



St. Michael's

CATHOLIC CHURCH

05/09/2021

6th Sunday of Easter

Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

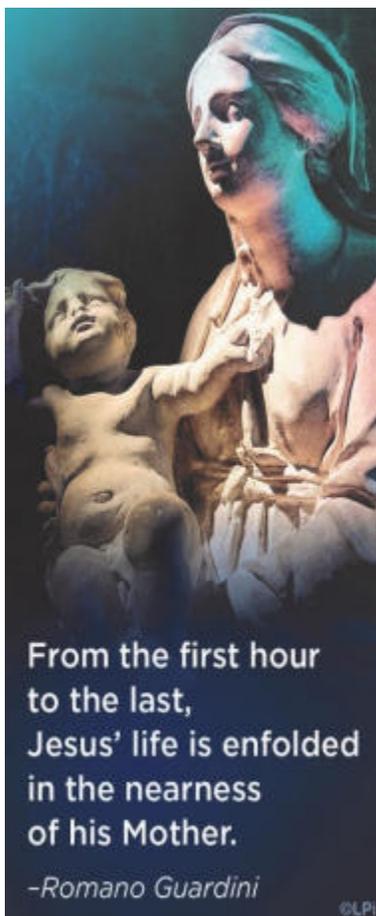
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20



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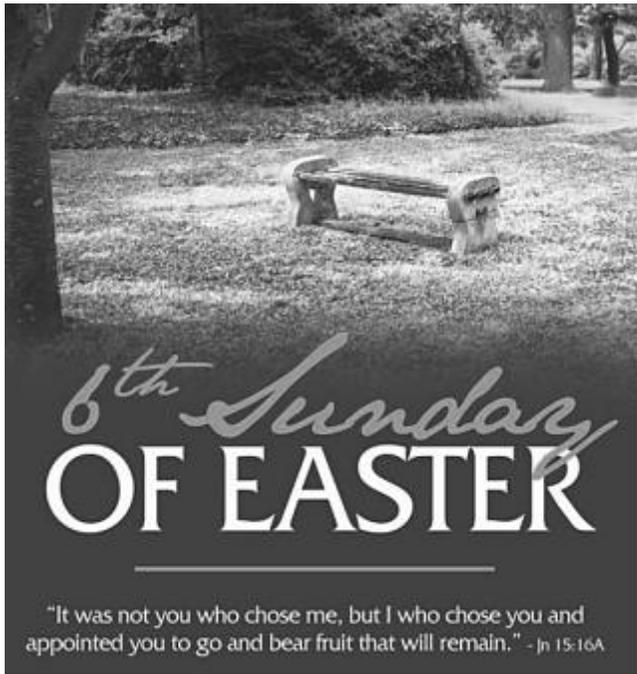
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am

St. Joseph's in Earling

Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am

Sunday 9:30 am



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF May 9, 2021

Monday, May 10, No Mass

Tuesday, May 11, 8:15 am Mass in memory of Cletus Schmitz

6:00 pm Finance Council Meeting in Parish Office Meeting Room

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting in Parish Office Meeting Room

Wednesday, May 12, 8:15 am Mass for Souls in Purgatory

6:30-7:30 pm DYG Jr High End of Year Celebration

Thursday, May 13, 12:00 Noon Mass for Teachers & All Students

Graduating in Shelby County

9:00 am Hearts & Hands Ministry in the Parish Office Meeting Rm

Friday, May 14, 8:15 am School Mass in memory of Leo Rau

Saturday, May 15, 9:00 am St. Isidore Mass in memory of Chris Blum

5:00 pm Mass in memory of Gene & Marion

Rosman & Edsel & Delores Carlson

Sunday, May 16, 9:30 am Mass in memory of George, Carolyn &

Lydia Kintner and for the people of St. Michael's

Food Pantry Collection

We collected 127 pounds of food & \$150.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Spring Non-Auction Fundraiser
\$32,658 Total Raised

Next Year's Fundraiser will be
March 19, 2022

Ministry Schedule

	May 15-16	Saturday 5:00	Sunday 9:30
Lector	Sharla Rau		Joan Chamberlain
Eucharistic Ministers	Cheryl Long (T) Roger Bissen Dea Ann Bissen		Elizabeth Schechinger (T) Kathy Campbell Dave Erlbacher
Servers	Ashlyn Rau Jack Rau Tim Goeser		Foxx Argotsinger Lily Bissen Bella Bissen
Musicians Cantors	John Rosman Rod Carlson		
Ushers	Jason Rau		Joann Miller

Where to Watch

St. Michael's Mass is televised on cable TV (HMU Channel 15 at 4:00 pm on Sunday & Wednesday, on Mediacom Channel 18 at 4:00 pm on Monday, and on FMCTC Channel 48 at 4:00 pm on Sunday.) Mass is also available as **livestream** or on demand on Harlan

Knights of Columbus channel on YouTube at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y4ax6z3g>

St. Michael's 9:30 AM Sunday Mass is **livestreamed** on Facebook:

St. Michael's Catholic Church - Harlan, IA

Remember the Sick

Gary Kenkel
 Charlotte Leinen
 Tami Rueschenberg
 Jennifer Anderson
 Gay Burgod
 Fr. Glen Wilwerding
 Carol Thompson
 Betty Markham

Danielle Keninger
 Becca (Kloewer) Fawkes
 Olivia Fawkes
 Dawson Fawkes
 Ethel Defenbaugh
 Tyler Bruck
 Janie Goeser

Sacrament Information

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4:00 P.M. Saturday or by Appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Is celebrated by request. Notify the office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the office to set a date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Wedding dates are set after initial interview with Father Dan.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Cletus “Bud” Weis of our parish

Hearts & Hands Ministry & Fellowship

Our sewing group will begin meeting again in May on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00 am. See you May 13 & May 27!

Catholic Daughters Court of St. Katherine

The May meeting will be held Thursday, May 13, 2021, at the Earling Parish Hall beginning with the Rosary at 6:45 pm in memory of our deceased Daughters. All women are invited to attend and learn more about this organization.

America Needs Fatima Devotion

America Needs Fatima Devotion will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm with Fr. Dan Gehler doing the Benediction at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth. This event is sponsored by Court St. Maria Goretti of the Catholic Daughters.

**Sunday, May 23, is Pentecost Sunday
PLEASE WEAR RED**

SCCS Mattress Sale

Sunday, May 23rd

**10 am—5 pm at Rosman Parish Center
Text SCCS to 531-247-7320 for more info**

St. Isidore Mass

The St. Isidore Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 15, at 9:00 am at St. Michael's. Come and honor St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers, and offer prayers of thanksgiving for our rural community. We will ask God's blessing for bountiful crops and gardens and all that is farm related. You may bring a container or small bottles will be available to take home to bless your fields and gardens.



GOSPEL MEDITATION -
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 9, 2021
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.

Defenders Youth Group & Family Formation – Summer break time :) Enjoy!

SR. JOYCE BLUM REFLECTION...

Continued from last week...

Sr. Joyce's response to the Pope's call to action. We can all be united in this journey through prayer and almsgiving. There is hope because Christ has been raised to NEW LIFE. Sister Joyce Blum, FSPA, will take a group possibly in June for a 2-3 week volunteer tour to Nogales, Arizona.



Congratulations to Neil & Jeanie Ferguson the Knights of Columbus raffle winner!

Neil & Jeanie received a BBQ grill and a \$100 meat bundle from the Fareway Meat Department. The proceeds from this fundraiser helped the Knights of Columbus purchase an Ultrasound Machine for the LC Clinic in Atlantic. Thanks to all who purchased a ticket!

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Thank you to the donors who have generously made a gift or pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have not made your gift or pledge, we ask you to pick up a pledge card from the pews. Prayerfully consider making a gift or pledge. The front of the pledge card is for a one time gift and the back is for a gift to be made over the next few months. We are getting closer to our ADA goal of \$50,334. As of April 30, \$37,380 has been given or pledged. We still need to raise \$12,954 to reach our goal. No donation is too small. Please return your pledge in the collection basket, bring or mail to the parish office, mail directly back to the diocese or give online at dmdiocese.org/giving.

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

St. Michael's Rosary Connection

Tuesday Evenings @ 7:00 pray the Rosary

on zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84216952573?>

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Feel free to invite friends

Apostolic Exhortation “Rejoice and Be Glad”



Rejoice and Be Glad

On this sixth Sunday of Easter We continue with Pope Francis’ Exhortation, Rejoice and be Glad. This week from Chapter 4 #132 he uses the word parrhesia again. This time he uses a paragraph to help us understand its deep meaning.

Parrhesia is a seal of the Spirit; it testifies to the authenticity of our preaching. It is a joyful assurance that leads us to glory in the Gospel we proclaim. It is an unshakeable trust in the faithful Witness who gives us the certainty that nothing can “separate us from the love of God” (Romans 8:39)

Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you’ve ever loved anyone, you know it’s also the hardest.

I’m man enough to admit it. I’ve seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they’re coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I’m not sure if it’s accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you’ve ever forgiven someone who’s hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant’s night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It’s something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

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