Marie LaBarbera/Jeff McNeely
Sun. 10:30 am	Jody Connor/Judy Connor

Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sun 8:00 am	Colton Hannasch	Volunteer
Sun 10:30 am	Andrew Hoeser	Adam Hoeser

Ushers for May

Sat 5:00 pm	Larry Nauertz/Jim Zschernitz
Sun. 8:00 am	John Matuszak/Raymond Pagenkopf, Sr./Russell Pagenkopf/Russell Ratsch
Sun. 10:30 am	Michael Boon/Jeff Hanson/Tom Silbernagel/Rick Fitzmaurice

Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm	Larry & Sue Kyle
Sun 8:00 am	Wayne Thomas
Sun 10:30 am	Rick & Gretchen Fitzmaurice

Greeter Schedule – May

5:00 pm:	Beverly Lavey
8:00 am:	Volunteer
10:30 am:	Beverly Bryan

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Will resume in the Fall.

Parish Announcements

Catholic Education - A group of parents within St. Mary Parish are interested in Catholic Education for area children and have undertaken the task of a feasibility study to investigate the possibility of opening a Catholic school in Neillsville at St. Mary Parish. They would like as much input as possible from all parishioners to help guide this project. Please fill out the survey in this bulletin and drop it in the box marked "Survey for Catholic School" in the Narthex by June 2, 2019. Please pray for this project to help discern if this might be God's plan for our parish.

Almighty Father, you so loved the world that you sent us your only Son. Your Son so loves us that he sacrificed himself for all our weakness and failings and continues to be present to us in Word and Sacrament. Your Spirit gives us freely the many gifts including piety, knowledge, counsel, wisdom, understanding, fortitude, and fear of the Lord. Please accept the intercession of the patron of education, St. Thomas Aquinas, as we embark on the journey to provide high quality education with faith formation consistent with the teaching of Jesus Christ and His Holy Church. We ask this for the benefit of our youth and future benefit they can bring to the world. Guide us with all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Thank you to all the ladies who attended our May Crowning and Mother's Day Banquet. Thank you to Al Mohr for organizing the meal and to all of the men and boys who helped. We are thankful to the Schoenstatt Girls Group for the entertaining skits they performed. We appreciate our Junior Melissa Pohle and First Communicant Gena Dolle who honored Mary with flowers. We also express our gratitude to JoAnn Blum for letting us use her beautiful statue of Mary. May God richly bless all mothers.

Presentation of the Gifts at Mass

During the presentation of the gifts many things occur simultaneously: the presentation of the gifts, the preparation of the altar, the collection and the offertory song. At the presentation of the gifts, the faithful present the gifts of bread and wine to the priest, symbolizing an offering of creation and themselves back to God the Father. This also gives an exterior sign of our internal offerings; we offer our prayers and ourselves in the same way that we offer these mere gifts of bread and wine, hoping that just as they are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we be transformed by his grace. **A signup to bring up the gifts is now available through SignUpGenius. You can also call the parish office to sign up. Everyone is welcome to participate.**

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2018-2019

Target: \$37,250

Pledges Received: \$37,060 97% of Goal

At this point St. Mary's will pay \$2,315 from the General Fund

Please prayerfully discern your pledge. Thank you to those who have already submitted their pledge for this year.

St. Mary Parish is establishing a Security Committee. If you would like to be a part of this committee or have any questions, please contact Joel Feucht at 715-937-0890.

Knights News



Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sale will be held on the weekend of May 25th & 26th following the Masses. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to Special Olympics. Thank you for your support.

PCCW News

Salad Luncheon



Hosted by St. Mary's PCCW
Wednesday, June 19, 2019

If you would like to donate a silent auction item for the luncheon please contact Lyn Schoengarth at 715-743-4137 or JoAnn Blum at 715-743-3987.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars...this summer's VBS will be July 15th through 19th. Teen and adult helpers are needed. Please contact Stephanie Hannasch. Watch bulletin for coming information.

May is National Foster Care Month. Foster Parents can make a difference in children's lives who come from families that are in crisis. Children need the consistency of a caring home until they can be reunited with their families, placed with relatives, or adopted. Your ability to provide a safe and nurturing environment is priceless to a child in need of stability and emotional safety.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact Lisa Ochodnicki, Foster Care Coordinator, at Clark County Department of Social Services. Our local number is: 715-743-5233 or toll free: 866-743-5233.

You have the power to make a difference in a child's life.

Please continue to root out wickedness and evil from the Catholic Church.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Looking for more Catholic community and spiritual enrichment? Join like-minded single Catholics, from all over the country, at an upcoming retreat near **Chicago, IL, July 26th - 28th 2019**. Fr. Thomas Loya and Jim Martini will be presenting on the theme of **“Remaining Relational in an Unrelational World.”** The weekend will also include music, time for reflection, Mass, fellowship and more. Space is limited so register now! For more details and to register visit www.JPIevents.com (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI, is hiring a full-time Retreat Coordinator. The Retreat Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that a wide variety of high-quality, spiritually enriching retreats, workshops, liturgies, and other appropriate events are available throughout the year to St. Anthony's guests, staff, volunteers, and residents. For more information or to begin the application process, please contact Dr. Lori Randall, Center Director, at randall@sarcenter.com or 715-443-2236 ext 114.

Area Events

“Kickoff June Dairy Month” – Startford FFA Alumni Dairy Breakfast at Country Aire Ballroom on **Sunday June 2, 7:00 am to 12:30 pm**. “All you can Eat”. Matching funds from Catholic Financial Life, Str. Chapter #203.

Registration underway!

New Lay Formation Institute (LFI) Class Starts in the Fall

Registration is open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins fall of 2019. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See brochure, schedule and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.