

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Apr. 27	8:00am	† Bud & Angeline Wedige
Tuesday, Apr. 28	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of the Trentz Family
Wednesday, Apr. 29	8:00am	In Thanksgiving (The Phillips Family)
Thursday, Apr. 30	8:00am	† Helen Digman
	10:30am	† Jennifer Weigel (Manor Care)
Friday, May 1	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of the Blanche Mann Family
	11:00am	Special Intention (EJB)
Saturday, May 2	8:00am	(TLM)
WEEKEND LITURGIES		
Saturday, May 2	4:00pm	† Dale & Marion Whitaker
Sunday, May 3	9:00am	Joel & Ann Schaefer 40th Wedding Anniv.
	12 noon	Misa

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

4th Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:8-12—1 Jn 3:1-2—Jn 10:11-18.

Monday: Acts 11:1-18—Jn 10:1-10.

Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr
Acts 11:19-26—Jn 10:22-30.

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
Acts 12:24; 13, 5a—Jn 12:44-50.

Thursday: St. Pius V, Pope—Acts 13:13-25—Jn 13:16-20.

Friday: St. Joseph the Worker—Acts 13:26-33—Jn 14:1-6.

Saturday: St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church.
Acts 13:44-52—Jn 14:7-14.

5th Sunday of Easter: Acts 9:26-31—1 Jn 3:18-24—Jn 15:1-8.

First Holy Communion - May 2

The following will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey toward their second Sacrament of Initiation:

Cailyn Christensen, Logan Day, Ben Drefcinski, Lucas Ludlum, Zachary Ludlum, Dylan Mee, Kale Richards & Charles James Straka.

Saturday, May 2		Sunday, May 3
4:00 pm		9:00am
Max Frommelt Mic Frommelt	Altar Servers	Dushan Vystrcil Joseph Vystrcil
Lector & Leader of Prayer		
Nekole Frommelt		Larry McGinley Sue Momot
Christine Del Priore		Jim Rosemeyer
Sacristan: Christine Del Priore		Karla Melssen
Music: Kim & Youth		Classic Choir
Rosary: Frommelt Family		Linda Hess

REFLECTION—"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16
When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants you to do? How do you listen for the response? The answer is usually in "quiet whispers". Take time in silent, daily prayer to hear His answer.

Private Reconciliation—every day, one hour before each Mass & Thursdays after morning Mass until 9:30am.

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays beginning after 8am Mass and concluding with Rosary and Benediction at 8pm. Adoration will now be in the Chapel.

The Rosary is prayed ½ hour before Mass — 3:30 at the Saturday 4pm Mass—8:30 at the Sunday 9am Mass.

For those Christians who are persecuted in the Middle East ... Come and pray the rosary every Thursday at 7:45pm in the Blessed Mary Chapel.

BREAKFAST IN THE RECTORY
After Mass Tuesday, April 28.

FEATURED SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St. Catherine of Siena, Feast Day April 29

Birth: 1347; Death: 1380 Patron: Fire Prevention
St. Catherine's letters, and a treatise called "a dialogue" are considered among the most brilliant writings in the history of the Catholic Church. She died when she was only 33, and her body was found incorrupt in 1430.

St. Joseph the Worker, Feast Day May 1st

Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus. Help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son. Amen.

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

April 19, 2015

Weekly Envelopes.....\$2,596.00
Offertory.....\$ 496.00
Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$ 800.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will conclude this Sunday, April 26th for the school year. More adult leaders are needed in order for the program to resume in the fall. Being a leader does not take much time, just a willingness to share the Word of the Lord with children. Contact Bob or Lisa Schmitt at 348-5743 if you would like to know more or want to help.

St. Mary Preschool Mother's Day Tea

Wednesday, May 6 at 9:30am

Thursday, May 7 at 9:30am.

SPRING CLEANING??—Donate unwanted items in good condition (not clothing) for the St. Mary Parish Spring Garage Sale. Items can be brought to St. Mary's at anytime. Just contact Diane Drefcinski ahead of time 348-3937. The Garage Sale will be 8:00 AM to 3:30 on Friday and 8:00 to 2:00 on Saturday.

FAMILY PROMISE OF GRANT COUNTY

Family Promise of Grant County, which seeks to help homeless families with children, will be having a May Day benefit celebration on Friday, May 1st! There will be a free will offering meal from 5:30-7:00 PM, a silent auction, and an acoustic folk concert with John Smith from 7-9 PM. Tickets for the concert are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. All the activities will be held at First English Church in Platteville. Contact First English Church in advance for tickets; tickets may also be purchased at the door.

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat With May being dedicated to our Blessed Mother, are you looking for a way to grow in your faith and closer to Mary? Join us at St. Clement Parish in Lancaster for a "33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat." It's an easy way to understand and live out Marian consecration and it requires only about 20 minutes a day. 33 Days is presented simply, clearly and will inspire and empower anyone to grow closer to Jesus through Mary. Each week participants will gather for discussion and a video presentation. Our informational and initial meeting will be on Monday, May 11, at 6:30P.M. in the rectory basement. We will have an overview of the 6 week program, watch Fr. Michael Gaitley's DVD presentation and materials will be handed out. Call the parish office at 608-723-4990 to register. For more information contact Julie Sanger 608-723-6856 (evenings).

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

What Anniversary are You Celebrating in 2015?

Bishop Robert Morlino will be recognizing couples celebrating 50, 55, 60 or more years of marriage as well as newlyweds celebrating their first three years on Sunday, August 16th with a Mass of Thanksgiving at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Monona. Mass followed by a cake, coffee, and punch reception. **This is an invitation only event!** Please notify **Father Faustino or Lorraine at the Parish Office** by **April 27th** that you will be celebrating your Special Anniversary in the calendar year of 2015 and **we** will submit your name to the Bishop's office. **Submissions are due by May 1!**

HOMEMADE CINNAMON ROLL SALE—31 dozen cinnamon rolls were made and sold on April 19. The \$339 profit goes into the general operating fund. Thank you to everyone who bought rolls and donated ingredients Our last sale until fall will be on May 17. Donations for ingredients will be appreciated and can be left on the counter in the church hall kitchen.

Garden Flowers for the Altar for the month of May

If you have any extra garden flowers please leave in the north entrance of church. Thank you.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday—Homemade Cinnamon Roll Sale.

Tuesday—Mission Sewing 8:30-10:30am.

Breakfast in the Rectory after Mass.

Adult Enrichment after morning Mass.

1st Communion Retreat 6pm-8pm.

Adult Enrichment at 7pm.

Wednesday—Bible Study, 2:30pm.

Religious Ed— Grades 1-5 (6-7pm).

Grades 6-11 (7:15-8:25pm).

Saturday—First Holy Communion



Our weekly prayer intention for this week based upon the World Meeting of Families Event is for Single.

Pastoral Council Column

The Shepherd's Voice

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel.

He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see Ezekiel 34:10-13, 23-31).

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see Isaiah 56:8; John 11:52). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see John 21:15-17).

Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple, that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see Mark 12:10-13; 1 Peter 2:4-7).

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see Luke 10:16), and forgives sins (see John 20:23), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see Luke 24:35). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see Exodus 4:22-23; Revelation 21:7).

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

(Dr. Scott Hahn, *Reflections on the Sunday Readings*)