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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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6th 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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Mass Intentions for the Week

May 10	7:00am	†David Fagen Sr. †Jack Meder
May 11	7:30am	No Intention
May 12	7:30am	No Intention
May 13	7:30am	†Ron Lungren
May 14	7:30am	Living & Deceased members of the Ramft Family
May 15	8:00am	Dan & Lillian Glab Members of the Aruit Family
	5:00pm	†John & Lorraine Melligan †Philip & Barbara Candella
May 16	7:30am	†Marian Powers †Larry Johnson
	11:15am	†Josie Castro †Howard Streit

Generations of Giving

Contributions totals for the Week of
May 1, 2021 will be posted next week.



- Mass is livestreamed & in person. Daily Mass: **Monday at 7:00am**, Tuesday - Friday at 7:30am & Saturday at 8:00am. Weekend Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 5:00pm, Sunday at 7:30am & 11:15am.
- **Due to the limited capacity for our weekend Masses, we are asking you to sign up online for a Mass time.** To register visit our website: stmaryelgin.org, scroll down to the "signup.com button." **Please sign up before Noon on Saturday.** If you are not able to register online, please call the Parish Office.

Weekday Mass (Live streamed)

Monday: 7:00am Tuesday - Friday: 7:30am
Saturday: 8:00am,
En Espanol: 9:00am Martes & Miercoles

Sunday Masses

† 5:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation
† 7:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation
(Espanol)

† 7:30 am
† 11:15 am
† 1:00 pm & 3:00pm (Espanol)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

† Tuesday: 6:00 pm
† Saturday: 4:00 pm

Other Times By Appointment: Please call
the Rectory.

Holy Day Masses

Times will be posted in the bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday from 5:45—7:00pm

Sacrament of the Sick

If you or a loved one are going to have major surgery or are seriously ill and would like to receive the grace and healing of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Registration

New parishioners are most welcome. Please call the Parish Office during regular office hours.

Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office for information and registration.

Wedding Dates

Must be reserved at least six months ahead.

RCIA (Adult Initiation)

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the RE Office at 847-888-2718.

Bulletin Notices

Must be submitted by Monday noon, one week prior to event.

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Casa Roja (114 Gifford St.)

12:00pm - 5:00pm (Lunes - Viernes)

Masses Are Live Streamed Daily!

St. Mary Mass will continue to be livestreamed.

There are a couple of ways to watch;

Saint Mary Church Elgin IL

https://youtube.com/channel/UCkG_JNvMUEIE26zgF9kfA

Facebook

www.facebook.com/stmarychurchelginil

Website: www.stmaryelgin.org

St. Vincent DePaul

A Prayer for Families

Dear Lord, lead us, guide us, help us be instruments of your love, your peace and your mercy. We pray for the moms and dads who are raising their children that you will grant them abundant love and patience. And we pray for the children of these neighbors that with the guidance of their parents they will grow up to be kind, caring Christians. May our presence in their lives be a beacon of hope. St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.



**2021
Diocesan Appeal**

**Parish Goal
\$90,304**



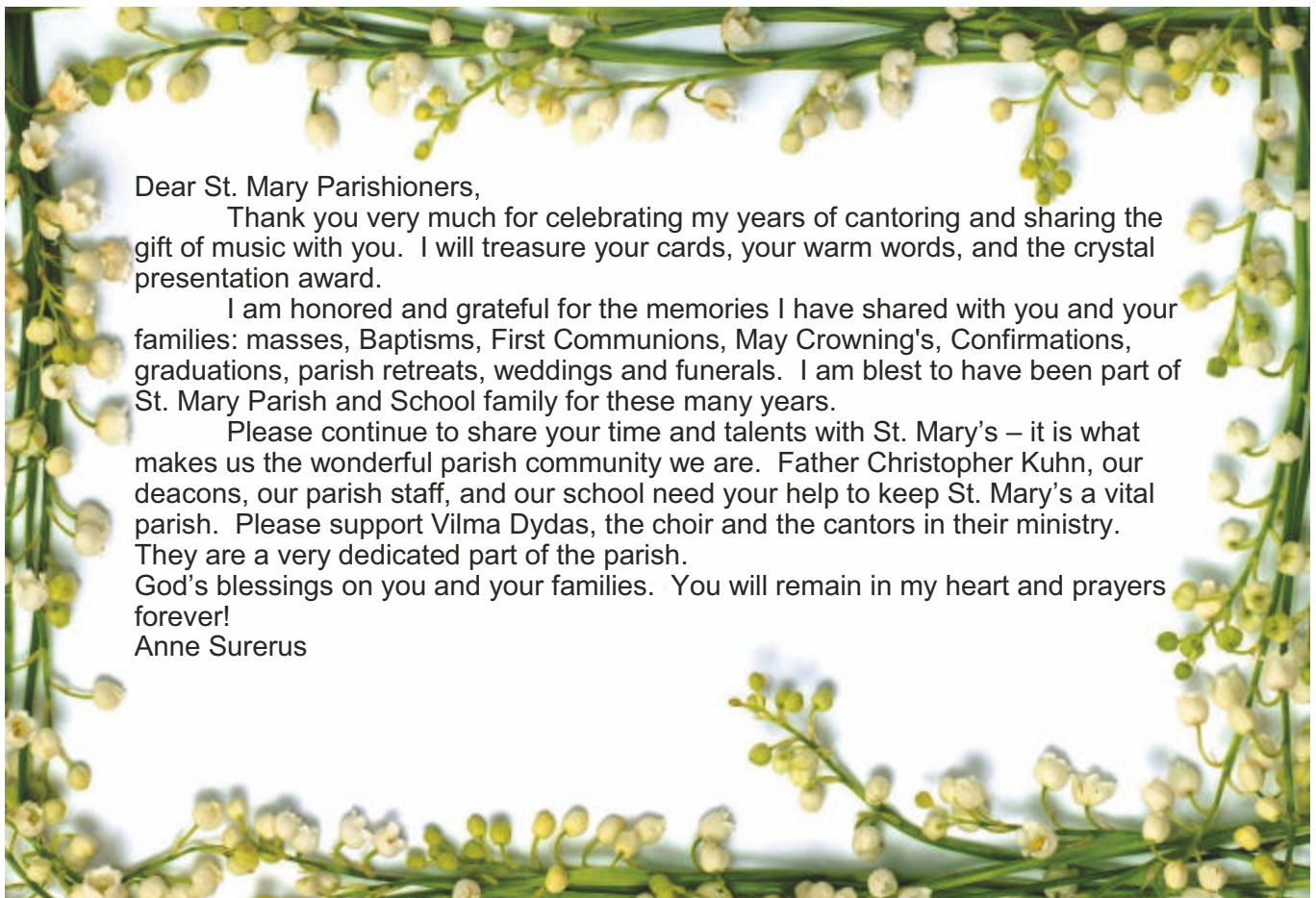
Come for Adoration

This Easter Season, consider spending some time with Jesus.

Adoration is this Tuesday evening from 5:45pm - 7:00pm.

Please use the parking lot doors to enter.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. The next in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on June 25-27 in Geneva, IL; Aug. 20-22 in Madison, WI and Sept. 17-19 in Geneva, IL. There are virtual experiences on Sept. 13 thru Oct. 4 and Nov. 13-14. For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.



Dear St. Mary Parishioners,

Thank you very much for celebrating my years of cantoring and sharing the gift of music with you. I will treasure your cards, your warm words, and the crystal presentation award.

I am honored and grateful for the memories I have shared with you and your families: masses, Baptisms, First Communions, May Crowning's, Confirmations, graduations, parish retreats, weddings and funerals. I am blest to have been part of St. Mary Parish and School family for these many years.

Please continue to share your time and talents with St. Mary's – it is what makes us the wonderful parish community we are. Father Christopher Kuhn, our deacons, our parish staff, and our school need your help to keep St. Mary's a vital parish. Please support Vilma Dydas, the choir and the cantors in their ministry. They are a very dedicated part of the parish. God's blessings on you and your families. You will remain in my heart and prayers forever!

Anne Surerus

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)



PSALM

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. (1 Jn 4:7)



GOSPEL

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:12-13)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Remain in my love," and "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

- SUN 5/09** 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 5/10** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- TUE 5/11** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
- WED 5/12** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- THR 5/13** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
- FRI 5/14** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
- SAT 5/15** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
- SUN 5/16** Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
- Monday:** St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
- Wednesday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
- Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord [holy day in some U.S. dioceses]; Our Lady of Fatima
- Friday:** St. Matthias, Apostle
- Saturday:** St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

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.



Love
one
another

— JOHN 15:17 —

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