



MAY 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
Weekday Masses at St. Matthew:
Tuesday and Friday: 7:45 am
1st Friday: 6:30 pm

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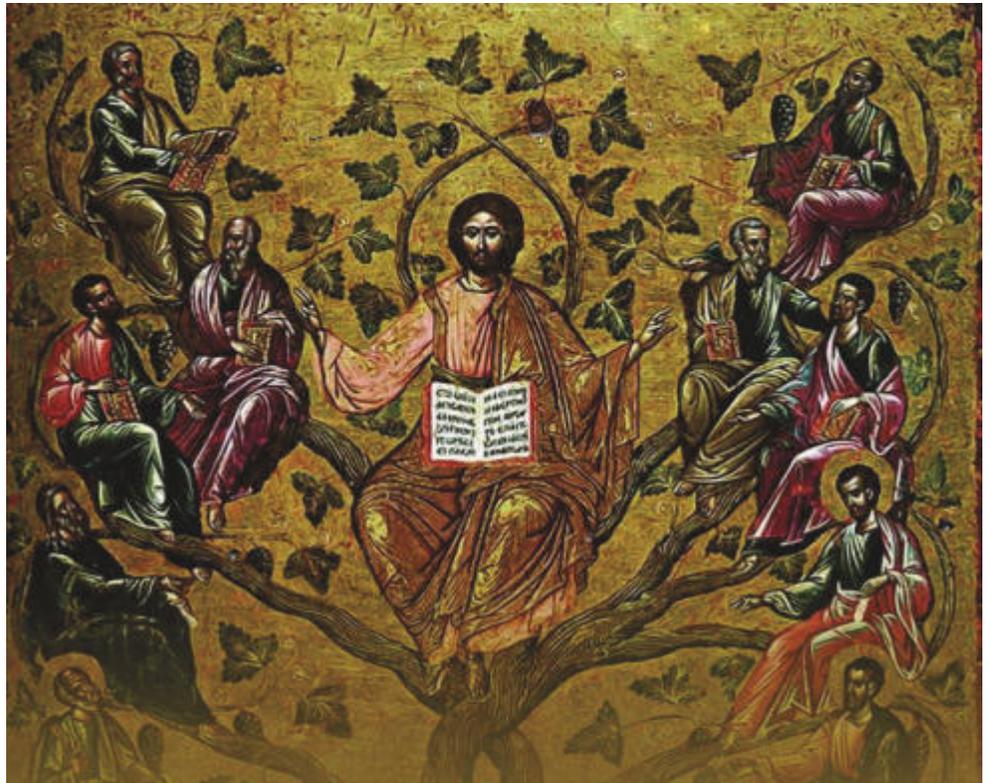
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"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

BAPTISMS: A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

MARRIAGES: Registered, practicing members, call the pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION: Forms are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

MASS Intentions

This Week

Saturday 5/1/2021 5:30pm Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes

Sunday 5/2/2021 8:30am First Communicants

Next Week

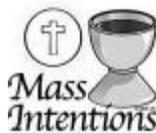
Saturday 5/8/2021 5:30pm Angie Vallin

Sunday 5/9/2021 8:30am Belle Piro and Estelle & Russ Jewett

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Mass intentions can be scheduled for \$10 each by contacting the Parish Office. Dates are first come, first served and are only considered scheduled when payment is received. **There are still a lot of dates available in 2021!**

Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or if you are interested in scheduling a Mass.



ATTENTION LECTORS AND USHERS!



A schedule to sign up for May is available in the Vestibule, or you may call or email Jen in the Parish Office to be put on the schedule. Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Are you ready to return to Mass as a Eucharistic Minister? We are ready to have you back! Please call the Parish Office to let us know, and get a quick training. You will then schedule yourselves, along with the Ushers and Lectors, on weeks when the Deacons do not preach.



Remember in Your Prayers



The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want...

The Parish community would like to express their sympathy to the family and friends of: James Telford, who passed away March 26, 2021.

May the Lord welcome him into His kingdom and give strength and consolation to his family.

FOOD PANTRY

The North Side Food Pantry that we support is in need of supplies. They are humbly asking us to "come thru again" with these specific items: (Please note some of the **NEW** items)



- Jelly/Jam
- Dry/instant potatoes
- Soup (no cream of)
- Laundry soap
- Dry pasta (shells, elbow, egg noodles)
- Spaghetti O's
- Pork & beans
- Pancake Syrup
- Pancake Mix

Food may be dropped off in the blue barrel at the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you know anyone who needs food, please send them over to the Food Pantry.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS



Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council Members and Parish Trustee-Secretary have begun. Nominees must be 18 years of age for Parish Pastoral Council members, at least 25 years of age for Trustee-Secretary and a registered member of St. Mary by the Lake. A term of office is three years for council members and two years for a Trustee. We ask you to prayerfully consider nominating yourself or a fellow parishioner to serve on the St. Mary by the Lake Pastoral Council. Nomination forms are available in the vestibule.

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

Do you have one extra hour per week to change someone's life? Senior Companion Program, Inc. (SCP) is looking for volunteers to visit the lonely elderly in our community! We believe companionship and socialization and socialization are vital for everyone's happiness and well-being. Please call 262-898-1941 or visit www.seniorcompanionprogram.org today to learn how you can become a miracle in someone's life

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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LIVE THE LITURGY - 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.

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WI RIGHT TO LIFE EDUCATION FUND DINNER

You are invited to join us at the Racine Christian Reformed Church, 900 Illinois St., on May 12, for a livestream event of the WI Right to Life Education Fund Dinner. Guest speaker is Tim Tebow. In addition to the livestream, you will hear in-person from local pregnancy centers and prolife ministries. Doors open at 6:30; program begins at 7 pm. This event is free; you can register online at <http://bit.ly/EFDRacine> or call Judy Van Swol, 262-221-0963. Freewill offering will be taken to support the education programs of WI Right to Life.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ALL OVER AGAIN

Each year, a new group of children from the parish make their First Holy Communion in a festive atmosphere. Do you remember what it was like to receive Holy Communion for the very first time? The wonder of it, the anticipation? Your efforts to get your mind around the mystery of faith? Receiving Christ in your own body is a remarkable event, to say the least, one that we can all too easily take for granted.

We can be grateful that Scripture and the liturgical life of the Church provide us with numerous opportunities to reflect on the Real Presence and the gift of the Eucharist. Whether it be a parish First Communion celebration, the feast of Corpus Christi or one of the "Bread of Life" discourses from the gospels, we can call to mind the greatness of the sacrament and receive it in a fresh spirit.

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CONGRATULATIONS, FIRST COMMUNICANTS!



Congratulations to our two First Communicants, Perry Robbins and Sabrina Swosinski, who are making their First Communion on Sunday, May 2nd. Please keep Perry and Sabrina in your prayers.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Luke tells us how the conversion of Saul (Paul) and the acceptance by the disciples of him helped facilitate peace in the Church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria. What do you think is needed to bring about peace in our Church today?

Second Reading:

John teaches his community that believing in Jesus and loving one another is the heart of God's commandment. How would you assess yourself in following this two-fold command?

Gospel:

Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus urges his disciples to "remain in me" in order to bear good fruit and thereby glorify God. What would be some examples of "good fruit" that you have produced?

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