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Call the Parish Office, 763-545-1443 or
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Marriage

Call the pastor at least six months before the
proposed date.

Baptism

Complete the Baptism Registration Form on
our website or call the parish office.

Mass Intentions

Call to have a Mass offered for the intention of
a living or deceased loved one.

Online giving is a safe and easy
way to support our parish and its
ministries. Visit our website
smlplymouth.org or simply scan
the QR code!



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you
keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any
more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth.
Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm (Livestreamed)
Sunday 9:15 am , 11 am

Daily masses M, T, W, F 8:00 am

Reconciliations Saturdays 3:30 pm

Please sign-up to attend weekend

Mass on our website or call the
parish office. Reservations are no
longer required for daily mass.
A recording of the livestream Mass
will be posted online to our YouTube
channel every Saturday by 6 pm.

Readings for Sun. May 16, 2021

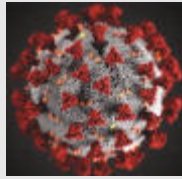
Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
1 John 4:11-16
John 17:11b-19

Mass Intentions

Mon, May 17 + Urban & Coletta Bares
Tues, May 18 + Wayne Marquette
Wed, May 19 + Dennis Weimann
Fri, May 21 The Parishioners
Sat, May 22 + Dennis Weimann
Sun, May 23 (9:15) The Parishioners
Sun, May 23 (11) + James Kappes Jr

COVID Related Updates at St. Mary's

The requirement for 6-foot social distancing between households, will continue for the next 2 weekends. Pandemic-related social distancing restrictions at St. Mary's will end May 28. Group size limits in our church will also be eliminated. The face-covering mandate for public indoor spaces continues, but is expected to end no later than July 1st. This is Governor Walz's Executive Order, which we are not free to disregard. Please continue to social distance and wear masks when attending mass. Still remaining for local Catholics is the temporary dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. Archbishop Hebda granted the dispensation in March 2020. St. Mary's will continue to livestream and post a recording of the Saturday weekend liturgy.



A Note of Thanks from ADSPM Center for Mission

Dear Fr. Lybarger:

I want to acknowledge receiving your parish offering to the Global Solidarity Sunday Collection. Thank you for providing needed aid to the pastoral ministries in Latin America and assisting in the restoration of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Thank you for showing solidarity with the emerging Church in Africa and providing ongoing support to the most vulnerable served by the efforts of Catholic Relief Services.

The Global Solidarity Sunday collection offers an annual opportunity to reach beyond our borders to our global neighbors. May you be blessed for your service and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sincerely in Christ's mission,
Eric Simon
Mission Promotions Manager

Pray for . . .

The following have asked for your prayers: Diane Kowalzyk, Terrie Bares, sister-in-law of Mary Fetcher-Olson, Melvin Botzet, JoAnne O'Brien, Howard Gregory, Don Schnack, Dan Kirk, Mary Reckers, Chris & Janet Meyers, Kevin Smith, Alex Marquette, Thomas Claude Smith, Jr., Aurelia Drier, Ruth Heibel, George Wolf, Nick Hitler, Arnie Kunkel, John Hatlestad, Tom Belson, Teresa Hickey, Martha Schliesman, Matty Cuta, Mike Diedrich, Daryl Sather, Lois Peterzen, Carole Svihel, Dennis Stoll, Anna Bergquist, Marian Botzet, JudyDungan, Michelle Pajari, Eileen Cavanagh, Russell Fallstad, JoAnn Aronson and those in hospitals, nursing homes, the homebound, the families of the sick, caregivers, and the members of the military and their families.

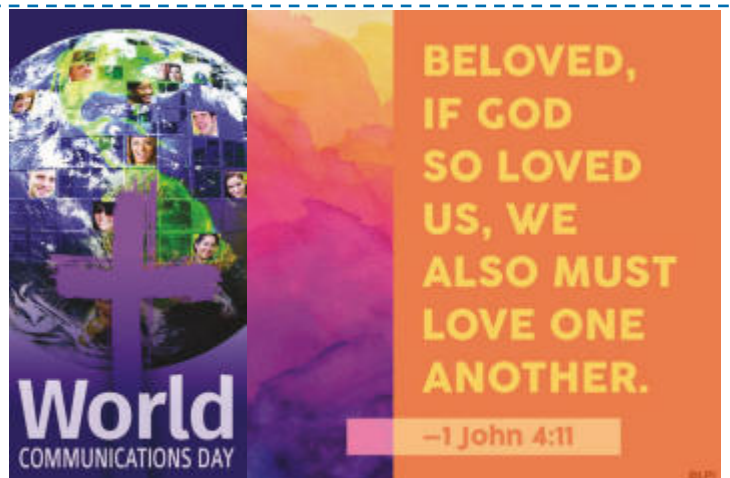
Gospel Meditation

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.



If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home. ©LPi



Liturgical Ministers

With the reopening of St. Mary's to pre-COVID capacity on May 29th, many hands are needed to assist with the roles placed on hold for the last year.

Families and students are encouraged to sign up to help. Confirmation students, those going into grades 7 & 8, keep track of your volunteering this summer, as this can satisfy part of your Service Hour Requirement for next year!

All parishioners, please consider signing up to help with our ministries through the links found on our webpage, <https://smlplymouth.org/liturgical-ministers> or by phoning into the Parish Office, and speaking with Carol, Colleen or Karen.



We are excited to be able to begin including servers at mass! If you feel your child needs a refresher, let us know, and we can send instructions for you to go over with your child before they serve. They are a very important part of our liturgy, and we appreciate their service. Please know there is no one too old to help out at mass. We welcome your children after Confirmation to serve. Those beginning Confirmation classes in the Fall, Grades 7 & 8, can use their time serving as part of their required service hours.



With the reopening of St. Mary's, we will need to prepare by cleaning the church, by removing all of the tape and barriers, dusting and general cleaning. Our own Perry Westphal, will be leading the effort on **Wednesday, May 26th at 8:30 am**. All cleaning supplies will be provided. Please send an email to Perry at: perry.w@smlplymouth.org or call the office to get on our list of volunteers for this important and necessary ministry! What a blessing you will be to all of those coming through our doors!



Church Grounds Maintenance

Throughout the summer, volunteers maintain our grounds. Projects include weeding and taking care of flower beds.

We are still in need of volunteers to help in the beautifying of St. Mary's by adopting areas and gardens. Please see website for details. <https://smlplymouth.org/volunteer-opportunities>



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