



# *St. Mary's Catholic Church*

*May 9, 2021  
Hamburg, Iowa*

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to remain in his love just as he remains in his Father's love. Love is a bond between them that lasts forever. For many of us, the first lasting bond we formed was with our mothers. We honor them today, and all who have acted as mothers in our lives, recognizing that they likely taught us what love was. May that bond teach us now how to remain in Christ's love.



## Cycle B -- Reflections on the Readings

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

### **Theme: God who chose you!**

Our readings for today tell us that God's mind and attitude are reflected in believers. Believers are God's spokespersons.

The gospel passage from John 15:9-17 develops the imagery of the vine and the branches. It speaks of the love that unites God and the believer. Jesus' fundamental command is mutual love. Jesus' love of the disciples flows from God's love of Jesus. Far from being a personal acquisition, the love of God looks to others. "I appointed you to go and bear fruit" (John 15:16).

We are called and chosen by Jesus for three things:

#### **1. We Are Chosen for Joy**

The Christian needs to feel joyful always. He or she rejoices always in good times and in bad. Christian joy is independent of all things on earth because it has its source in the continual presence of Christ. The Christian can never lose his or her joy because Christ is never lost in our lives. We need to be joyful because we have royalty, victory, and dignity.

#### **2. We Are Chosen to be Jesus' Friends**

Jesus has called us to be His friends. He said, "You are friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer..."

Nowhere else can people call God as a friend. It is Jesus who has brought in this new kind of relationship between God and us. Now we are the friends of God, because of Jesus. Joseph Scriven wrote:.....

*What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry. Everything to God in prayer!*

### **3. We Are Chosen for Love**

As the disciples of Jesus, we are sent out into the world to love one another. Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: Love one another, just as I have loved you."

The thing that is destroying the world today are hatred and intolerance. God has called us not to be agents of death, but rather to be agents of love and life. It is only love, which can save the world from destruction. And love shall be the only thing that is eternal.

Christianity demands that the believer not only grasp intellectually the main tenets of the faith but also act on them in daily life. Within the context of community, the believer is linked to Jesus who is linked to the Father. If God is love and Jesus' self-giving is the supreme expression of that love, then we must communicate the depth of that love by the way we live in the world. We are spokespersons for God.

May God Who created and called us for a purpose, and planted His love within our hearts, help us to bear fruits worthy of His calling. Shalom!



Dear Mothers,

I join the entire world in praising you, my dear mothers on behalf of your children and husbands in St. Mary's Church.

As mothers, you held our hands close to your heart and continue to do so no matter our age. You have been our teacher of compassion, love, and courage. If love is sweet as honey, then you mothers are that sweet honey of love giving us hope.

Despite your sacrifice for your children and family, there are some Mothers whose relationship with the child has become sour. Some children may not recognize your role as a mother. But I want you to know that no one can replace you as a mother who has been our superhero and greatest supporter.

Today, we eulogize you for being the heartbeat in the home. You turn a house into a peaceful home by bringing order out of chaos.

As we appreciate you my dear Mothers, let us also take a sober reflection by examining our current relationship with our mothers and children. What can be done to enhance the relationship? Susan Gale said, "Mothers are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they're still holding the family together."

For our mothers who have been called home, we appreciate your love and care. Continue to rest peacefully in the Lord.

"Youth fades; love droops; the leaves of friendship fall; A mother's secret hope outlives them all." —Oliver Wendell Holmes

On behalf of your children and husbands, we love you our dear Mothers.

Fr. Raphael

# *Her Hands*

By Maggie Pittman



*Her hands held me gently from the day I took my first  
breath.*

*Her hands helped to guide me as I took my first step.*

*Her hands held me close when the tears would start to fall.*

*Her hands were quick to show me that she would take care of it all.*

*Her hands were there to brush my hair, or straighten a wayward bow.*

*Her hands were often there to comfort the hurts that didn't always show.*

*Her hands helped hold the stars in place, and encouraged me to reach.*

*Her hands would clap and cheer and praise when I captured them at length.*

*Her hands would also push me, though not down or in harm's way.*

*Her hands would punctuate the words, just do what I say.*

*Her hands sometimes had to discipline, to help bend this young tree.*

*Her hands would shape and mold me into all she knew I could be.*

*Her hands are now twisting with age and years of work.*

*Her hand now needs my gentle touch to rub away the hurt.*

*Her hands are more beautiful than anything can be.*

*Her hands are the reason I am me.*

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/her-hands>

## St. Mary's has two graduates from Sidney High School this year.



### Lily Johnson

Daughter of Brad  
and Kandra  
Johnson.

Lily plans to attend  
Iowa Western  
Community

College in Council Bluffs & major in  
Dental Hygiene.

Lily's favorite memory of St. Mary's was  
the "Fill the Trailer" Project and  
volunteering at the Open Door Mission

Lily Johnson  
3396 215<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sidney, IA 51652



### Braidy Hutt

Son of Paul & Jamie  
Hutt

Braidy plans to  
attend Iowa Central  
Community College  
in Fort Dodge &  
study Diesel

Mechanics.

Braidy's favorite memory of St. Mary's  
was being able to help those in need of  
things by doing the fill the trailer project.

Braidy Hutt  
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❖ Our Pentecost Novena begins on Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. Let us try to prepare ourselves for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit by joining the Novena prayers **via zoom @ 7:30pm**.

❖ I will be traveling to Ohio for my master's graduation on the weekend of May 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. In view of this, Fr. Don Bruck will be celebrating the weekend Masses. Thanks for your prayers and encouragements.

- ❖ There will be no 6:30am Mass on May 16<sup>th</sup> in Shenandoah.
- ❖ There will be no weekday masses in Shenandoah May 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ Let us continue to arrive 15 minutes before Mass in the month of May for the Holy Rosary.
- ❖ **Please note that, the Diocese of Des Moines transfer Ascension to the SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 16<sup>th</sup>). Lectors and Cantors, please take readings for Ascension and NOT 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.**

# ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

## PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES  
JOSH SIMMONS  
JACOB ANDERSON  
DERRICK HUBARD  
STEVEN ANDERSON  
COLBY MCGINLEY

*Your Contributions  
May 2, 2021*

**Tithes—\$1685.00**

**Plate—\$1.00**

**Coffee—\$ 64.00**

**Thank You!!**



5-12--Bill Ettleman

5-15--Larry Moores

5-16--Becky Lockhart

5-16--Wendy Duncan

5-16--Maddy Duncan

5-16--Becky Lockhart

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  
LeRoy Herscheid  
Mary Lou Miller  
Dottie Dankof  
Isacc Durr  
Todd Quick  
Verona Mitchell  
Joel Loggins  
Kenneth Russell  
Bill Long  
Henry Johnsen  
Lawrence DuBois  
Pat Sheldon  
Joe Kirk  
Tim Konecny  
Esther McCowan  
Shawn Collins  
Drake Travis  
Martha Gude  
Bill & Gloria Green  
Larry Dalton  
Zayne Osborn  
Cathy Mason  
Anna Weber  
Alan Briggs  
Chuck Mitchell  
Dee Ann Crews  
Robert Haughton  
Maurie Maher  
Janet Rummel  
Jennifer McAllister  
Dave Zavadi

Yes  
YOU  
CAN.

<b>2021</b>	<b>May 9</b> <b>6th Sunday of</b> <b>Easter</b> <b>8:30</b>	<b>May 16th</b> <b>7th Sunday of</b> <b>Easter</b> <b>8:30</b>	<b>May 23rd</b> <b>Pentecost</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>8:30</b>	<b>May 30th</b> <b>Most Holy</b> <b>Trinity</b> <b>8:30</b>	<b>June 6th</b> <b>Most Holy Body</b> <b>and Blood of</b> <b>Christ</b> <b>8:30</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Dave Dowling	Kathleen Lorimor	Linda Dewhirst	Teresa Jamison	Rick Jamison
<b>Mass Setup</b>	Rosie	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe
<b>Cantor</b>	Beth	Beth /Anna	Kate/Cora		
<b>Accompanist</b>	Nancy	Guitars	Donna Whelan		
<b>Server</b>	Alyssa Dowling	Brady Hutt	JJ Hirner	Tate Mount	Garett Phillips
<b>Coffee &amp; donuts</b>	Tim & Donna Whelan	Vince & Susan Hilton	Joe & Robbi Travis	Dave and Kate Roberts	Vince & Susan Hilton
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### Readings for week of May 9, 2021

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/  
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

**Friday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28























