

St. Clare of Montefalco

A Catholic Community in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan



May 20, 2018 | Pentecost Sunday



From the Desk of Fr. Chris Muer

Hello St. Clare Family

I would like to thank all of you at St. Clare for the many years of support through prayer, words of encouragement and financial support. As a son of the parish I have, and will always have, a deep connection to St. Clare. This is where the seed of faith was planted and nourished by so many. This weekend after many years of study, prayer and discernment I am ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. This is not something that I could have done alone. Each of you have helped play a part and for that I am truly thankful. This celebration of my ordination is not just mine it is all of ours. We all should celebrate and rejoice in the gift of the priesthood and please continue to pray for further vocations from our parish. Please pray for and encourage those in the parish that you might think have a priestly vocation.

Starting July first I will spend the next three years as the next associate pastor of Our Lady of the Lakes in Waterford where I will be serving with the pastor Fr. Scott Thibodeau. I am very excited for this assignment as the parish has a grade school and a high school along with a large congregation. This will be a new geographical area for me and I greatly look forward to getting to know the people and the area.

Please know of my continued prayers for St. Clare. It will always be my home and I look forward to the days when I can come back and visit and celebrate the liturgy with all of you. Please continue to keep me in your prayers and I look forward to seeing many of you this weekend at my First Mass on Sunday at 11am and at the light reception after in the social hall.

Fr. Chris Muer

CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS



We bring together and welcome into our Catholic Community a richly diverse people to pray, to serve, and to learn in the name and presence of Jesus Christ.

From the Desk of our Pastor



I HOPE YOU HAD A BLESSED WEEK.

Another very exciting weekend at St. Clare! This weekend we celebrate the Ordination of Chris Muer at the Cathedral, and his First Mass is celebrated here at St. Clare. It is also Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter Season. First of all, on behalf of our parish community to Fr. Chris and his family - our congratulations and best wishes. It was a long journey preparing for this day but here you are celebrating your first Mass in the parish that you love, and grew up in, praying in thanksgiving for the community that nurtured you and prayed for you. Dear Chris - May your priestly ministry be one of joy, service and an instrument of bringing people to God and God to people. May the prayers of Our Lady follow you wherever you go, may St. Michael protect you and St. Clare intercede for you as you begin your priestly ministry. Be Bold, Be Holy, Be Catholic.

THANK YOU!

As the Season of Easter comes to its end, the Paschal Mystery was unfolded again and now we are to live it. Forty days of Lent are gone, 50 days of Easter are gone - I pray the graces of these days will empower us to Unleash the Gospel with new enthusiasm and a new vision. I hope that the celebrations of the season were exciting, refreshing and filled with signs and wonders. It is great that today we are witnessing this ordination in the same year we witnessed my 25th anniversary of ordination; that we are witnessing the growth of our faith, decisions to answer the call. We saw this in the commissioning of the Stephen Ministers last weekend when 23 individuals said yes, I will serve. It was great to celebrate the support of Catholic education in our school. It was great to hear and be inspired by the Resurrection Stories shared by some of our parishioners. It was great to support the effort of many of our friends from the community who minister to the people of Haiti, and it is great to see the growing devotion to St. Michael, protector of the Church and defender of our lives, and it all took place in the church building that stands in this place for 65 years; Thank you all for your involvement within our community that strives to be beautiful, blessed, growing and healthy.

A CELEBRATION OF LOVE AND COMMITMENT

All married and engaged couples are invited to celebrate Christian love in the liturgy June 10, 2018 at the 11 am Mass at St. Clare. Come for a special blessing.



LAST MASS

As Memorial Weekend approaches and our summer schedule begins we will celebrate the final 5 pm Sunday Mass on May 27th. The 5pm Mass will resume on Sunday September 23rd. I would like to

thank Dan Piepszowski, our musicians and choir members for their dedication to the celebrations of 5 pm Mass. Several members of this choir will be heading to college in the fall, we wish them well in their studies. We invite anyone to become a new member to join the fun with our group of young adults making holy noise to the Lord. Thank you!

GRADUATION MASS

This Tuesday May 22nd St. Clare will host the Graduation Mass of Austin High School Class of 2018 at 6:00 pm. We are very happy to welcome them with their families and the Austin High School staff members. (Please note the time for this Tuesday Mass is changed to 6 pm)

PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 21-29, 2018

A fantastic opportunity has come our way but you will have to act quickly to be part of this journey. Corporate Travel – the company that sponsored our trip to Poland had created a package to visit the Marian Shrines of Lourdes and Fatima, and explore the beautiful highlights of southern France, northern Spain, and Portugal! Join me on this 9-day pilgrimage includes roundtrip airfare (from Detroit); Daily Mass; professional Catholic tour manager; highlights including: Lourdes, Burgos, Santiago de Compostela, Braga, Porto, Fatima, and more! Cost: \$3,299, if booked by June 15th. Space is limited.

Join us for a Wine & Cheese reception and Trip Presentation: June 7th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Check the link on our website, call Corporate Travel: 866-468-1420, or visit online at ctscentral.net for more details & reservations.

*Wishing you a blessed weekend
Fr. Andrew*



Christian Service and Stewardship

MAINTENANCE CORNER



Maintenance Update

Dennis Hermann has served St. Clare Parish for the past 32 years as its Maintenance Man. Dennis will retire from St. Clare at the end of June. I am most grateful for his years of dedicated and loyal service to the church, school and the maintenance team. If ever there was a historian to the parish buildings and grounds, Dennis is it! He has faithfully opened the doors for morning Mass for the past ten years while I have been maintenance coordinator. **We will say goodbye to Dennis at the 9:00 AM Mass on June 24. I hope you will join us in bidding him farewell.**



Dennis started under Fr. Jack Burckhart in early January. Ralph, the longtime maintenance worker he was joining was out for three weeks with a medical issue. Dennis started taking down the Christmas decorations in an effort to be productive on his first day. After he had removed most of the decorations, Fr. Burckhart was shocked and told Dennis to put everything back up. Dennis will forever remember this quote "The Christmas season is not over until the baptism of the Lord". He never made that mistake again.

Dennis is known for the beautiful shine he keeps on the vinyl church floor which he buffs and waxes many times during the year. He has worked hard to keep the lights on as well as the temperature comfortable in all the buildings. He learned a lot about boilers and HVAC systems over the years from the many technicians he has worked with. I have appreciated his calm during stressful times and his can-do attitude when it has come to tackling jobs.

Wishing Dennis good health and good fortune in the years to come after his retirement from St. Clare Parish. We will miss you!

Mike McDevitt | Christian Service Coordinator | 313-647-5025



On June 2nd & 3rd, we will have an election for the Parish Council.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council or if you would like to submit a name, please contact Marty McMillan at MARTIN.D.MCMILLAN@gmail.com or 313-550-9661

We will hold an election at the June 2nd and June 3rd Masses. Nominations are due by May 23rd.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL



*Opening Doors
To Grow With Christ*

Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron will ordain three men to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Detroit at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament this Saturday, May 19, including St. Clare's own Chris Muer!

Deacons Chris Muer and Mark Livingston prepared to become our shepherds at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, which is the Archdiocese's college and graduate seminary. Deacon John Maksym prepared at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Boston. Your CSA gifts support our seminarians in formation as well as the permanent diaconate program.

Sacred Heart's student body also includes lay women and men earning graduate and undergraduate degrees and diplomas in religious studies at the seminary to serve in parish ministry throughout the Archdiocese.

For more information about priestly formation, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, or other CSA-funded programs, ministries, and services, please go to aod.org.

MANY THANKS to those who have already responded with a gift or a pledge! As you can see, we are already off to a good start! Your timely reply will greatly assist our volunteers who are working on the campaign and follow-up. To make your CSA gift online, please go to stclarem.aodcsa.org. Thank you for the many ways you serve one another as Bold, Catholic, and Holy people of God!

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT - MAY 13, 2018

Parishioner Envelopes*	\$7,466
Loose Collection:	\$2,461
Total Collection:	\$9,927
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$10,270
Under for the week by:	(\$343)

*Includes Parish Pay For The Week

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St. Clare Faith Formation and Community News

FAITH FORMATION



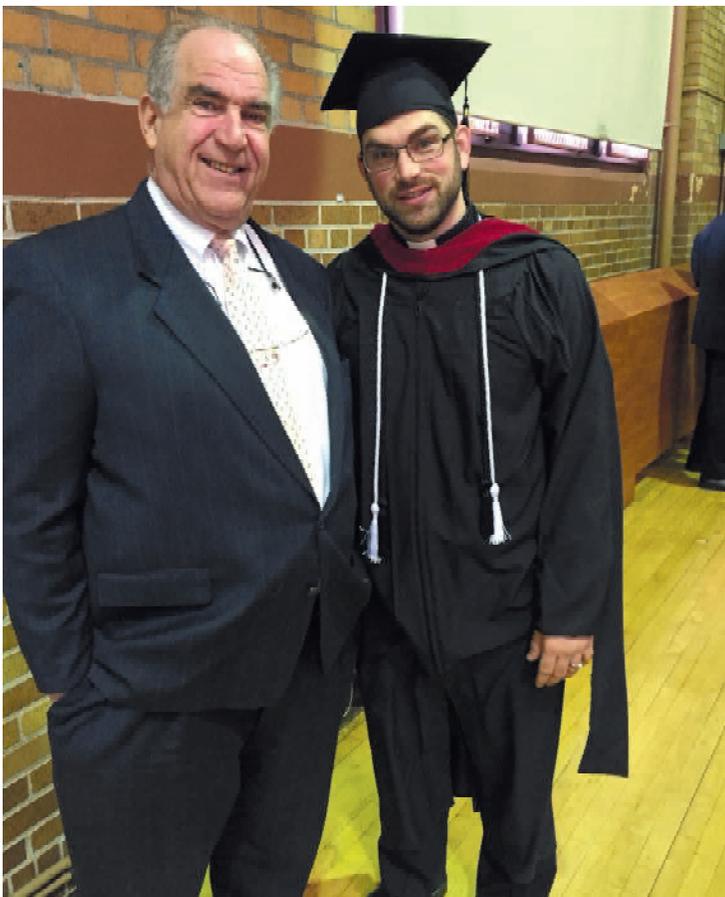
On behalf of the religious education staff and families, we congratulate you, Chris, on your ordination to the Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Thank you for being a marvelous example for us. Thank you for saying Yes to God. Thank you for being part of our faith community. Our prayers will be with you.

BIBLE CAMP: Please see that the dates of Bible Camp are on your calendar. August 13-17, there will be a Bible lesson on some women of the old Testament, a craft, music, physical activity and a snack. On Friday, the 17th we will have a closing party.

If any teen would like to assist, you need to have the **Called to Serve Class**. If an adult wishes to help, you need the **Protecting God's Children** class. If you need either of these, please see Sr. Kathy who can direct you to the correct location to register.

SUMMERTIME: is a more relaxed, less strenuous time of the year. BUT...just because we are relaxing a bit does not mean we can "give up" on our celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Yes, Jesus is always with us in Scripture, in each other and in the Eucharist. He loves you. He wants to show his love for you. AND...he loves to see you worship with others at the Holy Eucharist

Sr. Kathy Avery | skavery@stclarem.org



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Have you considered getting involved in a ministry at St. Clare but feel like you just can't make the commitment to attend meetings and assist with the projects? If so, SVdP has a gig for you!

We are looking for people who would be willing to occasionally help us move beds or furniture. In recent weeks, we have had the good fortune to hear from parishioners who have furniture to donate; and we regularly receive calls on our Assistance Line requesting the same. The problem is arranging transportation. Many of the people needing beds/furniture do not have a roomy vehicle nor the funds to rent one.

So our conference does what we can to help. Would you be able to assist from time to time? We are developing a list of people we could call on a very occasional basis....maybe you have a truck, a cargo van, a strong back and/or a willing spirit! In many cases, this would be a 45 minute job—picking up at one house in our parish and dropping off at another. We need you! Please email Barb at barbarakoster@comcast.net or leave a message on the St. Clare SVdP Assistance Line at 313-647-5062.

Thanks for helping us help others.
Barbara Koster/SVdP Conference President

FRIDAY FAITH FORMATION

The Friday Faith Formation group will continue into the summer. On Friday, June 8 we will begin the 4 week study "**Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist.**"

"What is it that is so special about the Eucharist? Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation."

Each week, we will view a video, and discuss what we have learned. Each session lasts approximately 1.5 hours and begins after the 8 am Mass (usually 9 am). We meet in the Whittier Room. Participant Guides are available from the Augustine Institute, and are optional. If you are interested in ordering a participant guide for \$7, please email stclarem5@gmail.com

This is a short study. If you have been thinking about joining a Bible Study, this one will not require an extended time commitment. AND the videos are available on formed.org so if you miss a session, you can watch the video at your convenience.

Please join us

St. Clare Community News



ST. CLARE ATHLETICS



Basketball Open Gym: Wednesday, May 23rd from 7:00-8:30 pm in St. Clare Gym. Open to 5th-8th grade (for 2018-2019 school year) boys and girls who plan on playing CYO basketball next winter.

Golf Outing: A huge shout-out to Bob Mabarak for submitting his hole sponsorship check for the 9th Annual Golf Outing. Bob has supported St. Clare Athletics for many years, but most impressive is that Bob has been the first person to turn in his golf outing form for nine years in a row. Wow!

Please consider supporting St. Clare Athletics in our 9th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, July 20th at Chandler Park Golf Course and Grosse Pointe Park Tompkins Center.

Golf & After-Glow Party: \$120

After-Glow Party: \$40

Hole Sponsorship: \$100

The registration form can be found at

www.stclarem.org/golf-outing

If you have any questions, please reach out to Bob Conway at 313-882-6369 or email cmconway32@gmail.com

Shop St. Clare at Lands' End



Hopefully, we will have warmer days ahead. And it is time to update your summer wardrobe with a few St. Clare clothing items from Lands' End. Yes.... St. Clare

Parish has an online store at the Lands End Business site. To check it out, go to:

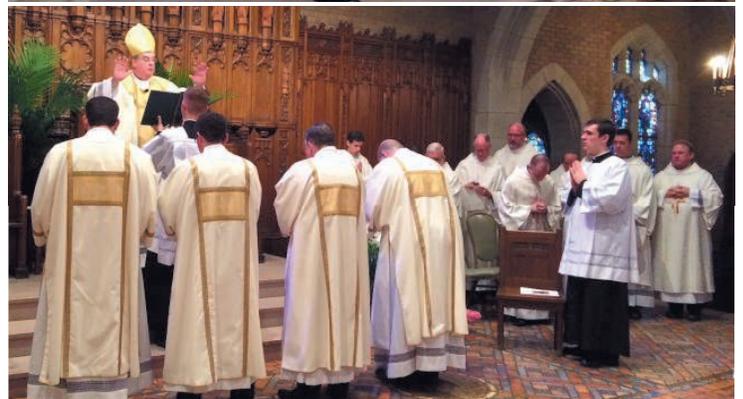
<http://business.landsend.com/store/stclarem>

A couple of hints:

- If you already have a Lands End account for regular merchandise, you will need to create a separate login and password for the Business site.
- Even if you aren't planning on buying anything right now, it is a good idea to register your email and create a password. The site occasionally has discount offers—percentage off, free embroidery, etc and will notify you via email.

Selecting garments is a slightly longer process—once you select an item, color and size, you should click on the “Apply a Logo” button, select your logo (we have 2 right now) and select placement on the garment. then you can add it to your shopping cart.

We will be adding at least one more logo, so if you don't like what you see, check back!



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

PENTECOST SUNDAY

On this Pentecost Sunday, the Scripture readings reveal the powerful works of the Holy Spirit in the early Christian community. On this occasion of Pentecost, the Church "is made manifest to the world" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1076). In other words, it is at Pentecost that the Catholic Church is born. In the Acts of the Apostles, we observe the power and authority that the Holy Spirit bestows upon the disciples through the symbols of wind and tongues of fire. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus gives His followers the gifts of the Spirit: peace and the power to forgive sins. In his First Letter to the faith community at Corinth, St. Paul persuades them to strive for unity and to acknowledge one another's gifts, service, and works given by the Most Holy Trinity as one Body in Christ. As faith-filled stewards, what God-given gifts and services do we offer weekly at the altar of the Lord to uplift our parish communion? In a spirit of evangelization, are we building up the Body of Christ by inviting our brothers and sisters to a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior? To build a relationship with the Holy Spirit, please visit the Franciscan website, The Wild Goose, at thewildgooseisloose.com.

BONANZA 2018

DRAWINGS ARE OFF AND RUNNING!

Congratulations to the Bonanza winners who were drawn last Sunday, May 13th. All Bonanza drawings take place in the Church Social Hall on Sundays after Mass.

May 13 - Drawing 6			
Amount	Number	Winner	Seller
\$1,000	180 B	Todd Perkins	Joe Conway
\$500	389 A	David Saelens	Don Berschback
\$250	393 C	Hope Dennis	Pat McKeever
May 13 - Drawing 7			
Amount	Number	Winner	Seller
\$1,000	185 A	Paul Pinchak	Bob Louwers
\$500	322 B	Kyle Dold	Clare Conway
\$250	238 C	Corazon Galinato	Ann Conlan

Join us for the fun!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 11:00 am for the following weekend

Email materials to: bulletin@stclarem.org

Guidelines: <https://stclarem.org/bulletin>

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 Parish Secretary 313-647-5060
 School: 16231 Charlevoix Ph. 313-647-5100 - Fax 313-647-5105
 Religious Education Office: 16231 Charlevoix 313-647-5056
 Fax 313-647-5055

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY (May 21) 8:00 a.m. Mass

3:30 PM School Play - Cast Party - Mr. B. Room
 7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Group - Rectory Chapel

TUESDAY (May 22) 6:00 p.m. Mass and St. Michael Devotion

9:00 AM Mass at St. Philomena - St. Philomena
 9:30 AM Legion of Mary Meeting - Whittier Room
 4:00 PM Christian Meditation - Rectory Chapel
 6:00 PM Austin Graduation Mass and Reception - Church/ Soc. Hall
 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Summer Meeting - Faculty Room
 7:15 PM Al-anon (Adult Children of Alcoholics) - Parish Offices

WEDNESDAY (May 23) 8:15 a.m. Mass

7:30 AM Nursery School - Mr. B. Room
 9:00 AM Catholic to Catholic - Whittier Room
 6:00 PM Exposition and Adoration - Church
 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting - Rooms 1 and 2
 7:00 PM Legion of Mary Rosary - Church

THURSDAY (May 24) 8:00 a.m. Mass

6:30 PM 6th Grade Camp Meeting - Faculty Room

FRIDAY (May 25) 8:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 AM Faith Formation - Whittier Room
 12:00 PM Half Day of School Noon Dismissal

SATURDAY (May 26)

2:30 PM Saturday Confessions - Church
 4:00 PM Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m. - Church
 • Baptism: James Duke Alles - Church

SUNDAY (May 20)

9:00 AM Sunday Mass - Church
 10:15 AM Bonanza Drawings - Church Social Hall
 11:00 AM Sunday Mass - Church
 • Baptism: Luca Cantalini - Church
 5:00 PM (Last) Sunday Evening Mass - Church

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School: stclareschool.net | facebook.com/stclarefalcons

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SAVE THE DATES

- June 02: Nametag Sunday
- June 04: School Ice Cream Social
- June 10: Catholic Lawyers Mass - 9:00 am
- June 17: Father's Day Breakfast
- June 19: Volunteer Appreciation BBQ
- June 20: Red Cross Blood Drive
- July 20: Annual Golf Outing
- Aug 11: Project Hope | 5K and Pray



Event info. | Registration: <https://stclarem.org/event-tickets>

Liturgy

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 19

4:00 pm Mother's Day Novena, Susan Kennedy

Sunday, May 20

9:00 am Giovanna Frederick, David Werthman

11:00 am John J. Olis, Josephine Reitzloff, Evelyn Barlow, Joan McNanney (Liv.)

5:00 pm Mother's Day Novena

Monday, May 21

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena, Adam & Theresa Blevins (2nd Wedding Anniv.), Fr. Tom Wilisowski (18th Anniv. of Ordination)

Tuesday, May 22

6:00 pm Patricia McKeever, Josephine Buhagiar, Margaret E. Olis, Margaret C. Olis

Wednesday, May 23

8:15 am Margaret C. Olis, Josephine Reitzloff, Timothy Young (3 Month Anniv.)

Thursday, May 24

8:00 am Edward Olis, Dr. Clare Ammoun Issa, John & Brigid Carey (25th Wedding Anniv.), Joe & Maggie Grill (15th Wedding Anniv.)

Friday, May 25

8:00 am Patrick, Edward Olis, Andrew F. Olis

Saturday, May 26

4:00 pm St. Clare Parishioners

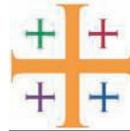
Sunday, May 27

9:00 am Mary Ellen Canestraight, Hilda & Angelo Coccia, David Werthman, Linn Styczenski

11:00 am Patricia McKeever, Gloria Gaitley, Frank Soulliere, Jr., Aida Bozini, Katherine Mabarak

5:00 pm John O'Donoghue

The Legion of Mary of St. Clare of Montefalco extends an invitation to any man or woman over the age of 18 years interested in joining the Legion of Mary. The meetings will take place every Tuesday morning starting at 9:30 am in the Whittier Room of the Parish Offices at 1401 Whittier Rd., Grosse Pointe Park. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Jerome Krause at 586-757-0126. You may also visit our website at legionofmary.org. Join us in praying the Rosary every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Church.



WEEKEND SCHEDULES MAY 26-27, 2018

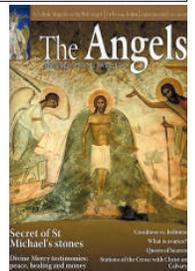
Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM	Jacque Lauth Carol Jacklyn Sister Valerie Binder Becky McCoy	Arthur Post Tom Wamez	Torrance Campbell Austin Muccioli Billy Kuhl
9:00 AM	Margaret Platz Art Post Claudia Rowland Sue Buckley Bernadette Cusmano Kathy Vandelinder	David Mietty Sr. Jacquie Wetherholt	Chris Lujan Danny McNamara Michael Hannon
11:00 AM	Denise Cotter Dennis Cotter Jean Irvin-Stanley Corazon Galinato Louis Di Iorio SUB	Mark Fikany Barb Valentic	Miles Morman Max Morman Kennedy Mason
5:00 PM	SUB SUB SUB if Needed	John Hennessy Pat Radnick	Nicholas Lundberg David Smith

Mass	Hospitality
4:00 PM	Linda Hazlett, Dorothy Ciesluk, Jim Joyce, Fiona Parker
9:00 AM	Dave & Sue Buckley, Joan & Bill Lusk, Pat McClary McClary, Doug & Steph Carder, John O'Brien
11:00 AM	Mike & Sue Madison, Lou Di Iori, Danusia Fadanelli, Jane Bunch
5:00 pm	Koster Rigg Family, Sue Pongratz, Eileen Stratelak

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 20, 2018

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11 [Mt 5:3]/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20 [Mt 5:3]/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12 [8a]/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8 [2a]/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

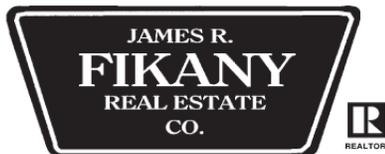
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Sr. Kathy Avery
Marti Benedetti
John Blondin
Karen Bolton
Ann Carson
Marie Ciaramitaro
Sam Ciaramitaro

Kathie DeMumbrum
Clayton Guensche
Christine Kahanak
Colleen Keelan
Hector Kim
Ted Kirles
Marty Knorp
Jeri Krueger

Mary Ellen LeRoy
Joseph Lisy
Bahia Mahfet
Josephine Marino
Mary Ann McLaughlin
Sandy Melanson CSJ
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