



ST. PRISCILLA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 02, 2021



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“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

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 02, 9:00 AM

† Holy Souls of Purgatory
 † Curtis Pickens by Randy & Laurie Dalziel
 † Raymond Bernard Elam by Maryann Waskelis & Kevin Waskelis
 † Franco Ledda Jr by Antonina Ledda & Family
 † Enrico & Ida Canini by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, MAY 02, 11:00 AM

The People of St. Priscilla
 † Cecelia Kermode by Kay Kermode
 † Germaine Allen by Parish
 † Domenico Colone by Mario Colone
 † Claudio Colone by Mario Colone

SUNDAY, MAY 02, 1:00 PM

Thomas Balleza by Family

MONDAY, MAY 03, 8:00 AM

† Carol Cash by Parish

TUESDAY, MAY 04, 8:00 AM

† Maureen Dunlap by Parish

THURSDAY, MAY 06, 7:00 PM

† Madelena Seu by Silvana Carta

FRIDAY, MAY 07, 8:00 AM

† Deceased Mbrs Beauchamp & Martin Families
 by Barb Beauchamp

SATURDAY, MAY 08, 4:30pm

Mike & Maryann Jenkins by Joe Zeniewicz
 Melinda Golonka (Birthday) by Amy Golonka
 † Holy Souls of Purgatory
 † Valerie Sinnamon by Bonnie Pictryka
 † Enrico & Ida Canini by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, MAY 09, 9:00 AM

Milissa & Dave Toth by Pat Donnelly
 † Dorothy Skowronek by husband, John
 † Giovanni Ledda by Antonina Ledda
 † Sally Fournier by husband, Bob
 † Enrico & Ida Canini by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, MAY 09, 11:00 AM

The People of St. Priscilla
 Rosalie Wolicki
 † Angie Ferracciolo by Family
 † Cecelia Kermode by Kay Kermode
 † Angelina Colone by Mario Colone

SUNDAY, MAY 09 1:00 PM

† Helen Haldas by Family

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sally Hutsko	Jim Pongracz	
Michael Di Capua	Pete Arciero	
Lauren Bloetscher	Antonio Gabbana	
Debbie Picano	Ned Rice	
Judy Pyrkosz	Kenneth Ricer	
Barry Broden	Connie Lark	
David Nowak	Rose Schmidt	
Linda Nowak		

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Natalie Yurgil	Coast Guard
Benjamin Schmidt	Air Force
Brent Vann	Army
Brian Golonk	Army
Jacob Stanton	Marines
Kyle Nelson	Marines

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Mafalda Fogolini, Edward Butkiewicz & Diane Novotny

REVISED

To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office at 248-476-4700. Names of the sick will be listed for 3-Months unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

SERVICE MEMBER FAMILIES

Call us to add your ACTIVE DUTY spouse, child or grandchild.



**Each Monday following
Morning Mass**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Eucharistic Adoration
Benediction at 7:00PM
Followed by Prayers to St. Joseph**

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."

-St. Maximilian Kolbe

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THE CATHOLIC MASS SHOW

Prior to the coronavirus, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) had a firm screen time recommendation of 1 hour for young children. One hour of TV or tablet time. The rest of the day should be spent playing and learning. Well (obviously) that recommendation has gone out the window and now the AAP just encourage parents to limit the screen time as much as possible.

I still vividly recall the *hours* of time my children spent in front of the TV or a screen during the initial weeks of the shutdown. EVERYTHING was on a screen—even Mass. For a majority of this school year, school remained on a screen for children. And our catechism program this past year was no exception. The students that are celebrating their First Holy Communion today prepped by watching videos to learn the material and being quizzed online. In addition to the videos, we had monthly Google Meets to discuss various teachings in the Church—more screen time.

The danger with all the screen time goes beyond the blue light of the screen. Watching something on a screen—no matter what it is—makes our brain expect entertainment. This also threatens the children’s understanding of the sacrament. The Eucharist is the center of Mass. That is the celebration—not a uplifting homily that has us standing up, cheering, and clapping. And the sacrament is not a form of entertainment. Thankfully, the parents of these 8 children all understand the meaning and sacrifice behind the Eucharist and thus, the children aren’t expecting a show with lights and a concert. Receiving communion for the first time is special in its own right! You know what else is special? Receiving Holy Communion next week. And the week after. And every single week until we can no longer physically accept it and we must rely on a priest anointing us on our death bed.

Tomorrow is a challenge because as these young children grow, their relationship with Jesus will change. They will

question their faith. They will feel distant from God and distant from the Church. And because the Mass is not full of colorful light shows and endless feel good prayers, teens and young adults can easily turn away. The viewpoint of those teens seeking entertainment (and all of us used to the entertainment from screens) ...“my friend’s church is a lot of fun, I’ll go there instead.”

Here, in the doors of the Catholic Church, we party too. But our party is different because our party is an image of the Mass God intended through Sacred Scripture. We party like it is the night before Jesus’ death on the cross. I don’t recall lightshows and dancing at the Last Supper in the Bible.

The mystery of the Mass is challenging to grasp which is why we must rely on our faith. As children learning about the Holy Eucharist, it can sound pretty crazy and kind of like a magic show. As we age, our faith in miracles begins to diminish, the excitement of the miracle happening at the altar fades, and we unknowingly create a void. We then want to fill the void with flashy Masses. We begin to struggle to grasp onto the beauty of the Mass so then we tell our Creator that He should change the Mass displayed in the Bible to what we desire—more lightshows, please.

When we enter the church doors for Mass, we must remember that we don’t come in here to be entertained. We don’t come here for pats on the back. We come here to be one with our Savior, Jesus Christ. We come here to spend an hour (yes, sometimes a little more) a week to sit with God and thank Him for all the gifts we are given. We ask for forgiveness for the gifts we took for granted, the gifts we denied, and whatever else troubles our hearts. Every Mass is a special day for us because we become closer to God! For these 8 children, today is the first day of the rest of their union with Christ! Praise be to God! Let us not only pray for them today, but each week, that they continue to find the beauty that is before them at the altar table.

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Emily Brock
Adrian Jedrzejewski
Max Loar
Austin Nunoo
Alyssa Suggs
Julie Toth
Ian Trelfa

Stephen Wesley

FIRST READING

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.

He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the Lord. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the Lord that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

ALLELUIA JN 15:4A, 5B

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



GOSPEL Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already

pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

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. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE

by Mary Rice and Ned Rice

Why did God make me? To **know** him, to love him, to serve him in this world and to be happy with him in the next. This simple question has an answer that would rock the world if it were followed! In Scripture, the word, **know**, is not limited to having information about someone. Your experience of a person [your best friend, for example] is practically impossible to put into words.

St. Augustine, in his early days of searching for meaning in life, demanded absolute certainty in religious and spiritual matters. After long years of study, searching, and going down wrong paths, finally succumbed to the truth of the human inability to understand God. As John says today: *God is greater than our hearts and knows everything* (1 John 3:20).

John speaks of *confidence in God*, to believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ. The word *confidence* comes from the Latin *con fides* or with faith. A few verses later John says: *the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit that he gave us* (1 John 3:24b). Can we prove that God's spirit is in us or do our deeds and truth testify to the presence of the Spirit within us?

LET US LOVE NOT IN WORD OR SPEECH BUT IN DEED AND TRUTH (1 John 3:18).

A close relative of mine fits this description of love. He speaks very little—no small talk or chatter. Like many quiet persons, he is a great listener. When you least expect it, he will show up with a personalized or handmade gift that is just the right answer to a need in your home or yard. Don't try to thank him, much less pay for the expense of the gift. These gestures are a way of life. It's what you **do** to show love and concern.

John tells his congregation that you will receive from him (God) whatever we ask if we have confidence in God. His listeners knew exactly what he meant; not some vague idea of being nice but specific commandments handed down from the time of Moses and honored as standards of right living through the ages.

The commandments are not a series of do-nots but guidelines of conduct to insure honesty and goodness in human society. Mutual trust is essential for a family or community. Therefore, love that is expressed in truth means never questioning motives or honesty.

The guidance of the Holy Spirit gives us the assurance that he remains in us (1 John 3:4). Will the presence of the Holy Spirit make us good listeners *who love in deed and in truth*?

Remember Eliza in *My Fair Lady*?

Don't talk of love...show me. Show me now!!

READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY, 05/03

1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

TUESDAY, 05/04

Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13, 21 Jn 14:27-31

WEDNESDAY, 05/05

Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

THURSDAY, 05/06

Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

FRIDAY, 05/07

Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10, 12 Jn 15:12-17

SATURDAY, 05/08

Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1-3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

SUNDAY, 05/09

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



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St. VINCENT de PAUL

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

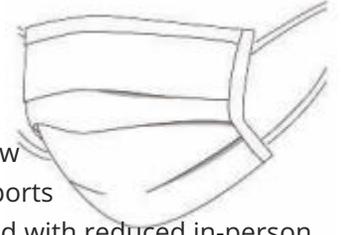
Microwave popcorn, Jelly & Spaghetti sauce

Cleaning out your closets? Bring your CLEAN and GENTLY USED items to the StVdeP Clothing Donation Box near the rectory. **Anything placed on the ground will be thrown away.**

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

Mary Pugliese, RN

It's Time To Make the Most of Mask Wearing



Love them or loathe them, masks have become a critical part of the world's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. They keep the coronavirus from spreading from person to person, allow people to go to work and school safely, and make it safer to see friends and relatives, play sports and go shopping. Of course, masks aren't the only tool against the coronavirus. But combined with reduced in-person gatherings, widely available testing and greater attention to hand washing and disinfecting surfaces, masks have really made a difference.

1. Keep wearing your face mask. Every time you're near someone who you don't live with, you should be wearing a mask. Make sure your mask goes over your mouth and nose, and that there aren't gaps along the sides or at the top of your nose. If you wear glasses, tuck the mask under the bottoms of the lenses. Once you put a mask on, try to avoid touching it except when it's time to take it off.

2. Even after you get vaccinated for COVID, keep wearing your mask. While current COVID vaccines have great efficacy, they are still not 100% effective. The first vaccines require two doses, several weeks apart, to take full effect. And even after your second dose your immune system needs a week or two to ramp up fully to fight the coronavirus if you get exposed.

3. Wash your cloth masks often. After you go out for a walk with a friend, or to the grocery store, your mask is potentially contaminated with any viruses you breathed out or ones you would have otherwise breathed in. Plus there's all the moisture you breathed out, which is full of bacteria that could grow in the fabric, making it smell bad and contributing to acne breakouts.

4. Limit reuse of disposable masks - use one for a day at most and then discard. Throw them in the trash (not on the ground, please) after using them for a few hours, or if they get torn, dirty or become damp.

5. Choose the thickest mask you can tolerate. The more layers of fabric in your face mask, the better - two at the very least. The less-stretchy the fabric, the better, since stretching means holes can open between fibers. Or, choose the kind with a removable disposable filter between the layers of fabric.

6. No face masks with valves. If you have cloth masks with valves - little round areas where air flows more freely - throw them out or only wear them over a disposable mask. By themselves, they don't protect the people around you because the valve allows your germs to get out.

DATE	LECTOR	EMHC
May 08 4:30 PM	Jo Gateley	J Gallagher S Stencil
May 09 9:00 AM	M Cheruvathur T Allam	L Zinn R Dalziel
May 09 11:00 AM	B Hargan P Kidd	A Haapala D Iannarelli
May 09 1:00 PM	Extraordinary Form (Latin Traditional)	

MARY'S HELPERS MAY 2021

05/04 Cathy Karasinski
05/11 Vi Hanis & Dorothy Iannarelli
05/18 Marge Kelley
05/25 Marilyn Gallagher & JJ Gallagher

USHER SCHEDULE

May 2021

Saturday Team A

Sunday Team A



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2021 PARISH CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our Target for 2021	\$46,961
Pledges as of 04/23	1,800
Shortfall	45,161
Number of Donors	3

The 2021 Catholic Services Appeal Contribution Statements have been mailed. Please note that your return envelope is addressed to Minnesota where all of our Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA donations will be processed.

2020 Contribution UPDATE

Pledge payments received by 05/31/2021 will be applied to the 2020 CSA year. St. Priscilla could still receive a refund of \$3060 if all 2020 pledges are received by that date.

Target for 2020	\$43,505
Pledged	46,565
Paid to Date	43,079
Shortfall	426
Number of Donors	174

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM
Sunday - 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
& 1:00 PM Extraordinary Form
Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 8:00 AM
Thursday - 7:00 PM
Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:30 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
3rd Sunday of Month 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying the Parish Office.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Immediately following 8:00 AM Holy Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoration - All day
Benediction & Repose - 7:00 PM

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the office to register for a Baptism Preparation Class.

OUR MISSION:

We, the people of St. Priscilla Parish, grounded in the Word of God and Sacred Tradition, find strength and joy in the transforming power of Christ's sacrificial love as manifested in the Eucharist. We commit ourselves to lifelong spiritual formation, compassionate service, evangelization and the generous sharing of God's gifts with our parish family and the community at large.