

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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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00am & 7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY—FRIDAY MASS

8:15am each day

CONFESSION TIMES:

WEDNESDAY: 11:30am-1:00pm &

SATURDAY: 3:30-until 5:00pm mass starts

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

St. Margaret Mary, pray for us!

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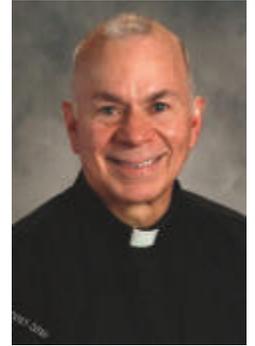
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From A Grateful Heart
 “Remain in me, as I remain in you.
 Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own
 unless it remains on the vine,
 so neither can you unless you remain in me.
 I am the vine, you are the branches.
 Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
 because without me you can do nothing.
 Anyone who does not remain in me
 will be thrown out like a branch and wither...” (John 15:4-6a)



Remain in Me, for You Can do Nothing

Mother’s Day approaches next week and as we celebrate those who gave us life, and those who remember their mothers who have gone, we realize that life comes **to** us not **from** us! That is, life is a gift from another!

Whether it is our mother’s that gave birth to us or the God of Life, we can understand the Gospel for this weekend. John’s gospel gives us Jesus’ parable of the “vine and the branches”. Life and all nourishment for the branches comes from the vine. So too, God is the very source of life – not just in the beginning of humanity, but the beginning of life for every creature that has life.

Nourishment from the branches continues to come from the vine just as the strength to do good comes from the graces of God. Grace is God’s nourishment for the soul. Evil is our perversion of that strength in our choice to refuse goodness.

Jesus brings us the message of his offer to be with us through the end of time. His nourishment is a guarantee and without his nourishment we would wither for lack of grace to the soul. You can even see how a life withers away when it pursues greed, lust and selfishness. The humble and generous among us are what keep a society healthy and growing. Just like the fruit of grapes on a branch of a grape vine. The ancient Jews were wine producers so they could really heard what Jesus meant in the parable.

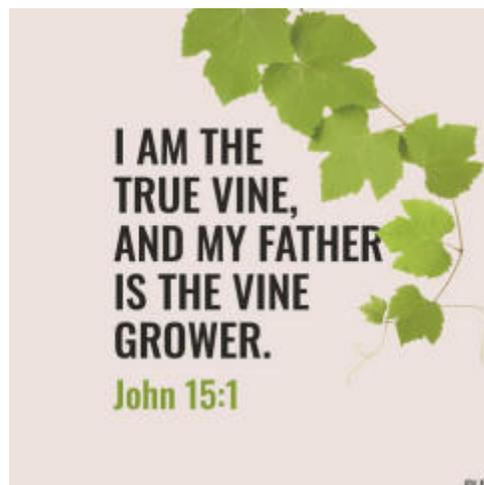
Today, we need to look at our lives with new vision. A vision of Jesus. Do we recognize our need to grow in God’ nourishing grace? Are we connected, as a Church and as the Body of Christ? Are we grateful and sincere in our praise of God and love of one another?

Life has many beginnings and we are called to restart our efforts to learn from Jesus every year as we celebrate His birth, life, suffering, death and resurrection. (*The Season of the Church Year: Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Passion and Easter Times*)

HAPPY MOTHER DAY to all mother who gave us life. And to the Mother of God, Mary Most Holy, who gave her flesh to the author of Life – Jesus Christ!

We continue our celebration of Easter for **three more weeks**, until Pentecost, Alleluia!

May Our Risen Savior Bless you!
 Fr. Patrick Nelson, SDS



GOSPEL MEDITATION

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-checked 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.

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Be the Heart: Support or
Join the Mission of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

The last Sunday of April is known as Ozanam Sunday. A “super volunteer” of his time, Frederic Ozanam and six companions founded the St. Vincent de Paul Society in 1833. Blessed Frederic’s vision was to “establish a network of charity and social justice to circle the world.” His vision reached the United States in 1845 and today there are 44 well-established “St. Vinnie’s groups in Milwaukee County. St. Vincent de Paul conference members are unhesitant to show Christ’s love to people experiencing poverty, suffering and need. In this turbulent time of the COVID-19 pandemic they continue to reach out to members of our community. Do you long to see Christ’s face in others? Is your heart burning with zeal for Christ’s mission? Has your heart been moved with compassion during this time of need? We invite you to follow your heart and serve with us. Contact Meredith Bishop at 414-463-7985 or reach out to any other St. Margaret Mary Vincentian to offer your support or to learn more about the Vincentian way of service. As always, thank you for your continued support of our work through your very generous financial contributions which allow this outreach to continue.

Save Time and Donate Online!

A big THANK YOU to all of those who have dropped off and/or mailed your contributions. We need your support!

Online Giving is now available for parishioners with **WeShare**, an easy and convenient way to save time and support our parish. Donating is simple, safe and completely secure.

With **WeShare**, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings or credit card. You can decide how much to give and make changes anytime. Plus, you can leave your checkbook at home on Sundays.

The steps are simple:

1. Go to: <https://stmmmpmilwaukee.weshareonline.org/>
2. Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
3. Click Recurring Donation, enter you donation amount and frequency.

It’s that easy! Your account will be created & you can start giving online. Questions? Please contact the parish center office at 414-461-6073.



2: Fifth Sunday of Easter
 6: World Day of Prayer
 7: First Friday
 9: Mother's Day/ Sixth Sunday of Easter
 13: The Ascension of the Lord
 16: Seventh Sunday of Easter
 23: Pentecost Sunday
 30: The Most Holy Trinity
 31: Memorial Day/ Parish Center Closed



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



Monday, May 3
 8:15am: Communion Service
Tuesday, May 4
 8:15am: Kristin Ciganek +
Wednesday, May 5
 8:15am: persons/families served by STMMP SVDP
Thursday, May 6
 8:15am: Barbara Bergeron
Friday, May 7
 8:15am: Al Valente +
Saturday, May 8
 5:00pm: Nancy Montinola +
Sunday, May 9
 9:00am: Kristin Ciganek +
 11:00am: Intentions of our parishioners
 7:00pm: Intentions of Fr. Pat



**St. Margaret Mary Parish Bereavement Ministry
 MONTHLY SUPPORT MEETINGS OF CARE**

Sooner or later, everyone faces the loss of a loved one. Our "Bereavement Ministry" Team invites you to join us in monthly support meetings of care, support, and understanding for anyone grieving a loss.

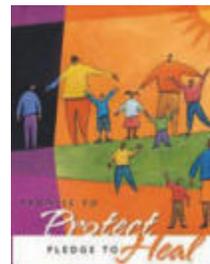
We meet on the **4th Wednesday of every month**, in the Church Narthex from **6:30-7:30 PM**.

If you have questions or would like to register, please contact: Terry Cheski, phone: (414) 233-9773 or e-mail: terry.cheski@gmail.com

ALL ARE WELCOME!



We are "LIVESTREAMING" Sunday, 9am Mass on FACEBOOK. You do not need a FACEBOOK account to join us. Simply GOOGLE "FACEBOOK ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH, MILWAUKEE" and join the live session. We can't wait to "see" you there!



A formal complaint of abuse can be made to the archdiocese by calling the **Victim Assistance Coordinator** at [414-758-2232](tel:414-758-2232).

An alternative way to make a formal report for those not wanting to contact the archdiocese is available to you 24 hours a day/7 days a week through the **Healing Center website** or by calling [414-219-5555](tel:414-219-5555).

**The Year of St. Joseph
 Prayer to St. Joseph**

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary.
 To you God entrusted His Son;
 In you Mary placed her trust;
 With you Christ grew as a man.
 Blessed Joseph, show yourself
 Also to us as a father,*

*And guide us to heaven on our path of
 life,
 Obtain for us Christ's grace,
 Mercy and courage – we pray!*

And defend us from every evil.

Amen.



Pray for our Military Members

Mother of Good Counsel:

- Nelson Xavier Nunez
- Luis Ornelas
- Navy Petty Officer Kyle Walcheske
- Louis Cruz
- Senior Chief Petty Officer
- Kenneth Seefeld
- Captain Christopher Wiesneski
- Sergeant Dwain J. Burke
- Sergeant Major James Cook
- Sergeant Kurt Buckawiecki
- Sergeant Joshua Kohut
- Warrant Officer Bradley Dompke
- Master Gunnery Sergeant David John Winter

St. Margaret Mary:

- Army Captain James Hedman (KofC 106710, Grand Knight)

SACRAMENTAL LIFE AT ST. MARGARET MARY

BAPTISM: Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as members of Christ. Since the Church is Christ we are grafted to Jesus and his mission, as Church. **Infants** need parental instructions to prepare. To arrange Formation Classes **for those 7 yrs. or older**, please contact the Parish Office, 414-461-6073.

CONFIRMATION: Those **16 yrs. old, after Baptism** complete *Christian Initiation* with a special strength of The Holy Spirit to begin the life of a Catholic. Hence, as a true witnesses of Christ, they are more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed. To arrange Formation Classes, please contact the Parish Office, 414-461-6073.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION): The Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation are explained as we invite you to love The Catholic Faith and understand how to live in Christ's teachings. Classes encourage but, never pressure a participant. We walk the path of formation with you. These classes are for Adults, coming into the Church or Catholic children not in Catholic schools. To arrange Formation Classes, please contact the Parish Office, 414-461-6073.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR DYING: Call Fr. Patrick at the office or directly, 414-581-2397

CONFESSIONS: See the Parish Schedule on Wed. & Sat. or call Fr. Patrick directly, 414-581-2397.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE: The marital covenant, between a man and a woman establishes them as partners for life and is by its nature intended by God as a good for the spouses and the children of their union. We welcome adults to call for Sacramental Preparation: 414-461-6073.

Are you a Parish Member?

If you would like to join our parish or if you are already attending but have not registered, please complete a **New Member Registration** form found on our website, in the church or by call the parish center. Please call Mary at 414-461-6073.

We would like to meet you and welcome you to our parish family. Thank you! Fr. Pat Nelson, Pastor



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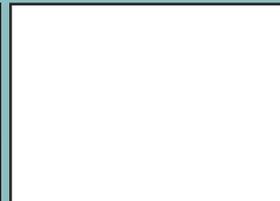
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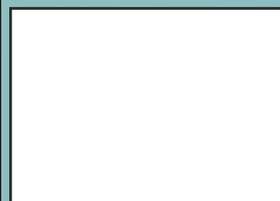
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