

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JESUS INVITES US TO REMAIN IN HIM

Jesus uses the image of the vine which was well-known to the people to illustrate the close relationship that should exist between Him and his followers. Some Old Testament Prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah both referred to Israel as the vineyard of the Lord and the choice vine that failed to produce the desired fruits. (cf Is. 5:7 and Jer. 2:21.) Jesus calls Himself the true vine and His Father the vine grower, who cuts off every branch that does not bear fruit but prunes with care every branch that bears fruit so that it may bear more. As a branch cannot grow on its own unless it remains part of the vine so too, the followers of Christ cannot experience true growth unless we remain rooted and connected to Christ. Having been grafted into Christ through baptism, we are constantly being pruned by the vine grower through the Word of God, the Sacraments, especially the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation and other sources of grace available to us in the Church. If we avail ourselves of these sources of grace, we shall stay connected with Christ the true vine and we shall continue to bear the desired fruits of love, joy, peace...Gal. 5:22-23. Our works of love are explicit signs of the presence of the Spirit of God in us, so let us harken to the command of Christ and remain in Him.

P.S Please keep praying for all our children preparing for their First Holy communion next Sunday.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, April 28

7:30 A.M. Rosina Harber
10:00 A.M. For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Monday, April 29

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 30

7:00 P.M. Russ Meskell

Wednesday, May 1

8:00 A.M. Nancy Messman

Thursday, May 2 *65th Anniversary blessings*

8:00 A.M. Tom & Kay Derheimer

Friday, May 3

8:00 A.M. Jack Lushis

Saturday, May 4 *50th Anniversary blessings*

5:00 P.M. Dan & Sally Strack

Sunday, May 5

7:30 A.M. Healing for Vicki Hinen
10:00 A.M. For St. Patrick's Parishioners
NOON First Communicants

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES *May 4 & 5*

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Sue Swangin
7:30 a.m. Roberta Davis
10:00 a.m. Doug Ford

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 p.m. L. Doak, S. Moore, B. Duncan, S. Fawbush
7:30 a.m. K. Schaefer, T. Schortgen, D. Strack, A. Strack
10:00 a.m. S. Harber, N. Millberg, R. Rospond, S. Skora

GIFTS

5:00 p.m. Dave Burelison family
7:30 a.m. Taylor Ford family
10:00 a.m. Therese Joy Burkett, Maria Jones

USHERS

5:00 p.m. Volunteers
7:30 a.m. Volunteers
10:00 a.m. Volunteers

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. Volunteers
7:30 a.m. Zane H, Marshall H, James G, Matthew N
10:00 a.m. Julian T, Isaac F, Owen K

CHURCH CLEANING

May 4 St. Paula's Friendship Widow Group

April 28, 2024

Weekly Offertory Collection – April 15-21

Regular Collection \$ 2,628
Online Collection \$ 1,808
TOTAL Giving \$ 4,436

Pro-Life: April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Our Catholic faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person.

First Communion Mass will be on **Sunday, May 5** at Noon. Pray for our First Communicants as they receive Jesus and that they will walk in his light all the days of their lives.

Congratulations to Austin Roberts and Nicole Chatterson who were married on April 20, 2024 at St. Patrick's. May the Lord bless their life together.

Mass for those affected by Cancer on Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 pm at St. Vincent's Church. (1502 East Wallen Rd)

Studies on the Holy Mass with Fr John on Wednesday evenings May 1, 8 and 15 from 7-8 pm in the parish hall! Come with your questions and reflections on the Holy Eucharist to share!

4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be in the St. Mother Guerin Chapel basement on **May 14 at 6:30 pm** by the Cathedral downtown Ft. Wayne. Any questions please call Dave Barrett at 260.403.2180.

Graduation Mass on Sunday, June 9th at 10 am with reception to follow in the parish hall. The graduates will wear their cap and gowns and process in with Fr. John at the beginning of Mass. Please RSVP to Abby at 260.348.5996 if you plan to attend and how many.

Adult Confirmation on Sunday, June 2 at 11:30 am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. These are intended for the Confirmation of adults who were baptized as Catholics, but for one reason or another, were not confirmed at the normal time of adolescence. Such individuals must be confirmed by a Bishop. Please contact Fr. John or the parish office to schedule a meeting for instructions.

Arcola Thrift Store (by post office) Open Wednesday & Thursday 10am – 4pm, Saturday 10am -1pm. Come in and browse!

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The Nine First Fridays and the Sacred Heart Devotion

May – January

(9 consecutive months)

8:00am Mass - followed by Adoration, Confession and First Friday Devotions

First Saturday Devotions

May – September

(5 consecutive months)

7:00 am – Adoration/Confession/Devotions

8:00 am – Holy Mass First Saturday

First Sunday Adoration on Sunday, May 5 from 8:30-9:30 am. Come spend some quiet time in prayer with Jesus.

ECCE Young Adult Choir Savior of the World on Saturday, May 4th at 2pm at St. Jude Church. Free and open to the public.

Spring Musical (at Bishop Luers) **Beauty and the Beast!** Showtimes are **Friday, May 3 at 8pm and Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 pm.** \$10 per ticket. Tickets are available online at www.bishopluers.org.

Beauty Will Save The World – High School Summer Theology Program at the University of Saint Francis July 28 – August 1. Talks and activities will focus on five core themes of Creation, Art, the Body and Sexuality, Vocation, and Worship. Guest speakers, hands-on activities, live music, prayer, and lots of fun. Cost is \$200 per camper, which includes meals and lodging, and scholarships are available. Find a full schedule and registration info at go.sf.edu/beauty.