

# ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Deacon Robert Precourt, Pastoral Leader*    *Rev. Zachary Weber, Priest Celebrant*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2021



**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and  
remain in his love.” - Jn 15:10

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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here and hope you will pray and celebrate with us again! We strive to be a warm and friendly people in our rural hometown communities. If you are considering these parishes for your church home year round or just for the summer we would be happy to sign you up through the parish office! This would give you the opportunity to receive newsletters and other interesting communications and be part of our family.

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### Liturgy of the Word with Communion

• Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 am  
at St. Mark's unless there is a funeral.

### Mass Schedule

St. Mark's (Redgranite) ..... Saturday 4:00 pm  
& Sunday 8:30 am  
Sacred Heart (Poy Sippi) ..... Sunday 10:30 am

### Celebration of Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Every Saturday at St. Mark Parish from 3:00-3:45 pm or by appointment.  
**Baptismal Preparation:** Call Parish Office.  
**Marriage Preparation:** Call the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to marriage!

### Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 12:00 noon.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, May 11**

8:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

**Thursday, May 13**

8:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

**Friday, May 14**

8:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

**Saturday, May 15**

4:00 pm In memory of **Tom Klamrowski**  
offered by the Gosenheimer family



**Sunday, May 16**

8:30 am In memory of **Bill Welch**  
offered by the family

10:30 am **For deceased members of our parishes** (Poy Sippi)



### Readings for May 15th and 16th

**1st Reading** Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

**2nd Reading** Ephesians 1:17-23

**Gospel** Mark 16:15-20

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

**Tuesday, May 11**

6:30 pm SM/SH Raffle Ministry Meeting at SM

**Wednesday, May 12**

6:00 pm St. Mark's Cemetery Ministry Meeting

**Thursday, May 13**

6:30 pm Rosary for Life with Knights at SM

7:00 pm SM/SH Knights of Columbus Meeting at SM

## Proclaimers, Ushers, Servers for St. Mark's and Sacred Heart

Work will be starting on the schedule for June, July and August. Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email if there are dates that you will not be able to serve. Please contact the office by **May 17th**.

## St. Mark's CCW Rummage Sale

The rummage sale will be July 1st, 2nd and 3rd in St. Mark's Parish Hall. Donations will be accepted on June 28th and 29th. Please keep this in mind when doing your cleaning projects.



## Schedule of Liturgical Ministers: St. Mark's

**Saturday, May 15**

**Proclaimer** Joan Rinaldi



**Sunday, May 16**

**Proclaimer** Jan Arndt

## Schedule of Liturgical Ministers: Sacred Heart

**Sunday, May 16**

**Proclaimer** Karen Kelly

**Ushers** Bob Rauth and Art Hebert

### Discipleship/Stewardship Corner

Gifts for May 2nd will be reported  
in the May 16th bulletin.

## Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

*From the desk of Pastoral Leader—  
Deacon Bob Precourt*

This *Pastoral Message* to you is the second in a series about VIRTUS, a safe environment program used in our local parishes and in our diocese as well as parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. I remember one of the first sessions I taught. It was over at St. Joseph, Wautoma. Some 35 Catholic volunteers from several parishes did what thousands had done before them—attend a three-and-a-half hour information session on preventing sexual abuse of children.

Although the evening VIRTUS training session may have been inconvenient for many after a day's work, those in attendance said they saw its importance. One of the session participants said to me: "People are tired at the end of the day and often have many other commitments, but it's still absolutely important to be educated on what to watch for to prevent abuse of our children."

Attendees heard how to identify signs of possible abuse, including a video, *A Time to Protect God's Children*. The video contains several stories from victims of sexual abuse. Another session participant said: "The stories we heard were enough to get any parishioner's attention. I am glad that action is being taken on the diocesan and parish levels to ensure that anyone who is in a situation with anyone's child has been checked and has been through a similar program."

After discussing the video, the group viewed a second video, *A Plan to Protect God's Children*. It includes cringeworthy interviews with past abusers explaining how they groomed children they abused and kept these children quiet.

For me and everyone in the session, the stories were difficult to hear, but in post-session evaluations many participants said they recognized that through VIRTUS, the Church has opened up with no element of defensiveness. Also, many said the VIRTUS information provided them with valuable insight into the abusers' thinking patterns, so that they could be better prepared to help to protect our children and vulnerable adults locally and throughout our diocese.

More next week....

### **Nominations for Trustee-Treasurer**

St. Mark's and Sacred Heart will be electing a Trustee-Treasurer this year. Nominations may be made in writing. Nominees must be adult parishioners, at least 21 years of age, and in good standing with the parish. Persons nominating must be at least 18 years of age and in good standing with the parish. At least 10 written nominations must be received from adult parishioners in good standing for a person to be nominated. Leon Rinke is the current Trustee-Treasurer for St. Mark's and will be seeking another term. The Trustee-Treasurer for Sacred Heart is Jim Skweres. Jim will not be seeking another term. He has served 3 two-year terms and will need to step away for at least a year. Nominations must be received in the Parish Office by May 24th. The election for Trustee will be on the weekend of June 12th and 13th.

### **All-Cash Raffle Meeting**

The raffle meeting for our parishes' will be on May 11th, at 6:30 pm at St. Mark's. Everyone interested in helping with this ministry should try to attend the meeting. We are hopeful that this year we can sell tickets at church and beyond. Our parishes are grateful to everyone who gave to our Holy Non-Raffle last year!

### **Inspiration for the week**

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.



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