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ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Love One Another

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, the 5th Sunday of Easter, focuses on the growth of the early Church and Jesus' command to love one another. These readings highlight the importance of faith, community, and the promise of a new heaven and earth.

In the first reading, Paul encourages us to remain faithful in our missions as disciples of Jesus Christ. He reminds us that our suffering as Christians is the steppingstone to our victory. If we do not lose our faith during times of persecution and hardships, we shall be victorious.

In the Second Reading, we see a vision where God lives with us, wiping away every tear and taking away pain and suffering. This image assures us of God's constant presence and care in our lives.

God being close to us means He is involved in our daily lives. He is not distant or far away but is always near, offering comfort and guidance. This presence can be a source of strength and hope, especially during difficult times.

In today's gospel, Christ gives us a new commandment that will help us to overcome this world and march into the New Jerusalem. He gives us a new commandment, "Love one another. As I have loved you, you also should love one another." Through this, Christ reminds us that the only way we can overcome the tribulations and persecutions of this world is by remaining united in love.

In times of trials and persecution, love is the greatest virtue that sustains every Christian community. The early Christian community understood this very well. They obeyed Christ's command and were successful in their missions. So, their admirers commented thus: "See how they love one another".

Any Christian community or family united in love will never lose its focus or faith in God. Therefore, Jesus says: "By this love, everyone will know that you are my disciples." This love marks the newness of life that Christ brings to all his people this Easter season. God Bless You All!!

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Intention May 19 — May 25

Monday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Living & Deceased Members of SBT PCCW

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. St. Mary

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Sherry Neumann

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Poor Souls

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Bob & Phyllis Lettner

Friday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Roy Bentzen

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Jeanne Piller

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Ray Mertes

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, May 24

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Sandy Salsman, Doreen Emerson

Lector: Becky Harris

Comm. Min: Becky Harris

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer

Lector: Greg Goltz

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, May 25

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: John Giemza, Carter Giemza

Lector: Anne Bagley

Servers: Madalyn Giemza, Jaylen Hilton

Comm. Min: Darlene Schlessner

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Sheryl Reedy, Volunteer

Lector: Ellen Karow

Servers: Sarah Sagler, Steve Grover

Comm. Min: Ellen Karow

FAMILY PRAYER CORNER:

At 7:00 p.m. Every evening all parish families are asked to pray: **1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and 1 Glory Be to the Father** with this intention in mind: **Pray for Pope Leo XIV that with guidance from the Holy Spirit he will show us how to live with one another.**

Personal Prayer Request: For a child that you are not related to.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ◆ **Need prayers** for any health or anxiety issue - big or small. Contact the prayer chain, Doreen Backler, 608-534-6118, Ethel Ouellette, 608-534-6520 or the Knights of Columbus (Greg Goltz) @ 608-865-1518.

ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

OUR MISSION: To love God, love others and go make disciples!

OUR VISION: To awaken the faithful, reach the Lost, and make Church matter!

- ◆ **Congratulations** to *Lainey Hines*, who received First Communion last Sunday from St. Mary's.
- ◆ **Congratulations** to our **First Communicants:** *Weston Duch and Madison Micke* from St. Mary's and *Wyatt Brandtner, Ryan Doerr, Abigail Morehouse and Saige Nagel* from St. Bridget's.
- ◆ **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** immediately following Mass, Tuesday, May 20th, 6:35 PM, The Lower Room (basement).
- ◆ **The GALESVILLE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM** **signup is available at:** tinyurl.com/SummerLunch25
Please consider signing up to assist with this program. It is a wonderful service to our children and families in the community. We are anticipating large numbers this summer. In Galesville lunch is served in the park by our church. Hours to help make and serve the lunch are 10:30-1:00.
- ◆ **Need God's Help?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 608-582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com or the Knights of Columbus (Greg Goltz) @ 608-865-1518.

THE HOLY SPIRIT & YOU: (St. Augustine, bishop, and Watchman Nee, Chinese martyr)

+ "The gift of God is the Holy Spirit."

+ "Many cannot distinguish inspiration from emotion. Actually, these two can be defined readily."

+ Emotion always enters from man's outside, whereas inspiration originates with the Holy Spirit in man's spirit."

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ **Rosary:** we will be saying the Rosary at the Grotto at 3:00 p.m. through May 31.
- ◆ St. Bartholomew tried the 6:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays to encourage youngsters and working people to participate in this Mass during the week. Since this hasn't happened we will be going back to the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday starting June 4.
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, May 18th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following the meeting: **"Turning the World Upside-Down & the Church Inside Out, Part 2"** with Dr. Mary Healy. Pope Francis made Dr. Healy and two other women the first three women to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission which ensures the correct interpretation of the bible.
- ◆ **Please** do not tape your envelopes. The tab holds a check or a dollars in the envelope.
- ◆ **Memorial Day Mass:** Monday, May 26 we will have a Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery at 6:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. we will say the Rosary at the cemetery. If there is rain in the forecast we will go to St. Bartholomew's for the Mass and Rosary.
- ◆ **Stories From the Southern Border:** Thursday, June 12 from 5:30-7 p.m. on Zoom. www.FSCenter.org or 608-791-5295. Register here: <https://fsc.retreatportal.com/calendar/event?programcode=25SGD09769>

Mission Appeal – May 24 & 25 2025.

We are pleased to welcome **Rev. Gerald Raja, OFM Cap.**, a missionary priest from the *Franciscan Capuchin Mary Queen of the Peace Province in Tamil Nadu, India*, who will be visiting our parish on the weekend of **May 24th and 25th 2025** to conduct this year's Mission Appeal. Father Gerald will be preaching at all the Masses. The Capuchins, a mendicant order within the Franciscan family, are currently serving in 106 countries worldwide. In the Mary Queen of the Peace Province, they minister in 12 parishes in Tamil Nadu, India, 7 parishes in Zimbabwe, and 3 parishes in Sri Lanka. Their outreach includes not only pastoral care but also counseling services to support individuals and families in times of conflict.

A significant part of their mission is focused on the education and upliftment of economically disadvantaged children. At present, 300 boys and girls reside in three Capuchin-run children's homes, where they live for 10 months each year. These children, coming from rural and underprivileged backgrounds, are given a chance to receive a quality education and to build skills for a better future.

We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting this important mission work. Your generosity will help the Capuchins continue their vital ministries in India and across the globe. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support. May God bless you abundantly. There will be a second collection next weekend for this Mission.

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