

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 2014



“The one who has faith in me will do the works I do, and far greater than these.” Jesus tells his disciples. That’s quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

PASTORAL CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 17

4:00 PM-SFX + Norbert Denhof by Stuart & Mary
Goodfellow - Father Brucker

6:00 PM-SJ +Kathy Pavlovic by M/M Jim Armock
Father Brucker

SUNDAY MAY 18

9:00 AM- SC - Members of St. Catherine, St.
Francis Xavier, & St. Joseph
Parishes – Father Brucker

11:00 AM-SJ + Roger Camp by Family
Father Badgerow

MONDAY, MAY 19

9:00 AM-SFX + Helen Dunneback by David &
Kathie Dolphin

TUESDAY, MAY 20

8:00 AM-SJ +Gertrude Miller
by M/M Bob Schoenborn

8:30 AM- Adoration

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

NO MASS

THURSDAY, MAY 22

8:30 AM-SC + John Linck by Jeanette Linck

FRIDAY, MAY 23

8:00 AM-SJ +Ron McKnight
by M/M John Hansknecht

SATURDAY, MAY 24

Confessions: 10:00 – 11:00am at St Francis Xavier’s

4:00 PM-SFX - Members of St. Catherine, St.
Francis Xavier, & St. Joseph
Parishes - Father Brucker

6:00 PM-SJ +Fritz Kluting by M/M Phil Brown
Father Badgerow

SUNDAY MAY 25

9:00 AM- SC +Harold Hoefling by Howard &
AnnaMae Woodward - Father Brucker

11:00 AM-SJ + Jean Lothschultz
by Lorraine Kluting & Ed Kluting
Father Brucker

Dear Parishioners,

1) This Sunday we recognize and bless those graduating from high school from St. Catherine’s Parish. In a couple of weeks we will do the same with the other two parishes. We recognize the great accomplishment that you have achieved and wish you well wherever life will take you next. If you are going to college, we hope you will look up the local Catholic Campus Ministry program and find a bit of rootedness in practicing your Catholic Faith in a different environment with different approaches and different people. If you are going into the military service, we hope you will hook up with the Catholic Chaplain on your base. There is an army of Catholic priests and laypersons who are eager to nurture your Faith in your new environment. In any case, we wish you the best and look forward to your visits back home in your respective parish.



2) This week St. Joseph’s will have the annual joint meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils. I look forward to chatting with you about your concerns for your parish. I would like to have an initial conversation with you about the wisdom of looking into building an Activities Building. There are several areas that need to be discussed. One is that we have nowhere for the Catholic School students to exercise and to run off some steam at recess time when the weather outside is bad. There is also a need for a larger place to gather, especially for funeral luncheons. There is also the need to provide a proper place for our parish offices. A few years ago there was only a parish secretary and a pastor. Now our offices house the pastor, secretary, business manager, director of religious education, music director, and youth minister. We have plenty of room but the useable life of the former convent is rapidly coming to an end. It has old wiring, plumbing, furnace, etc. The exterior face brick is crumbling and falling off. The windows leak air like crazy (lots of fun this past winter) and it comes nowhere near providing access for anyone who is disabled. One consideration beyond the cost of a new building is the long term maintenance and upkeep. That is a large factor as well as other issues such as placement, etc. Anyway, we can talk about whatever we want. I am suggesting that it may be time to look into it.

3) Catholic Services Appeal is coming along. We hit a couple of glitches in reporting progress. As of today (Tues), St. Francis Xavier is at 47% of target, St. Catherine’s is at 41% of the diocesan portion of the goal, and St. Joseph’s is at 71%. Thanks to everyone who has contributed.

I notice that there is an increase in the size of gifts that people are making. Thank you. I look forward to receiving a pledge from those remaining so we can achieve our targets and move on.

Have a wonderful week in the service of the Lord.

Fr. Fred Brucker

St. Catherine's Parish News & Information

ST CATHERINE'S COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jason Klein (F), Cheryl Helsen (F), Penny Hulka (F), Marge Rusco (F), Ethel Nutt (F), Kevin Murphy (F), Hailey Mabrito (P), Tony Helsen (P), Dorothy Gould (P) Louise Schaallemma (P), Paul Herremans (P), Howard Woodard (P)

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

MAY 25, 2014 -9:00 AM

Greeters & Gifts: Kubasiak Family

Sacristan: Joe & Helen Helsen

Eucharistic Ministers: Ethel Nutt, Jill Nutt & Florence Postema

Lector: Kevin Murphy

Ushers: Jim Engle, Dennis Spencer, Jeff Mabrito & Andy Emery

Mass Servers 05/22/14: Adam Nutt & Savannah Conran

Mass Servers: Emily Spruit, Kennedy Forman & Alicia Spruit

Music: Eileen Hoogterp & Diane Beckwith

Money Counters: Tim & Barb Walker



COLLECTION FOR MAY 04, 2014
79 Adults - \$3,047.00, 11 Youth - \$10.25
Loose - \$125.50, Votive - \$17.00, for a total of \$3,199.75.
Helping Hands Scholarship Fund - \$130.00
Thank you for your continued support!

CENTERING PRAYER – Chapel at St. Catherine Church, following Thursday's Mass.

Centering Prayer – Contemplative Prayer

Centering Prayer helps steer us in the right direction on our Spiritual Journey.

Interior silence, Centering Prayer, is one of the most strengthening and affirming of human experiences. There is nothing more supportive, in fact, than the experience of God's presence which brings to light, as nothing else can, "you are a good person, I created you, and I will always love you." Divine love brings us into being in the fullest sense of the word. It heals the negative feeling we have about ourselves.

Acts 3:19

Time of refreshing...come from the presence of the Lord.



May is Rosary month: The rosary will be recited 20 minutes before every mass.

St. Catherine's Altar Society meeting will be held the 3rd Wednesday of the month (May 21st) at 6:30pm in the hall. This month's hostesses are Arlene Weaver and Nancy Miller. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

Men's Club News: The next Men's Club meeting will be Wednesday, May 28th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. All men of the parish are invited.

St. Francis Xavier's Parish News and Information

ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rick Alt (F), Jim Arends (F), Rich Creager (F), DJ Krum (F), Fred Riplo (F), Bonnie Denhof (P), Bill May (P), Bill Miller (P), Robert Krey (P), Tom Stream (P), Diana VanOeffelen (P)

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

MAY 24, 2014 - 4:00 PM

Greeters: Jean Meyers

Sacristan: Terri Anderson

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle May & Sharon Denhof

Lector: Kathy Morey

Ushers: John Helsen & Laverne Denhof

Mass Server: Luke Meyers

Music: Jim Jensen/Guitar Group

Money Counters: Diana VanOeffelen & Sharon Denhof



COLLECTION FOR MAY 04, 2014
30 Adults- \$1,355.00, 2 Youth - \$2.00
Loose- \$62.00, Votive - \$4.00, for a total of \$1,423.00. Food Pantry - \$23.00
Thank you for your continued support!

Altar Society hosts for May are Pat Sanford & Marian Shuker.

St. Joseph's Parish News & Information

ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michele Allers, Lou Armock, Ashley Dietrich, Joe Dietrich, Lorrain Dietrich, Bob Rander, Bob Umlor, Sheri Umlor, Vince Umlor

ST. JOSEPH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Arlene Armock, Al Dietrich, Ben Looks, Donald Rasch, Steve Umlor, Larry Williams

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

May 24-6 PM AM-Dean Pavlovic

May 25-11 AM- Ashley Dietrich

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Rick Cederholm

Connie Armock

MINISTERS OF THE CUP

May 24- 6 PM-Pat Cederholm & Tonya Fritz

May 25-11 AM-Chuck Rasch & Ken Butts

SACRISTAN:

May 24-6 PM-Rick Cederhol

May 25-11 AM-Chuck Rasch

MUSIC SCHEDULE

May 24-6 PM-Stacey Camp

May 25-11 AM-Eileen Hoogterp & Mark Gardeski

GREETERS

May 24-6 PM-Theresa & John Michalak
& Mary & Joe Rasch

May 25-11 AM-Josephine & Jim Piccard
& Diane & Ken Butts

USHERS SCHEDULE

May 24-6 PM-Chris Stebbins & Joe Armock

May 25-11 AM-Don Rasch & Sons

ALTAR SERVERS

May 24-6 PM-Celeste Lemeiux, Evan &
Lucas Grzybowski, & Joey Lozon

May 25-11 AM-Max & Sam Glass & Nolan Butts

Liturgical Notes



Rosary Intention for May—Let us pray for God’s blessings on our crops and for our farmers for their financial, physical, and mental well-being.

Parish Information

St. Joseph’s is in need of a money counter. You would be scheduled every other month. If you can help out please call the office for information; 899-2286.



GIVING BACK TO GOD 5-11-2014

ADULT (83) \$5406

YOUTH (7) \$6

LOOSE \$58

TOTAL \$5470

Thank you for your continued support

CLUSTER INFORMATION

Weekly Scripture Readings

Monday, May 19 –Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 20 –Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 21 – Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 22 -Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 23-Acts 15:12-17/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 24-Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 25 -Acts 8:5-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

There will be an Altar Server appreciation party for our cluster parishes on May 18th at the Roller Fox Skating Rink in Ravenna from 1-3:30. Skates, roller blades, 1 slice of pizza, and 1 pop will be provided. Please RSVP to Ryan Umlor at ryanumlor@gmail.com.



St. Joseph Bible School The Israelites have escaped from Egypt...But now what? How can they survive? Where should they go? How will they know what to do? Find out at Wilderness Escape! Join us June 23 to 27-9am to 11:30am. VBS for ages, preschool to grade 5, middle and high school junior leaders welcome. Registration forms in back of church, or register online at: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/stjoe2014>



St. Catherine/St. Francis Xavier Bible School Get ready for a peek at the unique! At Weird Animals VBS, kids

discover that Jesus’ love is one-of-a-kind. Weird Animals is a habitat filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we’ll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot! Your kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project, through a program called Operation Kid-to-Kid™, that will let the kids in our community show God’s love by providing water for school children in India. Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us in The Tail End Friends section each day at 11:35am, because that’s when we’ll be having The Tail End—a daily celebration of Jesus’ love you won’t want to miss. So mark these dates on your calendar: June 23-27. The fun starts at 9am and will end at 12 noon. Call Shawn at (231) 830-7894 to register your children for this life-changing adventure!



St. Francis Xavier is selling the following: John Deere 425 Hydro Lawn Mower 425 hours of use. 20 HP with 60” mower deck. Well maintained asking \$4100.00. John Deere 525 Hydro Lawn Mower 325 hours of use. 17HP with 48” front mower deck. Well maintained asking \$1200.00 Any questions please call Bill Miller at 616.899.2678 or 616.262.5168 or Kim at 231.853.6222

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Jesus tells us in the gospel: “I am in the Father and the Father is in me!” The point is: God is in each one of us, in our relationships and in our homes. The vocation of the Christian family is to live the divine gift which is already in and around us.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2014

The strength of faith

Reading I Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 (Philip in Samaria)

Reading II 1 Peter 3:15-18 (on Christian suffering)

Gospel John 14:15-21 (promise of the Paraclete)

Key Passage Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." (John 14:16)

Adult: The Spirit gives us inner wisdom and strength. When have you experienced this?

Child: The Holy Spirit makes you strong inside. When do you need to be strong?

DIVINE PROVIDENCE ACADEMY

Contact Information for School Cluster

Contact Kendra DeYoung at 616.437.0173 or kdeyoung@dogrschools.org.

The 8th grade students of Divine Providence Academy will be conducting a can/bottle return drive to help defray the cost of the East Coast Trip they will be taking this June. You can drop your returnable's in the garbage can next to the garage. Thank you in advance, your returnable's can help provide these students with lifelong memories!

OUTSIDE THE PARISHES

Looking to spark the faith of your children or grandchildren while they have a blast at the same time? Check out Camp Sancta Maria located in Gaylord, MI. It is a Catholic camp that provides fun experiences while immersed in a faith-filled environment. We offer separate camping experiences for boys and girls which include daily Mass, horseback riding, swimming, archery, various sports, high and low ropes, and crafts. For more information check out www.campsanctamaria.org or call (248) 822-8199.

Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference: Seeking direction for your life? Wondering what God has to say to you? Have you ever thought about a life of service in the Church as a lay minister, or perhaps a religious sister, brother, or priest? You are not alone. Each summer, young adults have the opportunity to "get away" from the hectic pace of their lives and gather to share stories, dreams, and concerns. The Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference takes place at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, August 5-9. The fee is \$100; space is limited. Apply today at www.catholicsoncall.org. For more information, call [773-371-5431](tel:773-371-5431).

St. Jude Parish is celebrating the 50th anniversary of our church building on Tuesday evening June 3, 2014. A vesper service will take place at 6:30pm with a light reception to follow. Please plan to join us. Former pastors, associates, religious staff, parishioners, students, teachers and all whose lives have been touched by the church and school are invited to gather for the celebration. Parishioners will be giving tours of our church and school buildings. Contact: Linda Parks: 363-6885 or 340-4439

Aquinas College Summer Academy - From June 16-27, the Aquinas Summer Academy will offer courses and workshops in Pre-Med/Health Sciences, Business, Communication, History, International Studies, Art, and Academic Writing. This powerful academic summer experience is a great way for rising junior and senior high school students to experience Pre-College courses, as well as for professionals to experience Academic Enrichment opportunities.

For more information and to register, visit www.aquinas.edu/summer/academic.html

DYMO Camp: Discover your values. Learn more about your faith. Find new sides of yourself to express. Relax. Grow. Build new and lasting friendships. Enjoy yourself. Experience a week in a wonderful woodland environment with other young people like you. The only Catholic camp held in our diocese for high school teens, DYMO Camp has been in operation for more than 40 years. At Camp, teens experience authentic Catholic Christian living, leadership formation, daily celebration of Eucharist as well as creative expressions in the arts, swimming, volleyball, and hiking. DYMO Camp will be held this year on June 15-21 at YMCA Camp Pinewood in Twin Lake. Camper applications can be found at www.dymo.org.

Catechetical Foundations will be hosting a "Day for Catechists" on Saturday, June 14 at Sacred Heart Parish in Grand Rapids. This training day will be held from 9am-3:30pm (Parish Mass at 8:30 a.m. is held beforehand if you would like to attend). This event is FREE to all parish employees, catechists, clergy, religious, discerning catechists, parents, and ministry volunteers. "Day for Catechists" also counts for 4 hours of catechist credit in the Grand Rapids Diocese, including 1 hours of "professional" theology. Keynote: Fr. Aaron Ferris - "The Catechist and the Missionary Mandate of the Church" Sessions lead by Mark Postma, Michael Tober (of Catechetical Foundations), Jim Penrice (DRE at St. Mary's in Spring Lake) and Brian Pizzalato (the new Director of Catechesis for the Lansing Diocese).

Be a part of the prolife generation by joining Grand Rapids Students for Life! This group is open to all prolife high school and college students. During the summer, students will gather twice a month, do volunteer work, and plan a summer festival for children. To get involved attend the kick-off gathering on Monday, May 19, at 4:00 pm at the Grand rapids Right to Life office (2340 Porter

St. SW in Wyoming). For more information contact Nicole, at 616-885-5984, info@grrtl.org, or visit www.grrtl.org/students.

<http://www.holyfamilyradio.net/our-community/pledge-drive/>

PRIME TIME SINGLES-will be meeting at 9:00 AM for Saturday breakfast at NEW CREATION COFFEE HOUSE on US 31 between Lincoln and Ferris Streets

Marne Fest - Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th, 66th Annual Memorial Day Parade at 9:45 AM, 5 k Run, Chicken BBQ 11am-1:00pm, Car Show, vendors selling crafts and much more. For more information go to www.facebook.com/marnefest2014.

Please join the parents of West Catholic's graduating Class of 2014 in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, May 20, beginning at 9:00 PM and ending at 5:00 AM on May 21. This prayer vigil will take place in the West Catholic Maria Goretti Chapel during the time of the Senior All Night Party. Stop in and pray that these students will continue to walk with God as their guide.

Memorial Day Weekend in Conklin

Sunday, May 25, 2014, the Conklin Firefighters Association will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 7:30am until 12:00pm at the St. Vincent DePaul Building Corp. Hall on 32nd Ave. The price is by donation and the proceeds this year will be used for equipment.



 On Monday, May 26th the American Legion will conduct a program in Conklin beginning at 11:00am. The parade will follow at approximately 11:30am.

Following the parade, a Memorial Day Picnic and Pig Roast will be held at the Conklin Reformed Church. Donations of \$5.00 per meal are appreciated.

Please come and join us for a day of community fellowship and to honor our veterans and their families!

(Parade set up 10:30 at Chester Park. For more information on any of these events, contact Gary Meerman 616-916-6435)

Holy Family Radio Spring Pledge Drive: Join in the FUNdraising and be part of the excitement for Christ and His Church! Many local vibrant parishes, ministries and organizations will be highlighted during the 3 days and 33 hours of Holy Family Radio's Spring Pledge Drive including: a special message from both Bishop David Walkowiak (Diocese of Grand Rapids) and Bishop Paul Bradley (Diocese of Kalamazoo). Tune in to hear your favorite priests and other guests you know and love.

The theme for the Spring - 2014 pledge drive is "Go Out into the Whole World and Proclaim the Gospel" based on Mark 16:15, when He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Sherry Brownrigg & Wendy Templeton will be hosting the pledge drive. For more information about this pledge drive, including the schedule of guests, please go to: