

April 28, 2024

**“I AM THE TRUE
VINE, AND MY
FATHER IS THE
VINE GROWER.”
—JN 15:1**

**5TH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

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Our Vision

*“We members of the Holy Spirit Family of Parishes,
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Corpus Christi Church



Our Lady of Mercy Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat., April 27, 2024

4:30 p.m. at CC

4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., April 28, 2024 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:30 a.m. at St. A Lawrence Kratzenberg +

9:00 a.m. at OLOM

10:30 a.m. at St. B

11:00 a.m. at QM

Mon., April 29, 2024 (No Mass or Communion Service) *St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

Tues., April 30, 2024 *St. Pius V, Pope*

8:30 a.m. at CC

Wed., May 1, 2024 *St. Joseph the Worker*

8:30 a.m. at OLOM

Thurs., May 2, 2024 *St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:30 a.m. at QM Repose of the Soul of
Linda Schlosser +

Fri., May 3, 2024 (No Mass or Communion Service) *Sts. Philip and James, Apostles*

Sat., May 4, 2024

4:30 p.m. at OLOM

4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., May 5, 2024 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8:30 a.m. at St. A Michael Hess +

9:00 a.m. at CC

10:30 a.m. at St. B

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, May 4, 2024 4:30 p.m. at OLOM

Presider:

Lector: Beth Siwecki

Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Behrens/
Detsy Sacksteder

Server: Arthur Siwecki

Saturday, May 4, 2024 4:00 p.m. at St. B

Note: New time Change

Presider: Fr. Francis

Lectors/Readers: tbd

Eucharistic Ministers: tbd

Sunday, May 5, 2024 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine

**All Holy Spirit Family of Parishes Mass
with the Archbishop for Confirmation**

10:30 am St. Augustine Church

6939 Weaver Rd, Germantown, OH 45327

Lectors: Patrick Barnett-SA

Volunteer- SB

Altar Servers: Randy Klotz-SA

Barb Maichle-SA

Samuel Mersch -SA

Robert Davis-SB

Consuella Wilson-OLOG

Arthur Siwecki-OLOG

Don Tomczak-QM

Volunteer

**Please note no other Sunday Masses May 5
in our Holy Spirit Family of Parishes**

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Parish Council for Holy Spirit Family of Parishes

Chair: Randall Klotz

Vice Chair: Consuella Wilson

Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Saturdays before the 4 p.m. Mass at SB,
or after daily Masses at CC, OLOM, QM
or by appointment.*

HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY April 29, 2024		
11:00 a.m.	St. Benedict the Moor Rosary In the sanctuary and Dial-In on Phone	Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136
TUESDAY April 30, 2024		
9:30 a.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group	CC Madonna Room
4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Meal	CC Madonna Room
WEDNESDAY May 1, 2024		
9:30 a.m.	No Bible Study Class until May 8	QM McAuley Hall
11:30 a.m.	No Chair Fitness Class during April	QM McAuley Hall
6:30 p.m.	St. Augustine Rosary	SA Church
6:00 p.m.	St. Benedict Bible Study	In the meeting room
THURSDAY May 2, 2024		
6:30 p.m.	OLOG Bible Study	CC Madonna Room

Join your church family in praying the Rosary for the community and each other.

St. Benedict Rosary is every Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary **Dial-In Available at:**

New Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136

St. Augustine Rosary is in person every Wednesday a 6:30 pm. Holy Hour every First Thursday of the month

Queen of Martyrs Rosary is in person every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., just before the 11:00 a.m.. Mass

Bible Studies

St. Benedict Bible Study every Wednesday Evenings 6:00 pm in the meeting room.

Queen of Martyrs Bible Study Wednesday Mornings 9:30 am to 11:00 am. McAuley Hall. Year round.

Our Lady of Grace Bible Study, Spring/Summer Session, every Thurs-

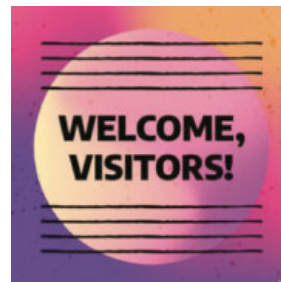
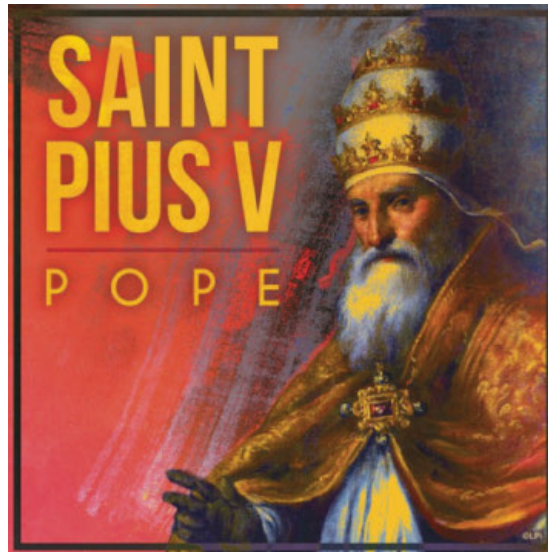
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- **Weddings, RCIA/RCIC:**
Call office 937-268-6697
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Deacons Ken Stewart & Victor Obasuyi,

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Monday at noon
Send bulletin information to:
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Weekend Collections

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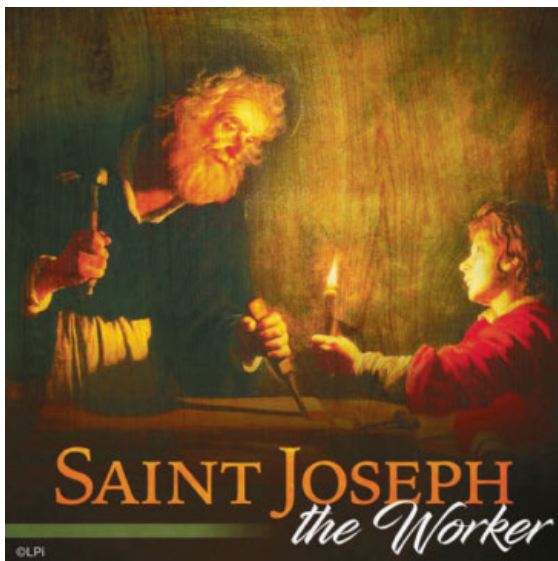
April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir



St. Joseph the Worker, Pray for us!
Feast Day, May 1

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Love in Deed

It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18

For MAY 5, 2024
 6th Sunday of Easter
Love of Your Neighbor



Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

- Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 • Peter in Caesarea
- 1 John 4:7-10 A • God's Love and Ours
- John 15:9-17 • Disciple's Love

- Adults: How is love of others connected to love for God?
- Kids: Who needs Jesus' love this week? How can you show them his love?

PASTOR'S CORNER

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Our Lady of Grace

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Queen of Martyrs Church

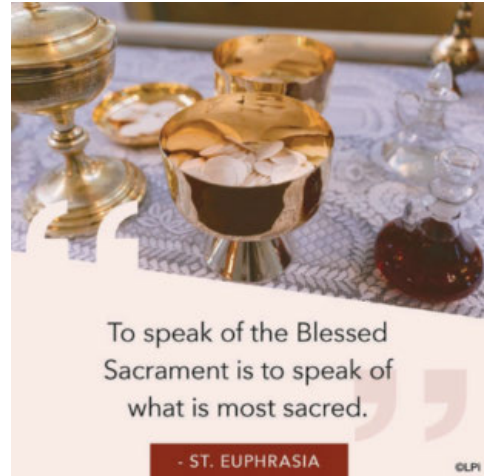
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VOCATION VIEW

St. John Vianney spoke of the priesthood as the 'love of the heart of Jesus.' To be called to the priesthood and/or religious life is to love the people of God in a unique and dynamic way. (1 John 3)

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:

Kenneth Bronston, Mary Helen Spanish, Pat Bell, Betty Jones, Susie Roberts, Angelina Matin, Nancy Green, Mary Dudley, Annena Younger, Keno Hampton, Sherman Mosley, Juanita Newell, Robert Florence, Loure Hayes, Renee Raisch, Ray Metzger, Richard Dillion, Joyce Merch, Sue Kozarec, Marie Hodapp, Craig Powell, Al Cochran, Mike Mobley, Rachel Woods, Peggy Neff, Wanda Offenberg, Fran Rickett, Pat Meyer, Norm Magoto, Kira Prikkel, Dave Hoerner, Pat Chirco, Keith Jones, Teresa Bond, Bev Ossege, Doncella Parks, Jeanne Sipniewski, Mikayla Powley, Ken Pendery, Samantha M., Joan Means, Mike Kessler, George Noeth, June Phillips, Carla Arnold, Ralph McEldowney, Kevin Oleckniche, Julie Moreo, Ryan Ravestein, Toni Schilling, Andrea Kittel, Betty Meehan, Karen Kuritar, Dorianne Minnelli, Fred Caudell, Mary Foster, Petronella Chirco, Carl Meyer, Skip Royer, Mildred Singleton, Ann Heaney, Jerome Johnson, Carol, LaVerne Dorsey, Elizabeth Wolfe

PLEASE CALL 937-274-2107 EXT 3001 TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOMES

*Eddie Weaver—Mary Scott
Laure Hayes—Laurels of Kettering
Deloria Harris—Laurels of Kettering*

WE SALUTE OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Major Matthew Fecke, Tiffany Kracus Lewis, Sgt. Matthew Stull, Lance Corporal Patrick Nevius, Caleb Weaver, Spc. Phoebe Moreo, Adam Wilhelm, Martha Moreo, Capt. U.S. Space Force EM3 Douglas R. Sortman, Major Darren Ward, Staff Sgt. Jacob Naas, Spc. Jonathan Gladden, AB Makayla Picker, Ssgt. P. J. Picker, Angelica Tomlinson, USN

DO YOU NEED PRAYERS?

Please call Pat Wilson at 937-836-2006 and she will pray for you.



St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes (1900-1920) was born Juana Henriqueta Josefina of the Sacred Hearts Fernandez Solar. Her family and friends nicknamed her Juanita. As a youth she read a biography of St. Thérèse of Lisieux that inspired her to grow in her faith and choose a path in life that led toward a religious vocation. By the age of 14 she knew she wanted to consecrate herself as a religious Carmelite nun.

At the age of 19, she began her novitiate with Carmelites and took the name “Teresa of Jesus.” She was particularly drawn to the religious life with the Carmelites because she enjoyed the simple life offered in the convent, the companionship of the other sisters living and serving Jesus alongside her. She also found joy in her proximity to the Blessed Sacrament where she would often be found in prayer.

During her short time with the Carmelites before her death, she wrote many letters to friends, family, and other community members. She considered these letters her apostolate and shared her thoughts as well as spiritual encouragement with those with whom she corresponded. Her writings frequently focused on her experiences of and thoughts on living a fulfilling spiritual life.

After a particularly violent attack of typhus, she was permitted to take her vows early because it was feared she would die. After her vows and receiving her last rites, she succumbed to the disease just three months before her twentieth birthday.

St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes’s short yet faith-filled life stands as a lasting testament to believers everywhere that one’s life doesn’t have to be long and filled with lofty accomplishments to be an amazing example of faith and Christ’s love. St. Teresa, pray for us!



Canonized Saints

Question:

How does a person become a canonized saint?

Answer:

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person’s death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title “Servant of God.” The first phase involves collecting information about the person’s life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase “devil’s advocate!” When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared “Venerable.”

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared “Blessed.” If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them “Saint.”

National Day of Prayer

You are my lamp, O LORD!
 My God brightens the darkness about me.
 With you I can rush an armed band,
 with my God to help I can leap a wall.
 God’s way is unerring;
 the LORD’s promise is tried and true;
 he is a shield for all who trust in him.
 2 Samuel 22:29-31

Holy Spirit Family of Parishes- April 28, 2024



ST. BENEDICT NEWS

Saint Benedict the Moor 2024 Graduates

Please begin to post Saint Benedict the Moor 2024 Graduates on the Board in the gathering space. Post Name, institute, and, grade/degree. We welcome any other information that you may want announced.

St. Benedict Choir

Saint the Benedict the Moor is seeking to grow our choir. Please join the choir. Practice last about an hour on Saturdays at 11am. You may email Gabe Lawson at gabe.lawson.1609@gmail.com

Next Holy Spirit Family of Parishes Combined Family Mass NEXT WEEK!

May 5, 2024,
10:30 am at St. Augustine
Archbishop Dennis Schnurr
is coming for Confirmation

**Please note no other Sunday Masses May 5
in our Holy Spirit Family of Parishes**

Regular Saturday Masses still in place this weekend

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

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Sunday - May 12, 2024

TIME: 12:30—3:30 PM
JAZZ 1 - 3 PM

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ST. AUGUSTINE NEWS

ST. AUGUSTINE PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be a part of the St. Augustine Prayer Chain, please contact Marie Klotz at saintapraysingtowntown@gmail.com

ST. AUGUSTINE ONE CALL

To be added to the St. Augustine one-call, please contact Fran Delegato at frandelegato@gmail.com

QUEEN OF MARTYRS NEWS

Queen of Martyrs will host a five year anniversary Neighborhood Memorial and Celebration of Recovery of the 2019 Tornado. All of our neighbors are invited to come to our parking lot celebration on Sunday, May 19, Noon to 3:00 PM for hot dogs and an ice cream social. Hope to see you there! More info to follow next week.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”



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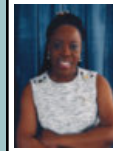
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