

# Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

May 2, 2021



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“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

# Pastor's Letter

## IS THERE A "GOSPEL OF PROSPERITY"?

If you've ever tuned in to a televangelist's broadcast, you've no doubt heard at least one fervent pitch to "support this ministry." Of course, Jesus even said, "the worker deserves his wage" ( ). and any ministry has its normal costs.

There is an approach, however, to support and tithing of some of these "ministries" that has very little to do with the Gospel. It's ironically called "the Gospel of Prosperity." It may sound good, but it doesn't really have anything to do with the Gospel, and its promise of prosperity often seems to have more to do with ensuring the prosperity of the preacher of this "gospel."

I recently heard one of these self-appointed heralds ask - lean on - his audience to "sow a \$1,000 seed" so as to ensure God's blessing of an abundant harvest, a certain *quid pro quo* proportionality: you give something to God, and God is then obligated to give something to you in return: even great wealth and prosperity. But, it doesn't work that way, first of all because God is not obligated by anything we do - we can't get God "into our pocket" - and, secondly, because Christian hope of any kind of prosperity is based, not on our wants, desires, or goals, but on *God's promise alone*.

Material wealth and any level of prosperity are only tools, not ends or rewards in themselves. St. Paul addressed it in this way: "for even in Thessalonica you sent me help once and again. Not that I seek the gift; but I seek the fruit which increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more; I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God" (*Philippians 4:16-18*).

The prosperity we seek is a spiritual one. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (*Matthew 6:19-21*).

God is certainly never outdone in generosity. Whatever we give to God in service or stewardship will be blessed. The danger is to reverse the order of God's design: God has provided us with what we need to do his will, not for us to replace that saving will with a "god" of our own making.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER:

**Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48** God's word is power-filled in the believer, in the one who seeks it out, and who opens heart and mind to receive its transforming message.

**I John 4:7-10** Christian love is not a passing, self-serving feeling, but a new and abiding quality, bringing to perfection the soul created in the image and likeness of God "who has loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins." That is the true measure of love.

**St. John 15:9-17** Jesus doesn't just send us to convince or convert people to our way of thinking, but to offer them proof of God's love reflected in how we love one another.

### ONLINE STREAMING OF THE SUNDAY MASS

**HOLY CHILDHOOD ON ZOOM AT 9:15 am MATERNITY OF MARY ON YOUTUBE AT 10:30 am**

Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the Zoom email invitation. [evanoff.jj@gmail.com](mailto:evanoff.jj@gmail.com)

Maternity of Mary - On YouTube through the Maternity of Mary website. Go to:

[www.maternityofmarychurch.org](http://www.maternityofmarychurch.org) and click on the link: Maternity of Mary YouTube page to watch live Mass. This link is under the Live Stream of Mass information.

### ONLINE STREAMING OF THE DAILY MASS

The 7:45 am is now being live streamed on Zoom. Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the list.

### COMMUNION AT HOLY CHILDHOOD

Communion will be available at door # 5 (lower level church entrance off of parking lot) at approximately 8:20 am, Monday - Saturday and 10:00 am, on Sunday for those not attending Mass in the church building.

## PRO-LIFE UPDATE

### PROLIFE FLOWER SALE AND DIAPER DRIVE

On the weekends of May 1-2 and 8-9 we will be collecting diapers for the Women's Life Care Center. Please bring unopened packages of diapers to the narthex. Size newborn, 3,4,and 5 are especially needed but, all sizes will be welcome. Wipes and diaper ointment are needed too. Thank you.

On Mother's Day, representatives from Maternity of Mary will be in the Narthex selling corsages and small flowering plants for your mother or special someone. Proceeds will benefit MCCL. Please be generous. Thank you.



### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Would you like to be more involved in prolife activities? Maternity of Mary has opened their prolife corner to all Holy Childhood parishioners. Creating a joint prolife group to work together in many areas of the prolife cause. If you would like to be involved, you can contact them through the Maternity of Mary website. Click on "Discipleship" and then "prolife corner". There is a contact link as well as a calendar of volunteer activities and meeting dates. If you cannot access them through the computer, call Maternity of Mary office at 651-489-8825 for assistance. Let's join together to make a difference.



## MATERNITY OF MARY NEWS

### MATERNITY OF MARY-SAINT ANDREW SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool - 8th grade registration for the 2021-22 school year is open. Our students develop a strong, positive self-image, Christian values of kindness and respect that are practiced daily. We strive to instill in our students a lifelong commitment to learning, to our Catholic faith and to community service. For more information about registration or to schedule a tour, contact the school office at 651.489.1459 or visit us at [www.mmsaschool.org](http://www.mmsaschool.org)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- MAY**
- 5 Mary Madigan
  - 6 Mary Ellen Clasemann
  - 7 Pat Hassel  
Kathleen Hoffman
  - 8 Jennifer Urbanski

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- MAY** 6 Dave & Lorraine Fait (60)

## SAINT ANDREW KIM SCHEDULE

- MAY**
- 2, 10:30 am - Confession (SCH)  
11:15 am - Mass (CH)
  - 7, 7:00 pm - Mass
  - 9, 10:30 am - Confession (SCH)  
11:15 am - Mass (CH)
  - 14, 7:00 pm - Mass



### MAY

### THE WORLD OF FINANCE

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION

Please join Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda for the May Family Rosary Procession, **TODAY, Sunday, May 2.** The gathering at the Capitol will begin at 1:15 p.m. and the procession will begin at 2 p.m. Details to follow. For more information visit [minnesotarosaryprocessions.org](http://minnesotarosaryprocessions.org).



## CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

Together in Hope: Partnering to Serve the Poor, Support Life, and Strengthen the Faith

2021 GOAL:	\$ 16,060.00
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$ 14,400.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED:	\$ 10,862.50
NUMBER OF DONORS:	40

Results as of 4/20/2021

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### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 1**

7:45 am † Tom Schraad

5:00 pm Parishioners

**Sunday, May 2**

9:15 am † Ginny Kullman

**Monday, May 3**

7:45 am † Maria Nimh Kim Nhung

**Tuesday, May 4**

7:45 am †† William and Mary Ann Merth

**Wednesday, May 5**
7:45 am †† John B. and Mary C.  
Schwartzbauer
**Thursday, May 6 - NO MASS**
**Friday, May 7**

7:45 am † Lenora Galvin

**Saturday, May 8**

7:45 am † Rev. James Himmelsbach

5:00 pm Parishioners

**Sunday, May 9**

9:15 am All Mothers

### Financial Support 4-25-21

**FAIR SHARE** \$ 3174.00

**PIPES REPORT** \$ 100.00

Balance \$ 1567.00

Thank you for your generous support of HC.

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS** \$ 931.00

### Parish Information

Pastor, Fr. Timothy Cloutier

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Joseph Fink

Weekend Assistant, Fr. James Reidy, Ph. D.

Parish Office 651-644-7495

Buchanan Hall 651-647-0689

**Our Current Services**

Confessions - Saturday.....4:00-4:30 pm

Thursday.....7:10-7:25 am

Conference Room

Saturday Anticipatory Mass.....5:00 pm

Sunday Mass.....9:15 am

Weekday Masses....Monday - Saturday..7:45 am

Holy Day of Obligation as announced.

Rosary - Thursday ..... 6:00 pm

Prayer Chain.....Peggy - 651-645-4955

Website.....www.holychildhoodparish.org

Email.....contact@holychildhoodparish.org

Victim Assistance Program.....651-291-4497



## RAMSEY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ANNUAL PLANT SALE MAY 1-8

### Mark your calendars!

The Ramsey County Master Gardener Volunteer Program's Annual Plant Sale features popular plants for sun and shade. Many of the plants are grown by Master Gardener volunteers! Others come from local plant growers.

- Native plants
- Vegetables & herbs
- Annuals & perennials
- Houseplants

### This year we're hosting our annual plant sale online.

To ensure the safety of shoppers and volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic, all plants must be purchased online. Our new online store is open from **May 1-8**, while supplies last. Orders will be available for socially-distanced pick-up Saturday, May 15 at Church of the Holy Childhood. Shoppers will be notified with pick-up details.

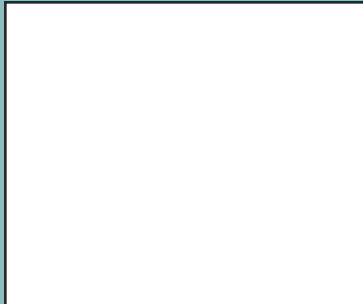
Plant sale proceeds support horticulture student scholarships at the University of Minnesota and youth group horticulture projects in Ramsey County. Master Gardener volunteer programs are part of the University of Minnesota Extension Service.

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