

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

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WITH THE SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FUTURE NOTICE, THE INTENTIONS THAT ARE LISTED IN THE BULLETIN ARE HERE TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE INTENTIONS THAT YOU REQUESTED ARE BEING PRAYED FOR AT THE PRIVATE MASSES OFFERED

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR MAY 9th – MAY 17th

ST. MARY'S

Saturday + Paul & Helen Keiling
Sunday For Mother's of the Parish
Wednesday + Katherine Mary Bartsch
Friday + Fr. Lawrence Miller
Saturday St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday Special Intention

ST. AGNES

Tuesday
Thursday
Sunday

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, May 10 **Mother's Day**
Wednesday, 13 **Memorial Our Lady of Fatima**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in May:

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 4439.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

INFORMATION FROM THE DIOCESE: Concerning the directives from the diocese on the COVID-19 Virus you may visit their webpage at www.dioscg.org or visit their Facebook page Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

PICNIC PLANNING FOR AUGUST 2020 ---33RD YEAR ---ARE UNDERWAY!!! Plans have begun for our 2020 Old Fashioned Church Picnic which will be held on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020**. We are asking for donations towards raffle prizes by June 8, 2020 to have raffle tickets printed in time for presale. Cash or items are welcome! Make monetary donations with a check payable to St. Mary's. If you would like to donate, please call the rectory at 417-476-2827, Mellanie Carder at 417-737-2812, or Frances Boman at 417-693-0174 and we can arrange to pick up. Donations can also be mailed or taken to the parish rectory. We are always looking for ideas and ways to add to the picnic so, if you have any –please share!
We want the day to be full of fun, family activities so parishioners can enjoy the day visiting with family and friends from our parish family and surrounding communities. Thank you for the hard work and dedication in years past and we're looking forward to having another great picnic this year!!! **Updates will be posted on the church web page.** Thoughts and prayers to everyone. I pray that all our parish families are staying safe and healthy!

ANOTHER OPTION FOR DONATIONS AND TITHING: The Parish Council brought up the idea a few months ago about looking into the possibility of people making donations and tithing to the church through what is called "ACH". This is basically a way to direct your bank to automatically withdraw your money from your account and deposit it to another. St. Mary's now can offer this option to those who wish to take advantage of it. We have been told by the bank that there will be no charge for the service, we will be given notification of the amount, date and the names of those who donate or tithe to us in this way. There is a form on the website for this, should you choose to do this. I want to thank all those who did the leg work to make this happen.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.
We pray for young mothers, who give life and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.
We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.
We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.
We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.
We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:(22)1-2,4-5,18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

Monday May 11

Acts 14:5-18
Ps 115:1-4,15-16
John 14:21-26

Tuesday May 12

Acts 14:19-28
Ps 145:10-13ab,21
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday May 13

Acts 15:1-6
Ps 122:1-5
John 15:1-8

Thursday May 14 St. Matthias

Acts 1:15-17,20-26
Ps 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

Friday May 15

Acts 15:22-31
Ps 57:8-10,12
John 15:12-17

Saturday May 16

Acts 16:1-10
Ps 100:1b-2,3,5
John 15:18-21

Today's Gospel reading ends with a very astounding verse: "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do, and greater far than these." What does he mean? How can we do the same – and *greater* – miracles that Jesus himself did?

The answer is found in the context of the entire chapter. Jesus is explaining his close relationship with the Father. Remember, Jesus was (and still is) both human and divine. We need to look at these verses with that in mind. How did he serve the Father as the Son of *Man*? And how did he serve the Father as the Son of *God*?

The "works I do" come from his human nature: He loved, he taught, he conversed with a listening heart, he dined with others, he worked hard at his job, he took his ministry very seriously. "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do" – he is our example of what it means to be a holy human. We will love others as

he loves them, teach the faith to others, listen to those who need someone to understand them, work hard at our jobs, offer a helping hand when we see a need, etc. There's nothing supernatural about it. It's being who we are: human children of a loving Father.

The "greater" works come from his divine nature: He did the supernatural works of his Father. "Whoever believes in me will do the works of the Father." We are called to be the Father's conduits of miracles in our world today.



When Jesus united himself to us as a human, he showed us how to rise above our human limitations. Now, through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, we are united to Christ's divine nature so that we can continue the works of the Father. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, any disunity is removed. We can love the unlovable after they've pushed us past our human limits. We can be conduits of the supernatural. We can do everything that God asks of us, despite our inadequacies..

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Make a list of your gifts and talents. Then reflect on how each of these are the human works of Jesus for the world today. How has the Father also worked through you supernaturally?
2. Name some of the good works being done in your parish or group: How do these reflect the human nature of Jesus?
3. Name some of the ways that your parish or group shows the Father's supernatural nature to the world.
4. How can we become better able to do the "greater works" of the Father?

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER FROM THE PASTOR

I WOULD HATE TO SPECULATE AS TO WHY, BUT HERE I AM FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN A ROW TELLING YOU THAT I HAVE LESS OF WHICH TO SPEAK. BELIEVE ME, IT IS NOT THAT I AM OUT OF IDEAS, JUST GOOD ONES! NOT TRUE. REAL REASON IS THAT WHAT FOLLOWS IS WHAT I HAVE TRIED TO HAMMER HOME OVER THE YEARS IN SO MANY SUNDAY AND FUNERAL SERMONS. IT BEARS REPEATING, AS, REPETITION IS THE MOTHER OF LEARNING, NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION, AND THE MOTHERS OF INVENTION IS THE NAME OF FRANK ZAPPA'S BAND. TIRESOME TO HEAR THAT JOKE AGAIN ISN'T IT? IT IS DIFFICULT TO PUT INTO WRITING, THAT WHICH I THINK WOULD BE BEST EXPRESSED IN SPEECH, YET ONE USES WHAT IS BEFORE HIM.

THE CHURCH CHOOSES TO PUT BEFORE US A PORTION OF WHAT IS CALLED THE "LAST DISCOURSE" FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN. THIS IS HIS LAST TEACHING OF HIS DISCIPLES BEFORE HE GOES TO DIES TO ACCOMPLISH THE WILL OF THE FATHER. THE PURPOSE IS TO HELP US REALIZE THAT AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PLAN OF SALVATION IS OUR CALL TO DO THE WORKS OF CHRIST. BEFORE HE GOES TO THE CROSS, HE TELLS THEM THAT THEY (WHICH ALSO MEANS US) WOULD DO THE WORKS HE DOES AND FAR GREATER. THE WORKS ARE DONE IN HIS NAME, UNITED TO HIM AND GLORIFY THE FATHER. "SO WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME, I WILL DO, SO AS TO GLORIFY THE FATHER IN THE SON." Jn 14:13. IF YOU HAVE THE TIME THIS WEEK, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO READ AND REFLECT ON THE ENTIRETY OF CHAPTER 14. AFTER DOING SO, GIVE THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER IN HEAVEN, THROUGH CHRIST FOR ALL THE GOOD THAT YOU HAVE DONE BECAUSE YOU ARE ONE WITH CHRIST. THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT ARE THE ETERNAL GLIMPSES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN THAT CHRIST HAS ENTRUSTED YOU TO BRING INTO THE WORLD, AND WILL BE A PART OF THE GLORY THAT THE FATHER WILL BESTOW ON YOU ON THE DAY OF RESURRECTION. ENOUGH SAID ON THAT,

THIS SUNDAY IS MOTHERS' DAY. ALTHOUGH A CIVIL REMEMBRANCE, THERE IS A VERY DEEP SPIRITUAL ASPECT TO IT. WE CALL TO MIND HOW A MOTHER'S LOVE IS A MEANS BY WHICH WE, WHEN WE ARE YOUNG, AND IN FACT THROUGHOUT OUR LIFETIMES, GIVES US A REALLY CONCRETE EXAMPLE AND SHARING OF THE LOVE OF GOD, A SENSE OF THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST, AND A GREATER APPRECIATION FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, MOTHER OF ALL CHRISTIANS IS THE MODEL AND INTERCESSOR FOR ALL MOTHERS. THIS IS WHY EACH MOTHERS' DAY, AT THE END OF MASS, IT IS MY HABIT TO SAY, "IF YOU HAVE A MOTHER, STILL WITH YOU HERE ON EARTH OR GONE TO HER REWARD, SAY AT LEAST ONE HAIL MARY FOR HER." IN THIS RENDITION, I ADD, SINCE YOU HAVE A MOTHER, MARY, REALIZE THAT WHEN YOU SAY THAT "HAIL MARY," YOU ARE TELLING HER HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HER TOO.

SO ENDS THIS DISCOURSE FOR THE WEEK. GOD BLESS - FR. MATT.

ACH AUTHORIZATION FORM

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Questions?
(417) 476-2827

I. YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

II. PAYMENT INFORMATION

I would like my donation to be drafted Weekly _____ Monthly _____

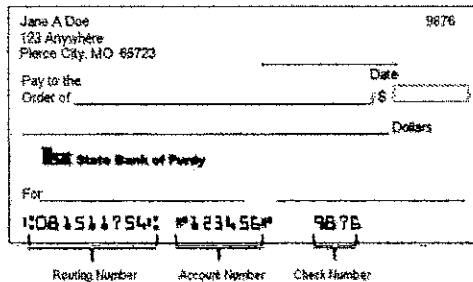
Amount of donation drafted will be \$ _____.

III. FINANCIAL INSTITUTION INFORMATION

Bank Name: _____ Bank Phone Number: _____

Bank Address: _____

IV. INCLUDE VOIDED CHECK WITH YOUR AUTHORIZATION



Example

Routing Number = 081511754

Account Number = 123456

V. PLEASE WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM

Checking Account Bank Routing Number: _____

Savings Account Your Account Number: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

I authorize St. Mary's Church to initiate debit entries as indicated above. This draft is to begin on the next available day, as selected above, and continuing as designated thereafter. I understand that returned drafts for insufficient funds will cause my account to be charged service fee penalties.

This ACH AUTHORIZATION may be cancelled by either party with thirty (30) days advance notice. However, if more than two (2) debit entries are returned unpaid within a twelve (12) month period, the St. Mary's Church reserves the right to terminate the ACH AUTHORIZATION immediately without prior notification.

Signature _____

Date _____

Additional Signature (if account requires second signature) _____

Date _____