

**May 10, 2020—5th Sunday of Easter**

**May 17, 2020—6th Sunday of Easter**

## **St. Mary's Immaculate Conception**

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 7:00PM. Sunday: 8:00 AM

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

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## From Father Rich....

### May 10th

***"I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life..."***

"Today, the scene we consider in the Gospel explains the existing intimacy between Jesus Christ and the Father; but not only that; it invites us to discover the relationship between Jesus Christ and his disciples. *'And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be'*: these words of Jesus, not only place his disciples in a perspective of future, but also exhort them to keep on faithfully following the course they had begun. To share with the Lord the glorious life, they also have to partake the same way that takes Jesus Christ towards the dwellings of his Father.

*'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father.'* Jesus does not certainly propose a simple way, but he points out the path to follow. In fact, He becomes himself the Way to the Father; through his Resurrection, He becomes the Walker who is to guide us; with the gift of the Holy Spirit, He encourages and fortifies us so that we do not lose heart in our pilgrimage: *'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.'*

In the invitation Jesus makes to us, to go to the Father through Him, with Him and in Him, his deepest mission and most intimate desires are revealed: *'He, who is the Son of God who became the Son of Man, wants to make us his brothers and sisters, thus, He is in Himself presenting all humanity to its God and true Father, by taking with him all of his own kin'* (St. Gregory of Nyssa).

A Way to walk, a Truth to proclaim, a Life to share and enjoy: Jesus Christ."

Fr. Walter Hugo Perello

### May 17th

#### Why We Keep the Commandments

"A Christian is a disciple of the Lord who keeps his commandments, and if not...Jesus has said openly: He cannot be my disciple.

A Christian seeks God's will, the happiness of others, and...the Church's presence in today's world. A Christian loves the cross of Christ and carries it in his or her life. A Christian is a living Credo, continuing Jesus' work here on earth, and making the song of hope resound in the midst of the world's trials.

Whatever difficulties may arise, the Christian remains God's heir.

For love of Christ, a Christian accepts hatred if it comes....

The Holy Spirit dwells in and enlightens a Christian.

A Christian who is continually renewed makes Jesus' revolution of love alive in his or her life. With the Church, a Christian lives the Passion of Christ in union with Mary, in the midst of critics, opposition, and that suffering which is destructive.

In a word, a Christian is a faithful reproduction of the life of Christ who causes all who see him or her to say, "There is Christ!"

Venerable Francis Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuan

#### Both churches of St. Mary's in Hammond and St. Bridget's in River Falls are open for people to pray.

People are most welcome to come to both churches and pray. The governor's stay at home order does allow people to gather in groups no more than ten people. St. Bridget's is open most days from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and closes on Sundays around 1:00 p.m. St. Mary's is open usually from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm. each day.

#### We have frozen meals to give away at both St. Bridget's and St. Mary's!

St. Bridget's volunteers have about 300 meals to be given away. God bless them who came in and cooked and packaged these ready to eat frozen meals. Each portion serves 2 people—or 1 hungry teenager. If you or someone you know, would like some, please call the St. Bridget Church office 715-425-1870.

### **Mother's Day Blessing**

God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,  
so you watch over your people the Church.

Bless these women and all women who are mothers to many of us by birth, adoption or nurturing roles,

May they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

As their daughters and sons,

may we honor them always

with a spirit of profound respect. Bless mothers whose arms are empty and desire a child or have lost a child.

We remember Mothers are not listening or watching today because it is simply too painful.

Give them your peace that comes beyond all understanding.

Doubly poor are those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment and violence, since they are frequently less able to defend their rights. Even so, we constantly witness among them impressive examples

of daily heroism in defending and protecting their vulnerable families.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

And may almighty God bless you all,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

### **St. Bridget's and St. Mary's have purchase pigs for food shelves**

Our churches had the opportunity along with other churches in River Falls to purchase pigs that are being destroyed due to pork processing plants shutting down or limiting production because of COVID19. The meat of our pigs to be processed will be given to the local food shelves. Thanks to Steve and Peggy Rohl of St. Bridget's who are housing them until they are processed. St. Bridget's will compensate them for feed for doing this. We need to know of anyone that can help or find a date to get these pigs processed. These pigs were purchased through Kluver Farms in Minnesota. Sadly, they had to destroy 180 pigs already because of no means of processing them. An additional 400 will need to be destroyed. I was born on a farm and it is gut wrenching for me to see this happen. I can only imagine what it is like for them. We are doing our part as churches to help. Please pray for those affected economically by this COVID19 pandemic. All of us are affected by the coronavirus but some carry a greater burden. Fr. Jerry

### **New Signage on St. Bridget Parish School**

There is new additional signage at St. Bridget Parish School that identifies clearly the Middle School and the Elementary School.

Thanks to the anonymous donor for doing this. God Bless you!

### **Sacraments**

Rest in Peace: Helen Benedict. A private burial was held at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery and will be followed by a Memorial Mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at a later date.

### **BACCALAUREATE MASS ON MAY 19**

The Baccalaureate Mass to recognize and honor the 2020 graduating seniors will be celebrated on Tuesday,

May 19 at 8 AM at St. Bridget's Church in River Falls. Since only ten people can attend, the Mass will be on

YouTube live and also recorded so it can viewed at a later time on the Saint Bridget's Facebook page. The names of all the graduates will be read and all will receive a blessing from Father Jerry. The recipients of the

five scholarships from the various church groups are invited to attend the Mass in person and receive their award.

Please join in praying and congratulating all these young adults on their many accomplishments.

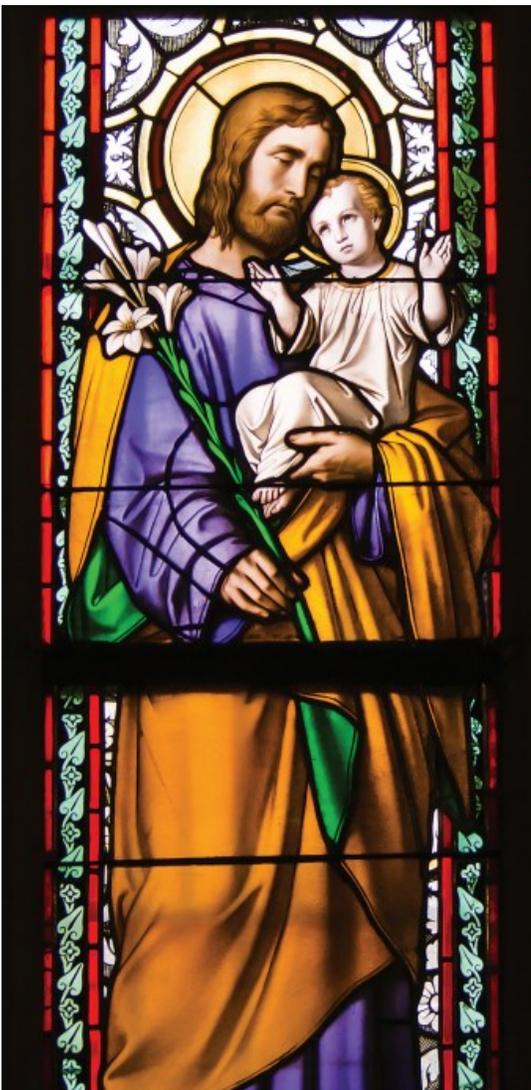
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## KC Corner

Next Meeting: No "in person" meetings will take place until the STAY AT HOME order is lifted. Virtual meetings will be called as needed.

- Knights of Columbus Promote Fatherhood (see flyer)
- May is the Month of Mary – Please pray the rosary often for the intention of all those affected by Coronavirus COVID-19.
- Nomination of Officers – The month of May is the time to nominate new officer candidates for Council 7030. If you are interested in becoming an officer, you may self-nominate. If you know someone who would make a good officer, please send your nomination to Dennis Malecek or Pete Lefeber.
- KC Charity Raffle – The drawing for the Charity Raffle was conducted on May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Green Bay.
  - First place winner of \$50,000 is James Scott of Green Bay
  - Second place winner of \$25,000 is Kendall McWilliams of ??
  - One \$500 winner from Somerset
  - One \$500 winner from Hudson
  - Two \$500 winners from Eau Claire and Rice Lake
- KC \$500 Scholarship Winner – Trevor Kopacz – CONGRATULATIONS!!



## Knights of Columbus Promotes Christian Fatherhood!

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the **feast of St. Joseph the Worker**. Pope Pius XII established this feast day in 1955 to honor St. Joseph and celebrate the Catholic Church's commitment to the dignity of labor. One hundred fifty years ago, Pope Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. St. Joseph helped the Church through those difficult years, and the Pope experienced his protection firsthand. He knew that besides Our Lady, St. Joseph is the greatest saint who ever lived and is a powerful intercessor before God. St. Joseph is the head of the Holy Family, after all!

Members of the Knights of Columbus have ready access to a veritable treasure trove of materials to assist them in their important journey of spiritual fatherhood. Here are just a few:

- Into the Breach Series
- Building the Domestic Church Materials
- Everyday Heroes Series

**We invite all men of good will**, whether or not you are a Knight, to avail themselves of these wonderful and rich resources. We stand ready to assist them in whatever way they need. With more than 300 local councils in Wisconsin, we have men in every neighborhood.

We also invite all Catholic men age 18 and over to join us in this good work. From May 1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, as part of what we are calling our **"Go to St. Joseph" promotion**, you may join us online at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus). Use Promo Code **WIKOFC** (case sensitive) to receive a 50% discount off your first-year dues. (Your cost becomes **ONLY \$15**)

We invite Catholic men to join our brotherhood, through which we help each other to become **St. Josephs of our families and the Church**.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Scripture Readings

www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Monday, 5/11	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26	PS 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16
Tuesday, 5/12	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a	PS 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21
Wednesday, 5/13	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8	PS 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Thursday, 5/14	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17	PS 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Friday, 5/15	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17	PS 57:8-9, 10 and 12
Saturday, 5/16	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21	PS 100:1b-2, 3, 5
Sunday, 5/17	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21	PS 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
Monday, 5/18	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26 16:4a	PS 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
Tuesday, 5/19	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11	PS 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Wednesday, 5/20	Acts 17:15, 22 18:1/Jn 16:12-15	PS 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
Thursday, 5/21	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20	PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Friday, 5/22	Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23	PS 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Saturday, 5/23	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28	PS 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
Sunday, 5/24	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20	PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

# PRAYER LIST

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Want someone prayed for, or listed in the bulletin prayer list? Please notify our prayer chain contact, Roxi Wakeen at (715) 698-2622, Text (651) 894-3385 or the church office.

The name of your loved one will be prayed for two months or unless you request it otherwise. You can resubmit your loved ones names at anytime.

Doug Pedrotty	Dominic Pedrotty	Kay Suckow
Donald Anibas	John Will	Bob Weninger
Ken Weiss	Lorraine Miller	Michael Pedrotty
Charlene Bretl	Rebecca Eckman	Heather Jaszczak
David Bazille	Sammie Criego	Jodi Hurtgen Wagner
Mary Erickson		

### St. Mary's Intentions

Day	Date	In Memory Of	Given By:
Thurs	5/14/2020	+ People's Mass	
Sat	5/16/2020	+ People's Mass	
Sun	5/17/2020	+ People's Mass	
Thurs	5/21/2020	+ People's Mass	
Sat	5/23/2020	+ People's Mass	
Sun	5/24/2020	+ People's Mass	

### Tithes and Financial (prior week)

Adult Envelopes	\$4,033.00
Loose	\$0.00
Week #43 Budget	\$3,450.00
Week #43 Actual	\$4,033.00
YTD Budget	\$197,710.00
YTD Actual	\$200,381.24
CSA Goal	\$37,819.00
CSA Received	\$9,065.00
Percentage of Goal	24%

St. Bridget link to their Church website

[https://www.saintbridgets.org/church/other\\_liturgies\\_talks.cfm](https://www.saintbridgets.org/church/other_liturgies_talks.cfm)



**Chancery Bulletin** - You can view the Chancery bulletin here: <http://www.catholicdos.org/chancery-bulletin>

**Ride to Worship** - If you are unable to get to mass on Saturday or Sunday, please contact our church office and one of Welcoming Committee members will assist. We will try our best to get you there! Church office - Phone: (715) 796-2244; Email - [admin@stmaryshammond.org](mailto:admin@stmaryshammond.org); Office Hours: T & TH 11:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.

**Please call the parish office for all scheduling.**

**Holy Communion for the Homebound** - Call and leave your name and telephone number, and we will arrange a visit at your home by a Minister of Holy Communion.

**Anointing of the Sick** - First Mass of the quarter (Jan., April, July, & Oct.) at each nursing home and by appointment. Please call the cluster office for a priest to visit your home or hospital room - 715-796-2244.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Weekly on Sunday from 7:15 AM to 7:30 AM, or anytime by appointment.

**Baptisms** - A Baptism preparation is to be completed by parents prior to the Baptism of their first child.

**Weddings** - Weddings are to be scheduled six months prior to the wedding to allow for Marriage Preparation.

**Spanish Mass** - We have a large Spanish population in the area who are Catholic. To meet their spiritual needs, Mass in Spanish and English will be the second Saturday of the month at the 7:00p.m. at St. Mary's in Hammond. The prayers, readings, and intentions will be in Spanish and English. The Eucharistic Prayer will be in Spanish. We are blessed to have several members of St. Mary's who speak Spanish and will be able to help translate.