

May 3, 2015

5th Sunday of Easter



GOOD WINE: Vines and wines and vineyards, the rituals of tasting, and the good wine were shared by Jesus at Cana's wedding. Jesus is our vine and we his branches. The fruit we produce is the life of the Holy Spirit in us. "We know he lives in us by the Spirit he has given us." Taste and see how good the Lord is. Jesus himself gives the best wine of divine life to those who ask. Come to the wedding feast of God!

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Pastor's Note(s):

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. Blessings! *Fr. Michael*

Please Help Update Our Records.

We would like to confirm and update our records to be sure we have current addresses, home and cell phone numbers, and email addresses for all of our members. Please call or email (hspirit@mchsi.com) to give us your information at your earliest convenience. We appreciate your time and effort.

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 on September 22-28, 2015 in Philadelphia. 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 Diocese of Duluth website at <http://www.dioceseduluth.org/> and click the World Meeting of Families icon or call Betsy Kneepkens at 218-724-9111.

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Saturday	SAINT ATHANASIUS	05/02/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Howard Pitzen	
	Reader: Gloria Uremovich	
	Plate: Liz Scheidt	
	Chalice: Carol Anderson & Judy Fleischer	
	Servers: Hayley Larson & Megan Larson	
Sunday	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	05/03/15
11:00 a.m.	Mass—Intention for All Parishioners	
	Reader: Michelle Thewis	
	Plate: Laura Lien	
	Chalice: Dave Hendren & Nancy Olsen	
	Servers: Hattie & Kaden Edlund	
Monday	WEEKDAY DURING EASTER	05/04/15
Tuesday	WEEKDAY DURING EASTER	05/05/15
5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice	
Wednesday	WEEKDAY DURING EASTER	05/06/15
8:15 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word	
8:45 a.m.	Holy Hour with Exposition	
Thursday	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	05/07/15
6:30 p.m.	Men's Prayer Group	
Friday	WEEKDAY DURING EASTER	05/08/15
8:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
Saturday	WEEKDAY DURING EASTER	05/09/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Delores Burger	
	Reader: Harold Ek	
	Plate: Deacon Tim Egan	
	Chalice: Beth Egan & Deel Hoffman	
	Servers: Duke Gilbert & Spencer Ross	
Sunday	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	05/10/15
11:00 a.m.	Mass—Intention for All Parishioners	
	Reader: Mike Hoffman	
	Plate: Deacon Tim Egan	
	Chalice: Joanne Button & Linda Hoffman	
	Servers: Ethan Bopp & Nathan Campbell	

Our collection of bowls, trays and dishes that were not claimed after funeral lunches has grown considerably. Please check on the desk outside the church kitchen to see if some of these dishes might belong to you. Also, please make certain that the dish that you take belongs to you as many dishes look alike. It is best to write your name on dishes with indelible marker, tape and address labels come off in the dishwasher, better yet is to use disposable or aluminum containers. Thank you to everyone who brings food to funerals. Your service is a great help to grieving families and our parish.

† **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Ron Kor, Joann Ostendorf, and Ron Ostendorf.



† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Ray Weeks and Betty Westaby .

† **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, James Mickle, Craig Moe, Ryan Ray and Christopher Uremovich.

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed by calling the church office 834-4659.

Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board
 "Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

Mark your Calendars!!!

V.B.S. : We are looking for parents and kids (7th & up) to assist in teaching Vacation Bible School June 21st-25th, 5:30—7:30 p.m. If interested, please contact Connie, 834-4433 or Cheryl, 830-0578. We are also in need of adults to serve a light meal each of these nights.

V.B.S. sign-up will be on Sunday May 3rd & Sunday May 10th.

We have some great opportunities coming soon for our youth!

June—Vacation Bible School

July—D-Week

Steubenville Mission

August—Camp Survive

Watch for further details.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR YOUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection.....	\$2,216.75
Bldg. Fund.....	\$90.00
UCA	\$312.00