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St. Francis de Sales - Spooner, Wisconsin

St. Joseph - Shell Lake, Wisconsin

St. Catherine of Alexandria - Sarona, Wisconsin



May 2, 2021

St. Francis de Sales

409 Summit Street
Spooner, WI 54801
Mass Schedule
Tuesday - 5:00 pm
Wednesday - 8:30 am
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 6:00 pm
Sunday - 10:00 am

St. Joseph

502 Second Street
Shell Lake, WI 54871
Mass Schedule
Saturday - 4 pm

St. Catherine of Alexandria

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Mass Schedule
Sunday - 8 am

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Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must attend a preparation class. Contact the cluster office.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements must be made at least six months before a tentative date is set. Contact Fr. Phil at the cluster office.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the cluster office if you or a loved one is sick, in the hospital, or homebound.

New Parishioners: All are welcome to register in our parish communities. Stop by the cluster office.

Prayer Request, call:

SJ: Diane Downs 715-520-2928

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Reconciliation Schedule

St. Francis - Friday 2 pm - 3 pm

Mass Intentions for May 3 - 9

Monday,	No Mass
Tuesday	5 pm SFdS + Special Intention
Wednesday	8:30 am SFdS + Bob Jetto II by Bob & Martha Jetto
Thursday	8:30 am SFdS + John Biver by John Moravec
Friday	8:30 am SFdS + Albert Kempt by Diane Hilbert
Saturday	4 pm SJ + Marlene Moravec by John Moravec & Family
	6 pm SFdS + Dave Masterjohn by Secular Servites of Mary
Sunday	8:00 am SC Cluster Family
	10:00 am SFdS + Jean Druschba by Children and Grandchildren

St. Francis de Sales Church will be open for prayer on Thursday and Friday from noon until 3pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday.

Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sun: Acts 9:26-31 / Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 / 1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

Mon: 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 / Jn 14:6-14

Tue: Acts 14:19-28 / Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 / Jn 14:27-31a

Wed: Acts 15:1-6 / Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 / Jn 15:1-8

Thurs: Acts 15:7-21 / Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 / Jn 15:9-11

Fri: Acts 15:22-31 / Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 / Jn 15:12-17

Sat: Acts 16:1-10 / Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 / Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

Observances for the week of May 2, 2021

Sun: 5th Sunday of Easter

Mon: Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles

Tue:

Wed: Cinco de Mayo

Thurs: National Day of Prayer

Fri:

Sat:

Next Sun: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

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If you read the bulletin on line, please read this week's bulletin insert on the web page.

Is gossip a mortal sin?

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489).

When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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Catholic Services Appeal

THANKS to all who returned their Catholic Services Appeal envelope. Our goal and the amount pledged for each parish as of **April 14, 2021**:

St. Francis de Sales

\$ 25,671.00

32,106.13

\$ (6,435.13)

St. Joseph

\$ 12,404.00

9,210.00

\$ 3,194.00

St. Catherine of Alexandria

\$ 10,469.00

8,718.00

\$ 1,751.00

All pledges over and above our goal are returned to the parish for their use.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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