

# St. Louise de Marillac

Catholic Parish • Warren, MI

May 2, 2021



*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**OF EASTER**

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“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.” - Jn 15:1A

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Welcome to worship as we continue to rejoice in the good news of Christ's resurrection. We carry worries even to worship. But our Good Shepherd says, "Fear not, little flock," for the Father gives us his kingdom (Luke 12:32).

If you are visiting with us today, we are very glad you came. Interested in becoming a parishioner at St. Louise? Contact our office at 586.751.3340.

**REFLECT**

**FIRST READING**  
(ACTS 9:26)

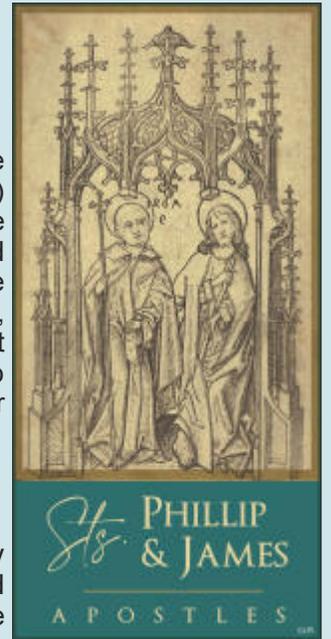
Luke tells us how the conversion of Saul (Paul) and the acceptance by the disciples of him helped facilitate peace in the Church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria. What do you think is needed to bring about peace in our Church today?

**SECOND READING**  
(1 Jn 3:23)

John teaches his community that believing in Jesus and loving one another is the heart of God's commandment. How would you assess yourself in following this two-fold command?

**GOSPEL READING**  
(Jn 15:5)

Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus urges His disciples to "remain in me" in order to bear good fruit and thereby glorify God. What would be some examples of "good fruit" that you have produced?



**MISSION STATEMENT:** St. Louise de Marillac Parish is a Christ-centered Community committed to worship, service and the development of our faith. Through the sacraments we are empowered to embrace the future, welcome people from diverse backgrounds and follow the example of our patroness, St. Louise de Marillac, serving the spiritual and temporal needs of others.

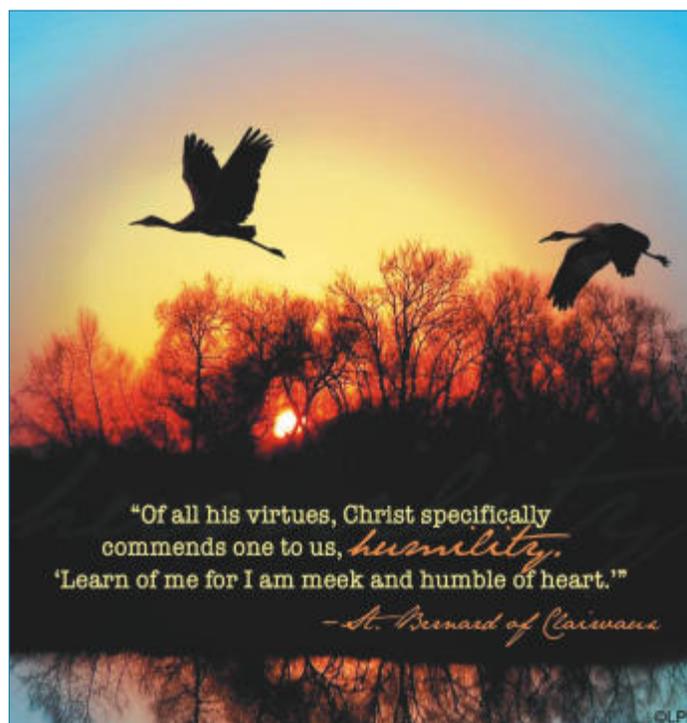


## St. Louise Happenings



Due to low interest as well as other unforeseen circumstances that are out of our control, The Acts of the Apostles: Discipleship and Mission With Christ bible study scheduled to start on April 29, has been canceled. Please stay tuned and check the bulletin for future information.

Fr. Andrew  
Julia Czarnecki



### GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



"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.

# St. Louise Happenings



## Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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### HOLY ROSARY PARTICIPATION

Please join us in the recitation of the Holy Rosary after Mass during the week. What a beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother.

The rosary will not be said after the Masses on the weekends in order to allow time to properly clean the church for the next Mass.

In addition to reciting the rosary in church, consider offering up a spiritual gift for our country by reciting the rosary, or at least a decade, at 7 pm

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please follow these simple steps when using your offertory envelopes:

**PLEASE:**

- **DO NOT** Staple your checks to your envelope.
- **DO NOT** Use tape, stickers and other adhesives to seal your envelope. (There is adhesive already on the seal of the envelope)
- **DO NOT** Use more than ONE check for previous weeks that you did not attend church. **Add up your weekly donation for the week(s) that you missed and write one check for the total amount and use the current week envelope.**
- **PLEASE** Check off the amount of your donation on the envelope or write it in if the amount you are donating is not listed.
- **PLEASE** Use the designated envelopes in your envelope packet for other special donations other than the weekly offertory envelopes.

### CLIENT CHOICE PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Faustina's St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. They are operating on Monday and Tuesday by appointment with curbside pick-up during COVID-19. The current needs are JELLY, PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED SOUP, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED TUNA AND CHICKEN, VEGETABLES and BOXED CEREAL. Paper goods are also welcome.



Thank you.

## Grateful Giving - Joyful Living

Stewardship Update as of	4/25/21
Weekly Offering Goal	\$7,100
Weekly Offering Received	\$7677
<small>(Weekly Offering Rec'd includes WeShare, Christmas, Holy Week &amp; Easter Donations)</small>	
Capital Improvement/Utilities	\$71
YTD - Budget	\$302,716
YTD - Actual	\$313,090
<small>(YTD Actual includes Holy Mass collection plus WeShare, Christmas, Holy Week &amp; Easter Donations)</small>	

# St. Louise Happenings

## Community Prayer List

*Let us pray for our sick and continue to hold in our hearts and minds those who cannot be here today:*

Rebecca Alagar	Steven Laudicina
Baby Isabella	Al & Pat Mandel
Joyce Buehner	Barbara Mezzapelle
Terrie Cervera Family	Penny Molony
Jim Crepeau	Barbara Montalvo Family
Kevin Crepeau	Ted Niedbala
Jim Dodge, Jr.	Julia Nowicki
Rita Dodge	Rita Olano
Jude Lynn Trembley-Dulong	Evelyn Osepchuk
Gloria Dycoco	Mark Paterson
Tony Fachione	Priscilla Podowski
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Aurora Grafilo	Teodocia Quendangan
Elvira Grafilo	Msgr. Thomas Rice
Aiden Hassig	Olivia Rokicki
Myrna T. Hernaez	Robert Shelepets
Leonila Jimenez	Jan Skarb
Gloria Kelly	Janet Trabucchi
Zoë Kinsella Johnson	Mary Ellen Tyszka
Cindy Kolar	Helen Walczak
Pete Laudicina	Eleanor Weathers

### REMINDER

If your name or the name of a loved one has been removed from this list and is still in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 586.751.3340 to be placed on the list for another month.

## In Our Prayers

Almighty Lord,  
Cover your children with your  
sovereign hand, bring restoration and  
healing to their bodies.  
In Jesus name, Amen.

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, May 4, 2021

12 Noon Michael Vivona (2nd Anniv) by Donald and Marilyn Plungis  
Constance Wilkelis by Norbert and Betty Skorupski

### Thursday, May 6, 2021

12 Noon Anna Marquez by Elvira Grafilo

### Friday, May 7, 2021

12 Noon Bill Summers Jr by Family  
Kazimier Boryn by Helen Banas

### Saturday, May 8, 2021

4 pm Lawrence and Marilyn Thompson by Family  
Lottie Nalette by Helen Walczak

### Sunday, May 9, 2021

9:30 am Constance Wilkelis by Paul and JoAnn Padyiasek  
Andrew Hercula and Family by Donna Trombley  
Cindy Kolar - Special Intention by Father

## Calendar of

### Monday, May 3, 2021

Faith Formation All Levels 5:15 - 6:45 pm

### Tuesday, May 4, 2021

No Activities Planned

### Wednesday, May 5, 2021

No Activities Planned

### Thursday, May 6, 2021

No Activities Planned

### Friday, May 7, 2021

No Activities Planned

### Saturday, May 8, 2021

Reconciliation 9:45 - 10:30 am

### Sunday, May 9, 2021

No Activities Planned



An angel says---

... always believe the best in everyone- it's so much easier than trying to figure them out.

# Kids Activities



## GOSPEL

When you go into a strange place, you like to stay close to your parents. You trust them to keep you safe. Jesus wants you to stay close to him every day. Jesus is your vine. You are one of his branches. Learn his teachings and obey them. When you stay close to Jesus and follow his commandments, you can pray for whatever you want, and God the Father will answer your prayers.

## PRAYER

Jesus, help me stay close to you and follow your commandments.



## PUZZLE

Which picture name begins with this letter?  
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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## MISSION

I will love God more than anything and love my neighbors as myself.

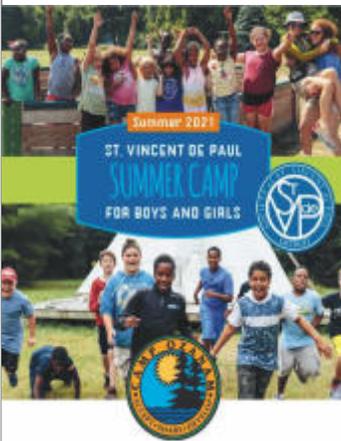




**AQUINAS COLLEGE VISIT DAYS**

Aquinas College welcomes high school students to our campus for our upcoming AQDay on Friday, May 7. Experience firsthand what it means to be a Saint! Events include an overview of the college and a campus tour. See our mission in action and how small is indeed mighty! Details and registration can be found at [aquinas.edu/visit](http://aquinas.edu/visit).

**LOOKING FOR CAMPERS**



St. Vincent de Paul is offering a "Camp" experience to children ages 8-14 at Camp Ozanam, located on the shores of Lake Huron, 85 miles north of Detroit. Camp Ozanam is a wilderness adventure where kids can participate in activities like swimming, arts & crafts, sports, camp fires, and so much more.

There is no cost to the camper. They have put Covid 19 protocols in place. Information and registration are online, [www.svdpdetroit.org/campozeanam](http://www.svdpdetroit.org/campozeanam) or call the parish line at 586-751-3340 ext. 309.

Emergency preparedness is important. The following website offers a guide:

[community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/emergency-financial-first-aid-kit](http://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/emergency-financial-first-aid-kit)

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

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