

WELCOME TO  
**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Serving the People of Virginia and Mountain Iron*  
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May 15, 2022

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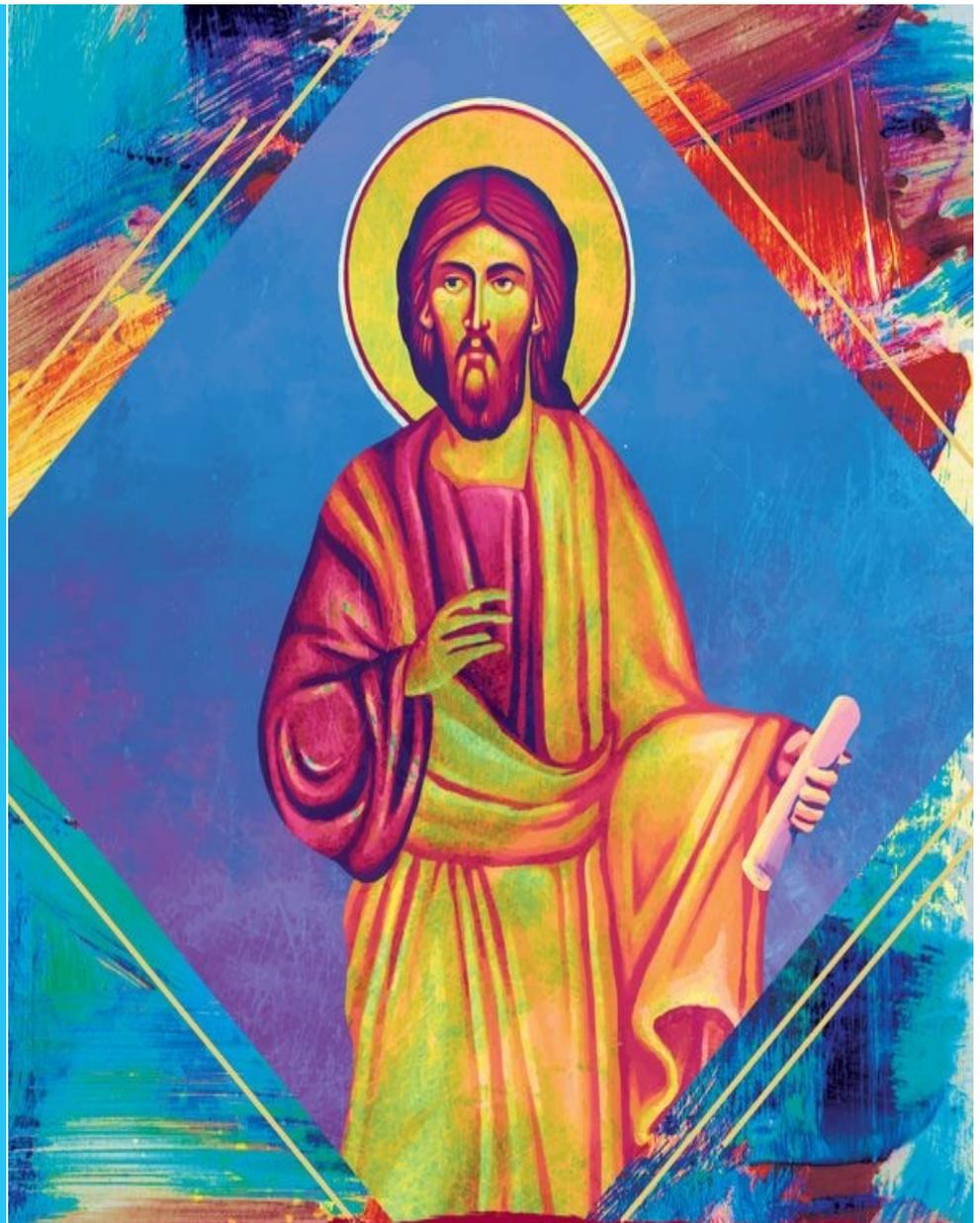
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**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

“Love one another.”

- Jn 13:34a

# Testimony of Faith

## Stewardship of Treasure

May 8, 2022

Envelopes/Plate .....\$6,406.00

Online Giving/ACH.....\$2,800.43

Weekly Goal.....\$9,712.00

Received to Date.....\$420,869.32

Annual Goal 21-22....\$505,000.00

### United Catholic Appeal 2021

Goal.....\$72,352.14

Total Received.....\$46,738.00

2021 Shortfall..... \$25,614.14

### Marquette Catholic School Endowment

**Fund Balance:**  
*\$137,842.28*

### Holy Spirit Endowment

**Fund Balance**  
*\$49,769.63*

**Marriage:** Contact parish office as soon as possible and at least **6 months prior** to desired wedding date.

**Baptism:** Infant baptism during Mass or privately. Call parish to arrange pre-baptism parent session or request information. Forms available on the parish website.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the Parish office to schedule Sacrament or Communion calls for the homebound.

**Prayer Warrior Team:** Please call Donna Strumbell at 218-290-3767.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 15, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.” Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It’s no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God’s wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, “a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships.” What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what’s important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it’s authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that’s why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

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# Parish News

## !THANK YOU!

WE are so incredibly excited to announce that the Marquette Catholic School "Around the World" Gala, that was celebrated Saturday night, has raised \$256,944.41 in support of Catholic education! The mission continues to grow! Thank you to all those who have stepped up! I pray we can keep dreaming, keep uniting and keep acting towards giving more and more of our Iron Range kids the opportunity for Catholic education through 12th grade! Let's do this Iron Range!!!! Saturday night only affirmed the desire many have to make this dream a reality! If you still want to make a financial gift, please reach out to me! We are looking for more space to grow and hope God will provide a potential new building somewhere that will allow us to keep growing! Help us make this happen! Why stop now?! Great days ahead! St John Bosco...pray for us!

### St. Gianna Life Ministry News

**St. Gianna Life Ministry's Annual Baby Bottle Coin Collection** continues for 4 more weeks, concluding **June 5, Pentecost Sunday**. This collection provides mercy for babies in need. A basket of baby bottles is available in the gathering space if you would like to participate by collecting your change or bills. Bottles can be returned to the collection basket or the church office at any time. Thank you for your generosity.

### Formed Feature of the Week

**FORMED.org Feature**

**Lectio: Mary** Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? In this 8-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary. This would be an excellent series to watch during the month of May which is dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary.

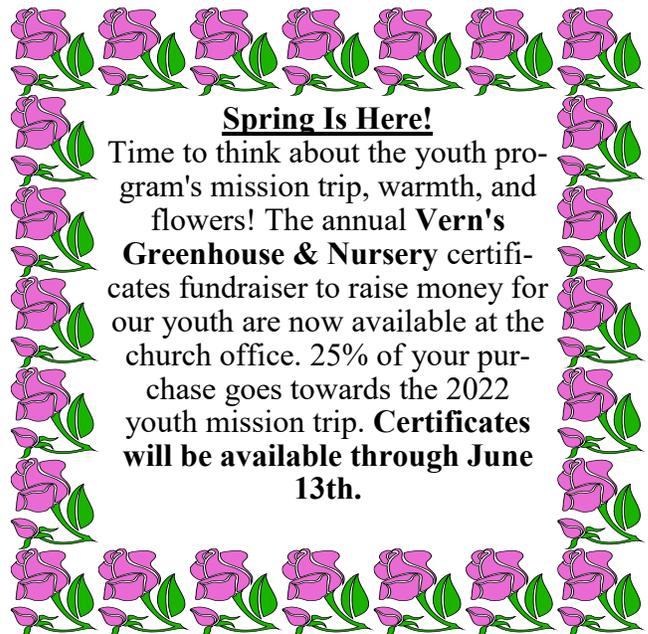
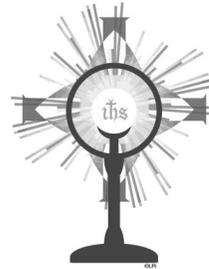
### Augustine Kiosk Feature of the Week

**Augustine Institute Kiosk Feature**

**True Femininity: Getting to Know Mary (CD)** Femininity today can be confusing. What is it? What is it not? With humor, personal stories, and profound insights from the life of Mary and the writings of St. John Paul II, speaker Noelle Garcia shares how by growing in relationship with Mary, we can heal our understanding and relationships as women and discover the beauty, joy, and gift of true, God-given femininity.

### Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

Our Adoration schedule of Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am—9:00pm, will continue through the celebration of Pentecost. Please stop in to spend time in prayer, silence, and adoration of Our Lord—He is waiting for you!



### Spring Is Here!

Time to think about the youth program's mission trip, warmth, and flowers! The annual **Vern's Greenhouse & Nursery** certificate fundraiser to raise money for our youth are now available at the church office. 25% of your purchase goes towards the 2022 youth mission trip. **Certificates will be available through June 13th.**

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

#### Are you Registered?

*Join our parish community by registering online at:*

[engage.suran.com/holyspiritvirginiamn](https://engage.suran.com/holyspiritvirginiamn)

Here you can enter your information online (or update it for current parishioners!) and receive communications from our parish and sign up for online giving to Holy Spirit Church and Marquette Catholic School. We love to stay in touch with our parish community members, so please register as soon as you can! Need assistance? Contact Jessica or Stefanie in the Holy Spirit parish office. Thank you for being part of the Holy Spirit and Marquette family!

## Easter Season

### Mass Times & Event Schedules

#### Daily Mass:

Mon.-Fri.

Mass at 8:30am

Mon. & Wed.

Mass at 5:30pm

#### Weekend Mass:

Sat. 4:30pm

Sun. 8am & 10am

#### Confessions:

Mon. 4:45pm

Sat. 3:00 pm—4:00 pm

#### Adoration:

Mon-Thurs. 9am-9pm

\*\*No Friday Adoration\*\*

#### Rosaries:

Mon. following 5:30pm Mass

-Pray for Priests

Thurs. 8pm

-Prayer for Vocations

#### Bible/Book Studies:

Tues 9:15am with Ben Frost

Sat. 10am Women's Book Study

#### Men's Basketball League

Every Tuesday night at 8pm in the MCS gym. Contact Ty Pollak for more information 218-421-7602 or Ross Haverkamp 218-537-0397.



First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 22, during the 10am Mass.



PRAY FOR OUR  
FIRST COMMUNICANTS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 16</b>
8:30 AM †	Rita Pineo
5:30 PM †	Diane Dickson
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 17</b>
8:30 AM †	John Tekautz
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 18</b>
8:30 AM †	Mary Brady
5:30 PM †	Our Parish Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 19</b>
8:30 AM †	Angela Cope
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 20</b>
8:30 AM †	Joshua Stewart
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 21</b>
4:30 AM	Rita Pineo
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 22</b>
8:00 AM †	William Gagnon
10:00 AM †	Ralph Harvey

#### Altar Server Schedule Weekend of May 21-22

Sat. 4:30pm	Sun. 8:00am	Sun. 10:00am
R. Cope	I. Villebrun	J. Rosandich
N. Cope	S. Beukema	K. Roark
	S. Beukema	B. Simetkosky
		L. Simetkosky
		C. Kovacich
		M. Miskovich

#### Sacristan Schedule Weekend of May 21 & May 22

5/21 Sat. 4:30pm	J. Phelps
5/22 Sun. 8:00am	D. Peterson
5/22 Sun. 10:00am	J. Milton

#### Lector Schedule Weekend of May 21 & May 22

5/21 Sat. 4:30pm	S. Scharber
5/22 Sun. 8:00am	B. Youngman
5/22 Sun. 10:00am	M. Louks