

May 20, 2018

Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Galatians 5:16-25

John 20:19-23

Big Shoes to Fill

Many a parent's heart has filled with delight when a tiny figure clomps into the living room wearing oversized adult shoes. How adorable! We're simultaneously amused and alarmed at this reminder that our children will too soon face a harsh adult world. And our alarm grows at the sight of unwavering trust in those same small faces. Parenting is an awesome task and most of us feel not quite big enough to fill the shoes we're wearing.

The same doubt troubles our Christian life. Jesus left us all shoes a few sizes too big. Every day on earth He walked in mercy, love and peace, bringing healing and joy to all He met. Big shoes to fill indeed. Yet help is there just a prayer away. Our loving Parent will joyously help us grow into that extra-large spiritual footwear. Remember when Jesus said: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you", He also empowered the disciples with the Holy Spirit. And He will be there for us today, teaching us, growing us up in the faith until we can walk steadily in Jesus' footsteps. Ready for a new pair of shoes? Slip `em on, start praying and get walking.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 21

Memorial of Saint Christopher Magallanes, priest and companions, martyrs

Tuesday, May 22

Memorial of Saint Rita of Cascia, religious

7:00 am: Mass: Leonard & Betty Rueth

6:30 pm: Thorp Deanery CCW Spring General Assembly, St. Anthony's Loyal

Wednesday, May 23

8:00 am: Mass: Catherine Nowobielski

10:00 am: Neillsville Retirement Community Mass

Thursday, May 24

8:00 am: Mass: Ben Schwellenbach

10:00 am: Riverside Assisted Living Mass

Friday, May 25

Memorial of Saint Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, virgin

8:00 am: Mass: Joanne Tibbett

2:00 pm: Nursing Home Mass

Saturday, May 26

Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, priest

4:00 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Sherry Rogstad

Sunday, May 27

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

7:00 am to 7:30 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.

Prayer Chain: Contact Jean Kuhn 937-1161

Meal Ministry: Please contact Mary Sladich 743-4466

Bereavement Ministry: Contact Annie Augustine 937-1432

Elizabeth Ministry: Contact Renee Schoen 743-4059

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

Natural Family Planning: Please contact the Parish Office.

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 necessary. Please contact the office for further info.

Interfaith Caregivers Contact: 743-2885

Weekly Collection

May 13, 2018

Tithe	\$590.00
Offertory	593.06
Student	11.80
Ascension	\$2,573.00
CCD Tuition	145.00

Total **\$3,912.86**

Weekly Budget **\$4,398.88**

Building Fund	\$110.00
Uganda Student Sponsorship	\$100.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday, May 26-27

Lectors (A) (B)

Sat. 5:00 pm Jean Moseley Delores Schmitt

Sun. 8:00 am Annie Augustine Mary Luedtke

Sun. 10:30 am Christine Feucht

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm Jean Moseley/Mary K Mills/Delores Schmitt

Sun. 8:00 am Mary Luedtke/Clint Hannasch/Cheyenne Thomas

Sun. 10:30 am Joel Feucht

Cantors

Sat: 5:00 pm Jody and Judy Conner

Sun. 8:00 am Kathy Barth/Volunteer

Sun. 10:30 am Jeff McNeely/Rose Marie LaBarbera

Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm Charlie Schoen Lucas Moseley

Sun 8:00 am Lisa Smith Kennedy Wanish

Sun 10:30 am Cody Hart Addison Moen

Ushers for May

Sat 8:30 pm. Larry Nauertz

Sun. 8:00 am John Matuszak/Raymond Pagenkopf, Sr.
Russell Pagenkopf/Russell Ratsch

Sun. 10:30 am Michael Boon/Rick Fitzmaurice/Jeff
Hanson/Tom Silbernagel

Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm Larry & Mary Sue Kyle

Sun 8:00 am Dr. Greg & Linda Foster

Sun 10:30 am Mike & Kathy Hart

Greeter Schedule - May

5:00 pm: Beverly Lavey

8:00 am: Volunteer

10:30 am: Beverly Bryan

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Last Sunday for Children's Liturgy until fall.

Parish Announcements



Baccalaureate Mass for Senior CCD Class Sunday, May 20, 2018 – 10:30 am. Mass

Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as these young people begin a new chapter in their lives.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sale THIS weekend May 19-20 following the Masses. This sale is to aid persons with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your support.

Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars...this summer's VBS will be July 16th through 20th. Teen and adult helpers are needed. Please contact Stephanie Hannasch. Watch bulletin for coming information



Available!! “The Holy Winding Sheet” video about a high school senior working on a research thesis and he chooses as his subject the Shroud of Turin. Interviewing top experts on the Shroud, he

ask questions about the validity of the shroud and looks for the answers as to who this man was, how was the image made and where did the body go. Please check out one of our parish copies today in the Narthex!

Mother’s Day Banquet Thank You to Al Mohr for organizing the meal and to all of the men and boys who helped. Thank you to Marcia Gross for organizing the fashion show and to Donna Kuhn “Beckoning Back Massage” for donating a massage again this year. Brooke Schoen was the lucky winner.

What’s with.... “On the Third day, Jesus rose again”

We read in the Gospels and confidently state in the Nicene Creed at Mass that “Jesus rose *again* on the third day”. It leads us to question did Jesus rise from the dead more than once? No, Jesus only rose from the dead once. In the original Latin, there is a clear indication that it was a onetime event. It is actually a part of the way we describe events in English when we describe a return to a previous state. I could say “John went to the store and then came back home again”. I am not meaning he came home more than once, simply that he was home; he went out and then returned home. He was restored to a previous place. In Jesus’ case He was alive, He died and then He was alive (again); restored to the state of living. *I thank the parishioner who asked this question that allowed further study and understanding of this. If there is something you have a question about, please contact the office and we would be happy to look for an answer.*

From Saint Mary’s Stewardship and Development Committee: Enclosed with the bulletin is a pamphlet discussing a sometimes hard to discuss but a very important issue. Saint Mary’s has been blessed in the past with very generous gifts left to the parish in the last will and testaments of very thoughtful parishioners. Please take the time to read the pamphlet, discuss and pray about it with loved ones, and then consider including a gift to St. Mary’s parish in the settlement of your estate. The ongoing financial needs of the parish is an excellent way to share your faith with others in the next generations.

PCCW News

Salad Luncheon



Hosted by St. Mary’s PCCW Wednesday, June 27, 2018

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.

Thorp Deanery Council of Catholic Women

The Spring General Assembly has been rescheduled. It will be held May 22, 2018 at St. Anthony’s, Loyal WI. Registration 6:30pm-7:00pm. Program beginning 7:00pm. Reception following evening events. Suggested registration donation \$2.00. This will be a very inspiring, interesting & enjoyable evening. Everyone invited. Car pooling from St. Mary’s at 6:15pm. Contact Rogene Matuszak , 715-743-8138, if interested in car-pooling.

*May Crowning and Mother's Day Banquet
Monday, May 14, 2017*



Thank you to the First Communion Girls and the Schoenstatt Girls Group for assisting with the May Crowning.

Mary was crowned by Topanga Hanson.



May Crowning Photos contributed by Anita Wirkuty.

Atheist becomes Catholic

Our annual Witnesses for Christ Conference, August 10-11, will feature Dr. Holly Ordway, the author of "Not God's Type" as she relates her transformation from a secular-minded English professor and antagonistic atheist to a devout Catholic. Holly's fencing coach was very instrumental in her conversion by living in a way that surprised her into asking questions and having simple conversations about the realities of Jesus our Savior.

Come, Follow Days - June 12-13, 2018

Young girls ages 9-13 are invited to Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse! Come spend time with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George learning more about your faith. You will enjoy prayer, food, fun activities and more! For more information and registration, please visit www.materredemptoris.org or contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or call 608-788-4530. Registration is open until filled with 30 girls.

ANOINTED - June 4-12, 2018

Are you a high school girl looking for something to renew your faith? Are you interested in learning what it's like to live like a religious Sister? If you are 14-18 years old, we have a week planned for you! Come join the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation! The week includes daily Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recreation with the Sisters and time spent in serving others.

You will also have time for individual meetings with the Sisters and instruction in topics related to prayer and the religious life. For more information and registration please visit www.materredemptoris.org or contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or [608-788-4530](tel:608-788-4530).

Learning, Coping, and Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver: Thursday, June 14, 2018, 2 pm at the Granton Community Center, Granton. Join former Wisconsin Governor Martin Schreiber as he shares lessons from his decade-plus journey as a caregiver for his wife, Elaine, who lives with Alzheimer's disease.