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### MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

- SAT. May 8** 5:00 PM Mass †Richard Hosier
- SUN. May 9** 8:00 AM Mass For the Parish  
10:00 AM Mass †Deceased Members  
of the Cumbo Family
- TUES. May 11** 5:15 PM Mass †Norman & James  
Godfrey
- WED. May 12** 8:15 AM Mass †Robert "Buzz" Janes
- THUR. May 13** 8:15 AM Mass For the Teachers &  
Students of St. Joseph School  
12:00-7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
- FRI. May 14** 8:15 AM Mass For Dan & Debbie  
Hegeman
- SAT. May 15** 5:00 PM Mass †Kathleen Yoder
- SUN. May 16** 8:00 AM Mass †Michael McGinty  
10:00 AM Mass for the Parish

### HOLY ROSARY

Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary half an  
hour before every Mass, weekends and weekdays.

### CONFESSION

- Saturdays** 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
- Sundays.....**7:30 - 7:45 AM & 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM
- Appointment.....**Call Fr. Tim anytime

### MEMBERSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office to register as a member.  
Contact Fr. Tim to inquire about baptism or marriage.  
Call or email Father Tim for the Anointing of the Sick.  
Active parishioners may inquire about a *quinceañera*



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

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed  
you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask  
the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you:  
love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

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# MAY 9, 2021

**May 9, 2021**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**

"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.

Next weekend, May 15-16<sup>th</sup>, the **National Combined Collection** will be conducted in our parish. This combined collection is combining the following individual collections:

- Black & Indian Missions
- Catholic Promotion of Authentic Human Development
- Catholic Communications Campaign
- Catholic Home Missions
- Catholic University of America
- Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services
- Retirement Fund for Religious

Your help and support is critical. Please take this week to pray about the support you can provide.

Ask yourself: Have I heard Jesus say directly and personally to me, "I want your love?" If our hearts are pure, really surrendered to Him, this thing becomes part of our thirst to love Him better.



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Stewardship Report**

Offertory Collection April 2021: \$37,799.64.  
 April EFTs: \$ 8,650.00.  
 April On-Line Giving: \$3,513.00.  
 Budget needed per week: \$9,577.00  
 Budget needed per month: \$41,500.00



**NEED FOOD?**

Anyone in need of food is welcome to come to the parish for free groceries from 2:00 to 3:45 p.m. this Thursday.

"We are Called to be Pro-Life"

Tim Tebow

"Estamos llamados a ser Pro-Life"

Tim Tebow



### Knights News

There are many ways of offending God by words; for example, by swearing and blaspheming. We must not swear by the Creator, nor by any creature, except with these three conditions - - truth, necessity, respect.

St. Ignatius Loyola from *The Spiritual Exercises*

The Ascension of the Lord took place 40 days after Easter, which this year, is celebrated on Ascension Thursday, May 13 .Every Sunday, we profess it in the Nicene Creed: "(Jesus) ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end." Jesus' ascension concluded his work on earth to bring about our redemption that he began on Good Friday.

"When Christ ascended into heaven, he did not leave his human nature behind. He brought that nature, our human nature, into heaven with him. The Son of God did not leave us orphans. He still has his human nature, and still bears the wounds of his passion in the kingdom of heaven. By bringing his human nature into heaven, Jesus Christ opened paradise for the human family. With a glorified human body and a human soul, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity sits at the right hand of God the Father for all eternity. This incorporation of the human and the divine makes him our presence in eternity and the mediator between God and humanity.

The Ascension of the Lord is followed 10 days later by the feast of Pentecost. In fact, it was Christ's ascension that made Pentecost possible. "It is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you," Jesus told his disciples. (John 16:7) But he promised: "I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)



May 9th Mother's Day (and CCW rose sale)

May 13 Second Harvest

June 5th Look for the Knights to hold an event during the citywide rummage sale



### JOB OPPORTUNITY

A parishioner, Kathy Godfrey, wants to hire someone to mow her lawn. If you are interested in this job, call Kathy at 920-723-5306.



## Wedding Anniversary Celebration

**Bishop Donald Hying**

wants to honor couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in the year 2021 in one or more of the following ways:



1. A special Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on August 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Cross Plains.\*
2. Receive a letter and certificate of recognition from the Bishop.
3. Participate in and receive a commemorative booklet.

Please notify your parish office by May 12<sup>th</sup> if you wish to participate in any of these opportunities in order to receive a more detailed letter with instructions (\*including how to register for the Mass of Thanksgiving).

### Right to Life

Our picture of Baby Jesus has been updated. Be sure to look at the Pro-Life corner in our gathering space. Baby Jesus' heartbeat began when He was just 18 days old, growing within our Blessed Mother, just like you and I and every preborn baby. Many of His organs have already begun to form and at 40 days, His brain waves will be detected. Such a miracle!

Be sure to support our upcoming rose sale on Mother's Day weekend May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. All donations will go to fighting to protect these innocent and voiceless children of God—the preborn. **PRAY TO END ABORTION.**



# St Joseph School

## News 'n Notes



On Sunday, April 26th the St. Joseph Catholic School 2nd grade class received their First Communion. It was a beautiful mass with many family members in attendance. We are so very blessed to have our students receive this sacrament. Their teacher, Miss Gavigan did an outstanding job of preparing them for this momentous occasion. Congratulations to Ryan Boldt, Gianna Diece, Eli Carcia, Kinley Gille, Christina Hardwick, Leo Kalvaitis, Paige Khamo, MaryLou Larsen, Mallory Moe, Ryan Nevermann, Owen Reynolds, Mateo Santana, Graham Schaning, Sadie Schneider, Mason Seeber and Novah Strobusch.

It was truly a beautiful memory that will be cherished by the entire St. Joseph Community.

Blessings,

Kari R. Homb, Principal



### Help Wanted

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Lake Mills/Johnson Creek, has an immediate opening for a secretary/bookkeeper. (20-30 hours per week). Applicant must have computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office and Quickbooks. Knowledge of the Catholic Church is also helpful. This is a job for which all ages, including older job seekers, are encouraged to apply. If interested, want a complete job description, or to submit a resume, please contact Fr. Alex Carmel: 920-945-0378; email [fcarmelgabriels@gmail.com](mailto:fcarmelgabriels@gmail.com) or send to 602 College St., Lake Mills, WI 53551.

### Women of

### Our Parish – You are Invited!!

The Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Diocese to the MDCCW Annual Convention to be held the morning of June 12. This virtual gathering will be filled with music, prayerful time, messages from His Excellency, The Most Reverend Bishop Donald Hying, Bishop of Madison, and others. Virtually gather with women from our Diocese to celebrate 100 years of the NCCW experience. All women who register by May 28 will be given a link to the virtual convention. The first 100 women to register will receive a convention packet filled with information about the Council's any activities within the Madison Diocese.

For further information on the Convention, go to our MDCCW website: [mdccw.com](http://mdccw.com) and read our most recent Spring Newsletter. To register for the convention, click on this link: [2021 MDCCW Registration Form Link](#). Join us Saturday, June 12, from 10 am to 12:30 pm. You will be happy that you did!

If you have any questions, please contact Coreen Marklein at (608) 393-0880 or via email at [csmarklein@gmail.com](mailto:csmarklein@gmail.com)



MOTHER'S DAY

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This Mother's Day, create a spiritual bouquet for your mother or a mother-figure in your life. Invite each member of the family to write down one way they will pray for that person. Ideas include praying a specific prayer, giving up something you enjoy on their behalf (fasting), or trying a new prayer style. These offerings can each be written on a piece of paper that is decorated to look like a flower. Combine all the 'flowers' to give as a bouquet, then be sure to pray for that person in the way you offered.

OR

In today's Gospel, Jesus commands us to love one another. Try to be the MOST loving person in your family this week. Invite your family to vote on who was the most loving at the end of the week.

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