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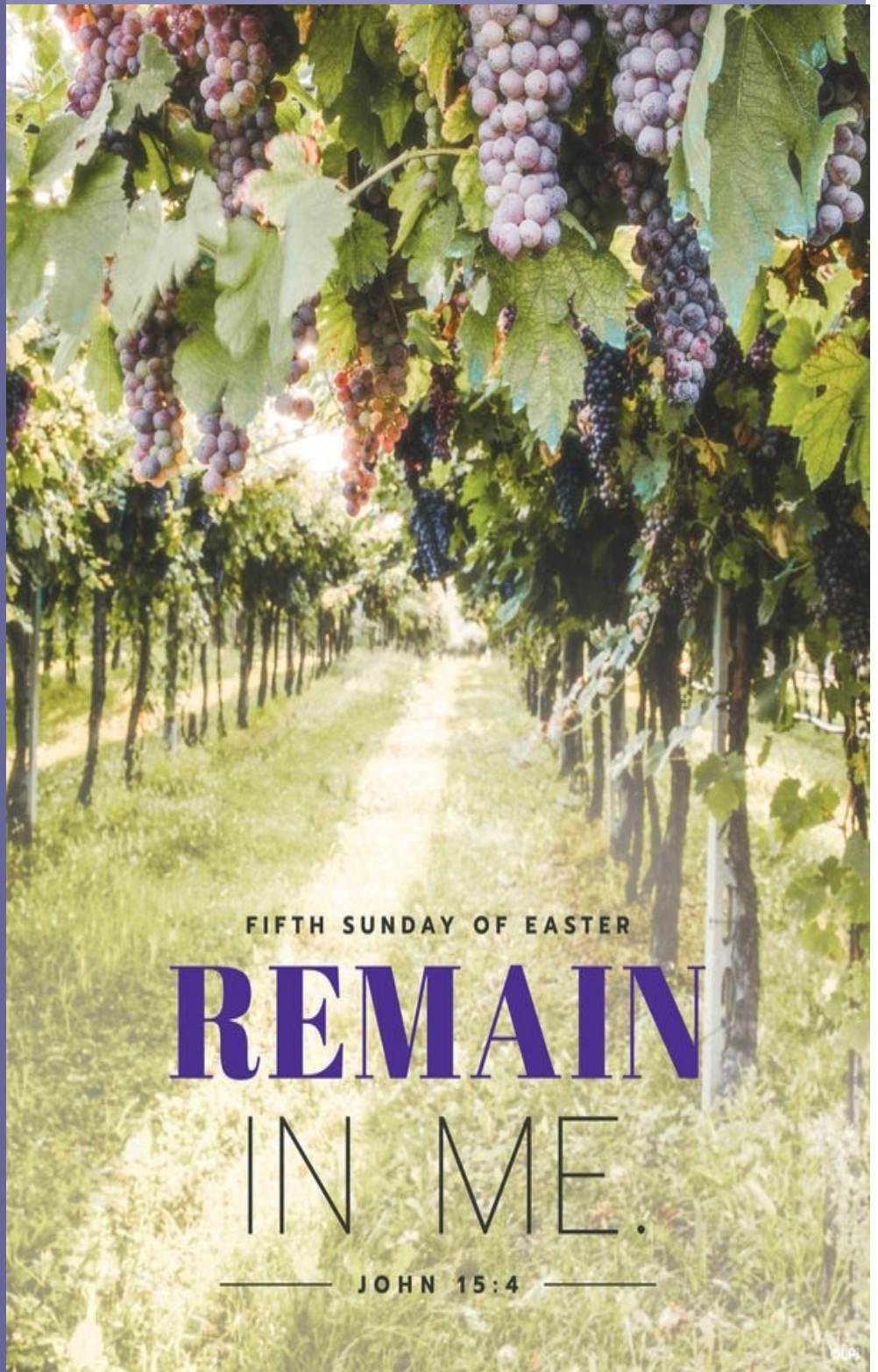
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**REMAIN**  
IN ME.

JOHN 15:4

# Joyful; Docile

## Stewardship of Treasury Fiscal Year July 2023-June 2024

### Month of April 2024

Monthly Goal.....\$40,583.00  
Received to Date for month.....  
.....\$34,879.43

Ordinary Income (April 20/21)  
\$7,531.00

Annual Goal 23/24....\$487,000.00  
Received to Date.....  
.....\$384,661.46

Diocesan Ministries Appeal  
2024 Assessment \$73,637.00  
Funds Collected \$7,995.00

MCS Capital Campaign  
\$4,363,290.54

Marquette Catholic School  
Endowment  
Fund Balance:  
\$146,362.57

Holy Spirit Endowment Fund  
Balance  
\$50,651.86

## Love in Deed

*It's a Wonderful Life* is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, over-worked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18*

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## *Congratulations to our First Communion Students:*

This weekend we celebrate many of our children who will be receiving our Lord in Holy Communion for the very first time. To each of the 1st communicants and their families we offer our sincere congratulations at such a monumental moment in these children's lives. May our Lord continue to bless these children and all the youth of our parish. They are all truly a sign of great hope!

*Cecilia Kubat*  
*Sadie Anderson*  
*Oliver Thayer*  
*Owen Leonard*  
*Fila Raida*  
*Jucker Weaver*

*Isabella Aluni*  
*Emma Phaneuf*  
*Adelaide Krebsbach*  
*Jaina Simetkosky*  
*Flisse Gunderson*  
*Davis Hacker*  
*Ward Hautamaki*

*Maisy Ralston*  
*Maggie Pollak*  
*Nash Carlson*  
*Edith Frost*  
*Taavi Rosandich*  
*Daycee Hardy*

# Relentless Prayer; United

## Altar Server Schedule Weekend of May 4-5

Sat. 4:30pm	Sun. 8:00am	Sun. 10:00 am
M. Pollak	C. Hagberg	C. Bialke
	L. Evans	S. Carlson
	P. Gramm	J. Seeber
		H. Frost
		G. Devich

## Sacristan Schedule Weekend of May 4-5

5/4 Sat. 4:30pm S. Babiracki  
 5/5 Sun. 8:00am C. Pond  
 5/5 Sun. 10:00am C. Gerzin

## Lector Schedule Weekend of May 4-5

5/4 Sat. 4:30pm D. Krall  
 5/5 Sun. 8:00am B. Youngman  
 5/5 Sun. 10:00am L. Seeber



**Youth Ministry's Fundraiser of Vern's Greenhouse Certificates** continues, certificates are available after weekend Masses or at the parish office. Vern's Greenhouse spring opening will be the first weekend of May.



**The Changing Baby's Lives Coin Collection** continues through May. Your kind, generous donations may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for helping moms and babies in need!

**Did You Know?** St. Gianna Beretta Molla was a 20th century physician, wife, and mother whose feast day is celebrated on April 28. A novena to St. Gianna is available and can be prayed any time of year: [walkingwithmoms.com/saint-gianna-novena](http://walkingwithmoms.com/saint-gianna-novena).

### Formed Feature

**Lectio: Mark with Dr. Tim Gray** Discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. Combining the insights of Dr. Tim Gray with the masterful artistry of the Augustine Institute, this Lectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help you better understand and better pray with the Gospel of Mark.

## Holy Spirit 2024 Schedule

### Daily Masses at Holy Spirit

Mon.-Fri  
 Mass at 8:30am

Wed.  
 Mass at 5:30pm

### Daily Masses at Marquette Middle School (When school is in session)

Mon.-Thurs.  
 Mass at 10:45am

### Weekend Masses at Holy Spirit

Sat. 4:30pm  
 Sun. 8am & 10am

### Confessions

Wed. at 4:45pm  
 Sat. at 3pm

### Rosaries at Holy Spirit

Thurs. 8pm  
 -Prayer for Vocations

### Adoration

9am-9pm  
 Tues. & Thurs.



<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 29</b>
8:30 AM †	Kathleen Kishel
10:45 AM †	Jacob Carlson
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 30</b>
8:30 AM †	Lucille Fiola
10:45 AM †	The Lawrence Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 1</b>
8:30 AM †	Marc Westerbur
10:45 AM †	Ralph Harvey
5:30 PM †	Joanne Thibault
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 2</b>
8:30 AM †	Don & Martha Virkus
10:45 AM †	Elide Young
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 3</b>
8:30 AM †	Earl Milton
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 4</b>
4:30 PM †	Lori Marcella
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 5</b>
8:00 AM †	Bev & Mel Aus; Merico & Ann Olivanti
10:00 AM †	Paul Haverkamp