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**May 1, 2022**  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

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**Weekday**

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Tuesday 12:00 PM

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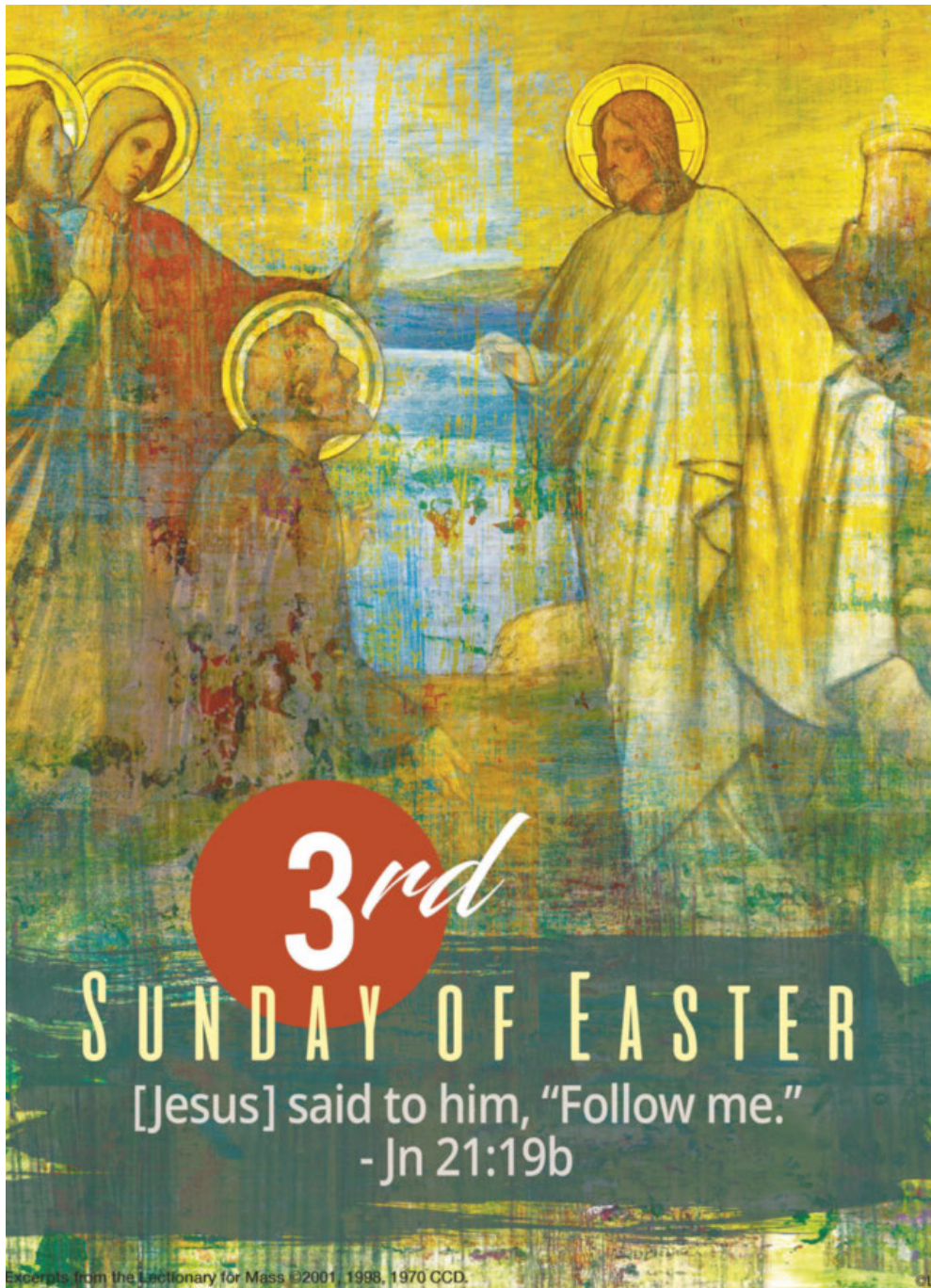
Saturday 4:00-4:40 PM  
Tuesday 5:00-6:00 PM  
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## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAVE

### MAY INVITES US TO HONOR MARY

This weekend we celebrate the first weekend of the month of May. On the calendar, it perhaps cements in place the idea that spring really has now arrived. Yet, it would not be fair to let the beginning of this new month go by without calling to mind one of our venerable Catholic traditions. From as far back as I can remember (and probably a lot further) the month of May has been one of two months in the year (the other month being October) dedicated to our Blessed Mother.

Mary holds a unique place in the Church and in fact in human history. Who else has ever been addressed by an angel as “full of grace” and “blessed among women?” Unfortunately, among many, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, misunderstanding still exists about our appreciation of the role of Mary. Catholics do not see Mary as a “goddess” and we do not “worship” her as some mistakenly believe. Rather we honor Mary as the mother of our Redeemer and Savior Jesus Christ. Much as the moon is illuminated from the reflected light of the sun, so Mary shines most brightly in the constellation of the saints due to the dazzling brilliance of the One whom she bore.

Back in the 1960’s, during the Second Vatican Council, there was much debate among the Bishops as to how the topic of Mary should be handled, especially in light of ecumenical sensitivities. One contingent felt that a separate Council document should be written in order to accord to Mary the honor that is due her.

However, the majority of Bishops ultimately decided that instead of a separate document, the teachings about Mary would be written as a separate chapter, the final chapter, in the document *Lumen Gentium*, on *The Church*. That approach would help people to understand that Mary does not stand outside the Church but is rather the pre-eminent member of the Church as Christ’s first disciple.



Since the 1960’s, much more has been written, especially by Popes Paul IV and John Paul II, about Mary’s role in our salvation and proper devotion to her.

Thus, it is not a question of Catholic’s worshipping Mary (though to outsiders it may have looked that way in times past), rather it is the case that we accord to her honor and reverence as God’s chosen instrument to bring his Son into the world. Mary’s “YES” to God, freely spoken, (“Let it be done to me according to your word”– Luke 1:38) set into motion the process of our redemption. Let us always honor the Mother who loves and intercedes for us her children.

### A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Hopefully, by the time that you read this article in paper form we will have already completed our Volunteer Appreciation Party. Scheduled for the evening of Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> we will once again seek to honor all those who donated their time, skills, and hard work toward keeping the programs, offerings, and campus of St. Bridget’s in tip top shape.

The last time that I checked, I was told that there exists some 53 different opportunities to volunteer in various ways for our parish. We are a relatively small staff, and although hard working, it would be impossible for the staff alone to provide for the spiritual, educational, and material needs of all of our parishioners. We so much depend on our volunteers and are so very blessed that so many of you have stepped forward to help to make the parish run. It’s virtually impossible to adequately say THANK YOU for all that you do – but this is our way of trying.

Several years ago, pre covid, we hit upon the idea of a few hours of informal food and conversation so that our volunteers could interact and get to know one another. The menu was mostly casual “finger food” that lends itself roaming and chatting without the formality of a sit down dinner. It was a great success, but unfortunately was ended by the covid restrictions. Now we are back with some new foods, some old favorites, and the staff once more doing the cooking and serving.

So, since this article is written earlier in the week, I hope that many of you will be able to attend, partake and accept our gratitude and appreciation for all of your time and energy. We could not sustain our ministries without your help. You are, for us, the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May God bless you!

-Fr. Dave

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

A message from  
Theresa Zlotkowski  
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A message from  
Joe Kuschel  
Youth Minister  
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"Our Lady is always close to us, especially when we feel the weight of life with all its problems." (Pope Francis)



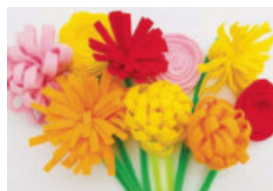
**We Welcome All to Our  
Crowning of Mary  
This Wednesday, May 4, 2022  
At 6:30PM in the Church.  
Children and Families from Faith  
Formation,  
Youth, Grandmas, Grandpas,  
All Members of our Parish!  
Please Come to this Special Event to  
Honor Mary!  
Bring a real flower or homemade flower  
to give to her!  
This May Crowning will take place in the  
midst of Eucharist.**

During this event we are especially imploring Mary's help for so many occurrences in the past months:

- For families and all peoples who continue to flee the violence in the Ukraine and for an end to the terror and war in that country,
- For children who suffer the terrible effects of violence and pain and deep hurt,
- For an end to poverty and homelessness that happens to families right in our midst,
- For care of creation, that we would value and respect the beautiful gifts God has given to us,
- For all of these things we will ask Mary's intercession on Wednesday and for the special needs that are present in everyone's heart.

The children have been making beautiful flowers to present to Mary.

"In the heart of the Church, Mary shines forth. She is the supreme model for a youthful Church..." (Pope Francis)



By the time you read this, we will have had our final Faith Formation class, and we will have enjoyed pizza and cheesy bread at our final Core Group event, while watching episode three of the Chosen series that has been so popular. I will have found out if our Youth Group will be sponsoring a Mother's Day Plant Sale, Aubrey will have sung at Hallberg Center for the Arts in Wyoming, MN., Joshua's Pest Control will have been at the house (don't worry, normal maintenance), Jill and I will have spent Friday morning at Maternity of Mary in St. Paul for Grandparent's Day, unfortunately, having to forego a funeral for a friend, Diane Moore. We will also have participated in Volunteer Appreciation Night at St. Bridget's, as I hope many of you did, because we have the most wonderful and conscientious volunteers in the Archdiocese, and they all deserve tremendous accolades. If your reading this before Mass on Saturday, that's Jill and I in back, the Sacristans, waving to you. If your reading this on Sunday morning, Jill and I are back at Maternity of Mary celebrating our grandson Ollie's First Communion. However, if you waited until Sunday afternoon to read these beautiful bulletin articles, I won't be able to talk to you for a couple hours. Jill and I are now at St. Agnes in St. Paul, along with all of our family members, enjoying another play directed by David Johnson, who has been directing their theater productions for over thirty years. Mr. Johnson, as he is affectionately called, seems like he decides what play to perform by harnessing the wonderful high school talent that he has at his disposal. This year, St. Agnes will be performing Irving Berlin's *Holiday Inn*, which can only lead me to believe that the next Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire have been rehearsing for the past three months.

So, although there's not really a lot going on, I'm hoping for a big May. Speaking of which, this coming Wednesday night, we will be celebrating the May Crowning Mass in our church. Our Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, is going to lift us right out of the last, long cold days of winter and firmly plant our hearts in the warm and promising soil of spring. She has her work cut out for her this year. "She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Mary is the Mother of Christ, the Word Incarnate 'he will be great and be called the Son of the Most High; the Lord will give him the throne of his father David; and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end'" (LK 1:32-33).

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Just found out:

**Mother's day plant sale is on!**

# PARISH CALENDARS

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Saturday**  
May 7th  
5:00 PM  
**Lectors:**  
Cathy Korby  
**Sacristans:**  
Wally & Jan Mohler

**Sunday**  
May 8th  
8:00 AM  
**Lector:**  
Jan Kozlovsky  
**Sacristan:**  
Chuck Fitzer

**Sunday**  
May 8th  
10:00 AM  
**Lectors:**  
Larry Callahan  
Allen Gieske  
**Sacristan:**  
Ed LaPlante

### Sunday, May 1st, 2022

8:00 AM Mass CH  
10:00 AM Mass CH  
11:15 AM Bible Study CR  
6:00 PM AA Meeting EW

## READINGS

### Readings For the Week of May 1, 2022

**Sunday** **Third Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13;  
Rev5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

**Monday** **Memorial of Saint Athanasius**  
Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Mt4:4b;  
Jn6:22-29

**Tuesday** **Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles**  
1Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6b, 9c; Jn 14:6-14

**Wednesday** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn6:35-40

**Thursday** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:51; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:56; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday** **Saturday of the Third Week of Easter**  
Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

### Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022

9:00 AM—9:00 PM Adoration CH  
12:00 PM Daily Mass/Benediction CH  
5:00—6:00 PM Confessions CP  
7:00 PM AA Meeting LSH

### Wednesday, May 4th, 2022

9:00 AM Daily Mass CH  
9:45 AM Women's Bible Study EB  
6:30 PM May Crowning Mass for Faith Formation Classes CH

### Thursday, May 5th, 2022

9:00 AM Daily Mass CH  
9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN BB

### Friday, May 6th, 2022

9:00 AM Daily Mass CH  
11:00 AM Funeral—Marlis Rongitsch CH

### Saturday, May 7th, 2022

Fr. Dave's Birthday!  
Mother's Day Plant Sale Youth Fundraiser Following Mass NX  
9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN BB  
10:00 AM First Eucharist Mass CH  
4:00—4:40 PM Confessions CP  
5:00 PM Mass CH

### Sunday, May 8th, 2022

Mother's Day  
Mother's Day Plant Sale Youth Fundraiser Following Mass NX  
8:00 AM Mass CH  
10:00 AM Mass CH  
11:15 AM Bible Study CR  
6:00 PM AA Meeting EW

Key: CH - Church, CP - Chapel, CR-Conference Room, EW-East Wing, BB-Baby Blanket, NR-Nursery, SH-Social Hall, EB-Education Building, LSH-Lower Social Hall, NX - Narthex, OS - Offsite, YR - Youth Room

## MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday 5/3 12 PM † Runyon & Korby Family  
Wednesday 5/4 9 AM † Peter Mrozinski  
Thursday 5/5 9 AM † Robert Rongitsch  
Friday 5/6 9 AM Caleb Gieske  
Saturday 5/7 5 PM Fr. Dave Kohner  
Sunday 5/8 8 AM Renee Strand  
10 AM People of the Parish

*If you would like a Mass to be said for you or a loved one, please contact the parish office at 651-257-2474 x22*

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Suzie Alsen · Judy Clark · Lynne Karwand · Greg Fults · Darlene Kowalski · Kristine Beimert · Franklin Steele · Josh Hughes · Marietta Jacobs · Dwayne Kelley · Virgil Kappes · Kathy Berquist · Paula Trevis · Nonna Zwick · Mary Kay Andert · Jake Sauer · Veronica Roltgen · Julie Ramola · Carol Smothers · Thomas Thompson · Mary Karnowski · Kelly DeBiasco · Donna Haines · Charlene Chamernick · Shelley Madison · Judy Kelley · Rachel Curtis · Mick Lund · Tim Mitchel · Ben Riley · Kim Glenna · Beth S. · Jessica Mohler · Jim Underdahl · Jessica Stephens · Michelle · Mary Ann Weisbrod · Susi Ruchie · Tammy Bluhm · Connie Porath · Barb Nelson · Sara Miller · Kathleen Carlson · Katie Crum · Gail · Todd Olund · JoAnne Ford · Richard Gage · Julianne Forester · Doug Olson · Betty Olson · Ron Schleicher · Dolores Thompson · Mark Peterson · Al & Colleen Lightfoot · Don McKay · Jean Ricker · Lucy Shoop · Keenan McMahan · Dorothy Goodroad · Holly Sullivan · Sharon Luhmann · Frank Welsch · Don Bluhm · Ed Weaver · Eileen O'Mara · Eugene · Cy Speltz · Kim Halverson · Al Ahmann · Robin Weaver · Sherol Rogolla · Avery Rasnuessen · Matt Moen · Eric McDonald · Michael Koran · Peter Ellwein · Leslie Mackyee · Gabriel Clay · Brett Casey · Rick Alsen · Mary Mack · Patricia Callahan · Kim Gibson · Katie Harris · Kari Hall · Ted & Tom Pitzenberger · Maureen Wolhaupter · Steve Everson · Kristy · Flossy Knaak · Gabrielle L. · Mary Ann Koch · Dee Williams · Austin Otte · Stacy Kern · JoAnne Stanina · Lori Rogan · Shirely Van Horn · Roger Spencer · Jack Marxer · Cathy Christianson · Carrolle Serbus · Jon Peters · Margie & Patrick Kielkucki · Emily Spawn

*If you know of someone in need of healing prayers or someone who is homebound and would like to receive communion, contact the director of pastoral care at 651-257-2474 x25.*

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

NEW PATHWAYS HOSTING

## Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking? I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become. Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS©LPI



St. Bridget's is hosting New Pathways Homeless Families off site the week of May 15th—22nd. We are taking donations to cover food and lodging for the five families in the program. If you can help us with hosting week, please send a check to St. Bridget's with "Homeless Families" in the memo line. Thank you for considering a gift, and bless you for giving generously.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



St. Bridget's is hosting a summer concert series in the spirit of growing community and sharing God's gift of music. These short one hour concerts will be performed by some of the top Twin Cities talents and highlight a wide array of music and styles. The first concert in the series is an organ concert by Bill Chouinard on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00pm. Admission at all summer concerts are a free-willing offering. Find more information at [www.stbridgetofsweden.org/musicministry](http://www.stbridgetofsweden.org/musicministry). Please pick up a Summer Concert Series Flyer in the Narthex and post at a local business or share with a friend to help spread the news of the concerts to all!

## ANOINTING MASS



Our Spring Parish Anointing Mass will be Thursday, May 12th at 9:00am in the Church. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Social Hall. All are welcome to come receive the love of God through the encouragement of the church, with the laying of hands and anointing with oil.

## FAITH FORMATION 2022 - 23



St. Bridget's Faith Formation registration for the 2022-2023 year is now open! Come join us for another faith building and saint making faith formation year. Registration can be found by visiting our website and clicking on the desired Faith Formation webpage. Register your child by

June 15th for special early bird pricing! If you have questions, please contact Theresa 651-257-2474 x58.

## TOTUS TUUS



St. Bridget's will be hosting Totus Tuus June 20th—24th! Totus Tuus is a summer faith formation program for youth in Kindergarten—Grade 6th. To register your child for the program, please pick up a registration form in the Narthex or register online by visiting [www.stbridgetofsweden.org/elementaryformation](http://www.stbridgetofsweden.org/elementaryformation). Please register by June 10th. We also need volunteers to help out during the Totus Tuus week! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Theresa.

## YOUTH FUNDRAISER



The youth are hosting a Mother's Day plant sale in the Narthex following all weekend Masses May 7th—8th. All net proceeds will go towards the Youth summer mission trips and camps. Stop by the tables in the Narthex following Mass next weekend to pick up a beautiful flower for a loved one and

support our youth's faith-building trips! Thank you!

	WINNERS	DATE	AMOUNT
Calendar Winners	Mike Khon	5/1/2022	\$50
	Nicole Noren	5/1/2022	\$25
	Dan Sandgren	5/8/2022	\$25
	Jane Lewis	5/15/2022	\$25
	Kathleen Poehls	5/22/2022	\$25
	Mark Sandgren	5/29/2022	\$25

St. Bridget's Knights meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7PM in the Social Hall. If you would like to join, call Tim Beimer at 612-286-6306.

## NEW PATHWAYS EVENT



New Pathways ministry to homeless families invites you to a free Dinner, with music, games, and door prizes on May 26th at the Erickson Farmstead in Isanti. Anyone who has volunteered in the past, or is interested in possibly volunteering in the future is welcome to attend. This is a chance to celebrate the good work that has been done and to learn more about New Pathways' Path to Home. We hope to return to hosting families in Churches again by October 2022. We will need many volunteers to get started again. Please consider coming to this fun informative

event. Visit [www.stbridgetofsweden.org/pastoralcare](http://www.stbridgetofsweden.org/pastoralcare) for more information and to RSVP or call Heidi, 651-257-2474 x25.

Please pray for the family and friends of Beth Olson and Jim Williams who have recently passed away. May our belief in the Resurrection support their families at this time and may they rest in peace.



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