



May 15, 2022

SAINT PATRICK CLUSTER

Assumption & St. Patrick, Charlotte Immaculate Conception, Petersville St. Patrick, Delmar
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Lost Nation/Toronto SS. Mary & Joseph, Sugar Creek

St. Patrick Cluster Mission Statement—To become a synodal Church
in our Cluster through Communion, Participation and Mission

Upcoming Events

May 14—May Crowning- LN

May 15- Graduation Mass—SC

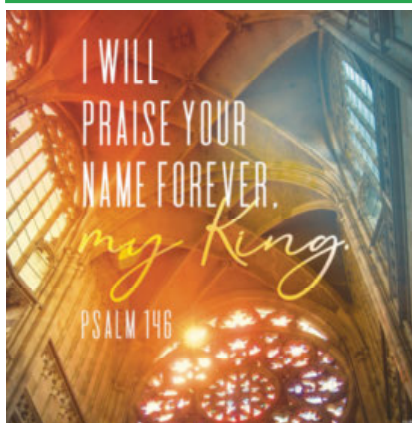
Early Bulletin Notice for June 5 -
Items due by May 27.



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you,
so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

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Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday, 5/14	8:00 am	Delmar	Earl & LaVonne Stevens
	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Tom Simmons
Sunday, 5/15	8:00 am	Sugar Creek	Father Bodkin
	10:00 am	Petersville	Paul Christiansen
Tuesday, 5/17	8:00 am	Lost Nation	Scott Benischek
Wednesday, 5/18	8:00 am	Charlotte	Irene Trenkamp
Thursday, 5/19	8:00 am	Petersville	Jeff Davis
Friday, 5/20	8:00 am	Sugar Creek	John & Dorothy Feller
	8:00 am	Delmar	Mary Davis
Saturday, 5/21	8:00 am	Delmar	Mary Davis
	5:00 pm	Toronto	Randall Sander
Sunday, 5/22	8:00 am	Charlotte	Rosie Biel
	10:00 am	Delmar	Elaine McDermott

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Office hours—Tuesday/Friday from 9:00 to 1:00

Bulletin Deadline is Tuesday at Noon. Please send items to the office email.

Mass Intentions— Send your mass intentions for all but OLHR to the office email or by mail. Checks should be made to Mass Stipend. OLHR intentions should be sent to Sue Zeller.

Baptism—Parents wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism need to attend Baptismal Class in the month prior to scheduling the Baptism. Please call Father Francis Odoom.

Marriage—Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must complete an approved course of training.

Confessions—One half hour before all scheduled Holy Masses or call Father Francis Odoom for appointment

Ministry of Care—Parishioners unable to attend mass can receive Holy Eucharist at home by contacting the office to arrange a convenient time for a visit.

Homebound—Please send names to the office email or call to help us make a list of all our homebound parishioners.

Follow Me

Jesus's original disciples literally followed him. They physically left jobs, families and homes to accompany him as he traveled around teaching and healing people. In today's world, Jesus is no longer here physically, so we cannot literally follow him in the same way those original disciples did. But we are still called to follow him as disciples.

That was Jesus's original command, "Follow me." He called the Apostles to leave everything behind and follow him. And they did! Then after three years, Jesus was going to leave them and he gave them a new command, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35) This, too, is our new command.

The command to love sounds wonderful so long as we can define what love means. All too often we try to define love on our own terms. When we do so, we tend to love those who are close to us like family and friends, or those who will appreciate our love and return it, or those whom we find it easy to love. In short, we like to choose the people we love rather than loving the people God places in our lives. But the love of Jesus teaches us a different standard.

Loving as Jesus loved is difficult and challenging. On Holy Thursday, Jesus washed the feet of the

disciples to give them an example of how to love; his example of love was humble, sacrificial, self-giving for those who need it and not just for those who appreciate it. That's our example to follow as well. We should also remember who was at the meal with Jesus, Judas and Peter. Judas, who he knew full well was about to betray him and Peter, who he knew was about to deny him. But Jesus still loved them both.

In this line from today's gospel, Jesus tells us that only when we love as he loved can we be a disciple. That's important for us to take note. Jesus didn't say disciples are people who memorize religious teachings, observe religious rules, perform religious acts of personal piety, or go to church on Sunday. All those things are well and good because they give us grace and lead us closer to God, but according to Jesus, the singular identifying quality of a disciple is that we love as he loved, which means we live out the faith we profess in our sacrificial love for God and neighbor.

When we allow the love of God to flow through us into the world, then we are allowing others to know God through us. That's what it means to evangelize! As Catholics, this is a challenging message and one that should cause us to re-examine how effectively we have been such disciples!

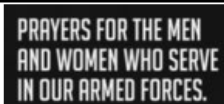
Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team

Two New Chalices for Charlotte

We are in need of two new chalices to help us distribute the Blood of Christ at Mass. A chalice costs between \$500—\$1000. If you wish to purchase one in memory of a loved one, we will have it engraved. Please send donations to the Cluster office in Delmar or give Fr. Francis a call. We appreciate your generosity!

St. Joseph's Church in Bellevue will resume their monthly euchre card party on Sunday, May 15th. Lunch will be served first at 6:00 p.m. with cards to follow at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 and includes lunch and prizes. All are welcome.

The picture to the right was taken Sunday, May 8 at Assumption/St. Patrick Church following the blessing of the graduates. In the picture from left to right are Hayden Lee son of Mark and Angie Lee, Father Francis, and Madison Messerich daughter of Terry and Lori Messerich. Arleth De La Cruz is also graduating, but was not present. She is the daughter of Judith De La Cruz. Congratulations to all!!



Pray and fast for an end of the war in Ukraine

The Holy Father has called for prayer and fasting to end the war in Ukraine. In times of trouble, we call on the tender mercy of God, to guide our feet to the way of peace (Luke 1:78-79). May our prayers, joined with those of people around the world, inspire leaders of nations to resolve conflicts through diplomatic means, assist our brothers and sisters in Ukraine who are facing devastation and fear, and prompt those waging war to cease their aggression and restore peace. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

-Bishop Thomas Zinkula

Monthly Mass Schedule

Month	Saturday 5:00	Sunday 8:00	Sunday 10:00
May	Lost Nation-4/30/ Toronto 5/7	Sugar Creek/ Charlotte	Petersville/ Delmar
June	Toronto/ Lost Nation	Delmar/ Sugar Creek	Petersville/ Charlotte

The first church in each box has mass on the first weekend of that month and the second church has mass on the second weekend and so on. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES IN JUNE!!



KEEP FORGIVING

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of May 15, 2022

- Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Observances for the week of May 15, 2022

- Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore
- Wednesday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Friday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Saturday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

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OUR SHEPHERDS -

Pope Francis, Bishop Thomas Zinkula, and Father Francis Odoom

THE AGED & INFIRM -

Boone Blanchard, Dee Colli, Malee Crider-Jensen, Donnie DeHeve, Tanner Dell, Melvin Duwa, Bill Edwards, John Frett, Brandi Gloeckner, Brian Hoffmann, Rich Kleineck, Gerald Koos, Gib Marcucci, Joan Reeser, Dean Ruel, Payce Reynolds, Fred Rieser, Connie Roling, Margaret Roling, Theresa Roling & Jonathon, Kayla Fuegen Sellers, Kale Schmidt, Bob Schroeder, Peg Schroeder, Darrell Stortz, "Stump", Teri Swanton, Leo Trenkamp, Marietta Trenkamp, Eldona Turney, Jose Walker, Eymard Wanzek Jr., John Worrell

The Pope's Intention for May

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat

To register by email contact: olpre-treat@chmiowa.org or call 563-374-1092.

Thurs, May 19 | 9:00am-3:00pm
An Old Crone Speaks, An Old Crone Listens
Helen Schiltz—We will tell stories, uncover their wisdom, then play with that wisdom in a variety of ways. Fee: \$35 includes meal

Thurs, May 19 | 6:00-8:00pm
ONLINE: "Meister Eckhart: A Mystic Warrior for Our Times" Meet the Author: Rev. Matthew Fox, PhD. We will explore and discuss some of Eckhart's rich teachings. Fee: \$20

Fri, May 20 | 11:00am-1:00pm Facebook Live:
UN World Bee Day—Bob "The Bee Man" Roe will take us on a virtual tour of the hives of bees living at The Prairie.

May 20-22 | Fri. 5:00pm – Sun. 2:00pm
"The Joy of Forgiveness" Meet the Author: Sandy Hoenig—Here you will journey through the stages of forgiveness to personal empowerment.
Fee: \$170 includes lodging and meals



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