

Cluster Parishes

May 9, 2021

Riverside Richmond Wellman

"To Know God and Make God Known Through Word, Worship, Fellowship, and Service"



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"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." - Jn 15:10*

**Mass Intentions
May 12 to May 16**

Wed	8:30am	SJ	Carol Mullen
Thu	8:30am	HT	Richard Duwa
Fri	8:30am	SM	Robert Colbert
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	Maxine Houseal
Sun	8:00am	HT	People of the Cluster
Sun	10:00am	SM	Betty Simon

***The number of Mass Intention requests for 2021 has now exceeded the number of Masses we can say in a year. All future Mass intentions requests will be submitted to the diocese. The diocese will then send them to retired priests who will offer a Mass for your Mass Intention.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty God, you created us to share in your divine life. Pour out your spirit on our diocese that we may be a fruitful church. Bless us:

With zealous priests and deacons;
With prayerful religious sisters and brothers;
With faithful married couples;
With loving persons who live for the kingdom of heaven.
Grant us discerning hearts,
To love you more deeply
And to serve as Jesus served,
In whose name we pray.
Amen.

Mary, model for all vocations, pray for us!



Emmaus Groups

Please consider joining a "Discipleship Quad" to participate in an Emmaus Group.

These are four-person prayer groups that are very informal and flexible to ac-

commodate your schedule. Information and videos can be found at clusterparishes.org. Click the "Communications & Resources" tab, and click on "Emmaus Groups".

If Interested Contact:

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**Mass Offerings
(as of Apr-18th)**

St. Mary's

YTD Collection \$ 62,268
YTD Goal \$ 64,260
Under/Over - \$ 1,992

Holy Trinity

YTD Collection \$ 58,393
YTD Goal \$ 57,498
Under/Over +\$ 895

St. Joseph's

YTD Collection \$ 31,995
YTD Goal \$ 25,536
Under/Over +\$ 6,459

To report child abuse call the Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178. If it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator: 563-349-5002.

Fr Bill's Homily

Bishop Baron's commentary on Sunday's Gospel says, "Psychologists tell us that a true friend is someone who has seen us at our worst and still loves us. If you have encountered me only on my best days, when all is going well and I am in top form, and you like me, I have no guarantee that you are my friend.

But when you have dealt with me when I am most obnoxious, most self-absorbed, most afraid and unpleasant, and you still love me, then I am sure that you are my friend." The old Gospel song says, 'What a friend we have in Jesus!' This is not pious sentimentalism; it is the heart of the matter.

What the first Christians saw in the dying and rising of Jesus is that we killed God, and God returned in forgiving love. We murdered the Lord of life, and he answered us not with hatred but with compassion. He saw us at our very worst, and loved us anyway.

Thus they saw confirmed in flesh and blood what Jesus had said the night before he died: I do not call you servants any longer... but I have called you friends." They realized, in the drama of the Paschal Mystery, that we have not only been shown a new way; we have been drawn into a new life, a life of friendship with God."

Jesus laid down his life for his friends knowing their faults, but he loved them anyway. I don't know if you have ever experienced this kind of love, but it was the kind of love my wife and I had for each other.

I truly didn't get the depth of it until she was going through chemo and I laid down in front of the tabernacle and asked God to take me instead of her, because I knew she would be a better parent for our daughters than I could ever be.

It was in that act that realized how much Love Jesus Christ has for each and every human being. I felt that way for Cindy because of our deep compassion for each other. Now, as a result of that act, I have a much better understanding of Christ's love for us.

This is the Good News. We who hardly deserve it, are loved so much that Jesus chooses us to be his own. What can we do in response? We can try in our limited ways to live as Christ did, calling upon patience and compassion to help us.

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We may not always get it right, but when we try things do get better and the world does seem a bit brighter. Remember what Jesus said "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

How are we demonstrating our Christian Love for one another?



Pleasantview Opening: Director of Marketing

Bachelor's or Master's degree in business administration, marketing, or related field preferred. Five years' experience in marketing and long-range planning which administrative ability has been demonstrated is also preferred but not required. Inquiries or resumes for the Director of Marketing position should be sent to kschrock@pvkalona.com

Music Concert

The Salt and Light Co., a music ensemble from Rosedale Bible College, will present their concert entitled Wade in the Water on May 9, 7:00 p.m., at Fairview Mennonite Church. The program features vocals accompanied with acoustic instruments in a blend of folk and contemporary sounds that the entire family will enjoy. The concert is free and open to the public. An offering will be taken.

Thank You

Thank You everyone for all the cards, prayers and well wishes! My surgery went very well.

- Pam Bender

Vaccines Help Everyone

If you have not yet received a vaccine, please prayerfully consider doing so. If not for yourself, please do it for others. Governor Kim Reynolds has set a goal to have 65% of all Iowans vaccinated by the end of May, and 75% by the end of June. This would bring us to *herd immunity* and we would be able to start celebrating Mass like we used to!

Mass Readings

Opening Antiphon

“Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.”

Reading I

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, “Get up. I myself am also a human being.” Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.”

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

Then Peter responded, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?” He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
“*Thanks be to God*”

Responsorial Psalm

R. “*The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*”

Reading II 1 Jn 3:18-24

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.

In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.

In this is love:

not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

The Word of the Lord.
“*Thanks be to God*”

Gospel Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. 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 might be complete.
This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

“Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ”



Congratulations!

Congratulations to twins Isla and Elliott Gilles who were baptized at St Mary’s today! Isla and Elliott are the daughter and son of Amanda and Daniel Gilles!

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