

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2010

Mass intentions may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. They will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

MONDAY, May 3 – Saint Philip and Saint James, apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14

8:00 am – RL – Living & Deceased of the Parish (RF)

TUESDAY, May 4 – Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel – Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, May 5 – Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8

8:00 am – RL – Prayer Service

THURSDAY, May 6 – Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Elvira Michalek (RF)

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC – Respect for Life (GG)

FRIDAY, May 7 – Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel † James Reinke (RF)

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Joe & Eleanor Jacoby, † David Denzin (GG)

SATURDAY, May 8 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Rv 21:1-14,22-23 Jn 14:23-29

4:30 pm – Dacada † Jeanette Theis, † Roland G. Jacoby

7:30 pm – HR, St. Rose Chapel – Joseph & Regina Roeckl

SUNDAY, May 9 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Rv 21:1-14,22-23 Jn 14:23-29

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † George & Cecilia Bares

9:30 am – HR, Holy Cross – For our Parishioners, † Carol Leider

10:00 am – RL – Living & Deceased of the Parish and

† Matthew Strack

11:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Robert, Armella, & Butch Lorge

Confession Times – Saturday afternoon at St. Nicholas, Dacada from 3:45-4:15 p.m. Saturday evening at St. Rose, Fredonia from 6:45-7:15 p.m. Sunday morning at St. Mary, Lake Church following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Special arrangements can be made with either priest.

Question of the Week:

Key Passage – Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” (John 13:34)

Adult – When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?

Child – Do you believe love is stronger than hate? Why?

SPRING PRIEST ASSEMBLY - Our priests will be gone Monday, May 3-Wed., May 5 to attend the Spring Priest Assembly. Please keep all of these men in your prayers. **There will not be morning Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday.** Deb Hamm will lead a prayer service at OLL on Wednesday.

The Human Concerns committee is collecting ketchup, mustard and hand soap (bars or liquid) for the Food Pantry. Please drop off items in the back of church on any weekend. Thank you for your support.

Nominations for Parish Trustee-Treasurer are now closed. Fr. Fleischman has nominated Gary Feider for Parish Trustee-Treasurer. Gary has accepted the nomination and is declared elected.

Liturgical Ministers

Dacada 4:30 pm (5/8) Servers: Alexia Horstmeier, Leona Meyer

Lector: Jim Steffen

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Misti Depies,

Laura Feider, Leon Jacoby, Bonnie Steffen

Ministers of Hospitality: Jacob & Samuel Birenbaum

RL 10:00 am (5/9) Servers: Logan Risch, Francesca Sanfelippo

Lector: Joanne Mueller

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vicki Depies,

Sharon Gilson, Marilyn Sabec, Penny Wessing

Ministers of Hospitality: Mickey Sabec, Mike Scholler, Jim Theisen,

Bill Wessing

We pray for the improved health of... David Moller, Joe/Donna Moller, Roland Klas, Mardell Binder, Don Dressel, Brian Ramel, Kathleen Medinger, Fanny Watry, Tom Fitzpatrick, Pat Morgan, Andy Weter, Gary Pieper, Gabby Hicks

Our Lady of the Lakes Stewardship Report – April 25, 2010

Offertory Collection: \$283.00

Church Support Received: \$ 2,906.00

Need weekly to meet budget: \$ 5,750.00

Short (\$ 2,844.00)

Total Rcvd. 7/1/09-4/25/10: \$ 224,466.02

Total needed to meet budget: \$ 247,250.00

Short (\$ 22,783.98)

Minimum financial support requested is as follows:

Married Couples: \$20.00 per week

Single & Mixed Religion Marriages: \$10.50 per week

***or Tithes** – you can join the growing number of parishioners who tithe and give 5% of their gross income. **If you cannot give the requested amount, we ask that you give what you can.**

Congratulations to our First Communicants: Jillian Kay Becker, Madison Nicole Bichler, Zachary Jonathan Coeur, Cora Ann Dieringer, Emily Sandra Duschene, Willow Lynn Goral, Shemiah Faith Huiras, Ethan Grant Mueller, Peyton John Mueller, Benjamin Kenneth James Nett, Case Michael Noll, Roger Alfred Reilly, Eli James Sanborn, Neil Dean Schlessinger, Connor Michael Schwab, Donald Vincent Singer, Jacob Andrew Spaeth, Jordan Hunter Udovich, Emily Leigh Vorpahl, Konnor Allen Weinert, Dylan John Weiss, Emma Kathleen Wenske

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Grade School will be having an Open House/Ice Cream Social for anyone interested; especially 3 and 4 year old preschool and 5 year old Kindergarten families on May 6th from 6-7 pm. Come and tour the school, meet the teachers and current parents, and other members of the school and church. Introductions will be at 6:15 pm. Ice Cream to follow at 6:30 in the school gym. All rooms will be open for you to explore! Sign up now for the 2010-2011 school year! If you have any questions, please call the school office at 920-994-9962.

At Our Lady of the Lakes, the **rosary** will be prayed before Mass during the month of May.

Monday, May 3

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



- 6:15 pm – Rosary - RL

Tuesday, May 4

7:00 pm – Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon – Fredonia (Joe 994-9827)

Wednesday, May 5 - School Early Release Day

- 6:30 pm – Home & School Meeting

Thursday, May 6

- 1:30 pm – Parish Office closes for Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm – Open House/Ice Cream Social – OLL School
- 7:00 pm – Common Leadership Night – Holy Cross

Day of Recollection: Spirituality of Aging

Saturday May 8 – 9:00 – 2:00 at St. Joseph Parish in Grafton. Fr. Dan Crosby will be our guest speaker and lead this Day of Recollection. The day is open to anyone working in the areas of Ministers of Care (those who visit the homebound or hospitalized) – or other areas of Human Concerns, such as St. Vincent de Paul. No fee but donations accepted for lunch. Call Jim Haebig to register at 262-375-6500.

If you are interested in touring the The Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit with others from SS. Peter & Paul Parish, please call Kim in the parish office at 920-894-3553.

When: Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Time: Following the 8:30am Mass

Return by 5:00pm

Cost: \$45.00 – including museum entrance fees, exhibit fees, transportation and lunch at Mader’s Restaurant

“Behold, I make all things new” (Today’s Second Reading)

Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you renew your marriage/Holy orders to love each other as Jesus loves. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are June 11-13 in Rockford, July 16-18 in Madison, August 6-8 in Milwaukee and Sept. 17-19 in Rockford. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653. For a Weekend en Español June 4-6 contact Hugo & Gaby at 630-690-2094.

Pastoral Column

A young gentleman from St. Mary Parish in Lake Church sent me an email last week regarding the PAR visit. I'd like to share some excerpts of his email with all of you:

Words are powerful things. Words can inspire and motivate us. They can also direct or enlighten us. But words can also limit, demoralize, anger or frighten us. How words affect us is related to how we perceive these words. A college instructor of mine once taught me, perception is reality. Quite often our own perception of a given situation is the only reality we can see.

Regardless of which direction we choose to go, there will be some degree of change within our parishes. Even when change is good, it can be scary. You could get a new job, buy a new house or get married. All of these things are very positive, yet scary nonetheless. There is also unexpected change. The loss of a family member, a house fire, or getting laid-off are all examples of unexpected change. Often we are at our best when faced with unexpected change because we are forced to react and overcome quickly. Perhaps the scariest kind of change is the uncertain change. This is what we are facing now. There are no simple answers to the challenges that have been given to us. Whichever “change” we choose, there will be a huge amount of uncertainty. Together we will all be facing something new.

In the context of what the Catholic Church has endured over the past twenty-plus centuries, the issues we face in our quiet rural community seem insignificant. But judging by the level of emotion displayed during this process, these issues are of great importance to us. Every emotion imaginable has surfaced at some point along the way, not the least of which has been anger. Anger can be dangerous and destructive, even though it has similar characteristics to love. What love and anger have in common is passion. Passion is what we desperately need right now. In the absence of passion lies apathy. I would take anger over apathy anytime. If done properly, the energy of anger can be re-directed and focused on something constructive. Apathy on the other hand, has no useful energy. An apathetic person has already given up or become disconnected. That is something we need to avoid at all costs.

There is only one word that I could think of that unites each and every one of us. That word is Christ! Without Christ, all of these other words lose their importance. Sometimes we need to step back, ignore our own words, and follow where the word of God leads us. It may seem like a great challenge to look beyond your own perceived reality and embrace the unknown. We need to open our hearts and minds to all possibilities and prepare ourselves to accept a reality that is unfamiliar. As Christians we do this every day by having faith in a higher power. There is evidence in everyday life, small miracles that prove to us beyond a doubt the existence of our creator. These miracles are visible only to those who wish to see them, those who open their hearts to a reality they don’t fully understand.

Now we must challenge ourselves to apply that same philosophy to our current situation. If we woke up tomorrow to find all of our church buildings gone, would we cease being Christian? Of course not! *We don’t find Jesus in our buildings, we find him in our hearts.*

If we take ownership of our future we can take uncertain change and turn it into a bright future. Going forward, we can help change our reality by simply changing our vocabulary. Instead of focusing on words like mine or yours, let’s focus on what is ours. We need to hear words like acceptance, understanding, unity and sharing. A member of our transition team said it best when she asked, “are you going to be a victim of change, or an instrument of change?” What a perfectly appropriate choice of words.

These are good words for all of us to keep in mind these days. Let us keep praying for one another.

Deb Hamm, Pastoral Associate

Mission Trip Fund Raiser

Youth from our community will be working at Pizza Ranch in Oostburg on May 10 and again on May 12 from 4:30 - 8:30 to raise money for the upcoming mission trips to Maryland and Michigan. Pizza Ranch has a variety of pizzas, chicken, broasted potatoes, salad bar and dessert pizzas. It is a buffet and you can eat as much as you want. The youth keep 10% of the profits and all tips. Please help support the youth as they raise money to pay for the expenses of the mission trips this summer.