

May 6, 2018
6th Sunday of Easter

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Serving the People of God
Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

1101 S. LAFAYETTE, FT. WAYNE, IN 46802

FATHER PHILLIP A. WIDMANN, *Pastor*

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am

Holy Day - 5:15 pm

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Prayer Line

Dottie Carpenter (260) 705-1690

Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council

Jennifer Hayes (260) 450-2193

Sacraments

Matrimony

Arrangements are to be made with priest at least 6 months in advance. Pre-marriage instruction required.

Sick and Communion Call

Please keep the Church Office informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

Baptism

For details please call the Church Office. Baptismal Preparation is required for parents.

Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:00am-10:30am OR
Anytime by appointment.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Call Parish Office for information.

Parish Pastoral Council

Nov, Jan, Mar, May, 1st Sunday, after Mass

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 pm

Call or email submissions.

Parish Mission Statement

"Believing in faith in action, St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church strives to reach out to others through the joyful celebration of Word and Sacrament, embracing diversity, and working for peace, justice, and non-violence."

Parish Membership Welcome

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. *We thank God for you.* If you wish to register, please call the parish office, pick up a registration form in the pew, or complete below and place in collection basket.

Name _____ Phone No _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Check one:

New Parishioner New Address New Phone Number Moving, remove from list

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"I have called you friends." Authentic friendship can seem hard to come by these days, especially in our transient society. We move away from family, change jobs, switch parishes, and end up in entirely new places with entirely new people. When we look for new friends, we all have different qualities we're looking for. While we may think of certain standards of behavior necessary to be a "good" friend, we would hardly refer to them as rules or "commandments."

In fact, if a friendship or romantic relationship-new or old-becomes characterized by imposed obligations, we would rightly be suspicious. Friendships, we understand, ought to be characterized by freedom. We love the person, even sacrifice for them at times because, within ourselves, we want to maintain the friendship. So why does Jesus use the language of command as he calls the Apostles his friends? "You are my friends if you do what I command

you."

Jesus is radically transforming the concept of commandment. In the Jewish heritage of the Apostles, they would hear the word "command" and immediately think of the strict Levitical law and distance from God. In introducing the language of friendship, Jesus ties "commandment" to inner freedom of heart. The disciples have this freedom precisely because they know "what [the] Master is doing." Jesus has invited his followers into intimate friendship all along. He shares openly with them. He has patience with their flaws. He isn't scandalized by their failures. He celebrates their successes. We, too, have been called by love and invited into a relationship with Jesus. It is you and I that Jesus chooses and appoints. He does so personally, not from a distant mountain shrouded in clouds. This "new commandment" to "love one another" is received around the shared table in the breaking of the bread.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Sunday, May 6**

Sacristan: Susan Berghoff

Commentator/Petitions: Mary's Kids

Servers: Mary's Kids

First Reading: Mary's Kids

Second Reading: Mary's Kids

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Susan Berghoff, Andre Thomas, Dottie Carpenter, Peggy Neidhart, Judy Wagoner, John Barnett, Eugenia Barnett, Angela Greven

Ushers: Mary's Kids

Greeters: Mary's Kids

Sunday, May 13

Sacristan: Sue Jehl

Commentator/Petitions: Tom Rumschlag

Servers: Katy Parrott, Kera Parrott, Payton Hinsey

First Reading: John Brennan

Second Reading: Carmen Doyle

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Jehl, Tom Vodde, Carol Vodde, Rosemary Mausser, Kate Brogan, Maxine Stovall, Jane Wick, Theresa Spencer

Ushers: Dennis Doyle, Liz Peterson, John Peterson, Christine Myles

Greeters: Sue & Irv Arnold

ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM - St. Mary Mother of God Church offers this safe and convenient option for you to contribute your Sunday offerings to the Church automatically through your checking or savings account. To obtain the necessary form, please contact Julie Crouch at the Parish Office (jcrouch@stmarysfw.org, or 260-424-8231). You may also go to www.stmarysfw.org, click the "Donate" link, and complete the Authorization Agreement for Direct Payment form. Mail or put the form in the Collection Basket. Thank you!

"to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven"

"a time to be born..."

"a time to love..."

"a time to be healed..."

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

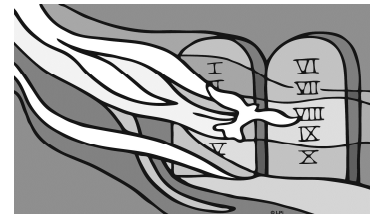
"a time to die"

"and a time for peace"

and in our world, all people, both military and civilian who are in the midst of war, or natural disasters.

Ecclesiastes 3:1f

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete." - Jn 15:10-11

**Readings for the Week of May 6, 2018**

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
Jn 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]
/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-



Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 6

10:45 am For the People of St. Mary Mother of God Parish

Sunday, May 13

10:45 am Joan Gospodarek



Altar of Service

Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

Please mark your grocery lists for our Soup Kitchen. This week we are asking for ...MACARONI

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Saturday, May 5: Leslie House, Brad, Owen Rupnow

Sunday, May 6: Larry C., Kaylee Eddy, Fairmans

Saturday, May 12: Owen & Elliot R., Kaylee E.

Sunday, May 13: John's friends

Saturday, May 19: Bob & Deb, Jim Schmidt

Sunday, May 20: Larry C., Shanebrooks

Saturday, May 26: John's friends

Sunday, May 27: Nina Gery, Liz & John P.

Thank you for volunteering at the Soup Kitchen. Please call me if you are unable to make your scheduled day.

Val Vordran 625-5757 or 450-5170

AVE MARIA HOUSE PANTRY NEEDS: CREAMER**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**

Do you feel a calling to minister to our shut-ins? Please call the church office at 424-8231 or Sue Koester at 493-4282 for more information, or if you know of a parishioner who may be homebound and in need of communion brought to them.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 6

- Mary's Kids—Children's Mass/May Crowning after Liturgy. (Please note the newly landscaped area for the statue of Mary)
- Last session of Mary's Kids until fall.

Parish Council Meeting after Mass on May 6.

All are welcome.

Sunday, May 13

- Come early and recite the *Rosary for Mary* in May beginning at 10:20 am. Lead this Sunday by Therese Spencer.
- Second Collection is for Catholic Charities & St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Our annual TinCaps outing will be Monday, June 11th at 7:05pm. This will be a Family Feast Night, so hot dogs, popcorn, pizza slices, and small drinks will cost \$1. Tickets will cost \$10, and will be sold before and after Mass every Sunday until May 27. Cash and checks will be accepted. Tickets will be available for pickup at church on June 3rd and 10th. We hope to see you there!

Parish Announcements

BUILDING INCLUSIVE PARISHES

Join Father Dave Voors, Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (10700 Aboite Center Road) and core members of Building Inclusive Parishes (a grassroots ministry dedicated to providing prayer, support, advocacy and catechesis to all individuals with special needs and their families) will meet to discuss ways in which pastors, parish staffs and parishioners can form welcoming and inclusive parishes for all. This meeting is open to everyone. Building Inclusive Parishes (BIP) continues to grow and welcomes anyone who wishes to be part of its efforts. Find out more by visiting :

www.buildinginclusiveparishes.com or by contacting

Mary Glowaski at 260-399-1458 or mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org.

Cost: free

DIACONATE ORDINATION

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend joyfully presents the Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon of José Arroyo and Daniel Niezer through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by the Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The ordination Mass is on Saturday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1122 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne. All are welcome!

POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN THE DIOCESE

"St. Mary of the Assumption School in Avilla, IN is seeking a part-time physical education teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. An Indiana educator's license is required. For more information, contact Andy Adams at 260-897-3481." Also seeking a full-time secretary. Ideal candidate would have knowledge of state reporting and Powerschool. For more information, contact Andy Adams at 260-897-3481."

"Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, IN is looking for qualified candidates for a full-time Maintenance Custodian. Full-time employment duties include some of the following: Be a self-motivated individual, perform basic custodial functions (which includes small repairs and maintenance), ability to follow specific instructions and procedures that requires physical effort to complete duties and operate as a team member. For an application visit www.iccauburn.com. Please mail applications to the parish or email applications to Lisa Hess at office@iccauburn.com.

For questions, call (260) 925-3930.



Church Support

Monthly & Fiscal Year-to-Date Summary

	Apr 2018	Jul 1-Jan 31, 2018
Adult Collection-Actual	\$ 19,172	\$ 164,671
Adult Collection-Budget	\$ 18,750	\$ 165,000
Loose Collection-Actual	\$ 2,681	\$ 18,269
Loose Collection-Budget	\$ 1,750	\$ 15,400
Average % Envelopes Used	31%	33%
SVDP Collection-Envelopes	\$ 507	\$ 5,926
SVDP Collection-Loose	\$ 179	\$ 1,328