



April 29, 2018 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel passage, at the Last Supper Jesus hints at the future of the community of his disciples. He is preparing them for life without his visible presence. What will hold the community together and sustain it to fulfill God's purpose? Jesus presents himself as the vine and his followers as the branches. Their common purpose is to bear fruit. When Jesus repeats "remain in me" and "bear fruit" many times in this passage, he reminds his followers that we must

stay connected with him to fulfill our purpose. As the Letter of John describes, a living faith in Christ and a life filled with love are bound together in a single commandment. All our energy to do good and our hope that our good work will endure come through our unity with Jesus. Prayer and action must be woven together into the fabric of each Christian person and community.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER
APRIL 29 , 2018

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 28 , 2018
5:00 pm †John & Ann Shields

Sunday, April 29 , 2018
9:00 am †Jerry Robbins req. by Steve & Ruth Hoehn / Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, April 30 , 2018
9:00 am Deacon Milt & Juliet Leppert - Special Intention req. by Paul Pruchnicki

Tuesday, May 1, 2018—NO MASS
6:00 pm ADORATION until 9pm

Wednesday, May 2, 2018—NO MASS

Thursday, May 3, 2018
9:00 am †Jerry Robbins req. by Doug & Nola Johnston

Friday, May 4, 2018—FIRST FRIDAY
9:00 am Intention of the Celebrant— BEGIN 24 HOUR ADORATION

Saturday, May 5, 2018—FIRST SATURDAY—Ends Adoration
9:00 am Special Intention of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00 pm †Jerry Robbins req. by John & Gladys Meyer

Sunday, May 6, 2018
9:00 am †Sandy Bahr req. by Teresa Gesell / Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, May 5 - 5:00 pm
Brent Bieschke, Sarah Hoehn
Sunday, May 6 - 9:00 am
Andy & Emily Horath, Reganne Price

Lector

Saturday, May 5 - 5:00 pm
Steve Hoehn
Sunday, May 6 - 9:00 am
Lisa Price

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, May 5 - 5:00 pm
Steve Hoehn, Jim Kreske
Sunday, May 6 - 9:00 am
Roberta Stauffenberg, Josh Kreske,
Paul Engler

Usher:

Saturday, May 5 - 5:00 pm
John Meyer, Bill Phelan
Sunday, May 6 - 9:00 am
Jim Price, Andy Horath

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Boyle, Kotesa, Phelps

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

Sunday, April 22\$1,954.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

***Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!***

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 9,240.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 6,105.00
2017 Rebate	\$ 0



Diocese of Joliet

Thank you for your generous response.

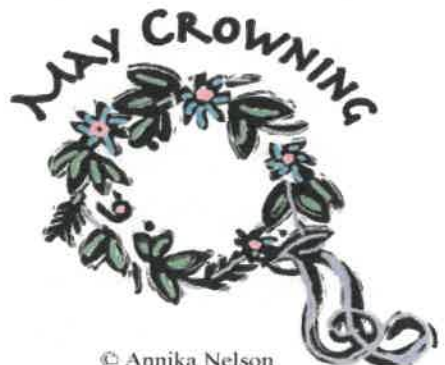
HELP NEEDED:

Coordinator of religious education needed— after many years , Roberta Stauffenberg will be retiring at the end of this school year... we are looking for someone or if you know anyone who would be interested in coordinating our religious education program. Please contact Father Sebastian.

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left. www.usccb.org/

Next weekend (May 5 & 6) is our second collection for our Maintenance Fund. To help with the general upkeep of St. Patrick Parish. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

Last Day of 2017– 2018 Religious Education Classes is May 6th at 9:00 am Mass — All students should be in attendance. Please dress nicely in respect to our Blessed Mother .



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Grace Niemiec receiving her Woman of the Year certificate -from Father John Sebahar & Father Michael Powell at the mass at the Cathedral on this past Saturday.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU, HAPPY BIRTHDAY
FATHER SEBASTIAN,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ! (Wszystkjego
najlepszego z okazji urodzin)

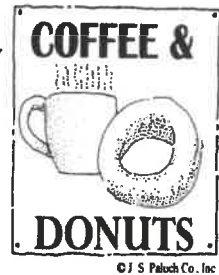


APRIL 30





"Ghost Card Party" with Split - the
 - Pot Raffle on May 6, 2018 after the
 9:00 am Mass. Returns can be
 made next weekend or during our
 Donut and Coffee Fellowship.
If you would like more tickets,
 please contact Carmen Kinsella or
 Cathy Engler.



CONGRATULATIONS

FRANK AND CATHERINE KOWALCZYK

ON THE

BLESSING OF YOUR MARRIAGE

ON SATURDAY APRIL 21ST, 2018



ASCENSION THURSDAY IS MOVED TO SUNDAY, MAY 13
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



*Solemn Exposition of
 the Blessed Sacrament*



24 Eucharistic Adoration

FRIDAY, May 4

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL
 BEGIN AFTER THE
 9AM MASS UNTIL SATURDAY
 MORNING**

**SATURDAY, May 5 IS THE
 FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
 MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT
 9:00 AM IN CHURCH**

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO SPEND 1 HOUR WITH OUR LORD
 SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE
 PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IS
 CORRECT IF WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU.**





St. Rose C.C.W.



ANNUAL CARD, BUNCO & GAME PARTY



Sunday, May 6th, 2018
at 12 noon



St. Rose School
South Kankakee Street
Wilmington



Light Lunch Served
Door Prizes Table Prizes
Raffles



Cards and Dice Provided or
Bring Your Own Games



Ladies, Gents, Families Welcome!

Donation: \$7.00
Tickets Available at Door



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler, Loretta Long, Barb Flatt, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, Bonnie Hack; Ron Bzdil; Adrian Wilkerson, Michelle Schneider; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Jim McGrath, Father Roger; Elaine Nowak; Sister Anne Ellen Quirk; Torie Jasinski; Judith Wright

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list should contact the office.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF MAY

- That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK April 22, 2018



- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. Pius V
- Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker
- Wednesday: St. Athanasius
- Thursday: Ss. Philip and James; National Day of Prayer
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo

BE WHAT YOU SEEK

Even as you seek a virtuous, fair, and good spouse . . . it is fitting that you should be the same.

--St. Bernardine of Siena



FAST AND SLOW

Our readings today offer a sharp contrast that hints at the wide variety of ways in which God works. In Acts, there is a rush of activity and profound change happens in a hurry. Paul, who was a leader in persecutions of the first Christians, has recently encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. In today's passage, Paul has suddenly become a powerful witness for Jesus, risking his life and astonishing both the Christians and their enemies. This is God working fast, and everyone is trying to keep up!

In contrast, in today's Gospel from John, Jesus describes the vine and the branches bearing fruit. Vines and branches by nature act slowly and quietly. The passage itself is repetitive and meditative, inviting us to slow down and listen to what is happening under the surface. This speaks of the slow, patient work of God.

DISCERNMENT AND LOVE

The scriptures indicate that God often works on a long-term time frame. We might need our whole lives to learn some of God's lessons. The Church sometimes takes centuries to learn vital lessons about God. But within God's slow work, there are bursts of activity when the moment is ripe in God's eyes. We might perceive these bursts of God's grace, if we are able to see.

This fascinating mix of fast and slow can invite us again to deepen our practice of discernment. Discernment is the art of paying attention to God. It is the capacity to detect God's activity, which leads us toward bearing fruit and away from that which is fruitless. In our messy world, and aware of our personal frailties, discernment is often difficult. It helps to remember that God's activity is revealed in love. Whether fast or slow, God always works in love. We are called to perceive God's dramatic and sudden activities as well as God's deep and patient work of love in daily life and in our world.

Today's Readings: Acts 9:26–31; Ps 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32; 1 Jn 3:18–24; Jn 15:1–8

4/29/2018