



Fifth Sunday of Easter — April 29, 2018

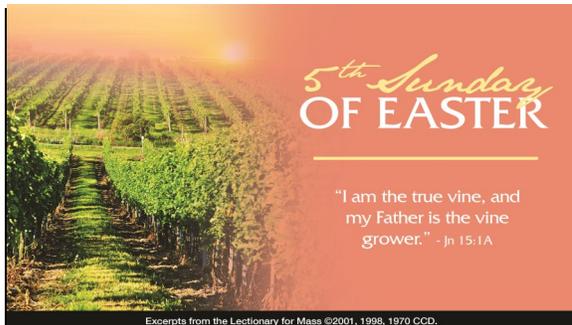
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“I am the vine, you are the branches.” Our faithfulness to God is challenged every day. We are tempted to skip Mass, to tell lies, to cheat on our taxes, to gossip about others, etc. Despite our Baptism and the Christian Faith we profess, we still sin. For some, this is so discouraging that they give up on the call to daily conversion. But, the Gospel reminds us to never give up; Christ, the Vine, brings life. Despite our sinfulness, despite troubles, despite challenge and temptations, we must choose to stay with Christ. If we cut ourselves off, like a branch trimmed from a vine, we will die. We can live only if we come in contact with the Vine. Jesus encourages us to remain on the journey with Him. If we do, we will have joy . . . now and forever.

A Tribute to Our Bells

As you prayerfully consider giving to the effort to automate the church bells of Saint Elizabeth’s of Lefor, consider a beautiful poem in memory of these bells composed by Catherine Wiegler Enger of Gladstone, North Dakota (Summer, 1996).

The Bells of Saint Elizabeth

*Oh, bells of Saint Elizabeth, oft in thought I hear you still,
Calling from the belfry, of the church upon the hill.
Early childhood days were measured by their sweet melodious sound.
As they echoed o’er the village, and from the hillsides around.*

*They awakened us at early morn, to greet a bright new day.
Then sounded once more again at noon and summoned us from play.
The many messages they sent would be too numerous to tell,
How much of life was centered then, on the chiming of the bells.*

*Even childish innocence could sense when the bell would slowly toll,
That sadness entered someone’s life, and God had claimed another soul.
So rhythmically and slowly, they counted down a life in years,
As if they shared the grief and loss, the heartaches and the tears.*

*Sometimes we’d wander far afield, in search of prairie flowers,
Staying well within the sound of bells, in sight of belfry tower.
They served as a lighthouse, in our search, too far we’d roam.
So long as we could see or hear them, they would lead us safely home.*

*On cold and frosty New Year’s Eve, what joy to stay up late.
Listening for the bells at midnight, how eagerly we’d wait.
Anticipation finally satisfied, when on the wintry wind,
Came the sound of bells that rang the old year out, welcomed a
New Year in.*

*Of all the memories that linger, leave an everlasting glow,
It’s the bells that rang each eventide, as the sun was getting low.
They seemed to offer reassurance, “God is here, and all is well”,
To gentle folks who paused to listen, to those evening Vesper bells.*

*From across the vale of memory, from across the bridge of time,
Come the echoes of those distant bells, that forever more will chime,
Oh, the bells of Saint Elizabeth’s, when life’s evening sun sinks low,
May you guide us back to family, friends, as you did long ago!*



Few people are aware of this fact, but Catherine Wiegler Enger also composed another, equally moving poem. It is as follows:

*Roses are red, violets are blue,
The pastor’s freezer has no cheese buttons, what are you going to do?!!
How moving? It really brings me to tears.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS & ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday, April 30

7:30 AM SM—Communion Service

Tuesday, May 1

7:30 AM SM—Communion Service

Wednesday, May 2

7:00 PM SM—Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

7:00 PM SM—Communion Service

Thursday, May 3

7:30 AM SM—Communion Service

Friday, May 4

7:30 AM SM—+Eugenia Stagl by family

12-3:00 PM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, May 5

5:00 PM SM—+Jake Frank by Florence Frank

Sunday, May 6

8:30 AM SE—+Paul Schiwal by Deran & Tina Lefor

10:30 AM SM—Pro Populo

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Duane Dobitz, Andy Prokop, Henley Johnson, Duane Grundhauser, Pete Schaefer, Alice Candrian, Marilyn Jacobs, Leo Heck, Ross Thomas, Arlene Rohr, Brenda Barton, Elven Kaufman, Suzette Printz, Linda Reisenauer, Rose Krebs (SE), Russ Lefor, Lori Lefor, Herbert Emmil, Reggie Gentz, Cindy Martin, Tim Theil, Howard Schiwal, Theresa Decker, Alyssa Binstock, Yvonne Fettig, Dale Reindel, Kim Kuhn, Don Miller, Shari Obritsch, Katherine Splichal, Bonnie (Krebs) Dick, Dorothy Kohl, Colleen Churchill, Thresiamma (Fr. Biju's mom)

Assisted Living and Nursing Home Residents: Aggie Wandler, Ken Stagl, Charlotte Krebs, Harvey Herberholz, Archie Jalbert, Benny Benz, Joan Binstock, Joe Wandler, Sylvia Koppinger, Leona Gordon, Joan Madler, Cecelia Jung, Donnella Koppinger, Marilyn Jeske, Willie Emmil, Frances Heick, Dale Schroeder

Our Deceased Loved Ones +James Gatzke, +Ed Koppinger, +Eleanor Keck +Ardelle Kovar, +Eugenia Stagl, +Nick Lenhardt, +Mike Urlacher, +Keith Herold, +Carla Rohan +Alvin Rotering +Jeanne Kovar +Bridget Urlacher, +Laura Grundhauser, +Florian Urlacher +Paul Schiwal, + LeRoy Jacobs +Victor Roller +John Herold, + Viola Martin + Viola Neprash +Maggie Schoch, +Rose Lefor, + Mary Ficek

Come to Their Aid, O Saints of God

Please keep in your prayers the repose of the souls of +Eleanor Keck (Saint Elizabeth's), +James Gatzke (Saint Mary's), and +Ed Koppinger (Saint Mary's), whose funeral liturgies were celebrated this past week. May God grant eternal peace to our faithful departed and peace and consolation to their grieving families as well.

- This week, you should receive your personal invitation from Bishop Kagan to participate in the Annual God's Share Appeal. Your gift to our 61st Annual God's Share Appeal will help provide the ministries, programs and services that are essential to the mission of Jesus Christ in western North Dakota. Next weekend is commitment weekend. Please be as generous as you are able.

- **SM God Share Goal—\$28,759.00**

- **SE God Share Goal—\$6, 970.00**

St. Mary's Liturgical Assignments May 5 & 6, 2018

MINISTRY	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 10:30AM
Lector	Connie Jalbert	David Hernandez
Mass Servers	Maddie R./Molly R.	Paige E./Addison F.
Eucharistic Ministers	Bonnie J./Toni J.	Dianne B./Mary F.
Gifts	Philip & Clem U.	Martina Stagl
Rosary Leader	Kathy Gartner	Mary Fitterer
Greeters	Connie Jalbert Family	Victor & Lynn Dvorak
Homebound Minister	Reenie T.	Reenie T.

Collection Report St. Mary's April 21 & 22, 2018

Adult		Youth
\$ 952.00	Envelopes	\$ 18.00
\$ 100.00	Loose Plate	\$
\$ 1070.00	Total	\$
\$ 7747.00	Month	\$ 186.49

St. Elizabeth's Liturgical Assignments May 6, 2018

Lector	Elvie
Mass Servers	Elizabeth
Eucharistic Ministers	Darrell & Arlene
Gifts	Amanda & Dustin
Greeters	Trish & Craig
Ushers	Elvie & Dennis W.

Collection Report St. Elizabeth's April 22, 2018

Adult		Youth
\$ 320.00	Envelopes	\$ 8.00
\$ 37.00	Loose Plate	\$
\$ 365.00	Total	\$
\$ 1218.00	Month	\$ 51.00

A Point to Ponder

The changes we dread most contain our salvation.

Catholic Devotions, *The Holy Face of Jesus*

The devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus is rooted in images which Catholics believe have been miraculously formed on fabrics which actually touched the face of Jesus: The Veil of Veronica and The Shroud of Turin. The Veil of Veronica, as we remember from the Stations of the Cross, has an image of Jesus which was left upon it as He carried the Cross to Mount Calvary. Veronica offered Jesus her veil as an act of charity and compassion, so He could wipe the blood and sweat from His face, and He in turn left her a gift: the likeness of His face upon her veil. The Shroud of Turin, the burial cloth of Jesus, has an image of the face of Jesus which was impressed upon it when it rested against His lifeless body in the tomb. The Shroud of Turin's image of Jesus is principally the basis of today's devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus because it is more vivid than the image of Veronica's Veil. The Shroud of Turin has been publicly displayed by Catholic authorities at least since the sixteenth century, but the image of Jesus was not clearly visible until the advent of photography. In 1898, amateur Italian photographer Secondo Pia was startled by the negative image in his darkroom as he was developing the first photograph of the Shroud of Turin. He almost dropped and broke the photographic plate because of the shock of seeing the image of the face on the Shroud that could not have been clearly observed with the naked eye. The Vatican was consulted and the image was made public, for the devotional and spiritual well-being of Catholics worldwide.

The devotion of the Holy Face of Jesus now had a more defined image to use in veneration, but the spiritual basis of this Catholic devotion long preceded the discovery of the image of the face of Jesus on the Shroud of Turin. Already in the 1840's, a French nun, Sister Marie of Saint Peter of Tours, France, had reported visions of Jesus and Mary. In 1843, this Carmelite nun recounted how Jesus had spoken to her in a vision and had urged her to spread the devotion to His Holy Face, in reparation for the many insults He had suffered in His Passion. The devotion spread quickly in France, largely due to the piety of a saintly French layman, Leo DuPont. This "Holy Man of Tours", upon hearing of Sister Marie of Saint Peter's reported visions, started to burn a vigil lamp continuously before a picture of the Holy Face of Jesus, employing the image from Veronica's Veil. He prayed for the cause of devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus for almost thirty years and in his will, he offered his house on Rue St. Etienne in Tours for use as an oratory of the Holy Face of Jesus. An order of priests was founded, the Priests of the Holy Face, and Pope Leo XIII approved their statutes and even encouraged them to found a similar oratory in Rome.

About this same time, a French nun who received the Carmelite habit in 1889 accepted the divine titles of the "Child Jesus and the Holy Face" at her first vows; she is today affectionately known as the "Little Flower", Saint Therese of Lisieux. She was introduced to the Holy Face devotion through her blood sister, Pauline, Sister Agnes of Jesus. Saint Therese wrote many prayers to express her devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus. She wrote the words, "*Make me resemble You, Jesus!*" on a small card and attached a stamp of the Holy Face of Jesus; she then pinned the prayer in a small container over her heart. She shared her devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus in her correspondence, especially with Catholic priests who served as missionaries in the Far East. One of her beautiful prayers reads:

Eternal Father, since Thou hast given me for my inheritance the adorable Face of Thy Divine Son, I offer that Face to Thee and I beg Thee, in exchange for this coin of infinite value, to forget the ingratitude of souls dedicated to Thee and to pardon poor sinners. Amen.

The influence of Saint Therese in spreading the devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus continues through cloistered Carmelites of our day, who continue her mission of imploring God by the Holy Face of His Son, for the conversion of sinners. This beautiful ministry occurs daily within our diocese, with the Carmelite Sisters of the Holy Face of Jesus, who live and pray in rural Hague, North Dakota. If you ever have the opportunity, stop by their monastery and join them in praying the Litany of the Holy Face of Jesus. May God bless you as you implore the Holy Face of Jesus for the conversion of sinners and the enemies of the Church. Pray also for your family and loved ones, that the Holy Face of Jesus may always shine upon them with great love and mercy. *O adorable Face of Jesus, which will appear at the end of time in the cloud with great power and majesty. Have mercy on us.*



Welcome to the Body of Christ

We offer our prayers and blessings to *Lydia Ruth Neurohr* (daughter of Haylee Wax and Brian Neurohr) who was baptized on April 15th at Saint Elizabeth's Church. May God bless little Lydia Ruth, now a child of God and an heir to His Kingdom. Be assured of our prayers for you and your parents, as they celebrate this great spiritual milestone in your life as a Christian.

A Time with the Lord

I will be away for my annual spiritual retreat at Saint Benedict's Monastery of Snowmass, Colorado, from **May 1st-May 7th**. If an emergency should arise, please call the parish office and Bonnie will put you into contact with local priests who are providing pastoral coverage. Be assured of my prayers for you while I am on retreat and please keep me in your prayers as well. The Cistercian monks are vegetarians so pray that I don't get caught, trying to smuggle some beef jerky into the monastery.

On the Lighter Side

What's the difference between a Swede and a Norwegian? The Swedes have nicer neighbors.