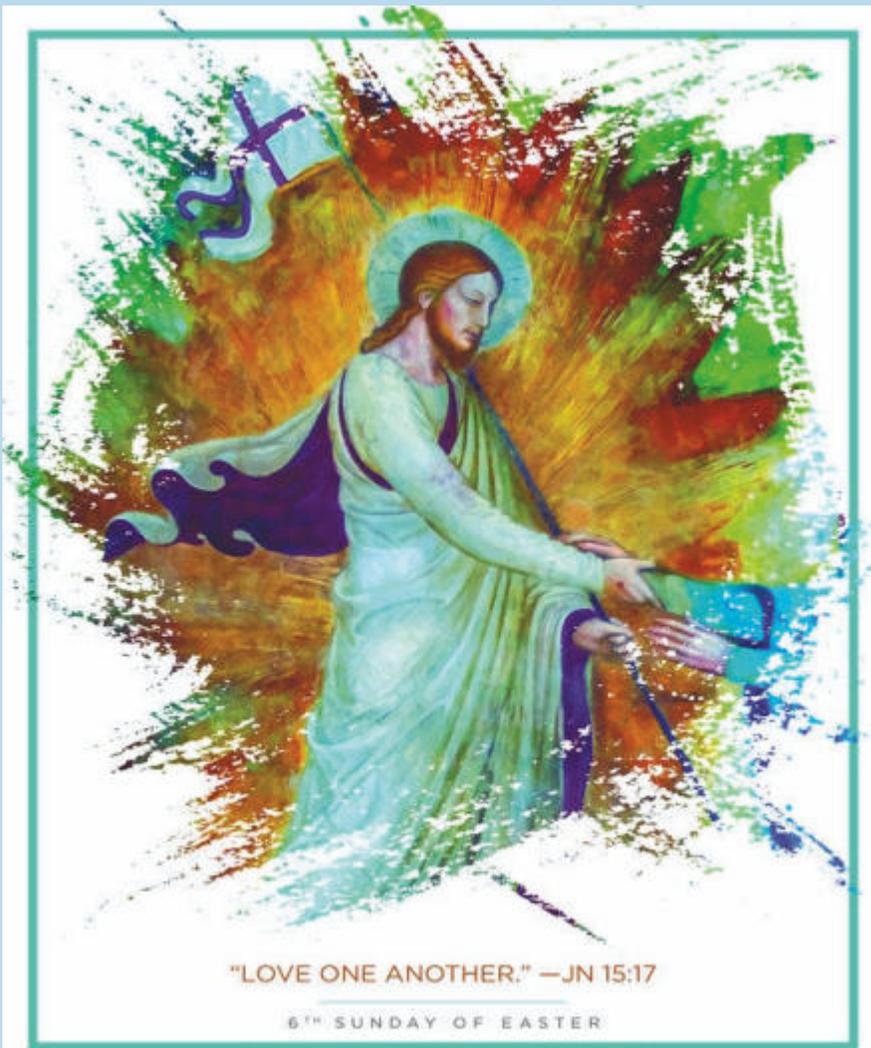


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MAY 9, 2021  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## Eucharistic Celebration

Saturday - 5/8 - 5:00 PM (S)

† Jim/Marie Snakenberg

Sunday - 5/9 - 8:30 AM (K)

† Elizabeth Conrad

Sunday - 5/9 - 10:30 AM (S)

† Bernard Hammes

Tuesday - 5/11 - 9:00 AM (S)

† Buelah Dumont

Wednesday - 5/12 - 9:00 AM (K)

† Charlie Sieren

Thursday - 5/13 - 9:00 AM (S)

† Elizabeth Conrad

Friday - 5/14 - 9:00 AM (K)

† Brian Cave

Saturday - 5/15 - 5:00 PM (S)

† Errol/Donna Hahn

Sunday - 5/16 - 8:30 AM (K)

† Alfred Adam

Sunday - 5/16 - 10:30 AM (S)

† Mae Peiffer

## St. Mary Ministers

### For the Month of May

Weekend of May 8 & 9 - Saturday 5/8 5:00 PM Sunday 5/9 10:30 AM  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Cheryl Monroe Barb Blaylock  
**LECTOR** Cheryl Monroe Barb Blaylock

Weekend of May 15 & 16 - Saturday 5/15 5:00 PM Sunday 5/16 10:30 AM  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Connie McLaughlin Rhonda Wehr  
**LECTOR** Connie McLaughlin Holly Martin

Weekend of May 22 & 23 - Saturday 5/22 5:00 PM Sunday 5/23 10:30 AM  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Mary Sue Votroubek Mary Gralapp  
**LECTOR** Cheryl Monroe Janis Collins

Weekend of May 29 & 30 - Saturday 5/29 5:00 PM Sunday 5/30 10:30 AM  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Denise Conrad Holly Martin  
**LECTOR** Denise Conrad Holly Martin

## Holy Trinity Ministers

### For the Month of May

Sunday 5/9 8:30 AM  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Scott Sieren  
**LECTOR** Scott Sieren

Sunday 5/16 8:30 AM  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Tim Sieren  
**LECTOR** Tim Sieren

Sunday 5/23 8:30 AM  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Dave Shemanski  
**LECTOR** Dave Shemanski

Sunday 5/30 8:30 AM  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Kathy Davis  
**LECTOR** Mick Berg



**Announcements—St. Mary**

Sunday (5/16)

Rel. Ed. Virtual Class, 9:00 AM



**Congratulations to the First Communion class of St. Mary Parish May 2, 2021**

**First Communicant**

Cory Clark  
PJ Stangl  
Quinn Stanley  
Neela Thompson

**Parents**

Adam/Anna Clark  
Andrew Stangl/Brandy Stangl  
Eric/Shannon Stanley  
Casey/Amber Thompson

From St. Mary Parish-Williamsburg

Evelyn Mikesell                      Elliot/Sharon Mikesell

**St. Mary Stewardship**

**Envelopes**

Weekly Budget ..... \$2,307  
Received ..... \$5,573  
Envelope Budget to Date ..... \$101,508  
Actual to Date ..... \$101,625.50

**Offertory**

Weekly Budget ..... \$240  
Received ..... \$140  
Offertory Budget to Date ..... \$10,560  
Actual to Date ..... \$4,213



I had the opportunity to assist with a noontime meal at the “soup kitchen”, Café on Vine in Davenport this past week. This facility serves free meals everyday of the year to those in need. Prior to the pandemic, the dining room was open for people to sit down, eat and socialize. Since March 2020, meals are served in a “to go” format. People wanting to eat at the facility come to a window, staffed by a volunteer and receive their meal along with a smile and brief conversation. Luckily, on the day I was there, the sun was shining; the temperatures were warm enough for short sleeves, allowing for people to sit on the stoop at the front of the building and converse.

Café on Vine has several paid positions, but relies heavily on volunteers from the surrounding area to prepare meals. Our small world experience for the day was that one of the volunteers from the Davenport area is a relative of Bill and Margaret Bender, from our parish! There are two meals served six days per week and one meal on Sunday. Our group consisted of five people and we joined four others to serve greater than seventy-five people at the window and prepare over one hundred more meals, which were delivered to two homeless shelters.

Some of us assisted with preparation for lunch that day, while others prepped for meals, which would be served the next day. Examples of tasks we performed included: peeling and slicing carrots, mixing and baking corn bread, washing dishes, working in an assembly line format to dish food onto plates, bagging the food and fixing drinks to serve with the meals. Part of my job included opening plastic bags, placing a fork and napkin into each bag and counting these bags into baskets or boxes of 50. By having the bags pre-counted, the facility is more readily able to keep track of the number of meals served.

My job of counting and stuffing bags was performed in the room previously used for sit down dining. “My area” was by two windows, next to the stoop and facing an intersection. I had the best view in the house, so to speak, to people watch. I watched people in jeans, t-shirts, dresses and shorts, flip-flops, tennis shoes and boots, short hair, and long hair approach the window for a meal. I saw these people sit down on the front step and talk and laugh with others who had gathered. These people looked just like me, reminding me once again, that we all have a story inside of us, no matter our outward appearance. I also saw a man propelling himself in a wheelchair, sometimes going forward, sometimes going backward, and approaching Café on Vine from two blocks away. There was also the man with the blanket pinned to his coat, the man pulling his suitcase, the man carrying the garbage bag and pushing his bike, the man and the woman coming from the van parked on the side of the street with what appeared to be all of their belongings. These people, like the first group, also have a story.

Both groups reminded me that I am blessed. I want to emphasize, that I am blessed, not lucky. I am blessed to have a job, a home, a closet filled with clothing, a vehicle, a spouse who loves me, and I have the ability to keep myself healthy. I have hot water to shower, a bed with pillows and blankets and cupboards with an abundance of food. What are the blessings you have? As you make the hard decision of what to wear tomorrow, thank God. As you look through the fridge, deciding what you should eat, thank God. As you crawl into bed and cover up, thank God. But, along with those prayers ask God to care for those that don’t have the same blessings as you. And if possible, share your blessings with others.

## PRIDE

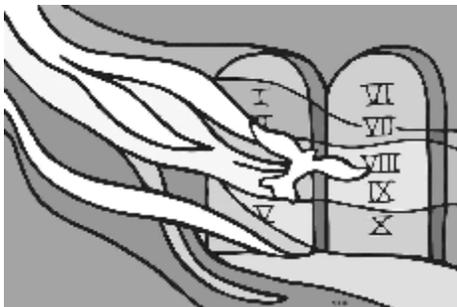
What better proof of your pride could you have given than to claim you were not proud?

—St. John Climacus

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday’s selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God’s love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God’s love extends to all people, and so should ours.



*“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.” — Jn 15:10-11*



## 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.



Happy birthday wishes to Fr. Lathrop on Saturday, May 8.

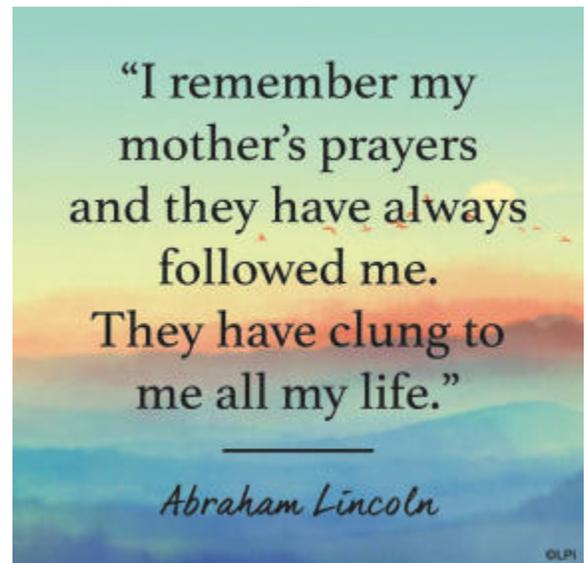


WONDER

People go abroad to wonder at the height of mountains . . . and they pass by themselves without wondering.  
—St. Augustine

"Thank You, Mom"

From the initial wonder to the morning sickness,  
From the sleepless nights to the giggles of delight,  
From the first steps to the temper tantrums,  
Thank you, Mom.  
From school day pride to detention day disappointment,  
From the big game to the big show to the big "uh-oh,"  
With secret shared moments and home-cooked meals,  
Thank you, Mom.  
Through tears and laughter,  
Through sorrow and joy,  
For all the ups and downs,  
and for the journey yet to come,  
Thank you, Mom!



Readings for the Week of  
May 9, 2021

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-2  
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10/Jn 16:23b-28  
Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20  
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

**Reconciliation** - On Saturdays before the start of the 5 PM Mass at either Saint Mary or Holy Trinity, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 4-4:45 PM.

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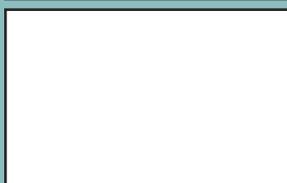
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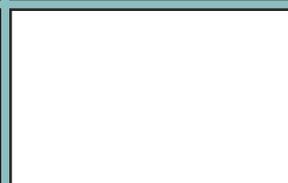
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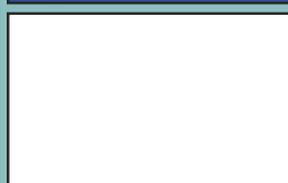
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