

May 2, 2021 - 5th Sunday of Easter

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH, TEUTOPOLIS, IL

**Congratulations to our 2021 Grade 5 Confirmation Class  
May 2 and May 16, 2021**



*Alexis (Frances) Bloemer  
Kiley (Rose) Bloemer  
Morgan (Rose) Bloemer  
John (Ralph) Breer  
William (Peter) Bushur  
Tucker (Rubin) Dhom  
Garrett (Isaiah) Dust  
Stella (Cecilia) Esker  
Oliver (Simeon) Feldhake  
Brayden (Michael) Frese  
Alexander (Peter) Ghast  
Jack (Isidore) Hartke  
Dylan (James) Horn  
Emma (Linda) Isley  
Lauren (Katharine) Kingery  
Addisyn (Rose) Koester*

*Grace (Claire) Koester  
Bo (Hubert) Kreke  
Taylor (Nicole) McMahon  
Barrett (Roch) Meyer  
Jackson (Dominic) Meyer  
Andrew (Francis) Miller  
Karissa (Vitus) Neihls  
Luke (Christopher) Niebrugge  
Isabella (Genesius) Niemerg  
Ashlyn (Rose) Pals  
Ozzie (Francis) Pals  
Cecilia (Therese) Passalacqua  
Macy (Elizabeth) Petersen  
Avery (Clare) Probst  
Evan (Hubert) Probst  
Jacob (Hubertus) Probst*

*John (Thomas) Pruemmer  
Madelyn (Cecelia) Repking  
Nicholas (John) Rhodes  
Elle (Cecelia) Ruholl  
Allison (Rose) Runde  
Reagan (Francis) Slater  
Keegan (Andrew) Swingler  
Mason (Philip) Thompson  
Brooke (Theresa) Tipton  
Emma (Anne) Vahling  
Eric (Hubertus) Weidner  
Ella (Edith) Willenborg  
Jackson (Francis) Willenborg  
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Carly (Colette) Witges  
Abigail (Francis) Zane  
Caleb (Thomas) Zerrusen*

## From the Pastor

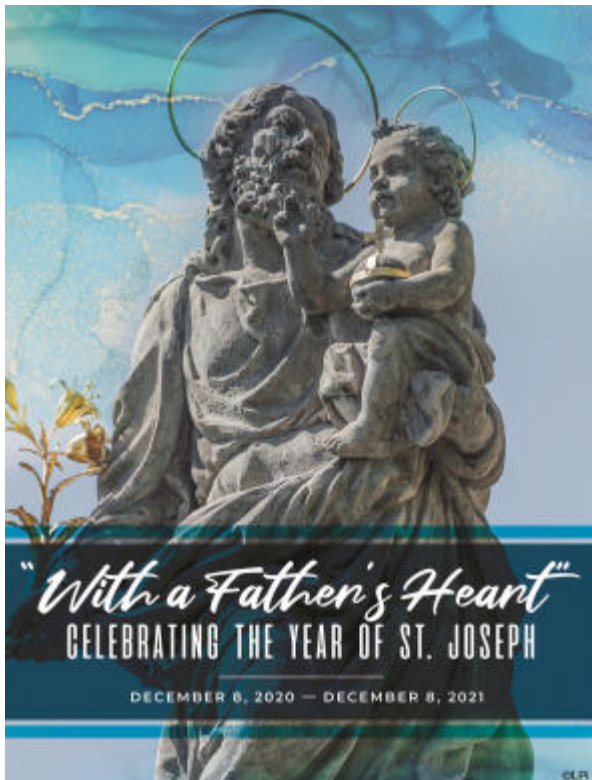
This Sunday marks the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. And 1 May is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. In his Apostolic Letter “With a Father’s Heart,” Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, and accepting father; a father, who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The letter from Pope Francis marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “year of St. Joseph,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in the year 2021. There are many prayers and indulgences that accompany this celebration. A person can learn about them simply by looking them up on the internet. Earlier I had thought of chartering a bus for parishioners, who would enjoy a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Joseph in Canada, but COVID 19 brought that plan to a screeching halt. We don’t have to travel to a shrine hundreds of miles away to pray to St. Joseph – we can pray here in our church.

On Wednesday evening, 28 April, we had a Mass at 7 o’clock, celebrating the closing of our junior and senior high religious education program for this year. I’ve always thought that teachers or catechists enjoy the last class as much as – or even more than – the students! We look forward to having a Wednesday evening free again! Thank you to the catechists and their helpers and the cooperation of the parents in the learning process and forming our youth in our faith. It’s certainly a lifelong process, but this is when they get their start. God bless you for all you do for our youth.

Confirmations continue with another Mass at 2 o’clock this Sunday afternoon. There will not be a special Mass with confirmations next Sunday because of Mother’s Day. I hope the fathers in the parish noted this line – Mother’s Day is soon upon us!

This weekend marks a reopening of the church – to some extent. The doors will be open, so the east door can be used again. I’m hoping whoever is “setting” the east door to stay open after the 10:30 Mass will cease and desist. Takes all kinds. Ushers will take up the collection or gather the tithes during the singing of the offertory song. They will wear masks, and the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will continue wearing masks. Servers or acolytes will come into the sacristy and volunteer to serve the Mass – weekend and weekday. We will try this instead of scheduling the servers and see how it goes. They won’t wear cassocks and surplices yet. If someone wishes to volunteer to launder the apparel, we can have the servers wear them. Missals/hymn books are in the pews. Please use them so we can experience a community giving praise to our Father, Son and Holy Spirit again. The pews will not be sprayed after Masses like we have been doing.

Work has increased on the wall on the east side of the church, near the grotto. You will recall this discussion from months ago, and photos in the bulletin showing the large hole in the wall through which a child could crawl! I don’t know whether in fact a child did crawl through the hole, but the liability was certainly present for us to do something. The parish voted, and a compromise was reached between a brick wall or a wrought iron fence. The total cost is over \$60,000.00, and we have only \$7,500 collected so far. This brick wall is almost the length from the grotto to the train tracks. It is a safety improvement, and it should last many decades as did the current wall that fell into disrepair.



Monday, May 3, 6:30: Barb Kinkelaar  
 Tuesday, May 4, 6:30: Special Intention  
 Tuesday, May 4, 7:55: Bob Deters  
 Wednesday, May 5, 6:30: Joseph H. Buscher  
 Thursday, May 6, 6:30: Ambrose and Agnes Ruholl  
 Thursday, May 6, 12:10: Norma Ruholl  
 Friday, May 7, 6:30: Brian Buening  
 Friday, May 7, 7:55: Scott Westendorf  
 Saturday, May 8, 4:30: Roger Renschen  
 Sunday, May 9, 6:30: Geri Grunloh  
 Sunday, May 9, 8:30: Pauletta Will  
 Sunday, May 9, 10:30: Pro Populo



Dear People of Teutopolis,  
 Thank you for remembering me on my big birthday with your good wishes and prayers and gifts. I am still able to do some good. You are in my daily prayers and Masses. God bless you!

Fr. Irenaeus

## Liturgy Schedule 5th Week of Easter May 3 - 9

Monday,	St. Phillip and St. James Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm until 6:00 am Tuesday morning
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	National Day of Prayer Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	6th Sunday of Easter Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, May 4 - 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, May 6 - 3:00-4:00 and 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, May 8 - 3:00-4:00 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday -- 11:45 am & 4:45 pm



Please remember in your prayers:

Margaret Pruemmer, Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Bill and Rosie Myers, Andrea Wernsing, Elizabeth Weidner, Paula Spencer, Mark Roedl, Linus Willenborg, Cole Wellbaum, Kyndal Dasenbrock, Dianne Schabbing, Bob and Mary Lee, Vivie Kinkelaar, Dawson Lohman, Heather Ordner, Sara Ordner, Bob Esker, Marilyn Zerrusen, Roddnie Deters, Korrie Hartke, Tanner Pruemmer, Anita Holman, Steve Runde, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Fr. Frank Folino, Bruce Weber, Doris Johnson.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office at 217-961-6404.

### Stewardship of Treasure

	<b>Sunday 4/25/2021</b>	<b>Total Fiscal Year</b>
180 Adult envelopes	\$7,331.00	\$338,660.67
43 Online giving	\$1,625.00	\$90,026.00
Other	\$266.00	\$7,498.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,222.00</b>	<b>\$436,184.93</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$315.00	\$30,942.00
Catholic Home Missions		\$1,054.00



## Parish Calendar

### Tuesday, May 4

- Confessions, 6:15 - 6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 6:45 pm, church
- Social concerns mtg., 7:00 pm, St. Clare

### Wednesday, May 5

- Children's choir, 3:30 - 4:45 pm
- Young adult choir, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

### Thursday, May 6

- Confessions, 3:00 - 4:00 and 6:15 - 6:45 pm
- Cemetery board mtg., 6:30 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center
- Baptism prep, 7:00 pm, St. Clare
- Adult choir, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

### Saturday, May 8

- Confessions, 3:00 - 4:00 pm



### Planning Marriage

Derek Belt and Haley Isley  
Saturday, May 8, 2021  
1:00 pm

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.



### God Bless Those Serving our Country.

Anthony Vahling, Jeremy Deters,  
Ryan Weber, Cody Bushue,  
Andrew Isley, Shawn Zerrusen,  
Ali Kingery, Andrew Simmons,  
Justis Coventry, Ross Sheehan,  
Jesse Koester, Braydan Bushue.



**Grade 5:** Students will be confirmed this spring.

- Students in 5B and 5K will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on May 2, 2021 at the 2:00 pm Mass.
- Students in 5M and 5W will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on May 16, 2021 during the 12:30 pm Mass.

Confirmation practice is one half hour before Mass starts.

**Grade 2:** Students will be confirmed and receive their first Holy Communion on May 23, 2021 during the 12:30 pm Mass. Practice will be at noon that day.

**Franciscan Appreciation:** Students have been making thank you cards for Father Joe and Father Dat to be given to the priests on the students' prayer service day.

- Grade 3 & 4 on May 3.
- Grade 1 & 2 on May 5.
- Grade 5 & 6 on May 6.

**Teacher and Walker Appreciation:** We have organized a "Grab and Go" for the volunteers, any day during the week of May 10. This will be held in the Mini Park under the pavilion after religion. Thanks to all the volunteers!

### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

May 16<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 High school graduation Mass

### SUMMER CALENDAR

June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Catholic Heart Workcamp trip

July 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> – **Birthday Blast** Vacation Bible School

**Catholic Heart Workcamp group** –Please turn in your forms and make sure you register online for camp! Forms and a 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit due! Call Maria at 217-961-1500 with questions!

### **Parish Office**

203 E. Main St., P.O. Box 730, Teutopolis, IL 62467-0730

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Parish website:.....stfrancischurch.com

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*Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.*

Diocesan website: [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number (217) 321-1155

### **Religious Education:**

Dan Niemerg, Grade School CRE: 961-6477

Maria Kingery, Youth Director & Jr. Hi. & H.S. CRE: 961-1500

Camille Neihls, Part-time Rel. Ed. Secretary: 961-6477

### **CCW News**

The CCW officers would like to thank everyone who donated baked goods and/or raffle items, and to those who worked at our Easter bake sale this year. For the first time, this event was held in the Sr. Ethelbert center! Thank you, everyone, for attending and for your support! This event was a great success, with a profit of \$2,245.75!

### **Did You Forget?**

If you have not paid your Sodality Dues, please do so as soon as you're able.

It's very simple to pay, either:

1. Go to [www.stfrancischurch.com](http://www.stfrancischurch.com) and click on "Sodality Dues" and follow instructions; OR
2. Mail or drop off your form and check in the weekly collection. (if you've misplaced your form and need a replacement; there are extra forms placed at the entrance of the parish office.)

We appreciate your prompt attention to this, as both sodalities are working hard to finish up the dues collection process before we begin planning future festivities. We'd prefer not to have to contact those unpaid or have to go door-to-door, so your prompt attention to this would be greatly appreciated.

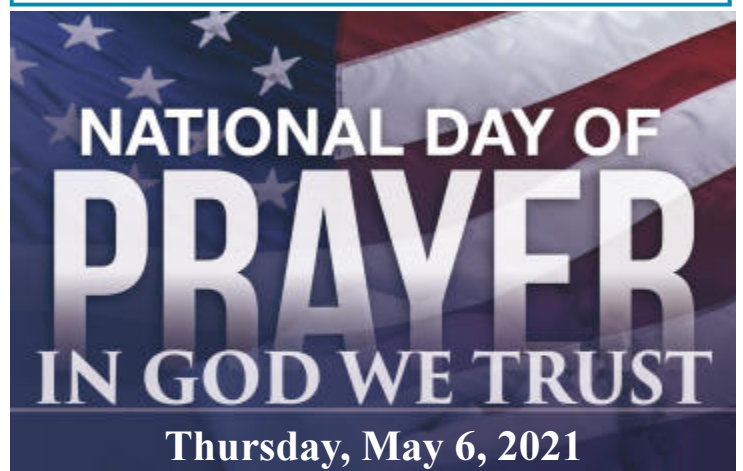
Thank you from Your Men's and Ladies' Sodalities



### **ASSISI FOR AFRICA-**

Pictured are our little ones sleeping at 5 am. Hopefully this way of sleeping will disappear and they will sleep in beds. Latest news for the children in Kolwezi, Democratic Republic of the Congo: TWO FIRES! Be-

cause of the meeting of two cables, the high pressure burst through two ceiling lamps during the night, burning the ceiling, partially. Thanks be to God that the children are not yet installed. (Note: We believe he means the fire was in the new building where they are not yet able to live). Blessings on you all, Fr Damien Isabell OFM



## New Members Welcome!

Welcome those who were recently baptized into our faith family.

Ellis Thoele Carter,  
daughter of Jeffrey and Kaitlyn (Hartke) Carter

Jace Will Fowler,  
son of Jordan and Lauren (Esler) Fowler

Marrison Caroline Lohman,  
daughter of Matthew and Jody (Kenter) Lohman

Holden Paul Willenborg,  
son of Jeffrey and Gina (Runde) Willenborg

Reise Marie Willenborg,  
daughter of Ryan and Casey (Rieman) Willenborg

Parker Joseph Worman,  
son of Philip and Heather (Pruemer) Worman

We also welcome those who recently joined St. Francis parish.

Brandon and Taylor (Dirks) Hemmen

Jeff and Jeanine (Krebs) Heuerman

John Tegeler



As you make plans for summer vacation, remember your marriage NEVER takes a vacation. Help your marriage sacrament stay refreshed and full of energy by getting

it recharged at a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. Upcoming Experiences include:

May 6 - June 17, 2021 (one evening per week- Thursdays)  
- **ENGLISH** - for more information contact: Jim & Kris McCulloch, 630-577-0778, or to apply go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)

May 28 - May 30, 2021 - **SPANISH** - for more information contact: Oscar y Flor Escobar, 778-834-5974, [Flor10molina@gmail.com](mailto:Flor10molina@gmail.com) Tito y Silvya Zapata, 604-306-0474, [Silvya1@hotmail.com](mailto:Silvya1@hotmail.com)

**Mid-life Singles:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of connection & purpose during this pandemic? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT Catholic weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, (twenty minutes from downtown St. Louis), on June 4-6, 2021. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$210 including meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), or e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

**Tours of the Teutopolis Monastery Museum** will be available today, Sunday, May 2, 2021. The museum, located behind St. Francis church in Teutopolis, IL, is housed on the second floor in the former Franciscan novitiate building. An elevator is available for visitors who have difficulty with stairs. A collection of articles used by the early pioneers of the area and the Franciscan Friars can be viewed. Admission fee is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. The museum is open on the first Sunday of the months April thru November from 12:30 to 4:00 pm, except holidays. For more information go to the parish website: [www.stfrancischurch.com](http://www.stfrancischurch.com) or to the town website at [www.Teutopolis.com](http://www.Teutopolis.com) and click on "Our Community"; or call 217-961-6404 ext. 236.

### Sacrament of Matrimony:

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance with the Pastor.



**Marriage Requirements** If you have your wedding scheduled at St. Francis, you will be required to attend the following for preparation:

**Pre-Cana** workshops offered in the Effingham area:

- St. Francis, Teutopolis, January 30, 2022.  
Call 217-961-6404 to register.
- St. Mary, St. Marie, March of 2022.  
Call 618-455-3155 to register.

Additional dates are available on the diocesan website at [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org) under vocation services, marriage and family life.

**FOCCUS:** Scheduled dates at St. Francis are as follows:

- July 3, 2021
- October 2, 2021
- January 8, 2022
- April 2, 2022

All sessions begin after 4:30 pm Mass in St. Clare hall. To register call 317-961-6404.

### Upcoming NFP Classes

- Saturday, June 12th, 9:30-11:00 am, Sr. Ethelbert Center at St. Francis
- To register for an NFP class on the Creighton Model Fertility Care System, contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at [kpruemer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.

### Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptism Prep class is required before baptism. Please call the office to pre-register.



### Baptism Prep Dates

- Thursday, May 6, 2021, St. Francis
- Thursday, June 3, 2021, St. Rose
- Thursday, July 1, 2021, St. Francis

All classes begin at 7:00 pm. To register for classes at St. Francis call 217-961-6404; at St. Rose call 217-924-4553; and at St. Isidore call 217-821-9178. All dates are subject to change.

**Please Note:** Baptisms will take place on the first, second and fourth weekends of each month.

**Liturgical Ministers for May 8/9**

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
<b>Readers</b>	Sr. Sandra Sudkamp Denise Will	Lenora Drees	Debbie Weber Jean Sehy	Carrie Copple Tina Vonderheide
<b>Ushers</b>	*Doug Smith Toby McMahon Tom Buehnerkemper Bob Goldstein Charles Semple Tony Runde	*Jim Niebrugge Daren Drees Robert Drees Robert Poe Mike Tipton Don Westendorf	*Alf Ruholl Kevin Schumacher Don Bergfeld Jeff Hardiek Ryan Jansen Johnny Meinhart	*Tom Vahling Joe Niccum Scott Copple Bill Martin, Jr. Hank Niebrugge Denny Runde
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<u>Host</u> *Joe Zerrusen Denise Weichman Judy Bloemer Mark Weber	<u>Host</u> *Sharon Brummer Lenora Drees Sharon Wente	<u>Host</u> *Ruth Dasenbrock Joan Brumleve Janet Buenker Mary Flach	<u>Host</u> *Darlene Buehnerkemper Angie Koester Louise Sheehan Chuck Deters

**Clean Linens - Jane Ordner****Area Events**

**Catholic Charities** is hosting the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Austin Luckett Memorial Golf Tournament on May 7 & 14 at the Cardinal Golf Course in Effingham. If you are interested in playing, sponsoring a hole, or making a financial contribution, please contact the Catholic Charities office at 217-857-1458 or visit us at [www.cc.dio.org](http://www.cc.dio.org). Cost for the event is \$80 per player which includes green fees and a cart. For \$100, you can sponsor the event which includes your name printed on the scorecard. Thank you for your continued support.

**Electronics Recycling Drive** The Teutopolis Educational Foundation is having an electronics recycling drive on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to noon at the Teutopolis High School.

**Charitable Cookout.** On Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Teutopolis State Bank will be hosting a charitable cookout. Hot dogs, pork burgers, hamburgers, chips, cookies, and drinks will be available from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Teutopolis and Sigel locations. All proceeds will be donated to the Effingham Child Development Center.

Effingham Child Development Center (E.C.D.C.) is a non-profit daycare center and preschool. E.C.D.C. offers a safe and healthy developmentally appropriate jump-start to the children in their care. They foster growth in children: physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially. E.C.D.C. assists families and children to rise above their challenges. The E.C.D.C. serves families without discrimination because of race, creed or socioeconomic conditions. E.C.D.C. is the only not for profit daycare in Effingham.

**Women's Tennis League Sign-Up by May 15th for all skill levels.**

(New, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and Substitutes - 18 years & older)

- **Season play on Monday evenings starting at 7 pm, June 7th - August 16th at Teutopolis grade school tennis courts**
- *Schedule will be sent to all players after May 17th.*
- For questions, and to receive registration information contact:
- Patty Kreke (217) 821-4850, or email: [pskreke@gmail.com](mailto:pskreke@gmail.com)
- Brenda Brown: (217) 994-4678, or email: [brown.brenda12@yahoo.com](mailto:brown.brenda12@yahoo.com)
- **Registration fees are due the first week of scheduled tennis league play.**
- **Checks payable to:** Teutopolis Women's Tennis League
- **Fees: \$25 to Unit 50 residents, and \$30 to residents outside of Unit 50 district.**

**Lillyville Lavatory 5k Run/Walk** will be on Saturday, May 22 at 9 am at Lillyville Church. Entry fee is \$35 for 5K. Prices increase on April 30. Short sleeve t-shirt to all pre-registered entries by April 30. There will be a parish bake sale, before, during and after the run. Registration forms can be picked up at the entrance of St. Francis parish office or at Teutopolis Treats. Any questions call Kathy Ruholl at 217-343-1600. All proceeds will go to help improve Sacred Heart Lillyville Church.

**Sharing the Gospel** Put a brand new light bulb in a lamp. Turn the lamp on. It shines brightly. Now, unplug the lamp. The lamp goes dark. It might be a nice lamp. It might have a new light bulb. Yet, without being plugged in to electricity, the lamp cannot shine. In today's Gospel, Jesus is the vine and you are a branch. As long as you are attached to Jesus, your faith can grow fruit like love, kindness and gentleness. If you break away from Jesus, your faith will die, and you will not grow any fruit. Stay plugged in to Jesus, so you can shine. Stay connected to Jesus, so your faith can grow fruit.

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