

May 3, 2015

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pastor's Notes:

In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name. © 2015 Loyola Press All Rights Reserved. Reprinted with Permission.

United Catholic Appeal: Please be generous in your pledge and gifts in support of the ministries of our Bishop and diocese. As the branches are to the vine, so are we as parish communities to the diocese as a whole. Together we are one in the true vine - the Lord!

On Vacation: I'm leaving for Ireland May 4 returning May 22. In my absence the weekend Masses will be celebrated by Fr. Dennis Hoffman. He is a retired priest of our diocese and lives in Ely. Please welcome him to the parish. Keep me in your prayers! Fr. Michael

EVERYONE is invited downstairs for a **Mother's Day Breakfast** following Mass **next Sunday, May 10**. This delicious breakfast (scrambled eggs, ham, sweet rolls and fruit cup) is hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Faith Formation will meet **Wednesday, May 6**, starting the night out with dinner at **6 pm**, followed by education at **6:30 pm**. **Adult Faith Formation** meets at the same time, come join us for dinner & education. This is not just for the parents, this is for anyone who is interested in having a fun evening while learning more about their faith.



ANNUAL SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

Tuesday, May 12 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Price \$8.00



Each family is asked to bring a salad (large enough to serve 12) to the Church Kitchen by 11 a.m. If you are unable to bring a salad, a donation of \$10.00 is requested. *Salads are preferred.*



Thank you.



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Parish Office Located in Rectory 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday **Office/Rectory** 226-3100 **Fax Machine** 226-3116

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Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** Call — 226-3639 or 226-3351

Fr. Michael Lyons (218) 834-4313 **Fr. Michael's E-Mail** mjlyons@mchsi.com

Saturday	<i>ST. ATHANASIUS</i>	05/02/15
7:15 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Father Glen Frerich</i> Reader.....Jessalyn Rowlee Cantor.....Patty Armstrong Plate.....Michael Rowlee Chalices....Tara Shepersky Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Jada Kirk Gifts.....Volunteer		
Sunday	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER</i>	05/03/15
7:50 a.m. Sacrament of Penance 8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Thomas Clifford Cantor.....Kim Josephson Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Susan Frericks Chalices....Lanay Frericks Servers.....Sheena & Mita Frericks Gifts.....Volunteer		
Monday	<i>WEEKDAY OF EASTER</i>	05/04/15
Tuesday	<i>WEEKDAY OF EASTER</i>	05/05/15
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting		
Wednesday	<i>WEEKDAY OF EASTER</i>	05/06/15
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer		
Thursday	<i>WEEKDAY OF EASTER</i>	05/07/15
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer: Liturgy of the Word 8:50 a.m. Adoration		
Friday	<i>WEEKDAY OF EASTER</i>	05/08/15
Saturday	<i>WEEKDAY OF EASTER</i>	05/09/15
7:15 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Lee Anselment</i> ☩ Reader.....Jody Majewsky Cantor.....Terri Frericks-Blood Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Ken Kruger Chalices....Don Seipke Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Jason Blood Gifts.....Volunteer		
Sunday	<i>SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER</i>	05/10/15
7:50 a.m. Sacrament of Penance 8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Ed Hynes Cantor.....Tom Palen Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Bonnie Kruger Chalices....Lois Kaari Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Todd Curry Gifts.....Volunteer		

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Sue Bahar, Joanne Connor, Sharon Kelley, Terry Scallen, Betty Dugas, Suzanne Seguin, Angie Pruse, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson, Alma Ferris.
- † **Clergy:** Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Ronny Morrison, Diane Mayer, Jody Reineccius, Betty Westaby, Bob Martinsen, Dick Kunz, Johnny Jerabek, Lincoln Traut, Amy Buckner, Mae Dehnhoff, Pat LeBlanc Sr., Emma Cavataio, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Elsie McGuire, Jim Morcomb.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.



Announcing Diocesan Pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families: Canterbury Pilgrimages and Tours is coordinating the Diocese of

Duluth's Pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, from **September 22-28**. The week will conclude with a Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. Individuals and Families are encourage to attend and Bishop Paul Sirba will be there as well. Details and answers to questions regarding the pilgrimage can be found at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/qatuj3y> or call 1-800-653-0017.

The "World Meeting of Families" Family Scholarship:

The Diocese of Duluth will offer scholarships to assist families in financing their attendance at the World Meeting of Families The number of families winning scholarships are limited. Funds are available due to generous donations to the CREED fund. The "World Meeting for Families" Family scholarships will be for a minimum of \$600 per family member. Scholarship will be given to families that will only be traveling with the Canterbury Pilgrimage Group. Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than Friday, May 15, 2015. For additional information go to the Diocesan website at <http://www.dioceseduluth.org/> and click the World Meeting of Families icon or call Betsy Kneepkens at 218-724-9111.

Update Our Records. We would like to confirm and update our records to be sure we have current address, home and cell phone numbers, and email addresses for all of our members. Please call or email to give us your information at your earliest convenience.

I will be **out of the office** on **Tuesday, May 5** for a meeting at the Diocese. – Cindy

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS	
General Collection.....	\$2425.85
Building Fund.....	\$120.00