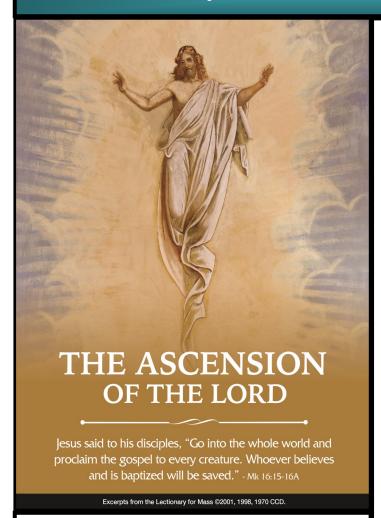
Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday: 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1

Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab

[33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11[1]/

Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/

Jn 21:15-19 Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/

Saturday:

Day:

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14

or JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30

[cf. 30]/ Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-

20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,8-9/JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:12,

24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1

Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 orGal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Mass Schedule

Monday, May 17th No Mass

Tuesday, May 18th St. John I Mass 8:15 am † Ken Auz Sr.

Wednesday, May 19th Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
Mass 8:15 am
† Mary Ellen & Vincent Howard

Thursday, May 20th St. Bernardine
Mass 8:15 am Adoration following Mass
† Ralph & Sally Kraemer

Mass 6:30 pm Confirmation
† Mason Mark Fenton

Friday, May 21st St. Christopher Magallanes
Mass 8:15 am
† Carl P & Margaret S Simon

Saturday, May 22nd St. VI St. Rita of Cascia, Confessions 4:20-4:50 pm Mass 5:15 pm † Virginia Murphy

Sunday, May 23rd Pentecost Sunday
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
† Lenice Stafford

Confessions 9:50 -10:20 am Mass 10:30 am Our Parish Family

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

From your pastor ...

An important reminder to our graduating seniors from Richland Center High School that the baccalaureate service will take place this Sunday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Attendance is limited to graduates and immediate family members.

Guest speaker for the evening is Dr. Andrew Wright, local physician, family practitioner and Saint Mary's Parishioner.

The baccalaureate service is sponsored by the Richland Center Ministerial Association which provides a \$300 scholarship to a graduate who must be in attendance at the service. I encourage all of our graduating seniors from our parish to attend.

I will now continue with the teaching that has been ongoing over the past weeks concerning the Church's response to the issue of racism. The document that I am reproducing in *italic* type is from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, entitled, *Open Wider Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love – A Pastoral Letter Against Racism.* This statement was promulgated in 2018.

We have also seen years of systematic racism working in how resources are allocated to communities that remain de facto segregated. As an example, the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, resulted from policy decisions that negatively affected the inhabitants, the majority of whom were African Americans(5). We could go on, for the instances of discrimination, prejudice and racism, sadly, are too many.

At significant times in our history, the bishops have written to express their pastoral concern over the scourge of racism, which some have called our country's original sin. In 1958, the bishops wrote to condemn the blatant forms of racism found in segregation and "Jim Crow" laws (6). Ten years later, they wrote to condemn the scandal of racism and the policies and action that led to so much frustration that violence erupted in many cities (7). In 1979, the bishops wrote on how racism still affected so many of our brothers and sisters, highlighting the structural and institutional forms of racial injustice evident in the economic imbalances found in our society (8).

With the positive changes that arose from the civil rights movement and related civil rights legislation, some may believe that racism is no longer a major affliction of our society – that it is only found in the hearts of individuals who can be dismissed as ignorant or unenlightened. But racism still profoundly affects our culture, and it has no place in the Christian heart. This evil causes great harm to its victims, and it corrupts the souls of those who harbor racist or prejudicial thoughts. The persistence of the evil of racism is why we are writing this letter now. People are still harmed and so action is needed.

What is needed and what we are calling for, is a genuine conversion of heart, a conversion that will compel change, and the reform of our institutions and society. Conversion is a long road to travel for the individual. Moving our nation to a full realization of the promise of liberty, equality, and justice for all is even more challenging. However, in Christ we can find the strength and the grace necessary to make the journey.

In this regard, each of us should adopt the words of Pope Francis as our own: let no one "think that this invitation is not meant for him or her"(9). All of us are in need of personal, ongoing conversion. Our churches and our civic and social institutions are in need of ongoing reform. If racism is confronted by addressing its causes and the injustice it produces, then healing can occur. In that transformed reality, the headlines we see all too often today will become lessons from the past.

- (5) See Michigan Civil Rights Commission Report, "The Flint Water Crisis: Systemic Racism Through the Lens of Flint," Michigan Department of Civil Rights Website, February 17, 2017.
- (6) USCCB, Discrimination and Christian Conscience, November 14, 1958.
- (7) USCCB, National Race Crisis, April 25, 1968.
- (8) USCCB, Brothers and Sisters to Us, November 14, 1979
- (9) Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, no. 3

Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION every Thursday following the 8:15 Mass

"You could not watch with me one hour?"

MT 26:40

7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



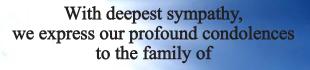


May 8/9, 2021 Stewardship Adult Tithe..... \$5,951.00 Offertory..... 334.00 Pastoral Care..... 1.00 Building & Maintenance 106.00 Perpetual Cemetery..... 750.00 25.00 Holy Day..... Festival..... 1.00 Total..... \$7,168.00 March (ACH) Automatic Contributions... \$6,270.00 \$6,270.00 April (ACH) Automatic Contributions

Please keep our Confirmandi in prayer Confirmation

Thursday, May 20th 6:30 pm

Hannah Rose Bauer Ezra Kay Cosgrove Mallory Corinne Delagrave Tekla Rose Donovan Andrew Harold Honer Ethan Joseph Jones Alec James McDonald, Tianna Marie Marshall-Scott Adelin Lee Miller Hannah Bethany Miller Michael Macgregor Nigl Anna Rose Rynes Isabel Rose Salisbury Armando Sanchez **Grayson Gregory Schmitt** Benjamin Curtis Stowell Tayah Johnnae Weber



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Who entered into eternal rest April 30th, 2021

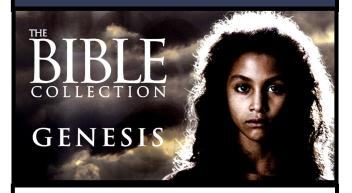
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and
May perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul
And all the souls of the faithful departed through
The mercy of God, rest in peace., Amen

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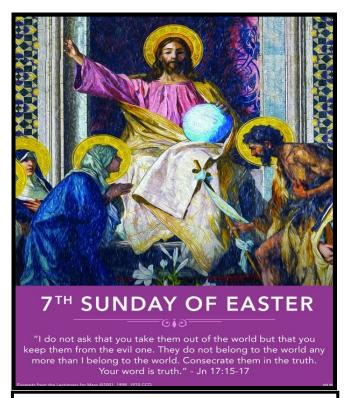
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Wedding Planning Information

For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church please notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged,

but not less than six months prior to the proposed wedding date.



The Knights of Columbus



meeting this Sunday May 16th at 7:00 pm

In the basement of the Commons

2020-2021 Calendar Drawing Winners

May 4, 2021 ... Roger Schwartz, Shullsburg, WI May 6, 2021..... Jeanette Kaudy, Marshfield, WI

The PCCW Needs Women Who Want to Make a Difference

We are looking for you! If you are a lady of this Parish and you want to be more involved with the day to day activities of the church, then we want you to let us know. We are looking for someone to fill the position of Vice President for our monthly meetings, you would also learn the duties of the President. It's fun and very little work. We're also looking for two Circle Leaders for St. Catherine's Circle, who would help organize funeral luncheons and call other ladies for assistance and/or food. For more information, call President Judy Barnicle at 608-604-4985 or email pccwstmarys@gmail.com. Thank-you for your consideration.



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