

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, May 4**

4:00PM (Red Bud)

Sunday, May 5...Rosary 7:30AM

8:00AM (P) Ralph Henry Claude Simpson

10:00AM (Red Bud)

Thursday, May 9

10:00AM (P) Leta Rae & Gib Bauer

Saturday, May 11

4:00PM (Red Bud)

Sunday, May 12...Rosary 7:30AM Mother's Day

8:00AM (P) Nancy (Eichenseer) Watts

Tony & Billie Eichenseer

10:00AM (Red Bud)

LITURGICAL ROLES**Gift Bearers**

5/5 Mike & Michelle Umbdenstock Family

5/12 Bob & Paula Watkins

Lector

5/5 John Parker

5/12 Kim Schaefer

Eucharistic Ministers

5/5 Bev, Janet, Kim

5/12 John P, Jay & Michelle

Servers

Please volunteer

Ushers/Greeters for May

Dave & Pauline Eichenseer

CHURCH SUPPORT- April 28th

Envelopes \$5,141 Loose \$81 Home Missions \$70

Ascension \$10 Monthly Charity \$50 Pledge \$10

Year to Date 7/1/23-4/28/24

Env. \$76,744 Loose \$5,759 Avg. Wkly Env. \$1,827 (42wk)

CSMA...Parish Goal \$3,692. To date: \$2,085-23 households

**PRAYER REQUEST**

All homebound & nursing home, Our Military & their families, Ruth Henry, Doris Wilson, Lola Depper, Roger & Carol Hess, Ruby Dickinson, Joan Schaefer, Fred Deterding, Chris Schwartz, Verona Schwartz, Sandy Duvic, ASC Community, Ray & Gladys Hess, Cooper Craddock, Roger Groth, George Epplin, Keith Bauer, Taylor, Luke & Garrett Grimm

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

MONTH OF MAY...DEDICATED TO MARY

We will be praying the Rosary during the month of May, 20 minutes before Mass. Please join us.

QUILTING-Wednesday's beginning at 9AM and Thursday evenings beginning at 6PM. May quilt of the month winner...Joan Derringer, Ellis Grove.

**READINGS**

First Reading—Peter entered the house of Cornelius and proclaimed the good news to his household. They listened and believed, so Peter had them baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second Reading— John wrote, "Let us love one another, because love is of God." The person without love knows nothing of God because God is love. 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel—Jesus told his disciples, "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." There is no greater love than this: "to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:9-17

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

We continue to celebrate the Easter season today, glorying in the resurrection of our Lord, who has promised to remain with us always. Jesus is with us in our waking and our sleeping, in our joys and our sufferings, in our homes and our communities. In a special way the risen Lord is here with us as we gather in faith, in the ministers and in each other, in God's word proclaimed, and in his Body and Blood we receive. Here we are reminded once again to love one another. Why? John says because love is of God, as witnessed by the Father sending the Son to bring us new life and the Son dying for us on the cross to save us from our sins. What greater love can there be for us to imitate? Moreover, Jesus promises his disciples that when we follow his command to love one another, we remain in his love and will receive whatever we need. Let us pledge then to bring the risen Lord with us wherever we go and whatever we do, striving always to give witness to his love.

How are you honoring Mary during this month of May? Have you prayed the Rosary? Have you come to Mass through the week? Have you asked her intercession as you prayed for Peace in the World? Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Have a blest week! Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved! Fr. Dennis

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(The Church's Witness of Brotherly Love) When a person truly knows Jesus Christ and believes in him, that person experiences his presence in life as well as the power of his resurrection, and cannot but communicate this experience. And if this person meets with misunderstanding or adversity, he behaves like Jesus in his passion: he answers with love and with the power of the truth...Let us ask for the help of Mary Most Holy so that the Church throughout the world may proclaim the resurrection of the Lord with candor and courage and give credible witness to it with signs of brotherly love. Brotherly love is the closest testimony we can give that Jesus is alive with us, that Jesus is risen.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

Remember those special women in your life with a rose next Sunday. Roses will be available next weekend after Mass.

OUR FAITH

The Gospel for this Sunday addresses the issue of love head on: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." This statement sums up the entirety of all the Gospels and all the epistles and all the spiritual writings and all the church teachings that have ever been produced through the centuries.

If we truly "get" this one statement—"As the Father loves me, so I also love you"—then everything else becomes mere window dressing.

Because what Jesus is telling us in this profound and dazzling Gospel reading is that you and I are loved in the same way and to the same extent that Jesus is loved by God the Father! It's breathtaking when you stop and think about it.

Look back in the Gospels and see for yourself. All of the great stories Jesus ever told—the prodigal son, the Good Samaritan, the woman caught in adultery, the washing of the feet, the cleansing of the lepers, the curing of the blind and the lame—all of these tell the same single tale: Each of us is graciously, eternally and infinitely loved.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

We will be holding our Strawberry Festival this year on May 19th. We need your help to make this event possible!! **WE ARE IN NEED OF 2 CASES OF ½ PINT JELLY JARS-8oz...USED OR NEW AND WHITE OR WHEAT BREAD FOR THE DRESSING. Please start baking those country store goodies that you can freeze...the country store can also use crafts, plants, fresh fruits, canned goods, breads, baked goods, etc. Drop offs for the country store can be made at Elite Ag on East Mill in Ruma or at the Church. Start shopping for your silent auction items. ALSO NOTE THAT THE PICNIC WILL BE FROM 11AM-2:30PM SO THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SHIFT FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE POSITIONS. Contact Diane or Sandy for questions.**

COOKIE BAKING DAY-We will be having a baking day on May 15th starting at noon in the parish hall to help supply goodies for the country store. Help is appreciated.

COUNTRY STORE ITEMS

Containers for your country store items are available in the back of church. Please help yourself.

WORKER'S LIST/FLYERS

Worker's list are available on the bulletin table if you did not receive one. Flyers available on bulletin table...**please help us advertise our event.**

**MONTHLY ASSISTANCE**

St. Patrick's Parish monthly takes a set amount (\$100) from the collection and donates it to a needy charity/family, locally or globally. **May/June's donation will go to Rob & Kaitlyn McCarthy's Family to help with medical bills. Rob & Kaitlyn have a little girl that was recently diagnosed with Leukemia.** If you would like to make a donation, please mark it and place it in the collection basket. Contact Sandy if you know of someone in need.

KUDOS

- To those that prepared the dressing for our upcoming Strawberry Festival.
- To those that bought baking supplies for our cookie day.
- To our picnic planning committee.
- To Roger's Redi-Mix, Inc./Illinois Excavators, Inc., our bulletin advertiser of the week.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Kathy Goetting 5/5, Lori Henry 5/6, Judy Deterding 5/11

THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

If you have been reading this bulletin, you know that something special is going to happen this summer in Indianapolis! From July 17-21, tens of thousands of passionate Catholics will experience an outpouring of grace on a scale this generation has never seen. The National Eucharistic Congress will be a turning point for the Church in America, filled with rich prayer experiences, fellowship, and world-class teaching from Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Josephine Garrett, Sr. Marian James Heidland, and many more incredible Catholic voices! This is the spiritual family reunion you've been waiting for. Whether you attend for one day or all five, your presence is a public witness that Jesus is truly present and active in our midst. Register online at EucharisticCongress.org. Closer to home, join us for the EMMAUS DAYS July 7 & 8 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows and the Cathedral of St. Peter. For more info go to the Diocesan Website: www.diobelle.org.

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS

WEEK 5 Did you know...What is happening in the diocese to protect children? Training is provided for all adults and youth to identify warning signs and develop strategies for maintaining a safe environment for all. A designated Review Board Administrator and Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to receive reports and accompany victims through their journey. A volunteer independent Review Board assists the bishop in the review of cases and makes recommendations for moving forward. A Safe Environment Coordinator assists parish and school personnel with training and background screenings for anyone who may have access to children. An audit is conducted by an independent firm to evaluate the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Findings are incorporated with those of other dioceses and made available in an Annual Report.