

# SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday, May 4            | 8:00am  | † Helen Digman             |
| Tuesday, May 5           | 8:00am  | † Vernon Blindert          |
| Wednesday, May           | 8:00am  | † Doris McCabe             |
| Thursday, May 7          | 8:00am  | † Dee Vaassen              |
|                          | 10:30am | † Helen Steil (Manor Care) |
| Friday, May 8            | 8:00am  | For Eunice Banwarth        |
|                          | 11:00am | † Annabelle Weier          |
| Saturday, May 9          | 8:00am  | † Fr. John's Grandpa (TLM) |
| <b>WEEKEND LITURGIES</b> |         |                            |
| Saturday, May 9          | 4:00pm  | † Mary Koeller             |
| Sunday, May 10           | 9:00am  | † Pat Leuth                |
|                          | 12 noon | Misa                       |

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**5th Sunday of Easter:** Acts 9:26-31—1 Jn 3:18-24—Jn 15:1-8.  
**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18—Jn 14:21-26.  
**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28—Jn 14:27-31a.  
**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6—Jn 15:1-8  
**Thursday:** Acts 15:17-21—Jn 15:9-11.  
**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31—Jn 15:12-17.  
**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10—Jn 15:18-21.  
**6th Sunday of Easter—**Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
 1 Jn 4:7-10—Jn 15:9-17.

### PRIESTS FOR OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN

For those who have committed to or anyone wishing to help with the Priest For the Future Campaign the First Meeting is this Wednesday, May 6th at 6pm in the church. Our seminarians are truly a blessing from God. Please keep our committee in your prayers as this important event takes place.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday wishes to John Karsten who will be celebrating his 32nd birthday on May 11th. If you wish to send him birthday wishes his address is 1510 Deborah Ct., Platteville. Happy Birthday, John!

| Saturday, May 9<br>4:00 pm           | Altar Servers | Sunday, May 10<br>9:00am |
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| David Drefcinski                     |               | Andy Eggers              |
| John Drefcinski                      |               | Vince Momot              |
| Ben Drefcinski                       |               | Jerrison Faulkner        |
| <b>Lector &amp; Leader of Prayer</b> |               |                          |
| Kent Scheuerell                      |               | Lee Eggers               |
|                                      |               | Terry Woolf              |
| Greg Merrick                         |               | Chris Brunette           |
| <b>Sacristan:</b> Connie McCabe      |               |                          |
| <b>Music:</b> Kim & Youth            |               |                          |
| <b>Rosary:</b> Rose Kuhn             |               |                          |
|                                      |               | Linda Hess               |
|                                      |               | Classic Choir            |
|                                      |               | Virgil Splinter          |

### REFLECTION—"5th Sunday of Easter

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 JOHN 3:18  
 Do you "walk the talk?" Does your action reflect what you say? If not, spend time every day in prayer, give some of your talent to help one of your parish's ministries and give some of your money to support the work of the Church.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 10th in the church hall; 8am -11am. All mothers, KC widows and children under 5 no charge. Also there will be roses and truffles available for your Mothers, courtesy of Grant County Right To Life. You may participate with one or both. Suggested donations for Truffles is \$5 and roses are \$2.

**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.

### Dear parishioners, friends and fellow Disciples of Christ,

I did not want you to have to speculate any longer as to the rumor of my retirement that has been circulating. I will in fact be retiring in mid May and moving back to my hometown in Belleville, Wisconsin. Although I am enthusiastically awaiting a return to my home, children and grandchildren I do have a heavy heart as I will miss all of you who have so graciously supported me through out the last six years. It has been my pleasure to work along side you as we serve others and the parish through the food pantry, holiday food baskets, Christmas adopt a family, various fund raisers, meetings and in catechizing our children.

I feel that I am leaving you in competent hands. Diane Drefcinski will be assuming my tasks when I go and I have left her notes, files and my crisis phone number. Diane's background is in teaching and has worked with numerous events at the parish; she has new ideas and **lots** of energy.

Finally, I want to thank you by quoting one of my favorite passages from the first chapter of Paul's letter to the Philippians as it expresses my thought for you perfectly.

Paul writes, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer a joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

Your assignment is to read the rest of Philippians!  
 God bless you all, Linda

### ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

April 26, 2015

Weekly Envelopes.....\$3,593.00  
 Offertory.....\$ 516.00  
 Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$ 800.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

Congratulations to: Cailyn Christensen, Logan Day, Ben Drefcinski, Lucas Ludlum, Zachary Ludlum, Dylan Mee, Kale Richards & Charles James Straka who are making their First Communion this weekend.

**May you remember that the spirit of Jesus is with you always and continues to bless you each time you receive the Eucharist. .**

## St. Mary Preschool Mother's Day Tea

Wednesday, May 6 at 9:30am

Thursday, May 7 at 9:30am.

### Parish Garage Sale

**Friday, May 8, 8:00 - 3:00 and Saturday, May 9, 8:00 - 2:00.**

Help is needed in preparation for this parish fundraiser.

Gym set up - Tuesday, May 5 - 8:30.

Pricing items - Thursday, May 7 - 8:30 until done.

Sales on Friday and Saturday.

Clean up and tear down on Saturday, May 9, 2:30pm.

Items may be brought directly to the gym on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or contact Diane if you want to bring them sooner at 348-3937

**St. Mary's Rosary Group**—We are creating a mission rosary group. If you would be interested in joining this group and learn how to make rosaries, please contact Katie Melssen before the first meeting so we can order enough supplies. Email: [melssenkate@gmail.com](mailto:melssenkate@gmail.com) phone after 5:30pm (608) 723-2649. The first meeting will be on May 24, 2015 after 9 o'clock Mass in the hospitality room.

**April Food Pantry News**—Thanks to all of you who helped with the April food pantry. Thanks to you who continue to drop off extra food items and toiletries for the pantry. We served 116 families which included 303 individuals, 83 children under 18, 158 adults and 62 seniors. The pantry recipients and I are very grateful for having help extending their food budgets. Linda

### This report is for the three months beginning January 1, 2015 and ending March 31, 2015.

#### INCOME

Offertory Income \$ 54,038.42

All Other Income 63,543.30

Total Income \$ 117,581.72

#### EXPENSE

Salaries & Benefits \$ 48,120.58

Liturgical & Worship Expense 4,595.13

Office and Administrative 20,165.90

Repair and Maintenance 29,014.67

Utilities 14,101.62

Other Expense 15,966.91

Assessment Expense 5,224.08

Total Expense \$ 137,188.89

Net Income (Loss) \$ (19,607.17)

Outstanding Invoices 03/31/2015 \$ 3,828.91

Anyone requesting prayer may call 348-6041. Please call in the morning between 8am & 9am. If no answer please leave your prayer.

### 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.

### ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

## Rosemeyer Management Group

348-2274

**We invite you to consider these businesses and thank them for their support.**

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

**Tuesday**—Mission Sewing 8:30-10:30am.

CCW meeting, 7pm.

**Wednesday**—Liturgy Meeting, 9am.

Cemetery Committee mtg, 10am

Preschool Mother's Day Tea, 9:30am.

Bible Study, 2:30pm.

Priests For Our Future campaign meeting, 6pm.

Religious Ed— Grades 1-5 (6-7pm).

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

**Thursday**—Preschool Mother's Day Tea, 9:30am.

Sacristan Meeting, 5:30pm.

**Sunday**—Mother's Day—KC Mother's Day Breakfast



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

### Pastoral Council Column

**He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith.**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see *Sirach 24:17-24*).

In baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, he encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see *Matthew 7:16-20*).

We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples, so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will 'prune' us—as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see *Hebrews 12:4-11*).

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see *Colossians 3:16*), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.

(Dr. Scott Hahn, *This Sunday's Bible Reflection*)