

ST. MARY / NEWS

Catholic Church

May 2, 2021

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in Christ



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

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bonded by Catholic Faith, serving God and one another.*

Mass Times & Information

Mon.	No Mass
Tue.	9:00am during school year 8:00am during school summer vacation
Wed.	8:00am
Thu.	8:00am
Fri.	8:00am
Sat.	4:00pm
Sun.	8:00am, 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wed. Following the 8am Mass
Sat. 3:00 pm

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:

Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit if you or a loved one is in the hospital, homebound or in need of the sacrament of anointing.

Parish Registration:

If you are new to St. Mary's, welcome to our parish! We hope you will feel comfortable and share the love of Christ here with us at St. Mary. Stop by the Parish Center during regular office hours and we will assist you in registering. If there is any way that we may be of assistance in helping you feel welcome here, please don't hesitate to ask!

Please notify the Parish Office of any address, phone, or email changes.

Parish Center & Mailing Address:

1407 North Richmond Road
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Parish Website...stmarymchenryil.org
Parish Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/St.MaryMcHenry

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8am to 4pm...Fri 8am to noon.

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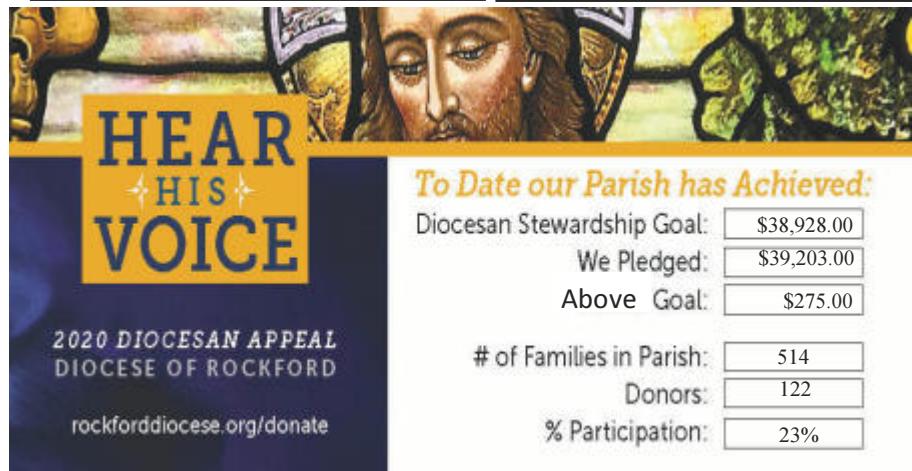
Middle School....815-385-1022

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To Date our Parish has Achieved:

Diocesan Stewardship Goal: \$38,928.00

We Pledged: \$39,203.00

Above Goal: \$275.00

of Families in Parish: 514

Donors: 122

% Participation: 23%

All other ministries are on hold until further notice!!!

Ministry Schedule for the weekend of May 8th & 9th

<u>MASS</u>	<u>Sat 4pm</u>	<u>Sun 8am</u>	<u>Sun 10am</u>
<u>CLERGY</u>	<u>Fr. David</u>	<u>Fr. David</u>	<u>Fr. David</u>
<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>Dave Schmitt</u>	<u>Walter Zabinski</u>	<u>Amy Whiteside</u>
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	<u>Schmitt</u>	<u>Brian Haley</u>	<u>Rindt</u>
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Rice Bowl Collection:

If you have not turned in your donation to the Rice Bowl please do so ASAP. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. **NOTE: The 2022 Mass Intention Book is now Open.**

THIS WEEK**Sun May 2..Masses 8am & 10am****Mon May 3..No Mass****Tues May 4 ...9am School Mass****Wed May 5.. 8am Mass/confession to follow****Thurs May 6.. 8am Mass****Fri May 7.. 8am Mass/confession to follow****Sat May 8...3pm Confession/4pm Mass****Sun May 9..Mass 8am & 10am**

Please Note: **Weekend Masses:** Please call the parish office to reserve your spot for the weekend Masses only. If this is not possible the ushers can sign you in at the door if there are any seats available. You can also sign up via e-mail for the weekend Masses at stmarylady@aol.com. E-mail needs to be received no later than 10am on Friday to insure that your name is on the list. Remember you can always tune Father in from the parking lot on your FM car radio, on 90.3FM. **Please wear a MASK and use the Hand Sanitizers when entering the Church.**

This is what homeschooling was for those of us 65 and older! A lot different from home schooling today.

1. **My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE** - "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. **My mother taught me RELIGION** - "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. **My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL** - "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. **My father taught me LOGIC** - "Because I said so, that's why ."
5. **My mother taught me MORE LOGIC** - "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. **My mother taught me FORESIGHT**—"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. **My father taught me IRONY**- "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. **My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS** - "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. **My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM** - "Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. **My mother taught me about STAMINA**- "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

Our Sunday Bulletin, is our primary source to communicate with you. Here is an opportunity to say THANK YOU! Perhaps you did not know that our weekly bulletin is 100% provided by the advertisers on the back page (s) of the bulletin. Please support their business!

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 2, 2021 5th Sunday of Easter

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.



Saint Vincent de Paul: Changing one's life is not easy. A local man dedicated himself to turning his life around 10 years ago, moving from a life of addiction to being drug-free for the past 7 years. He has gone from homelessness to living in any apartment and now had an exciting new position, working with recovering addicts. However a recent accident totaled his car and his savings were just short of the amount needed to purchase a used car. St. Vincent de Paul paid several hundred dollars to the dealership to complete the purchase, allowing this man to drive to and from his new job. *Corinthians 9-10 "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."*

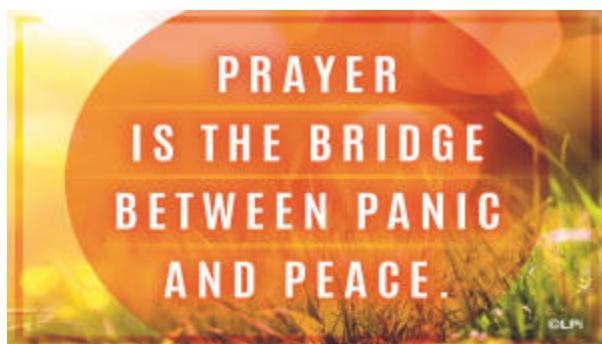
Please make the check out to St. Vincent de Paul Society not to St. Mary. Thank You! If you are in need of assistance please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 815-385-5673.

Word of Life: Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, the masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." **We Pray to the Lord.**

Intercessions for Life For persons with disabilities, may their lives always be recognized as worth protecting and fighting for in all circumstances.. **We Pray to the Lord.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Put Spring into your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. It offers married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Sign up today to attend an in person Encounter Weekend on June 25-27 in Genova Il, or August 20-22 in Madison Wi. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at alifetimeoflove.org or Call 888-574-5653.



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HopeAfterAbortion.com For a supportive and confidential environment where one can begin the process of healing after an abortion

Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17





Mon	May 3	8am	No Mass
Tues	May 4	9am	+Bob & Arlene Carl
Wed	May 5	8am	+ Matthew & Leigh Ann Adams Req. Samantha Adams
Thurs	May 6	8am	+Shea Family Req. Lois Shea
Fri	May 7	8am	+Eleanor Fiedler Req. Sons
Sat	May 8	4pm	+Marie Diedrich Req. Linda Schmitt +Jacklyn Tackaberry Req. John Tackaberry
Sun	May 9	8am	+Pattie Gilmore Req. Joe Gilmore +Richard & Rita Adams Req. Samantha Adams
		10am	+John Lawrence & Shirley Freund Req. Peggy Lawrence People of St. Mary

Envelopes mailed in/dropped off:

April 25, 2021

Sunday Budget:	\$8,146.25
Envelopes:	\$4,278.00
Loose:	\$205.00
Special:	\$220.00
Easter:	\$200.00
Votives:	\$63.00
Total:	\$4,966.00
Shortage:	-\$3,180.25
Budget Shortage:	-\$10,606.89

Diocesan Stewardship 2021 Campaign

Goal \$40,352.00

Total Pledged:	\$3,805.00
Total Paid:	\$405.00
Needed for Goal:	\$36,547.00

% of Goal...9%



If you or a loved one is in need of prayers, please call the parish office 815-385-0024 or email us at: stmarylady@aol.com with your prayer request.

Please review the prayer list. If you and/or your relative is on the list and have recovered and are no longer in need of our prayers, please contact the parish office to have the name removed. Thank You.

Pray for the deceased of our parish.

Please pray for the sick of our Parish...

Jean Roche, Rebecca Whiteside, Lois Shea, Lois Kasper, Joanne Hart, Linda Keith, Sandy Novak, Thad Tomaszewski, George Haegler, Anna Burger, Gary Gilpin, Wayne Zank, Sandy Diedrich, Mary Delia, Irene Rutkowski, Timothy Harrison, Cathy Sullivan, Larry Lang, Chris Cardomone, Fr. Kulak, Barb Plazewski, David Gende, Fr. John Heraty, Hans Burger, Phil Harris, Sheila Noland, Carol Hertel, Diana Deufel, Mary Pollock, Erin Johnson, Peter Ghera, Ella Monticelli, Adele Stilling, Charlene Nylander, Connie Freund, Bud DeHahn, McKenzie Lullo, Joan Whiteside, Anna Pease, Robert Hall, Dorothy Pitzen, Mary Sullivan, Dolores Sklodowski, Beatrice Meath, Robert Wegener, Ronnie Bazan, Madelyn Johnson, Ron Anzelmo, Joan Anzelmo.

Please pray for our men and women serving in the armed forces, especially for:

1LT. Eric Adams/Army Reserves
1LT. Mark Adams/Air Force
Matthew Kling/Marines
P03 Cameron D. Malcolm /Navy
SFC Martin D. Malcolm /Army
LT. Col. Donna L. Hornberger/ Air Force
1st. Lt. Zach Hornberger /Air Force
MAJ Gavin R. Laskowski /Army
Captain. David Dicker Jr. /Army
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PFC Jessie Kling/Marines

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Senior Care Volunteer Network.	815-455-3120

5th Sunday of Easter—Staying Connected Together in Christ

Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

After college, I entered a program in Rome that required me to be away from the country for two years with no possibility of returning home. These were the days before the internet, Zoom, and Facebook, when even phone calls were expensive. As the time for me to leave drew near, I was feeling sad at the possibility of losing touch with so many people I had come to love. When I shared this with my pastor, he told me, “The Jesus you will be praying to in Rome is the same Jesus your friends will be praying to here at home.” Those simple words reminded me that, even half a world away, I would remain connected with my friends through the mystery of faith and prayer.

At the Last Supper, Jesus faced the prospect of leaving his disciples. He wanted them to know that although he would no longer be with them physically, his presence would nonetheless still be very real and active among them. And so, Jesus used the image of the vine to describe the ongoing connection he would have with his followers even after his death and resurrection. Just as the branch is vitally connected to the vine, so the believer is vitally connected to Jesus. And just as, apart from the vine, the branch shrivels up and dies, so those who are not connected to Jesus have no life within them.

The Last Supper is the only place where Jesus uses the image of the vine, but it repeats a theme which echoes throughout the gospel of John — that Jesus “stays” or “remains in” his disciples and that they “stay” or “remain in” him. For example, when Jesus asks the first disciples what they want, they do not ask him, “Where are you going?” but, “Where are you staying?” This “remaining” points to the mystery of Jesus’ ongoing presence within his disciples.

The fact that we each sprout individually from the vine which is Christ does not mean that we are separated from one another. Jesus connects us not only to himself but to one another. Together we form the one vine which extends its branches throughout the world and bears fruit in love. The woman who folds her hands to pray in Tennessee draws life from the same source as the man who kneels down in Bangladesh. The teenager who visits the sick in Buenos Aires does so with the same love that moves a rich woman to give her coat to a homeless person in Lisbon. It is the same Jesus who continues to be present and active throughout the world just as he promised his disciples.

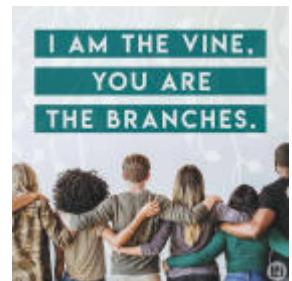
At the Eucharist, we gather to witness the transformation of “the fruit of the vine and work of human hands” into the very life blood of Christ. It is the source of our life and its highest expression. We offer with the gifts of bread and wine all that we are and all that we have done. It does not always seem like much. But we offer it precisely so that it can be transformed into something beyond our power to achieve. Pondering the mystery of the life of Jesus within us will make us grow in our longing to be united with him through Holy Communion. And it strengthens our sense of unity with other Christian believers throughout the world.

In Christ we remain connected to one another through him.

Douglas Sousa

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
 You are the vine and we are the branches
 Because of you we are alive.
 Because of you, we bear fruit.
 As we reach out to you, keep us mindful of the needy
 Who yearn to be reached out to.
 As we stretch out our hands to you, let us also stretch out our hands to the hungry
 So that the fruit we bear in you may nourish others. Amen.



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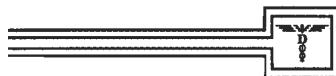
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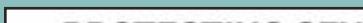
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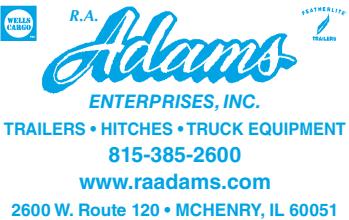


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