

Saint Mary's Church

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Pastor: Rev. Michael Hodges



St Mary Confirmation April 30, 2023

Cathedral of St Andrew ~ Bishop David Walkowiak

Congratulations to our 8th graders who celebrated the
Sacrament of Confirmation.

*Alana, Amy, Ashlee, Avery, Brayden, Dane,
Haley, Isabella, Matthew, Owen*

Let us pray that Love and Spirit of God always be in their hearts.

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of
your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall
renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did
instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may
be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.*



*May 7, 2023
5th Sunday of Easter*

Mass Intentions

Saturday May 6

4:30PM † Gordon Powers by Family **MA**
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

Sunday May 7

8:30AM † Dave Reames by Julie & Will Reames **MI**
 10:30AM † Fred & Ann Keena by M/M Jim Lothschutz **MA**
 4:30PM † Henry Smith by Dennis & Sue Smith **MI**

Monday May 8 NO MASS

Tuesday May 9

9:00AM † Gene Graftema by Knights of Columbus #11581 **MA**
 Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM - St. Mary

Wednesday May 10

Marvin Hecksel Healing by Joan Hecksel & Family **MI**
 Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM - St. Michael

Thursday May 11

9:00AM † Pat O'Connor by Lisa Bradley **MA**

Friday May 12

9:00AM † Jeff LeMieux by Joe Hitchings **MI**

Saturday May 13

4:30PM † Betty Oziemkiewicz by Sue Zolinski **MA**
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

Sunday May 14

8:30AM † Jim Drake by Joan Drake **MI**
 10:30AM † Pat O'Connor by M/M Joe Jirous **MA**
 4:30PM † Carmen (Goosen) Dietrich by Dave & Pat Goosen **MI**
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

MA=St. Mary **MI**=St. Michael's



For the Week of May 7, 2023

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Monday Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Feast of Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church, and St Damien of Molokai, Priest
 Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday Feast of Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs, and Saint Pancras, Martyr
 Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
 Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

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St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	May 21 / 8:30 AM	May 21 / 4:30 PM
Altar Servers	Peter Nielsen Bryson Lindberg Melena Lindberg	NEED TWO
Eucharistic Ministers	Cindy Lindberg Joe Hitchings Jennifer DeMull Jennie Taylor Debbie Veneklas NEED TWO	Ken Schwallier NEED ONE
Lector	Dennis Zimmer	NEED ONE
Sacristan	Chris Albrecht	NEED ONE
Ushers	Duane Snowdin Mary Bueche Curt DeVos Jim Ponshair	NEED TWO
Music	Anna Jonaitis	Anna Jonaitis

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	May 13 - 4:30PM	May 14 - 10:30AM
Sacristan	Vito Dolci	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	MJ Potts Bryson Potts	Calvin Davis Noah Davis
Host	Deacon Tom Mary Kirkwood Deb Hapon	Jim Looks Marian Looks Janette Ney
Cup	Lauren Petrauskas Breton Petrauskas Butch Schoenborn Rose Mary Schoenborn	Christina Withers Geary Farrell Margie Jirous Need One
Hospitality	Madison Potts Lisa Potts Matt Karr Need One	Rick Leale Jeanne Leale Nettie Leale Anthony Leale
Lector	Doug Frantz	John Klein
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko

May is the Month of Mary

May is the month of Mary, we dedicate the month to Mary. We honor her. May crowning is a traditional Catholic ritual, it recognizes Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. It marks a new spiritual season. Mary was Jesus' mother. She was born without original sin. She was the 1st and most perfect disciple. She was married to Joseph. She stood at the foot of the cross when Jesus died. Mary is advocate, helper and intercedes for us so that we may receive the gifts of eternal salvation. Mary is the perfect follower of Christ.



Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Cluster News and Community News and Events

INTO THE MYSTERY

Sat. June 10 | 9:30 – 5:30 p.m. Aquinas College

Join Catholics from across the diocese for a day to celebrate our unity in faith and sacrament. The special day, called Into the Mystery will strengthen the foundation of your faith through the following opportunities:

- Celebrate Mass with Bishop Walkowiak
- Experience the Lord's mercy in the sacrament of confession
- Join the public Eucharistic procession
- Explore the Vatican display of Eucharistic Miracles
- Participate in Eucharistic Adoration in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel

This event marks the transition into the parish year of the National Eucharistic Revival. Join us for this daylong celebration and stay afterward for a festival with live music and food available from local food trucks!

Registration is \$10/person or \$40/household. To learn more, visit grdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival

Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry (9-12 Grade)

Weekly gatherings are offered every weekend.

These gatherings include, food, games, topic and activities. Friends welcome!

*****For dates and times please contact Rebecca**

Summer Activities for Youth

Youth may engage in a Mission Trip, Steubenville Trip, help with Vacation Bible School, Michigan Adventure Trip and engage in Parish service projects and other fun day trips! Some of these options are for High School aged Youth and some are for Middle School Youth and some are for both. Dates and times have been sent out in email. If you're not on the Youth Ministry email and would like to be please contact Rebecca. After May 21, Middle School Youth are those entering 6-8 grade next fall and High School Youth are those entering 9th grade through 12 grade next fall, as well as, those newly graduated. For more information and/or dates please contact Rebecca.



Questions or comments

Please contact Rebecca Chicklon at 616-677-5065 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org

Made for More Event:

Join us for a very well done nationally known event about Theology of the Body. Guest Speaker; Christopher West. This event is for all adults but is also good for families with teens. St. Mary and St. Michael are co-hosting this event with St. Mary, Spring Lake, MI. For more information please contact Rebecca Chicklon or Debbie Veneklas Debbie: 616-384-4026 or childrensministry@stmichaels.us Rebecca: 616-677-5065 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org



Fr. Mike's Musings



So, where does the Church get its authority to impart God's forgiveness on penitents? As with all of the sacraments this authority comes from Jesus Christ. He offered forgiveness throughout the course of His ministry while teaching and reminding those around Him of the never-ending limits of God's mercy. Then, to stress the importance of mercy and forgiveness, He made the supreme sacrifice of love by giving up His life for the sake of humanity.

"But God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us."

(Romans 5:8)

With this statement put before us in Scripture it would be surprising if Jesus had not given the Church the authority to forgive sins.

Immediately following the Resurrection, Jesus appears to the Apostles and bestows on them the power to forgive sins. This is the first gift that the risen Christ has entrusted to His nascent Church.

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

(John 20:22-23)

These words showed the first Christians that Jesus had given them the authority to forgive sins in His name. They shared this forgiveness in the practice of the other sacraments, primarily those of Baptism, the Eucharist, and the Anointing of the Sick. This proves to be of the utmost importance as it is by forgiving the transgressions of others, we ourselves are forgiven through that same pardon of the Father bestowed by Jesus. Remember the words of 'The Lord's Prayer'?

The Sacrament of Reconciliation has gone through a number of revisions in how it is implemented among the faithful. The chief problem concerned what sins were forgivable and what were not. Jesus never specified, so early Church leaders began to develop certain codices and guidelines to try and clarify the meaning and use of the sacrament. Some heretical splinter groups held that mortal sins were beyond even the forgiveness of God, fortunately this idea was condemned at the Council of Nicea (325). In the statement condemning the heretical views the Church taught that there was no sin that transcended the power of God, and therefore fell under the authority granted to the Apostles by Christ. The only way that any sin would not be forgiven is if the offender had not truly repented of those sins. This still holds true today.

As time progressed the theology of reconciliation began to be shaped into how it is understood and implemented. The basic structure of the sacrament evolved to a system that is familiar in the current practice of the Church. First, there must be true contrition (sorrow and willingness to change); then the offense must be confessed to a priest; the performance of a penitential act assigned by the priest must be accomplished; once this is completed the absolution for the offense is granted by the priest. These four basic elements were codified in the documents of the Council of Trent (1551) in order to provide a set defense against Protestant reformers who were publicly questioning the reasons for and validity of the sacraments of the Catholic Church. This became the template and mode of operation for Catholic penitents for the next three hundred years.

Change is inevitable, it is a part of our earthly existence. Change will come to the structure and idea of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But as we will see it is a change that will only serve to strengthen and enhance our perception of the extent of God's mercy among us.

Please Pray for our Engaged Couple

Marissa McDonald & Christopher Barczak

October 7, 2023 (St Mary)

Lord God, the source of all love, the wise plan of your providence has brought these young people together. As they prepare themselves for the sacrament of marriage and pray for your grace, grant that, strengthened by your blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen



Meal Train for Fr Mike

Fr Mike has been enjoying his weekly homemade meals from our Parish Family. THANK YOU to everyone that has prepared a meal for him. It is very much appreciated. We do have a few open spots. Please take a moment to see if there is a date that would work for you to drop off a meal. It does not have to be fancy, he is very easy to please! If you would like to cook a meal for Fr Mike, please sign up here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/8vv97n> (or call the parish office)

May 7, 2023 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter

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Religious Education

Vacation Bible School

will be held June 10-15 and there are many ways for teens and adults to serve. Teens entering 6th grade next fall and older are invited to serve on the VBS team. VBS will be for children entering Pre-school-5th grade aged children.



Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Meets in the Community Room during 10:30 a.m. Mass



Please pray for the children that will be making their First Communion on Sunday, May 21 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

May Crowning:

The Religious Education youth have crowned our Mary Statue and adorned her with flowers to honor Mary this May. This took place during a recent Religious Education Mass.



Questions or comments:

Please contact Rebecca Chicklon at dre@saintmarysmarne.org or 616-677-5065



High School Youth Ministry

See Cluster Page for more information.

Stay Connected & Informed

Do we have the right personal information on file? Did you get rid of your land line? Do you have a new cell phone number? Do we have your most recent email address on file? Are you getting your "Church News" emails from the office? If not, be sure to call the Parish Office and update your contact information with us.



Update your contact info!

Save the Dates

May 20	Graduation Mass
May 21	First Communion Mass
June 10-15	Vacation Bible School
August 4	Mass of Hope, Health and Healing
Sep 10	Parish Picnic
Sept 12-16	Parish Directory Pictures- Watch for Sign Ups and more Info.
October 8	Knights of Columbus Councils Breakfast & Blood Drive

St Mary Parish Prayer Line

If you would like to request a prayer for our parish prayer line please contact the parish office or Linda at 677.3269. For evening requests call Darlene 453.0157 or email: bfa1414@yahoo.com Please continue to pray for all of our sick, hospitalized & homebound parishioners and all of the personal intentions that St Mary's Parish parishioners hold close to their hearts.

Catholic Service Appeal 2023

Our Catholic faith is a gift that unites our parish family with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids and in the universal Church. We all are pilgrims on a journey of faith, striving daily to become disciples of Christ through stewardship. When we give to the CSA, we are supporting individuals and families in our parishes, in our communities, and beyond. Our goal is 100% participation, which means a completed pledge card from every household regardless of your level of participation. Remember that any amount collected over the goal will stay in the parish. If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible.

Learn more at GRdiocese.org/CSA

CSA 2023 Pledge Goal: \$51,834.00

Total Pledges Made: \$3200.00 (7%)

Balance: \$48,634.00

Participation: 3 of 292 Active Households (1%)

Totals as of April 24 2023 - (will have updated totals next week)

Thank you for your stewardship!



Diocese of Grand Rapids
Catholic Services Appeal

Adopt-A-Garden

We are looking for parishioners to "adopt" an outdoor area on our parish grounds to help keep that area looking good and creating a great first impression for all who come to our parish. Sign-up for a small, specific area on the Parish grounds and keep your area cleaned-up on a regular basis. For more info or to see what areas are still available, please call the parish office.



Knights of Columbus #11581 News

Charity Raffle Ticket Sales after all Masses.

Win a 28inch Blackstone Grill and accessories.

Tickets will sell for \$10 each or 3 for \$20.

Upcoming Events:

May 4 at 7PM- Monthly Council Meeting

October 8 - Community Breakfast and Blood Drive

Register here:

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/149333

For more info please contact Grand Knight Rob Rander: robrander82@gmail.com or visit: <https://www.saintmarysmarne.org/knights-of-columbus>



Memorial Day Mass ~ Monday, May 29 — 8AM

Fr. Mike will be celebrating Mass outside at the St. Mary cemetery altar. (If weather is rainy, Mass will be moved indoors.) Please Bring a chair. Please join us to pray for our beloved dead, especially those who were killed in the line of duty.



Giving Back to God

	April 29/30
Regular Contributions	\$3085.50
Capital Improvement	\$80.00
Online Contributions	\$940.00
Children's Contributions	\$13.00
Total	\$4118.50

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

St. Mary's Sponsor of the Week

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Welcome to the Cluster Parishes of St. Mary and St. Michael

St. Michael's Parish News



Scrip News— Thank you to our 13 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$88.16.

Save the date —

2023 Vacation Bible School: STELLAR, SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!

July 24-28th, from 6-8:30 pm.

Contact Debbie Veneklas with any questions. 616-384-4026.



CSA 2023 — Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ. Our parish goal for 2023 is \$59,280.00 and 100% participation, which means every parishioner should return their pledge card. To date, we have pledged \$33,975 (or 57.31%) toward our goal. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Our program is offered during Sunday morning Mass. Children 3-9 years old are welcome to join us. Each week we pray, read and explore the Sunday Gospel from a child's viewpoint. We include the Gospel Acclamation so that children understand the importance of preparing our mind and heart for the Gospel reading. Today's Gospel we continue to hear the message of God's love and care for us. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life; in him we find eternal life.

Elementary Faith Formation: Thank you catechists and helpers for your dedication in sharing our Catholic faith with the Faith Formation students! Your generosity of giving your time and talent is greatly appreciated! Thank you! Our program is on summer break and classes will resume in the fall. Our First Communicants were welcomed to the Lord's Table today.



Jordyn, Kensington, Hunter, Aiden, Piper, Viktor and Clara,

may Jesus' gift of the Eucharist inspire your joyful hearts to serve God. *We are very proud of you!*

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 is on Summer Break. Thank you Catechists for helping to catechize the students. Class will resume in September. Congratulations to our newly Confirmed students Elijah, Maxwell, Alivia, Dylan, Aurora, and Klara. May the Holy Spirit guide you always!



St. Michael's Parish Family

Remembers in Their Prayers: Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Alexandria Gordon, George Langlois, Brooke Campbell, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Brad Boerma, Dennis Goosen, Jean Mayse, Ken Heflin, Winnie Spencer, the victims of abortion, & the men and women in the military.



St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for Dennis Goosen
by Bob & Linda Rogers

Free Ornamental Grass —

The ornamental grass in the landscape in front to church needs to be split. If you are interested in free grasses, please call Mary Turbessi this week to make arrangements **AND** to be prepared to work (231) 865-3468. Please leave a message.

St. Michael's Preschool

Have you considered St. Michael's Preschool for your child or grandchild? If not, you should! Come see what a great experience St. Michael's Preschool can provide.



Come meet our Director/Teacher, Cindy Lindberg! Preschool meets on MWF from 8:45—11:45 am (Mon. 8:45am-2:30pm for 4-year-olds). For more info, call the Parish Office at 616-384-4026.

Knights of Columbus News

Mother's Day Breakfast — Please attend our fundraiser breakfast for our pregnancy centers on May 14, following the 8:30 AM Mass. Moms are free and all others are by donation. Our council will match all donations up to \$1000.00, with half going to the Muskegon Pregnancy Center and half to HELP pregnancy crisis aid in Grand Rapids. See insert for more details.

AED/CPR Training — A highly qualified person has agreed to come on May 10 at 6:30 PM to do a refresher course. This is NOT certified training but is really good info. to know. This will take place in the library.

Supporting our Seminarians — We encourage St. Michael's parishioners to pray for and send cards or letters to the following seminarians: 1) Mr. Casey Kreiner, Mundelein Seminary, 750 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Casey is in the 1st phase of formation, the "Spirituality Year." 2) Mr. Charlie Leidel, Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060. Charlie is a First-Year theologian. 3) Mr. Greg Wasinski, University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. Greg is in his 2nd year of college at St. John Vianney College Seminary at the University of St. Thomas.

Giving Back to God

April 30, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$7,568.00
Loose Cash	\$105.00
Children's Envelopes	\$10.25
Total	\$7,683.25

Thank you for your continued support!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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LIVING GOD'S WORD

DAVID M.
KNIGHT

"Come to the Lord!"

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled! Come to me! I am *the way, the truth, the life*. I have prepared a place for you, that you might be with me forever. Come to me! Come to me believing I am alive."

We know "with certainty" that Jesus is the *Way* that leads to the fullness of life, both now and forever. He is the *Truth*. What he tells us is true. He has seen the Father. In knowing him, we know the Father, we know God. Jesus teaches the truth that makes us free from the fears that paralyze us, the allurements of a culture which leads us into dead-end streets empty of life, the pressures which drive us to work without let-up, without conviction or joy, for the "bread that does not satisfy." We know "with certainty" that Jesus is the *Life*. He came that we might "have life, and have it to the full." He will give us what he promises—if we "come to the Lord" believing that he is alive.

Jesus is the "living stone," rejected by the world but approved and precious in God's eyes. He is—he must be for us—the cornerstone, the way we structure our lives. We need to make his words, example and mission the foundation of all our decisions, all the directions we take in life. He is the keystone of the arch, the cornerstone of our lives, the living stone present to us every moment of the day, penetrating our minds with truth, filling our hearts with love, giving strength and life and joy to everything we do.

We, too, are living stones.

We are not dead, inert building blocks to be hauled around by God and set in place in the Church to just "be there" until Jesus comes again. God has made us coworkers with Christ, prophets "full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom" in order to share Jesus' truth with others, show others his way and be a community of love

MAY 7, 2023

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9;
John 14:1-12

and truth. We do so by celebrating his Resurrection, living his risen life, bearing witness to his presence in the world, living his teachings joyfully, proclaiming in word and action the glorious works of God, who calls the world from darkness into his marvelous light.

We are "a chosen race." God has selected us, chosen us, gifted us with Baptism to live as the Body of Christ on earth, to continue his mission. We are "a royal priesthood." We are ordained and consecrated by God, each one of us, to offer together until the end of time the Holy Sacrifice which redeems the world. In every Mass, we join with Jesus in lifting up to the Father the sins of the world. We offer ourselves with Jesus as priests in the Priest, victims in the Victim, our flesh with his, given for the life of the world—given to others, offered in love, sacrificed passionately in our every word and action so that others may have life.

We are "a royal priesthood." We are stewards of

the kingship of Jesus the Lord, who came to establish his loving reign over every area and activity of human life. We are sent to transform, to consecrate every human undertaking on earth. We are priests who lift up the bread of human labor, love and dreams so that every human activity may be transformed by grace into

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life-giving bread for the world: life without end, life to the full. When we consecrate bread at Eucharist to be the Body of Christ, we also consecrate ourselves as the Body of Christ, bread for the world. We sacrifice ourselves to the work of transforming society until Christ is all in all.

Why should our hearts be troubled? Jesus has promised to keep doing in us and through us the works he did. And we will do “greater works than these” if we come to the Lord believing he is alive in us and we are alive in him.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Fifth Week of Easter

Pray daily: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have revealed to the nations your saving power and filled all ages with the words of a new song. Give us voice to sing your praise throughout this season of joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday: John 14:21-26. Jesus said, “[T]hose who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” Do you believe that Jesus will draw you into intimacy with himself in knowledge and love if you invite him? Have you invited him?

Tuesday: John 14:27-31. Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” Do you experience his peace? Do you believe in his words? Do you read them?

Wednesday: John 15:1-8. “I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit....” How do you “abide in Christ”? How would you affect others if you were always consciously aware of Christ’s presence in you?

Thursday: John 15:9-11. “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.” How often do you deliberately recall and believe in God’s love for you?

Friday: John 15:12-17. “I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.” Do you believe Jesus delights in sharing his heart—his thoughts, feelings, desires and dreams—with you? Do you want to share yourself with those you love? Does Jesus feel the same way?

Saturday: John 15:18-21. “If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you.” Jesus is the stone rejected by the world’s builders but approved by God. Do you tend to forget about him because our culture ignores him? When you base your choices on him, do you experience intimacy with God?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: Plan how you can make Jesus the cornerstone of your life. What are your key goals or motives at work? At home? In your social life? How can Jesus transform them?

As Disciple: Ask what you can do to become “full of the Spirit and wisdom.” What books could help you in this? Are there Scripture study groups you could join? Adult religious education talks you could attend?

As Prophet: Each morning choose one particular area of your life—home, work, recreation, civic life—where you can proclaim the glorious works of Christ. Choose an action which will speak without need of words.

As Priest: Consciously offer yourself with the bread and wine at the Offertory of the Mass, and again with Christ when his Body and Blood are lifted up at the Consecration. Be given, offered and lovingly sacrificed for the good of others at home, at work, at play.

As King: Ask how Jesus can work through your special gifts and situation to extend his reign in the world. Try to improve something in your environment.

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