

SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 29, 2018

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Parish Priest

DEAR PARISHIONERS

Next Sunday we will have our May Crowning in honor of Our Blessed Mother. May is the month set aside to especially honor Mary. There is some good information on the May Crowning that are interesting. The following information comes from an article on the web entitled: **“What are the origins of the May Crowning?”**

The origins of the May Crowning are hard to pinpoint, although devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary originates in the earliest days of the church. Concerning the significance of the month of May, toward the end of the 18th century, Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus (in Rome) instituted the practice of dedicating this month to our Blessed Mother. His desire was to promote devotion to Mary

Parish Directory Update

Work on the new Parish Directory is progressing. The initial phase is complete in that all active members have been entered and the photos we have are in place. The

among the students as a way to counteract infidelity and immorality. From Rome, the May devotion spread throughout the Jesuit colleges, and eventually throughout the whole church. Pope Pius VII in 1815 granted a partial indulgence for participating in either a public or private devotion honoring Mary during the month of May; Pope Pius IX made the indulgence plenary in 1859. (This particular indulgence is no longer listed in the present Enchiridion of Indulgences, although numerous devotions to our Blessed Mother are, such as the recitation of the rosary or the Litany of Mary.)

Regarding the crowning, the image of Mary (as well as Jesus) wearing a gold crown is found in the earliest forms of iconography, especially in the Eastern Churches. In the West,

next phase, being handled by Barb Boss, will be to add other photos such as special events, building and grounds, and other items of interest, and make the final layout.

the pious practice of publicly crowning an image of the Blessed Mother gained popularity in the 19th century. In Rome, the image known as Salus Populi Romani — of our Blessed Mother holding the Child Jesus — is enshrined at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Tradition holds that St. Luke painted the image. Pope Clement VIII (1592-1605) added two crowns to the icon, which were at some point later lost. Nevertheless, on Aug. 15, 1838, the Feast of the Assumption, Pope Gregory XVI with great solemnity, again added the crowns, and thereupon the practice of crowning the image of the Blessed Mother became popular, especially during the month of May.

The entire article can be found at:
<http://catholicstraightanswers.com/what-are-the-origins-of-the-may-crowning/>

There is still time to submit a family photo if you have not yet done so. Contact the Parish Office for further information. Please be sure to update your contact information.

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MASS TIMES
8AM SUNDAY
8:30AM WEDNESDAY
CONFESSION:
7:30AM SUNDAY

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21 Things We Do When We Make the Sign of the Cross

-Submitted by David Witkowski

(Part 2 of 4)

The Sign of the Cross is a simple gesture yet a profound expression of faith.....

6. Remember the Passion of Our Lord.

Fundamentally, in tracing out the outlines of a cross on ourselves, we are remembering Christ's crucifixion. This remembrance is deepened if we keep our right hand open, using all five fingers to make the sign—corresponding to the Five Wounds of Christ.

7. Affirm the Trinity. In invoking the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we are affirming our belief in a triune God. This is also reinforced by using three fingers to make the sign, according to Pope Innocent III.

8. Focus our prayer on God. One of the temptations in prayer is to address it to God as we conceive of Him—the man upstairs, our buddy, a sort of cosmic genie, etc. When this happens, our prayer be-

comes more about us than an encounter with the living God. The Sign of the Cross immediately focuses us on the true God, according to Ghezzi: "When we invoke the Trinity, we fix our attention on the God who made us, not on the God we have made. We fling our images aside and address our prayers to God as he has revealed himself to be: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

9. Affirm the procession of Son and Spirit. In first lifting our hand to our forehead we recall that the Father is the first person of the Trinity. In lowering our hand we "express that the Son proceeds from the Father." And, in ending with the Holy Spirit, we signify that the Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son, according to Francis de Sales.

10. Confess our faith. In affirming our belief in the Incarnation, the crucifixion, and the Trinity, we are making a sort of mini-confession of faith in words and gestures,

proclaiming the core truths of the creed.

11. Invoke the power of God's name. In Scripture, God's name carries power. In Philippians 2:10, St. Paul tells us that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth." And, in John 14:13-14, Jesus Himself said, "And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

12. Crucify ourselves with Christ. Whoever wishes to follow Christ "must deny himself" and "take up his cross" as Jesus told the disciples in Matthew 16:24. "I have been crucified with Christ," St. Paul writes in Galatians 2:19. "Proclaiming the sign of the cross proclaims our yes to this condition of discipleship," Ghezzi writes.

Bert Ghezzi, acquisitions editor at Our Sunday Visitor, is a popular Catholic speaker and the author of twenty-six books, including The Heart of Catholicism, Voices of the Saints, and Mystics and Miracles.

Prayer & Thanksgiving

A new Candle Lighter has been given to the Parish in memory of Mary Ann Gettler from the family.

To request prayer, please call the Church office at 515-523-1943, Adella Vogl at 641-742-5277, or email: stjohndallsaints@gmail.com



Liturgical Ministers Sunday May 6

Cross Bearer: Madison Suhr

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Andy Richter & Family

Lector: Julie Plowman

Host: Matt Fagan

Cup: Sr. Nesta & Adella Vogl

Servers: Luke Brincks & Carley Fagan

Traveling Chalice:
John & Adella Vogl

PARISH BUSINESS & FINANCE REPORT

April 22nd Collection \$766.00 **Kids:** \$9.95

Building Fund Balance as of 4/12: \$1,275.05

Building Fund: \$50.00

This Week's Income: \$775.95

This Week's Expenses: **\$363.40**

ADA 2018 Goal: \$7,029 Balance Due As Of 4/20: \$1,104.24

Trustees: Sheryl Drees, Les Elgin

Council Members: John Fagan, Monica Fagan, Larry Drees,
Kenneth Ludwig, Marcia Gettler

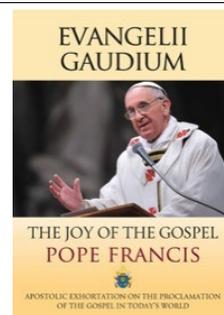
Financial Secretary: Rita Rilea

CALENDAR

<u>Sunday 4-29</u>	<u>Monday 4-30</u>	<u>Tuesday 5-1</u>	<u>Wednesday 5-2</u>	<u>Thursday 5-3</u>	<u>Friday 5-4</u>	<u>Saturday 5-5</u>
7:30am Confession/ Adoration/Rosary 8am Mass for Eldon Faga	BD: Kahl Schneider	6pm Mass for <i>Patricia Miller</i> (Stuart) BD: Julie Plowman	8:30am Mass for Joseph Vogl		8:30am Mass for <i>Betty Beaman</i> (Stuart) BD: Paul Gettler	3:30pm Confessions at Stuart 4:30pm Mass at Stuart for Ila Mae & Tony Pivonka BD: Colleen Christensen

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL READ & SHARE SPACE

To help facilitate our reading of *“The Joy of the Gospel”* and to encourage us to share with one another, this space is meant for us to use as a study aid. Each paragraph throughout the book is numbered consecutively, to make it easier to reference any spot in the book that we may want to discuss further or ask questions about. Feel free to offer any thoughts or questions that you may want published in the bulletin—others may have the same thoughts or questions.



Chapter Four: *The Social Dimension of Evangelization*

There are several subheadings under each of the sections.

Section I. Communal and Societal Repercussions of the Kerygma _____

Section II. The Inclusion of the Poor in Society _____

Section III. The Common Good and Peace in Society _____

Section IV. Social Dialogue as a Contribution to Peace _____

IN THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday Focus:

Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Jesus teaches us to stay connected always to the Father, through whom all good things come.

The image of the vine and the branches is a clear reminder of our dependence on God for our every breath. If we hope to bear any good fruit in this world, we must stay close to the source of goodness—God Himself.

Monday Focus:

Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

The Spirit of God is upon us, guiding us to share the Good News with our brothers and sisters.

The Spirit of God is given to each of us in baptism and confirmation. If we allow it, this same Spirit enlightens our hearts and minds. Enlightened, we recognize the works of God. We discern which gifts the Spirit has given to each of us. We act to share these gifts with others so they may come to believe.

Tuesday Focus:

Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a

Let the peace of Christ rule our hearts.

When we go about our day with the warmth of Jesus in our hearts, the lives of the people around us are better for it. We, too, will be happier when we let our faith in Jesus shine forth.

Wednesday Focus:

Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

By bearing much fruit, we glorify the Lord.

Today's Gospel challenges us to consider which branch we are most like: one that bears fruit, or one that is withered. To be fruitful, we must grow as part of the vine—united with Christ and with one another. This is how we become Christ's disciples. Apart from Him, we can do nothing.

Thursday Focus:

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

We know the Father through the Son.

Who Jesus is and His intimate union with the Father lies at the core of our Scripture

readings today. We know the Father when we come to know Jesus, and believe in what is true: that Jesus died for our sins, was buried and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Friday Focus:

Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

Gospel love is not an emotion, but an action and a commitment. Love, as spoken of in the Gospels, is not an emotion, but an action and a commitment.

It is a serious business. We are to see Jesus in every person, and love them as Jesus loves us.

Saturday Focus:

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

Jesus has chosen us to go into the world to spread the Good News.

Jesus tells His disciples that those who do the will of the One who sent Him into the world will face resistance from all who belong to the world and not to God. Discipleship carries with it a cost—let us pray for the grace to be strong in faith when we are tested.

Thoughts from Jodi...

-Jodi Bassett, President, Altar & Rosary Society, Stuart All Saints

As parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches or other mentors, we endeavor to teach young people how to live. We teach them rules; manners; lessons, be they academic or life; we groom them to be upstanding, respectable adults.

We try to reinforce the positives, and correct the negatives. When they are headed down the wrong path, we try to redirect them. When they

are hanging with the wrong crowd, we find ways to discourage those connections. We may enforce a discipline upon the kids; we may ground them, take away privileges, or even choose a physical form of punishment. But when they are doing well and making good decisions, we reward them with special privileges or something they might desire.

This is what the Father does. He prunes away the

dead and withered from His vines so they may flourish. In the same way that as adults we guide and lead the young to become mature and responsible, when God pruned the vines, they produced much good fruit.

We put the effort into turning kids into responsible adults because they are worth it. I remember as a child protesting some 'lessons' I got at home. I was informed, in a

way, that I needed to know those things to function as an adult. They taught me because my future was worth it.

We are worth it to God. That's why he prunes the vines of the unfruitful, that our lives would be rich and verdant. If we remain with God, and remain with His word, our lives will bear much fruit.