



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

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

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## *LaCuesta's Quest*

If you follow sports—or better yet, if you’ve played them—you know that there are basically two kinds of players. (I’m not talking about good players and not-so-good players!) I’m thinking about the quiet ones and the talkers. Some players go about their business on the court or field or ice without saying a word. They don’t yell at referees or umpires, they don’t taunt the other team, they don’t brag after a game. They just play hard and let their actions speak for themselves. But some players never STOP talking! Before a game they babble on about how they are going to beat the other team, or make sure their listeners know how great they are. During games they scream at officials and sometimes even at players on their own team. And they continually try to get in the “ear” of the opponent (“trash-talking”).

Now, some players perform at a level equal to the talk and when that happens, opponents are more likely to accept all the “confidence”. It’s the performance that garners the respect of the competition. But if someone continually runs his mouth and doesn’t come through, it’s a much different story (especially when they give a hundred excuses as to why it happened). In that case, the person looks kind of foolish and opponents have a really hard time respecting that person. When a person acts that way, we often think (or say), “*Well, he sure TALKS a good game!*” Of course, what’s meant by that statement is that the words and the actions of that person don’t match. The words are...empty.

“*Children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and truth.*” So says St. John in the opening line of the Reading (cf. 1 John 3:18-24) at Mass this Sunday. We must remember that, in the earliest days of Christianity, all they had was a great story to tell. And for how incredible that story was, the words themselves would not be enough. What people would respond to was the DIFFERENCE that belief made in the lives of those first Christians. It wouldn’t be *ok* to simply SAY the right things. No, for the Gospel message to be embraced by all who heard it proclaimed, they would need to also see the impact of the speaker’s beliefs fleshed out in concrete ways. St. John seems to have known that (to use modern language), talking a good game would not be enough. Believers would have to “produce

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## Pray for our Sick

Please remember to pray for the sick of our parish especially: G.P.A. B. & K. Anderson, Christine Anne, Chloe Arnold, M. B., Sue B., John Barber, Beth Bartja, Lisa Benore, Dave Beutler, Larry & Susan Bialecki, Sue Bomyea, John Boissy, Ava Burkey, S.C., Sue Chitwood, Bernadine Cisarik, Seth Clark, Howard Cook, Dcn. George Cousino, Patricia Davis, Tom Dieter, Bob & Ruth Drudge, Ron DuVall, D. & A. E., Charles Esteves, Jim Etts, Maryann Fisher, Caroline Flaczynski, J. Flanagan, Tom & Joanne Foster, Carollee Gilmore, Florence Grandowicz, David Greer, Gayle Grove, Sharon Grycza, A.L.H., Nan Hankenhof, Doris Hervieux, Shannon Huber, Cheryl Hilty-Huth, Thelma Humphrys, Jessica Jenkins, Virginia Johnson, Jacob Kahn, Gloria Karczewski, C. & M. Kehoe, Rich & Lexie Kopas, Tom Kosek, Dick Laurell, Vicki LaValle, Josh LaVigne, Madeline & Mary Lemerand, Laura Lorenzo, Katie M., Dee Masters, Nick McCoy, Tim Marino, Regina Meszaros, Linda Michael, Vickie Mickens, Betty Miller, Joseph Mitchell, Rick & Madeline Mitchell, Amanda Moore, Ken & Lynn Muntz, Patricia Novembre, James Nyhan IV, Carita Pakulski, David Perry, Margie Perzynski, Lucille Pirrone, Jamie Poupard, Marie Rakolta, Crystal Regnier, Lou Rosser, Mary Russell, Joe Rutkowski, G.S., Joan Salisbury, Sandra, Pat Schoenrad, Paul Schornack, Joe Seager, Ernestine Slaviero, Tracy Smith, Jill Stoll, Barbara Szczurek, Christy Szymanski, Tenney Family, Alice Truna, Erick Urbaniak, Cheryl Usery, Cindy Vebenstad, Andy Vebenstad Jr., L.W., M. Walentowski, Ralph Wenski, Frank & Roberta Wesolowski, Anna Woronec, Hazel Young, and Tom Zoldowski.

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

**\*Weekend Masses:** Saturday, 4:30 PM;  
Sunday, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

**\*Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat, 9:00AM.  
Church open daily until 2:00PM (no Thurs & Sat).

**Confession:** by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

**Baptism and weddings:** Prearrangement required.  
Call the Parish Office for details.

Facemask & social distancing required at all Masses.

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Monetary donations are also being accepted. Checks should be payable to: K of C 8902.



## Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with the streaming of our Sunday Masses (during Mass).

You would need to be comfortable using a computer. Training will be provided. No experience necessary.

Please call or email the parish if you'd like to help, 734-847-2805; olmc@bex.net

## Flowers for Our Lady

The flowers donated in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel are provided this week by Bonnie Baker in memory of Joseph & Delphine Urbaniak.

To donate flowers and have your intentions lifted up in prayer, sign-up at the church bulletin board, or contact the parish: 734-847-2805; olmc@bex.net

## Your Envelope Speaks...

### Last Weekend:

Budgeted Weekly	\$	9,500
Actual	\$	9,552
Over/Under	\$	52
Budget YTD	\$	408,500
Actual YTD	\$	382,267
Over/Under YTD	\$	- 26,233

*We thank God for you!*

Thanks for your continued

*"I am the vine, you  
are the branches.  
Whoever remains in  
me and I in him will  
bear much fruit,  
because without me  
you can do  
nothing."*

— Jn 15:5



Congratulations to the following students who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday, April 25:

Ronald Conrad  
Zachary Erwin  
Dane Holzemer  
Bryce Muck  
Daniel Pecorella  
McKinley Reaume  
Emelia Schmidt  
Mary Grace Swartz  
Evie Walentowski  
James Zuchowski

## Welcome Back!

If you're joining us for the first time since the dispensation was lifted, we remind you that face coverings are required during Mass. This is for your protection as well for those around you.

We are also trying to maintain 6 foot distancing. If you are not sure where you should be sitting, please ask an usher for help. Thank you!



*(LaCuesta's Quest Continued...)*

on the field" with day-to-day choices that showed others that their words weren't simply that—words.

Don't we often fall into that trap? Don't we sometimes simply "talk" a good game? I pray for people to not go hungry, but do I do anything to actually feed someone? I get up before the community and talk about the necessity of being forgiving people, but I know that I'm not quite as kind to people who have hurt me. I say that all people are precious to God, yet often pre-judge people before I even get to know them. I often talk about the importance of giving from our want and not just from our excess, yet I don't deny myself much. And I go on-and-on about how everything we do must be done out of love, yet know that my motives are almost always mixed. Yes, I talk a good game, but...

The Gospel Reading (*cf. John 15:1-8*) we heard is familiar to us all. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. There is an intimate connection between us, a bond that sustains us. This metaphor is summed up by Jesus in his beautiful words, "*Remain in me, as I remain in you.*" And that really gets at the heart of the matter.

My friends, our faith teaches us some pretty incredible things. That God became one of us...died for us...rose from the dead and is alive. But there is one more thing that is just as incredible: God doesn't just live "out there" somewhere. He dwells in you and in me! And that makes all the difference in the world. Let's make sure that our faith isn't just words, or just beliefs that rattle around in our heads. Rather, let's make sure that our faith is a living faith—one that shapes the choices we make, one that allows God in each of us be poured into the world through the loving thing we do. Then no one will be able to say that we just talk a good game!

— Fr. Don A. LaCuesta

## Masses for the Week

### Monday, May 3

9:00 AM † Jerry Walcher

### Tuesday, May 4

9:00 AM † Mike Moreau

### Wednesday, May 5

9:00 AM † Edward & Blanche Profancik

### Thursday, May 6

NO Mass

### Friday, May 7

9:00 AM † Karen Buchelt-Montri

### Saturday, May 8

9:00 AM † Thomas Karczewski (1st Anniv)

4:30 PM † Edmund Bush  
† Deceased of  
Dogan- Cisarik Family  
† Pete Zaums

### Sunday, May 9—Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM  
† Rita Drabek  
† Evelyn Nowak  
† Ida O'Connor

11:00 AM  
† Valerie Benore  
† Joe Keane  
† David McCormick

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### YouTube Sunday Mass:


[OLMC-Temperance, MI](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOLMC-Temperance-MI)

## Readings for the week

### Week of May 3

Mon: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14  
Tue: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a  
Wed: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8  
Thu: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11  
Fri: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17  
Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21  
Sun: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17





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