

A golden chalice stands on the left, and a broken Eucharistic host lies in front of it on a purple cloth. The text is overlaid on the image.

This is My body
which is given for you;
do this
in remembrance
of Me.

ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH MAY 5, 2019
HAMBURG, IA.

Easter Sunday was two weeks ago now, but Easter Time extends for fifty days, giving us a lengthy period to fully celebrate all the ways in which God brings new life into the world. As trees bud and flowers bloom, as days grow long and the weather warms, we glory in the new life emerging around us. As is written in the opening antiphon, "Cry out with joy to God, all the earth." Alleluia!

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Cycle C -- Reflections on the Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14;
John 21:1-19

Theme: Courage Under Pressure

When he was seven years old, his family was forced out of their home on a legal technicality, and he had to work to help support them. At age nine, his mother died. At twenty-two, he lost his job as a store clerk. He wanted to go to the law school, but his education wasn't good enough. At twenty-three, he went into debt to become a partner in small store. At twenty-six, his business partner died, leaving him a huge debt that took years to repay. At twenty-eight, after courting a girl for four years, he asked her to marry him. She said 'no'. at thirty-seven, on his third try, he was elected to the congress, but two years later, he failed to be reelected. At forty-one, his four-year-old son died. At forty-five, he ran for the Senate and lost. At forty-seven, he failed as the vice-presidential candidate. At forty-nine, he ran for the Senate again and lost. At fifty-one, he was elected president of the United States. His name was Abraham Lincoln, a man many consider as one of the greatest leaders of the world. *Failures never seemed to have discourage Lincoln.*

Today's readings, however, salute individuals who know success only after traveling the rocky road marked failure.

The twenty-first chapter of John closes out this gospel. Today's passage features Peter, a man who knew failure along the road of discipleship. Three times Jesus tells Peter to feed and tend the sheep. This is a reminder of Israel's kings who were often cast in the role of shepherd (see Ezekiel 34:2,10).

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THE DISCIPLES WENT FISHING

The disciples had seen the risen Lord at Jerusalem, and they were instructed to go back to Galilee and there Jesus would meet them. Peter, being a man of action, proposed to go for fishing. He was accompanied by six of the disciples. They went to work and there they found the risen Lord. We, too, will meet the Lord during the performance of our duties.

THE DISCIPLES SEEMED TO LABOR IN VAIN

The disciples had labored the whole night, but they caught nothing. Cast after cast was made, and time and time again the nets were drawn in and nothing was found except twigs and mud. What a laborious waste their efforts had been! As their hopes were fading, it is then that they heard the voice of Jesus, which they did not recognize, saying, "Lads! Have you any fish? And they answered, 'No'.

Wearied body and wet cloths, and empty nets are the lots we often experience in our lives. But we are called in life, not to give up. Even if the last cast has brought in nothing, we need to try again. Our fishing nets and boats may be empty, but if we heed His voice and cast our nets once again, our nets, too, would be filled to the breaking point.

Peter had denied Jesus. Jesus not only forgave his sin but conferred upon him ultimate responsibility for the flock. Peter learned his lesson well; he would imitate Jesus the rest of his life even to the point of giving that life as a martyr.

Heroes aren't supposed to fail. The psalmist, Peter, and Jesus teach us how that type of hero is fantasy. We live in a real world where weakness and imperfection are the human condition. Even in the face of our greatest failures, there is a new and brighter tomorrow, because we know that Christ is risen!

Not exactly a joke, but worth sharing.....

Jack took a long look at his speedometer before slowing down: 73 in a 55 zone. Fourth time in as many months. How could a guy get caught so often?

When his car had slowed to 10 miles an hour, Jack pulled over, but only partially. Let the cop worry about the potential traffic hazard. Maybe some other car will tweak his backside with a mirror.

The cop was stepping out of his car, the big pad in hand.

Bob? Bob from Church?

Jack sunk farther into his trench coat. This was worse than the Coming ticket. A Christian cop catching a guy from his own church. A guy who happened to be a little eager to get home after a long day at the office. A guy he was about to play golf with tomorrow.

Jumping out of the car, he approached a man he saw every Sunday, a man he'd never seen in uniform.

"Hi, Bob. Fancy meeting you like this."

"Hello, Jack." No smile.

"Guess you caught me red-handed in a rush to see my wife and kids."

"Yeah, I guess so."

Bob seemed uncertain. Good. "I've seen some long days at the office lately. I'm afraid I bent the rules a bit -- just this once."

Jack toed at a pebble on the pavement. "Diane said something about roast beef and potatoes tonight. Know what I mean?"

"I know what you mean. I also know that you have a reputation in the precinct."

Ouch. This was not going in the right direction. Time to Change tactics.

"What'd you clock me at?"

"Seventy. Would you sit back in your car please?"

"Now wait a minute here, Bob. I checked as soon as I saw you. **To Pg. 5....**

I was barely nudging 65." The lie seemed to come easier with every ticket.

"Please, Jack, in the car."

Flustered, Jack hunched himself through the still-open door. Slamming it shut, he stared at the dash board. He was in no rush to open the window.

The minutes ticked by. Bob scribbled away on the pad. Why hadn't he asked for a driver's license? Whatever the reason, it would be a month of Sundays before Jack ever sat near this cop again. A tap on the door jerked his head to the left. There was Bob, a folded paper in hand. Jack rolled down the window a mere two inches, just enough room for Bob to pass him the slip.

"Thanks." Jack could not quite keep the sneer out of his voice. Bob returned to his police car without a word. Jack watched his retreat in the mirror.

Jack unfolded the sheet of paper. How much was this one going to cost? Wait a minute. What was this? Some kind of joke? Certainly not a ticket. Jack began to read:

"Dear Jack, once upon a time I had a daughter. She was six when killed by a car. You guessed it -- a speeding driver. A fine and three months in jail, and the man was free. Free to hug his daughters. All three of them. I only had one, and I'm going to have to wait until Heaven before I can ever hug her again. A thousand times I've tried to forgive that man. A thousand times I thought I had. Maybe I did, but I need to do it again. Even now. Pray for me. And be careful, Jack, my son is all I have left. Bob"

Jack turned around in time to see Bob's car pull away and head down the road. Jack watched until it disappeared. A full 15 minutes later, he too, pulled away and drove slowly home, praying for forgiveness and hugging a surprised wife and kids when he arrived.

Feed My Sheep

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. John 21:17 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 21:15-19



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Back to Mother Church – St Mary's, Hamburg

For over a month, members of the Catholic Community in Hamburg could not Worship in their own Church due to devastating flood. We first made a hearty stop at Sidney Elementary School for two weeks. The spirit of members was very high despite leaking wounds and loss of properties as a result of the flood. I wish to thank members of our church community whose influence and position at Sidney Elementary School enable us to use the school.



We want to express our heartfelt appreciations to individuals and groups whose call, visit, contributions and encouraging words enable us to sail through.

Our journey from Sidney to the promise land made a positive detour at the First Baptist Church. We really felt at home and had most of our Eucharistic celebration at the Baptist Church. Becoming a "Catholic Baptist", we had our Triduum and Easter celebrations with joy. During our stay in the Baptist Church, Bishop Pates worshiped with us to share in the happenings in Hamburg.

Like the Israelite on their journey home, we finally came to St. Mary's Church to worship last week. Our basement is still not accessible with other facilities. However, we are confident to stand on our feet soon.

Vela damus (We set sail).

We are indebted to the Baptist Minister and members of the church for their show of love. May our faith grow from strength to strength.

We thank all whose sacrifices and love during these times enable us to keep hope and faith alive. "God is Good All the time".

TONY MELENDAZ



Is coming to Red Oak!

Come be inspired by this amazing musician who is a living Testament to the potential that God has for all of us!

Saturday, May 11, 2019 @ 7pm

Wilson Performing Arts Center
Red Oak, Iowa ~ 712.623.3183
Tickets \$15 each

Ticket sales start Monday, March 4, 2019 @ the WPAC

***Proceeds to benefit the
Pregnancy Center of SW Iowa***

St. Mary's Ladies Guild

Annual

SALAD BAR LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Salads of all kinds



and

Featuring St Mary's signature dish:

Hot Chicken Salad



AND DON'T FORGET

DESSERT!



Serving from 11:00am to 1:00pm

Parish Hall – 512 W. Thomas Ave., Shenandoah

\$8.00/person or Free Will offering

As part of our appreciation to The First Baptist Church and The Sidney elementary School for housing us during the devastating flood. We will take a second collection next week (May 12) as our donation to defray their cost of utilities and supplies. Our appreciation is deep, and their actions were truly appreciated. God is Good!!



Congratulations to our First Communicants

Xavier Casey

Bentley Grasso

Cora Hirner

Evan Laumann

Cora Moody

Kyla Spurlock

*On this very Special Day as you welcome Christ into your heart,
May Jesus lead you and guide you all the days of your life.*

Blessings from St. Mary's Parish

ADA is still in full swing,

We are short of our goal and are encouraging everyone to make their contribution towards it.

Any questions, Dan will be glad to help with.

Thank You for being a positive and supportive member of St. Mary's!

St. Marys will host Ambassador service on May 26



Readings for the Week of May 5, 2019

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30



This cleanup crew found a grass cross after removing the debris in front of St. Mary's!
Thanks to all our crew—it was worth every minute—we are back at our church!!

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES

JOSH SIMMONS

JACOB ANDERSON

JUSTIN PHILLIPS

DERRICK HUBARD

STEVEN ANDERSON

COLBY MCGINLEY



5-5--Layne Ettelman

5-5--Kylee Foster

5-12--Bill Ettelman

5-15--Larry Moores

5-16--Becky Lockhart

5-16--Wendy Duncan

5-16--Maddy Duncan

5-17--Maryn Phillips

5-19--Tom Lockhart

5-20--Judy Clark



5-11-Tom and Becky Lockhart

5-23-Shane and Connie
Smith

5-28-Robert and Mary
Burkhiser



Greg Andersen
Grady Secht

Reese Kemp

James Dowling

LeRoy Herscheid

Noah Howe

Mary Lou Miller

Dottie Dankof

Isacc Durr

Robert & Nancy Dalton

Todd Quick

Harold & Verona Mitchell

Joel Loggins

Kenneth Russell

Bill Long

Henry Johnsen

Lawrence DuBois

Angie Witter-Childers

Pat Sheldon

Joe Kirk

Tim Konecny

Esther McCowan

Jeff Guiane

Shawn Collins

Drake Travis

Martha Gude

Gloria Green

Diane Cunningham

Alan Briggs

All who are feeling the
effects of the flood

Your Contributions *April 28, 2019*

Plate—\$83.00

Tithes—\$1959.00

Children Coll for
April-\$44.55

Thank You!!

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| 2019 | May 5 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:30 1st Communion | May 12 4th Sunday of Easter 8:30 | May 19 5th Sunday of Easter 8:30 | May 26 6th Sunday of Easter 8:30 | June 2 7th Sunday of Easter 8:30 |
| Greeters and Ushers | Denny & Joella Travis | Rick & Teresa Jamison | Terry & Kim Travis | Angie Sheldon Kathy Moody | Vince & Susan Hilton |
| Eucharist Ministers | Annie Wakefield Dan Goodman | Vince Hilton Anne Hendrickson | Denny & Joella Travis | Bill Green Dan Goodman | Joe & Robbi Travis |
| Servers | Brady Hutt Isac Hutt | Mia Foster Kylee Foster | Amelia Moody Joseph Roberts | Keely Mount Emily Hutt | Ryan Roberts Garett Phillips |
| Lector | Rick Jamison | Carolyn Maher | Kathleen Lorimor | Linda Dewhirst | Teresa Jamison |
| Mass Setup | Joe | Rosie | Joe | Rosie | Rosie |
| Cantor | Cara/Beth | Kim | Children's Choir/Cara | Beth | Kim |
| Accompanist | Kate/Emily | Donna | Emily/Kate | Nancy | Donna |
| Coffee and Donuts | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Wash Linens | Annie Wakefield | Annie Wakefield | Annie Wakefield | Annie Wakefield | Bev Finnigan |
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