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FORTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 8, 2022

Mon 8:00 am Notre Dame	
Tue 5:30 pm Holy Ghost	
Wed 8:00 am Notre Dame	
Wed 8:30 am Holy Ghost	
Thur 8:00 am Notre Dame	
Thur 5:30 pm Holy Ghost	
Fri 8:00 am Notre Dame	
Fri 8:30 am Holy Ghost	
Sat 8:00 am Notre Dame	

Confession Schedule

Confessions also available by appointment.

Notre Dame: Weekdays beginning 5 minutes after daily Mass. Saturday: 3:45-4:15 pm Sunday: 7:15-7:45 am; 9:15-9:45 am; 6:15-6:45 pm

Holy Ghost: Weekdays 15 minutes before daily Mass (except on Wednesday during the school year).

Thursday: 3-4:50 pm; Saturday: 4-4:45 pm

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule				
Sat	4:30 pm	Notre Dame		
Sat	5:00 pm	Holy Ghost		
Sun	8:00 am	Notre Dame		
Sun	8:00 am	Holy Ghost		
Sun	9:30 am	St. Bridget		
Sun	10:00 am	Notre Dame		
Sun	11:00 am	Holy Ghost		
Sun	7:00 pm	Notre Dame		



St. Damien de Veuster (1840–1889)

Feast Day: May 10

Father Damien, born Jozef De Veuster, was a Roman Catholic priest from Belgium and member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, a missionary religious order. He won recognition for his ministry to people with leprosy, who had been placed under a government-sanctioned medical quarantine on the island of Moloka in Hawaii. After sixteen years caring for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of those in the leper colony, he eventually contracted and died of the disease, and is widely considered a "martyr of charity". He was the tenth person recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church to have lived, worked, and/or died in what is now the United States.



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MISSION:

To invite all people to encounter Christ, and to inspire them to become saints.

Daily Readings

Sunday, May 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30 (51) Pss IV

Monday, May 9

Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10 (279)

Tuesday, May 10

Easter Weekday Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 (280)

Wednesday, May 11

Easter Weekday Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50 (281)

Thursday, May 12

Easter Weekday Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20 (282)

Friday, May 13

Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 (283)

Saturday, May 14

Saint Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17 (564) Pss Prop

Sunday, May 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 (54) Pss I

Mass Intentions

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Saturday, May 7	4:30 pm	† Lloyd NyreND
	5:00 pm	🕆 Patricia Bourget HG
Sunday, May 8	8:00 am	🕆 Herman Dachel ND
	8:00 am	ឋ Barbara Czech HG
	9:30 am	֏ Bob & Marty ConlinSB
	10:00 am	🕆 Judy DeckerND
	11:00 am	For the Parishes
	7:00 pm	֏ Maripat LannueND
Monday, May 9	8:00 am	🕆 Shawn Berg ND
Tuesday, May 10	5:30 pm	🕆 Tristan Eddy HG
Wednesday, May 11	8:00 am	🕆 Gary Korger ND
	8:30 am	֏ Marilyn BoweHG
Thursday, May 12	8:00 am	∜ Kathryn Armstrong ND
	5:30 pm	† Corrine Willkom HG
Friday, May 13	8:00 am	Mary DowdleND
	8:30 am	֏ Tom OsgoodHG
Saturday, May 14	8:00 am	🕆 Philomena LopiloND
	4:30 pm	֏ Father Al Sonnberger ND
	5:00 pm	∜ Richard Eslinger HG
Sunday, May 15	8:00 am	For the parishesND
	8:00 am	∜ William Jacobson HG
	9:30 am	🕆 JoAnn, Patty, & Tim Statz SB
	10:00 am	∜ Joseph & Marguerita Dachel ND
	11:00 am	Intentions of Christina Lawrence & Anthony Lyons
	7:00 pm	∜ Thomas Burish ND

From Fr. Jesse Burish



Praised be Jesus Christ!

This year in our second readings for the Sundays of Easter we hear semi-continuously from the book of Revelation. Revelation essentially tells of a series of visions God gave to St. John the apostle and Gospel writer in his old age while he was in exile on the island of Patmos. John was exiled there because he proclaimed the Gospel publicly. Revelation not only shows us a vision of heaven described in symbolic terms by John, but even more specifically, one could say that it shows us a vision of the heavenly

liturgy, i.e., the Mass in heaven.

Specifically in our passage this Sunday (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17), however, the life of the saints in heaven is described. The book of Revelation uses symbols that have become traditional and familiar in Christianity because they are powerful and profound. The symbols include thrones, white robes, and palm branches, the blood of the Lamb, the springs of life-giving water, every tear wiped from their eyes, etc.

The Blood of the Lamb means the Passover, when the Jews were spared from the angel of death by putting lamb's blood on their doorposts according to God's command. And of course, that in turn means our salvation from eternal death by the divine blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, on the cross. And the color white, the color of the saints' robes, symbolizes purity. For today, I thought we'd look at just one of these symbols more deeply. The one that seems the most puzzling and even self-contradictory: the relation between the blood and the white robes. In St. John's vision, the saints are wearing white robes because they have washed them, but not in soap. They have washed their robes in blood, the Lamb's blood and that has made them white. Now that is a shocking symbol because when we get blood on clothing, we try to bleach it out. Blood takes away the whiteness of a robe. It doesn't' make it white. But this symbol is not a mistake. It's deliberate. St. John could've explained the white robes by bleach. They did, after all, have bleach in those days. We hear in St. Mark's description of the Transfiguration of Jesus that "his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them."

Sin is like dirt on a garment. It sticks to us; it becomes a part of who we are. Every act that we perform has a rebound effect, an effect on our character. Every act affects both the doer and receiver of it. If sin is like a stain on our character, how can we wipe away that stain? The bad news is that we can't! We need help. We need a Savior. We can't wash ourselves clean. We need God to wash us. And we are "washed" "in the blood of the Lamb." Notice the verb: we do not "wash" ourselves; we are "washed." Christ washes us clean by his own infinitely powerful divine blood. But we must consent. We are receptive, but not passive. He will not wash us without our free consent.

We must remember that for this washing to take place, there are two necessary parts. One of the two parts is what God does to atone for our sins, to wash us clean, to dissolve the sin that sticks to us. That's Christ's blood, Christ's death, his gift of blood, his gift of his life. The other part is our free choice. It's not Christ's blood alone without our consent—that would be impersonal magic—and it's not our free choice and effort of will alone without Christ's blood—that would be self-salvation—but it's both together that dissolves the sin from us.

Two fair questions remain. The first is: how do we give our full consent to Christ washing us with his blood? And second: How might we instead end up trying to save ourselves on our own, without Christ's blood? Does anyone really do that, anyway? The answer to the first question of how we give our consent to Christ's blood begins with penitence. We must repent and believe. We must be able to see where sin is and has been sin in our life and be genuinely sorry for it. We today live in an unreflective, "what's in it for me" age in which little examination is given to one's own faults and failures and responsibility in cooperating with evil. People don't do this examination of their own sin as readily as they used to, so we must strive to make it a part of our daily life. After acknowledging how we have been wrong, we must have a desire for amendment. We must want to change and devise a concrete plan for doing so. Simply being sorry won't change a habit of sin in our life. We must plan to do something different. In faith then, we must bring our sins to confession (at least those that are mortal) and believe with all our heart that Christ lived and died for us, and that his sacrifice on the cross has power to save. Daily prayer and reading the Scriptures, the sacraments, especially confession and the Eucharist, will help us on our way with these things. Put most simply, striving daily to be a disciple of the Lord will make our consent more complete.

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Adoration, Confession, Evening Prayer and Mass at Holy Ghost

Thursdays from 3-5 pm Adoration with confession followed by 5 pm evening prayer, Benediction, and 5:30 pm Mass.

► Fr. Burish's Article continued

Now for the second question. How might we instead end up trying to save ourselves by our own efforts and not rely on Christ's blood? We can often fall into this trap without even realizing it. As a priest, I see this all the time. Many people feel that they must work to get their lives in order before they approach the Lord, his Church, his sacraments, and real prayer. They feel unworthy and think they must attain to a certain level of goodness on their own before they can receive the grace of Christ. But this approach is backward. God wants us to come to him now and as we are, but with the desire to change. It is true. We are not worthy, but Christ will make us worthy with his help.

Now, there is one more little detail of the symbol of the white robes. Notice that the clothing worn by the saints in heaven are not sashes or hats or shoes or shirts, but robes. Robes cover the whole body. Christ's righteousness covers our whole life, atones for all our sins. There is no part of us that is not saved and sanctified and changed by Christ. Christ will want to cleanse even those parts of ourselves that we would rather keep hidden. When Christ says, "Behold, I make all things new," with our consent he cleanses and renews every part of us with his blood.

PARISH SUPPORT

Our Lady of the Falls Catholic Community is not an entity that can receive donations. Please make donation checks out to the individual parish.

St. Bridget Support

Collection Received \$1,484.00/April 24

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Collection Received\$3,606.00/April 24 How to give to either St. Bridget or Holy Ghost: Donations from visitors or non-parishioners are welcome. You can place your contribution in the collection basket at Mass or:

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Collection Received \$13,942.50 /May 1 \$14,819.61 ACH/May

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- Mail your envelope to us at Notre Dame, 117 Allen St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.
- Contact the parish office to set up ACH automatic withdrawal, or visit the parish website for online giving via credit card.
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Birthdays May 8-15: Nick & Tim Campbell, Celeste Raap, Laura Knitter, James Lindeman **Anniversaries** Kris & Lisa O'Neill, James & Sherry Shong, Adam & Lita Prorok

Thanks and blessings for our dedicated teachers and helpers: 1) Allie Burch, 2) Michelle Mielke, 3) Heather Lindeman, 4) Stephanie Raap and 5) Rachael Krings. WE APPRCIATE YOU!

St. Bridget's Brat Stand: Help is needed at the Brat Stand on May 13-14 at Festival Foods on Birch Street. Sign- up sheet on the board for all volunteers.

Confirmation at St. Charles today at 1 pm. Congratulations to Andrew Bormann, Cloe Schneider and Elena Raffesberger!

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers!

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Do you love to praise God in song? Our Adult Choir needs sopranos, altos and baritone/bass singers. We sing at the 8 am Sunday Masses. Practices are Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Reading music is not required, though helpful. To join or for more information, call Lisa Hubbard at 715-723-0759.

Holy Ghost Annual Appeal shortage \$17,590.00

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Confirmation at St. Charles today at 1 pm. Congratulations to Andrew Bormann, Cloe Schneider and Elena Raffesberger! Please pray for the 16 Confirmandi who will be Confirmed from Notre Dame on Sunday, May 8 at the St. Charles Borromeo church.

Church Cleaning Please consider joining us this week on Tuesday at 7:30 am, May 10, to clean the church! Reach out to Kate with any questions: 715-705-2240 or kzweber@ourladyofthefalls.org.

The music ministry at Notre Dame is always seeking interested persons to serve as cantors and accompanists. For more information or to begin the Cantor and Accompanist formation process, please contact Mike at mrenneke@ourladyofthefalls.org.

The Men of Notre Dame will sing on Sunday May 29 at the 10 am Mass. Any man with a changed voice is encouraged to join us. New members are always welcome. The God who gave you your voice desires you to worship Him with it. Please ask God if He is calling you to this mission and consider joining us for the following rehearsals at 5:30 pm Wednesdays: May 11 in the choir loft; May 18 in the GREC; and May 25 in the choir loft. Please invite a friend to join you in rehearsing with us. Please call/text Dave Van de Loo at 715-396-1895 with any questions. Thanks.

Help livestream Mass at Notre Dame! We are looking for more people to help us livestream the Sunday 8 am Mass. It is an easy job with just a brief training required. Sign-up to help once a month by calling or texting Kate at 715-705-2240 or emailing kzweber@ourladyofthefalls.org.



Happy Mother's Day!

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed.

LUKE 1:46-48

You are invited to the Diaconate Ordination Celebration for Deacon Kevin DeCook on Sunday, May 15.

Festivities are from 11 am-4 pm at Lilydale, 6343 County Hwy N, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm.

Please RSVP by May 9 — call, text or email: 715-456-2328 or edecook@wwt.net.

FAITH FORMATION

The Bible Study Series The Sunday Bible Study will meet at 8:50 am in the Mary Room, beginning a study of the Acts of the Apostles. Attendees of 8 am Mass are most welcome to join when Mass is concluded.

The Tuesday 9:30 am Bible Study will have the same topic for the next 10 weeks. All are welcome!

Search for God Search for God is an introduction to Catholicism that explores God's plan for Us in Christ and His Church. Search for God is specifically for individuals who are either unbaptized, baptized protestant Christian, or baptized Catholic but not confirmed or catechized. No preparation or commitment to become Catholic is required. Come as you are.

- When: 7 pm on May 10, and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month until September
- Where: St Joseph Room in the GREC, 22 S Prairie St. Chippewa Falls
- More info: jshakal@ourladyofthefalls.org or ourladypfthefalls.com/search-for-god-ocia

E.P.I.C. stands for Engaging Persons In Christ. It is an opportunity for families to grow together in faith and in friendship. E.P.I.C. families meet once a month for a potluck supper and a night of formation. While the kids are playing games, their parents take a deeper dive into their faith with inspiring videos and writings from a number of amazing sources. Please reach out to Kate for more information, 715-705-2240 or kzweber@ourladyofthefalls.org.

Young Adult Lectio Divina — Join the Chippewa Catholic Young Adults for Lectio Divina on Thursdays at 7 pm on the second floor of the GREC, room 5. Young adults in their 20's and 30's get together once a week to prayerfully read, reflect on, and discus the Gospel for the coming Sunday. For more information contact Kate at 715-705-2240 or kzweber@ourladyofthefalls.org.

Basketball for Young Adults. Join other young adults as they play Basketball in the GREC Gym at 8 pm on Wednesday nights. Contact Kate at 715-705-2240 or kzweber@ourladyofthefalls.org.

Call to Prayer Please join us on Monday mornings in Goldsmith Chapel from 9-10 am to pray for our families, church, nation, world, and personal intentions. The dividends are boundless! "Whenever two or more are gathered in My Name, I am there." Matthew 18-20. "Whatever you ask in My Name, I will do." John 14:13. Call Diane at 715-514-7455 for more information.

Interested in joining a mom's group? Meeting Thursdays 10-11:30 am, this group gives moms in the area the opportunity to connect while growing in Faith through Bible study and prayer. Children are most welcome to attend. Please contact Rachel Shakal for more details: 608-535-7405.

Congratulations
Congratulations to all Holy Ghost and St. Bridget First Communicants.

Jordan Pitsch **Howard Bourget** Cole Duss **Easton Buntz Everly Flood** Avery Strahm Theodore Burch Calvin Hass Sophia Slayton

Edward Doyle Carlos Hernandez Ira Drilling Eastyn Jansky

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A special thanks to their parents who teach them their faith at home, and to their teachers: Patty Jansky (Holy Ghost), Michelle Mielke (St. Bridget), Shannon Jaeger (MACS), and Kris Malecha (MACS).

THIS &THAT FROM SR. YVONNE

Good Shepherds Still Needed

Deacon Dan Rider has a field of sheep and lambs. I travel past his place going out to St. Bridget's. When I pass by, I am reminded of Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd." People living in the city may be less familiar with metaphors of sheep and shepherds. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd (John 10:27-30) has endured over the years. It has the power to describe the relationship between Jesus and His followers and their experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security and care that shepherds have for their sheep.

When we are called on to look to Jesus as our shepherd, and to think of ourselves as sheep, we are not being asked to succumb to a herd mentality, but to listen closely to the call of Christ. God wants us to come to know the voice of Jesus so that we will not mistake it for other voices that may lead us astray.

It is appropriate that we hear this Gospel passage on Mother's Day. Jesus compares Himself to a shepherd guiding and protecting us. He promised the sheep of His flock that He will forever hold them securely in His hand. How fortunate we are to have mothers who have guided us, protected us, loved us and treated us with tender loving care, just like the Good Shepherd. Thank you, Mother Shepherds! We also recognize qualities of the Good Shepherd in our priests and religious leaders who take time to listen and guide us. We are reminded that following our Good Shepherd will lead us at times into conflict and unrest. We need all the help that we can get.

Today, on Good Shepherd Sunday, Bishop William Callahan will come to Chippewa to confirm our young people. When we are confirmed, we are strengthened in grace and are called to live out our life in Christ in a more mature way. In being confirmed we are called to reach out of ourselves, to bring God's love to others through our prayers and good works. That's what a Good Shepherd does. Congratulations to our young people! We love and appreciate you and pray that God will bless and protect you as you follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE, PRAY FOR US AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE. PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF LILY PETERS.













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