**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2020**

| MONDAY | Gns 39:15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 1925-34 |
| TUESDAY | 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/ Mk 12:13-17 |
| WEDNESDAY | 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27 |
| THURSDAY | 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4:5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34 |
| FRIDAY | 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/ Mk 12:35-37 |
| SATURDAY | 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 718:9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44 |
| SUNDAY | Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/ Jn 3:16-18 |

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2020**

- **Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday
- **Monday:** The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- **Tuesday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- **Wednesday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- **Friday:** St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- **Saturday:** St. Norbert, Bishop

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

**Inspiration for the week**

With Pentecost, the disciples significantly changed. They were charged up and ready to go. They received the Holy Spirit and no longer harbored fear and apprehension. They knew who they were and what needed to be done. With the peace of the Lord and the power of the Spirit within them, they set out to do amazing things with simple means. We have received the Holy Spirit as well. What keeps us from truly understanding the mission of Christ and continuing the advancement of the Gospel? Some may think this was a work of the past and not relevant now. Others may believe that the work set before me is simply about doing what I need to do to merit heaven and has little to do with my brothers and sisters. Take a good look at the world. More are in need of hearing the Good News than there ever were. We have the power to get up and out and start doing life changing things!

- **ACTS 2:4**
Praise God! The day has come in which we can worship together.

Welcome Back!
For those who cannot be with us today for whatever reason, please know that we will keep you in prayer. For the elderly, a special prayer goes out to you. You are the foundation of generations, your health and safety are of immense concern. We encourage you to worship from home until you feel ready to return to Mass. May the Holy Spirit descend upon you today and always. We hope to see you soon.

Please visit the Saint Gregory website for specific information and guidance on Mass protocols.

A Senior’s Prayer

Good and gracious God,
I thank you for the gift of life.
You have given me so many good things over its course:
health of mind and body, friends and family, strengths and weaknesses, sorrows and joys.
You have ordained that seasons change and time passes.
Help me to surrender graciously to the changing circumstances of my life.
Help me to accept my weaknesses, and to see them as opportunities for others to show the love of Jesus.
Make me strong in Your spirit, that I may love You all the days of my life.
Amen.
Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Need
Drive-Thru Food and Hygiene Drive Shopping List

During June, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Inreach-Outreach Committee are sponsoring a DRIVE-THRU Food & Hygiene drive to help those who are most in need as we navigate this new reality of COVID19. In addition to replenishing the shelves of the Food Pantry run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Greg’s, donated hygiene items will go to The Milwaukee Homeless Veterans. Please add one or more of these items to your weekly shopping list. Items can be returned in the drive-thru drop off area set up outside the Tenpenny Hall doors (the entrance itself is closed) 30 minutes before each weekend Mass, (Door #11). (3:30-4:00pm Saturday, and 8:30-9:00am Sunday). Drive up, pop the trunk, and we’ll take the items from the trunk for your or bring donations to the parish office outdoor drop off bins on Fridays in June from 9:00-Noon.

**GRAINS**
- Small box Instant Rice (brown or white)
- Cold Cereal
- Oatmeal (instant)
- Pancake Mix (& syrup)

**MEAL MAKERS**
- Cream of Chicken/Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Sloppy Joe (Manwich) Sauce
- Hamburger Helper

**PROTEIN**
- Chili
- Soups w/Meat (Progresso/Chunky)
- 16oz. Peanut Butter (&Jelly)

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**
- Dish soap
- Laundry Detergent
- 4pk Toilet Paper

**PERSONAL ITEMS FOR HOMELESS VETS**
- (please purchase new items, no travel size items)
- Shampoo
- Men’s deodorant
- Disposable razors
- Toothbrushes
- Men’s Socks
- Shaving Cream
- Combs
- Men’s bodywash
- Toothpaste

**FRUITS & VEGETABLES**
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Fruit  Canned Vegetables
- Canned Beans (baked beans, black beans, refried, pinto, garbanzo, etc.)

Don’t Live a Lie

One day, my son was explaining to his mother that he felt she had lied to him. It was nothing very important, but he wanted to take this opportunity to share how important telling the truth is to him. He explained that he simply tells it like it is in all aspects of his life. But an hour later, we caught him in a lie! Again, it was not about a matter of life and death, but it was a lie. When confronted with his own previous words on how important the telling the truth was to him, he just smiled. Yes, the guilty often have no words of defense.

Jesus said it best in Matthew 5: “Let your ‘yes’ mean ‘yes’ and your ‘no’ mean ‘no.’” He was warning his disciples about false oaths and then instructing them on the fullness of the Hebrew laws. We may try to do what we say and say what we mean, but it can be all too easy to fall short. We call ourselves disciples yet provide evidence to the contrary by our actions (or lack of them).

Even if we feel that we have lied to no one, we may have lied to ourselves. We portray ourselves as generous, thankful, and loving people, yet fail to answer God’s call in a situation because we perceive the cost to be too great. Jesus did not simply mean for his message to be about two words. He also meant that when you say you are a disciple, make sure you are a disciple as well.—

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

......For the sick and hospitalized.....

For the deceased members of St. Gregory the Great. May they rest in Christ’s peace.

The Scrip Program at St. Greg’s plays a very important role in making and keeping Catholic education affordable and available to those who desire it. St. Greg’s purchases gift cards and certificates (Scrip) in bulk at a discount. The Scrip is purchased by parish members and school families at face value and then used at participating retailers just like cash. If you can’t find the vendor you’re looking for, check out the Great Lakes Scrip website. There you will find even more vendors, and the latest in special offers. You can use ShopWithScrip.com and Presto-Pay to order your Scrip online. For more information and access, you will need to contact your Scrip coordinator at: aerlandson@stgregsmil.org
GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn’t need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or smallest words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then a most still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind. God’s Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn’t have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into unchartered territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embroiled by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don’t underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Mostest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It’s Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

Jesus stood up and exclaimed, “Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. As Scripture says:

Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me.”

He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. - Jn 7:37b-39a


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SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00am
No Daily Mass until further notice.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION -by appointment
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK -by appointment

Greatness Through Service