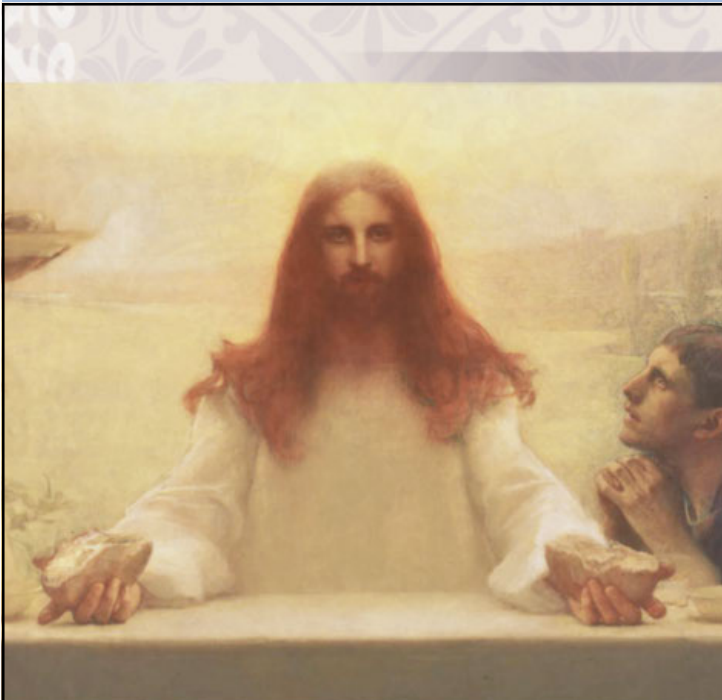


# St. Mary/St. Patrick Catholic Church

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER,  
MAY 22, 2022

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## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." - Jn 14:27

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### WELCOME

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you. For information about religious education or to register with the parish, call 815-248-2490. Visit us at [www.stmarystpatrick.org](http://www.stmarystpatrick.org).

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday, Vigil, 4:30 p.m.

Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends - St. Mary Church

September-May - St. Patrick Church

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - St. Mary Church

10:00 a.m. - Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends - St. Patrick

10:30 a.m. - September-May - St. Mary Church

Monday, 7:30 a.m. Communion Service - St. Mary Church

Tuesday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. Mass - St. Mary Church

### Reconciliation/Confession Times:

Sunday, 7:30 a.m. - St. Mary Church

First Saturday, 11-11:30 a.m. - St. Mary Church

### Eucharistic Adoration:

First Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Benediction, 4:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

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Very Rev. Matthew M. Bergschneider, Pastor  
Deacon Dick Mulcahey, Deacon Steve Pulkrabek

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday 8 a.m. –4 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

### Reflection for the Sixth Sunday of Easter - By Deacon Steve Pulkrabek

In the first reading we hear that Paul and Barnabas had a question regarding Mosaic law and what was being instructed. The apostles' and elders sent a delegation to resolve this teaching which was causing dissension and debate. Jesus said that he did not come to replace the law but to fulfill it. We learn more about salvation and the new covenant lead by the Holy Spirit. This fulfills what Jesus taught the Apostles at the Last Supper: "I will send you the Holy Spirit. He will teach and guide you to the truth."

What was the truth? That baptism not circumcision was necessary for salvation. Following the developed Mosaic Law was not required any longer. The only requirement was the turning away from their former pagan practices. What would happen if we followed the practice of the Apostles, namely invoking and following the guidance of the Holy Spirit in major decisions?

In the second reading during this post Resurrection times the Church keeps before us the life that God invites us to enter into now and after death. She presents to us another vision of life in heaven. The image of the new, holy city of Jerusalem is the image of the exultant and victorious Church, the bride of Christ in all its beauty and perfection in eternity. We are that Church now, that community, and are called to be in eternity.

In the gospel we learn why we need to gather for the Mass and profess our faith our belief. We continue to read John's narrative of the Last Supper in which Jesus gave a number of teachings as part of his last will and testimony. He speaks repeatedly of the centrality of love as a sign of our union with him and as a sign of our discipleship. He speaks of the need to keep his word because we love him. He teaches us the parable of the vine and the branches, reminding us that the Father loves us and as we love and keep his word, God will dwell in us and we in him.

The only way God dwells among us is to let go of ourselves and hand ourselves over to Jesus. On our own we would not be able to succeed; the good news is that we are not alone, but God dwells within us and gives us all we need to be faithful. This does require obedience on our part.



**Totally Yours** Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning “totally yours,” was the motto of Venerable Pope John Paul II. Taken from St. Louis de Montfort’s *True Devotion to Mary*, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through the hands of our Blessed Mother Mary. It also expresses our effort to give all that we have to every young person we encounter.

**Responding to God**

**Question:**

I can’t explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

**Answer:**

You’re in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God’s call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale’s belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O’Connor once wrote, “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd.” Sometimes God’s invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we’re listening for God’s will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures. Lpi

**MASS TIMES CHANGE - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

Beginning on Memorial Day weekend the Mass times will change to:

**Saturday, 4:30 p.m. St. Mary Church, Durand**

**Sunday, 8 a.m. St. Mary Church, Durand**

**Sunday, 10 a.m. St. Patrick Church  
Davis/Irish Grove**

**FROM THE PARISH OFFICE**

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and on the first Saturday of the month from 11-11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church.
- Confessions will be heard at 7:30 a.m. Sunday @ St. Mary Church.
- Requests for Anointing of the Sick can be made by calling 815-248-4428.
- For Religious Education information, to register for a Baptism, Wedding, to join the parish, reserve a Mass intention, request Anointing of the Sick, prayers for loved ones, memorial candles or flowers, or for any other sacramental or parish matters please stop by or call the office at: 815-248-2490.
- A Communion service will be held on Monday, May 30.
- The office will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30.

*Virgin most merciful, pray for us.*

**CEMETERY BLESSING SUNDAY**

The **Blessing of the Cemeteries** will take place at St. Mary Cemetery on Saturday, May 28, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, May 29, after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church. All are invited to participate in the annual blessing of the cemeteries.

**Cemetery Care** envelopes may be found in your May/June envelope packets. Please be sure to indicate which cemetery—St. Mary or St. Patrick, you wish your contribution to go to. These funds are used for the upkeep and maintenance of our two cemeteries.

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (John 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety, or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

**ST. ANNE’S CCW**

The new officers for St. Anne’s CCW were determined at the Spring Banquet on Tuesday, May 10th in St. Mary Church hall. The officers are as follows:

- Kathy Moran, President**
- Shirlee Jasien, Vice-President**
- Peg Stewart, Secretary**
- Jeanine Schwab, Treasurer**

Congratulations, Ladies, on your appointments. Your hospitality and efforts for the Parish are greatly appreciated.



**Marian Dogmas**

**Divine Motherhood** Various names are used to describe Mary’s role as mother of Jesus. She is called “Mother of God” which translates the more accurately stated greek term, “Theotokos” or “Birthgiver of God.”

**Perpetual Virgin** The expression perpetual virginity, ever-virgin refers primarily to the conception and birth of Jesus. From the first formulations of faith, especially in baptismal, or professions of faith, the Church professed that Jesus Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit only.

**Immaculate Conception** Though highlighting a privilege of Mary, it in fact stresses the dignity and holiness required to become “Mother of God”. The privilege of the Immaculate Conception is the source and basis for Mary’s all-holiness as Mother of God.

**The Assumption** Mary was elevated or assumed into heaven by the power and grace of God. It may be understood as the logical conclusion of Mary’s vocation on earth and the way she lived her life in union with God and her mission. The assumption may be seen as a consequence of Divine Motherhood. Being through, with and for her Son on earth, it would seem fitting for Mary to be through, with and for her Son in heaven, too. She was on earth the generous associate of her Son. The Assumption tells us that this association continues in heaven. Mary is indissolubly linked to her Son on earth and in heaven. Glorified in body and soul, Mary is already in the state that will be ours after the resurrection of the dead.

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**PARISH PRAYER TREE AND PRAYER CHAIN**

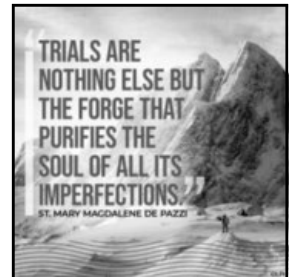
Our Parish Prayer Tree and Prayer Chain offer support and prayers not only for our parish, but for the community. If you would like someone included in the bulletin Parish Prayer Tree then please call the Parish Office. If you would like someone added to the Parish Prayer Chain, which is a network of parishioners who pray for your intentions then please call the office at 815-248-2490 or Margie Flynn, 815-494-4288.

Remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners and those in Medina Manor, along with Dorothy Anderson, Mark Anderson, Glenn Busjahn, Ryan Bergschneider, Adrian Book, Regina Borg, Dave Brown, Lisa Carlson, David DiGvonnii, Christine Gignac, Tristan Hendler, Kevin Henze, Carol Hertzner, Jennifer Hicks, Judy Hollenbeck, Kenneth Jason, Tony Jason, Carrie Kieilty, Shelly Wenger Jauch, Mary Joyce, Samantha Kaldohl, Bill and Marcie Keener, Emmanuel Kilb, Carol Kirchner, Jim Kolette, Joanne Komprood, Bill Kussner, Keith Ludolph, Dominick & Rose Lomanto, Stacey Ludkowski, Mary Terese Lynne, Judy Lynde, Vicki Marshall, Vicky Mathew, Raymond McDade, Theresa Mikosz, Jeff Miller, Deacon Mulcahey, Barb Neuzil, Kathy Nielsen, Gracie Nicolosi, Erline Nipps, Holgeir and Karen Oksnevad, Kelli Palmer, Sandra Pauley, Joe Peiffer, Tom Peiffer, Elefterious Prevett, Louis Ropilla, Carol Rosko, Frances Salvato, Brock Scarpetta, JoEllen Sharer, Dennis Shippy, Eugene Siwinski, Dean Simmer, Betty Sorg, Dawson Thomas, Amber Hill Thompson, Lana Todd, Marcie Turner, Jean Walsh, Laurie Walsh, Steve Walsh, Freddie and James Wilson.

Remember our service men and women including; Nic Blum, Will Devore, Will Francis, Lucas Graves, Rev. Bob Keener, Landon Ketchum, Ashley Kochanski, Chris Miranda, Matthew Moser, Zeth Willard, and Charlie Wojcik. Let the office know of any changes so we can stay current. (04/01/22)

**FOOD PANTRY**

The next date for the Food Pantry is Wednesday, May 25, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Please contact Sarah at 815-985-1805 with any questions.



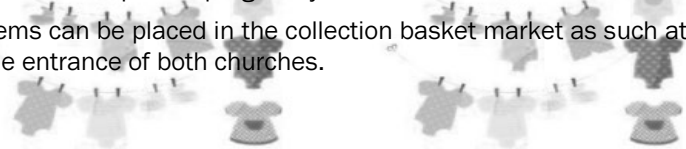
**TOTUS TUUS  
JUNE 26—JULY 1**

Totus Tuus is a week-long “parish mission” for young Catholics who are entering grades 1–12. The program is dedicated to the proclamation of the gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, apologetics, Christian witness, the sacraments, Marian devotion and Eucharistic worship. Grades 1 - 6 meet Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. and Grades 7–12 meet Sunday–Thursday from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

One family is needed to provide a place to sleep and continental breakfast for two team members from Saturday afternoon July 25 – Friday afternoon, July 1st. Please contact the office if you’re available.

Have you ever wanted to live the corporal works of mercy, but wondered how? The Religious Education classes are sponsoring a collection of baby items until June 19 (Father’s Day) to benefit the area pregnancy centers. Your donation of hooded bath towels, washcloths, crib sheets, new clothes sizes newborn–2T, sippy cups, bibs, pacifiers, teethingers, and rattles will be greatly appreciated. Your donation can help a woman faced with an unexpected pregnancy choose life for her unborn child.

Items can be placed in the collection basket market as such at the entrance of both churches.



**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

May 28 SM 4:30 p.m. Alex Flores  
 May 29 8:00 a.m. Amelia VandeVoorde  
 May 29 SP10:00 a.m. Beckett and Rogan Flynn

**COLLECTION COUNTERS**

May 29 11:30 a.m. Mary O'Hagan\*\*, Peggy Stewart

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

May 28 4:30 p.m. Jeanine Schwab  
 May 29 8:00 a.m. Deacon Steve Pulkrabek  
 May 29 10:00 a.m. Kathy Moran

**LECTORS**

May 28 4:30 p.m. Charlene Miller  
 May 29 8:00 a.m. Debra Morge-Erickson  
 May 29 10:00 a.m. Lisa Flynn

**SACRISTAN, ST. PATRICK CHURCH**

May 29 4:30 a.m. tba

**USHERS**

May 28 4:30 p.m. Jim McClellan  
 May 29 8:00 a.m. Dan VandeVoorde, Tom Walsh  
 May 29 10:00 a.m. Molly Flynn, Pat Flynn

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**Collection Totals**

<b>4th Week of April 2021</b>	<b>3rd Week of April 2022</b>
Envelopes \$4678.00	Envelopes \$3304.00
Loose \$544.00	Loose \$89.01

Note: An electronic deposit option is available to parishioners.  
 For more information contact the Parish Office.

The Durand American Legion has available many types of hospital equipment for public use. You don't have to be a Legion member or a veteran to use this equipment. It is free for anyone in need. Electric hospital beds, motorized lift chairs, electric scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, chairs, crutches and more. If you, a family member, or friend is in need of this equipment, please call 815-248-2243. This is a free service. Keep the equipment as long as you need it. Return it if you no longer need it.

Scheduled diocesan events will be live streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter. You can tune in to these broadcasts through Facebook live on the Diocese of Rockford Facebook page and on the Diocese of Rockford YouTube Channel. Links to the broadcasts will be posted at rockforddiocese.org.

June 4 11 a.m. Ordination of one Transitional Deacon and one Diocesan Priest

Sept. 24 11 a.m. Ordination of Permanent Deacons

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 21	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
4:30 p.m. (SP)	+Helen Daniels
Sunday, May 22	Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. (SM)	+Lucy Walsh
10:30 a.m. (SM)	The People of the Parish
Monday, May 23	
7:30 a.m.	Holy Communion Service
Tuesday, May 24	
7:30 a.m.	+Sharla Kruz
Wednesday, May 25	St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin
7:30 a.m.	+Bob Vormezeele
Thursday, May 26	St. Philip Neri, Priest
7:30 a.m.	+Andrew Joseph Helwig
Friday, May 27	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
7:30 a.m.	+Lucy Walsh
Saturday, May 28	
4:30 p.m. (SM)	+John & Nancy Lund
Sunday, May 29	The Ascension of the Lord
8:00 a.m. (SM)	The People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. (SP)	Susan Marie Spelman

“+” denotes a Mass intention for the deceased.  
Mass intentions can also be for the living.  
(SM) St. Mary Church, Durand  
(SP) St. Patrick Church, Davis/Irish Grove

### MEMORIAL CANDLE INTENTIONS



Lighting candles is an ancient practice we continue today to signify our hope and prayers we offer for a particular intention. The intended person could be living or deceased. We have two special ways of burning candles for the sake of prayer. Seven-day candles burn before the Tabernacle and the Icon of The Blessed Virgin Mary inside of St. Mary Church. These candles are available to be lighted for your intention and will burn for one week. While we do ask for a donation of \$10 this cost should not be a prohibiting factor.

- Mary Icon Candle
- Tabernacle Candle

### TABERNACLE FLORAL MEMORIALS



Floral memorials dedicating the two bouquets on either side of the Tabernacle at St. Mary Church are available for loved ones—living and deceased or for special intentions such as holidays, anniversaries or other special events.

A donation of \$15 per vase will help offset the cost of these flowers and enable you to have a beautiful floral tribute for one week. Please call the parish office at 815-248-2490, to schedule.

- Tabernacle Flowers



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