

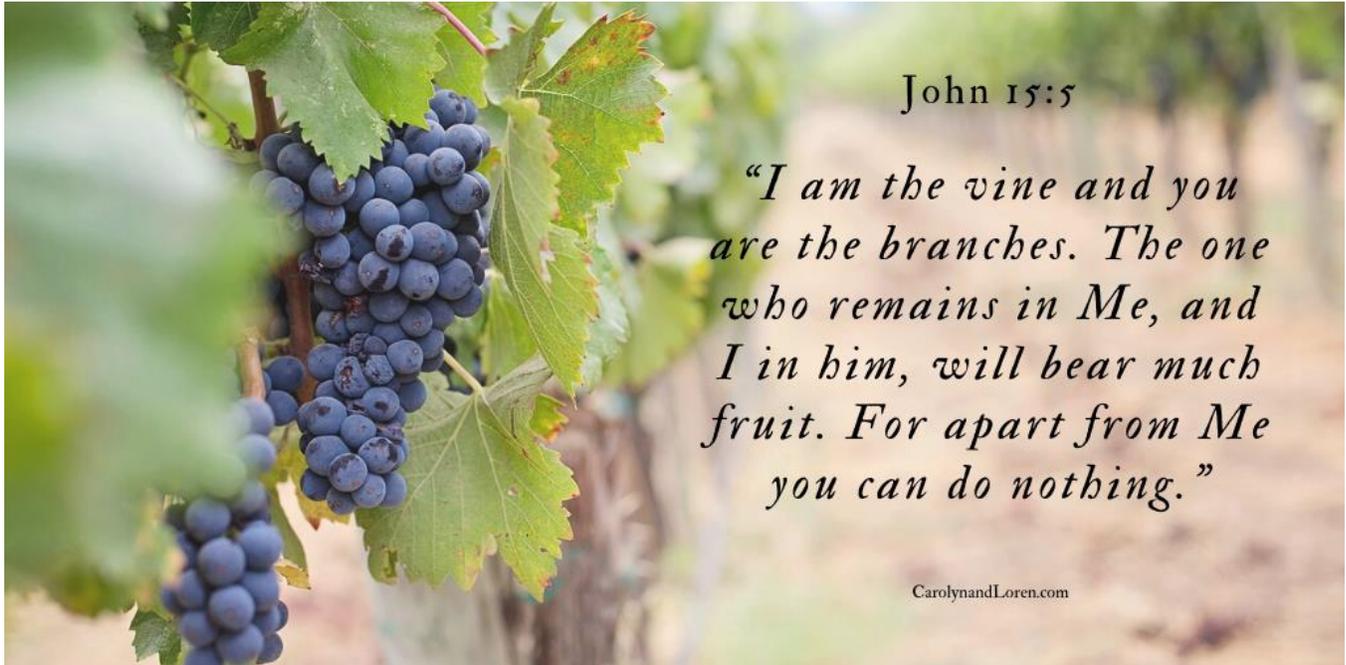
# The Parishes of

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**St. Mary's**  
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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

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## **From the Desk of Fr. Merlin**

### **May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

To truly stay united to Jesus, we need grounding in two essential elements. First, by taking on the mind of Christ and adhering to what the Church proclaims. Second, by living in accord with the moral teachings of the Church. Following Jesus asks much of us but offers us the eternal love of the Father in return.

### **May, the Month in Honor of Our Blessed Mother**

The church has always set aside the month of May to honor our Blessed Mother. In many schools and parishes they celebrate the crowning of our Blessed Mother with a May crowning. We have done that in the past but our Religious Education classes have already come to an end. (This Wednesday at St. Mary's we have an end of the year Religious Ed Mass). In previous years, we tried to have classes in May but the baseball and softball games had begun and students stopped coming. As families this is a good time between all the spring events to pray the rosary, maybe while traveling to events or at least to say a Hail Mary at one of your meals, seeking the Blessed Mother's protection. May is also the time we honor our earthly mother (Next Weekend). **Mother's Day** is a reminder to say THANKS to mom for all of the things she does for us, no matter what our age. As in all cases it is so easy to forget about our Blessed Mother in heaven and also our earthly mother----but time goes by so fast that at least one day or one month is not asking too much.

### **Becoming Children of God**

Congratulations to **Harper Marie Helget** and **Liam John Helget**, children of Lucas and Ashley (Lester) Helget, who were baptized on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's. We have been blessed to have a number of children baptized the past few weeks. In our parishes it reminds us, as fellow parishioners, of our obligation to be good examples to our children and to be welcoming to the new members of our parishes. Let us continue to thank our Lord by our prayers for the gift of life and also continue to pray for the safety of all of our children.

### **Fish Dinner Results from St. Patrick's**

All of the bills have been paid for the recent 4 fish dinners that were held at St. Patrick's. The income was: Donations for fish: \$4,030.00 (**Unbelievable**) Auction Income: **\$1,663.00** and Ticket Sales: **\$13,594.00** for a total income of: **\$19,287.00** Expenses: Fish: **\$2337.84** Groceries: **\$2,539.77**, Carry out supplies: **\$791.22**, Gloves and Masks: **\$61.76** Batter: **\$106.76**, and signs: **\$233.80**, for a total of **\$6,071.15**. Net Income: **\$13,215.85**. A Big thank you to everyone who worked on this project. The weather was perfect and so many people came to help in various ways. A special thanks to the ladies who spent all Friday morning getting things set up. As I mentioned before it was so great seeing so many people of all ages helping out. A special thank you to the two chairladies for committing to five years on this project. We will miss your leadership, but we know you will be there to help in any way you can. God bless everyone!!!!

### **Confessional is Open**

I will be in the confessional every Saturday from 3:30 to 4:00 for anyone wishing to receive that special sacrament. You will have the opportunity to go face to face or behind the screen. There is always the option to set up an appointment for confession at your convenience.

### **Garage Sale is Coming**

After a year when the St. Patrick's annual garage sale could not be held, we are on schedule to have it again. The dates are Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 6:00 and Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> until 10:00 am. The list of items and the dates they can be brought to the gym are listed on the next page of this bulletin. We want everyone to be aware that all protocols will be followed. Sanitizers will be located at the entrances and various places throughout the gym area. The gym will be arranged a little differently so that a 6 ft. distance can try to be maintained. This year the first \$600 will go to the community meal offered the last Monday of each month at the VFW. Since we have not had a chance to volunteer as of yet, we will provide the finances for the meal. In the future, we will be able to volunteer to help with the meal. The next \$1,000 goes into our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Fund to help individuals or families in need, especially members of our own parish, and the remaining funds will go into the general budget. If you are able to help in any way the ladies will be asking for help in the near future.

### **Food for Thought**

A heart is happiest when it's beating for others.

Can God claim you as a dependent?

## MAY- Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"May is a month which the piety of the faithful has long been dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne." -Pope Paul VI

### Liturgy of the Word

Barnabas helps Saul enter into the community of the disciples by reporting on Saul's vision of the Lord and his bold proclamation in Jesus' name.

The first letter of John instructs the community on love of neighbor, and on keeping the commandments as proof of belief in Christ.

In the Gospel, Jesus says, *I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.* Those who remain in him will bear fruit and their needs will be met. Through this the Father is glorified.



**St. Patrick's Annual Garage Sale** will be here soon. **START PLANNING TODAY. Accepted items:** Books, antiques and collectables, **good quality** clothing all ages (**no winter**), bed/bath items, toys and games, small working appliances, tools, kitchen items, crafts & supplies, bikes, furniture, etc. **Not Accepted:** treadmills, TV's, large appliances, computers, portable phones, microwaves, mattresses/box springs. All items must be clean and in good condition. Proceeds go to the needs of our parish.

We will begin taking donated items on the following dates starting Monday, **May 10, 11, & 12** at Duhigg Ctr. (**stage door**). We will not take items before scheduled drop off dates. We will need men to help with heavy/large items.

The sale **begins Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 8-6** and runs through **10:00 am Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will need a lot of volunteers to help with this sale. CDC guidelines must be followed.

**Catholic Daughters:** A meeting was held on Tuesday, April 13, for members to vote on whether or not to disband the organization. By a unanimous vote, but with some regret, after 101 years CDA Court Joyce Kilmer #460 is disbanding. We thank our many members, past and present, for their willingness to serve and their "dedication to the principles of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all."



## **Holy Mary, Mother of God Pray for Us**

**Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jeannine Feddersen** member of St. Mary's Parish. She died on April 16<sup>th</sup> and her Resurrection Liturgy was on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please keep Jeannine and her family in your prayers.

### Sponsor of the week: **Knights of Columbus**

#### **Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 –April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

##### St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 232,903.60  
Total Expenses \$ 230,780.64

**Difference + 2,122.96**

**Sunday Collection: Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> \$ 2,455.00**

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 200.00

Loose Collection \$ 215.00

Spanish Mass \$ none

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 147.00

Food Pantry \$ 25.00

Retired & Infirm Priests \$ 25.00

##### **Bills**

Repairs & Maintenance \$ 918.39

##### St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 57,356.77

Total Expenses \$ 50,675.59

**Difference + 6,681.18**

**Sunday Collection: Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> \$ 1,070.00**

Loose Collection/Candle-4.00 \$ 23.00

Retired & Infirm Priests \$ 450.00

##### **Bills**

Utilities: Water/Sewer/Refuse \$ 85.44

Safe Deposit Box fee \$ 15.00



### **Congratulations St. Mary's 2021 Graduates**

We congratulate you on reaching this milestone and urge you to live the life you love and to love the life you live. May God bless you and your families!!!

Ashton Merrill

Michael Hanson

**Next Mobile Food Bank** is Thursday, **May 6<sup>th</sup>** from 4-6 pm at Crossroads Community Church. Do not come before 4 pm, remain in your car, we will come to you.

# Liturgies and Events This Week

## Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's  
*Living & Deceased of our Parishes*

## Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's (Seniors)  
*+Clarence Weinzettl*

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
*+Ed & Colleen Boucher*  
*+Ken & Betty and +Doug Farmer*

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

## Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

1:30 pm Respect Life Newsletter  
assembled at Duhigg Center

4:00 pm Priest Jubilee Mass (Storm Lake)

## Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's  
*+Frank & Helen Rolling*

## Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
*+Agnes Elsenbast*

8:00 am Adoration (Until 12:00)

**5:30 pm** Rel Ed End of the Year Mass-SM

## Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's  
*+Ken Fisher*

12:00 pm National Day of Prayer-Armstrong Park

## Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
*+Neppl family*

Garage Sale Set Up

## Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's  
*+Jack Fredericksen*

Garage Sale Set up

## Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's  
*Living & Deceased of our Parishes*

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
*+Lorraine Kirchner*

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## Liturgical Ministries Schedule

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	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm May 8 <sup>th</sup>	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am May 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am May 9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Clean-up</b>	Volunteers	Welbig's	Kathy Foster Mary Sicard
<b>Servers</b>	Addison Cornwall Hayden Cornwall		Tatum Dunlavy Regan Kirchner
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Ed Nims	Volunteer	Beth Rosenboom
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Gary Roth Cliff Roth	Joyce VonBank Craig Nemmers Deacon Rudd	Cathy Beaver Cody Newgard
<b>Ushers</b>	Aiden White Jenell White Volunteer x 2	Welbig's	Dan & Carri Duitsman Warren Duitsman Parker Duitsman Bennet Duitsman
<b>Music Ministers Cantor</b>	Joyce Schultz Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd	Joyce Schultz Mary Moorman

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