

WELCOME TO
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May 5, 2024



"LOVE ONE ANOTHER." — JN 15:17

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.....
.....\$42,339.08

Ordinary Income (April 27/28)
\$6,404..65

Annual Goal 23/24....\$487,000.00
Received to Date.....
.....\$392,121.11

Diocesan Ministries Appeal
2024 Assessment \$73,637.00
Funds Collected \$10,420.00

MCS Capital Campaign
\$4,363,290.54

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

Holy Spirit Endowment Fund
Balance
\$50,651.86



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, “He is mistaken about our friendship. I don’t recall ever having suffered with him.” As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I’m not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn’t the juxtaposition of *suffering* with *friendship* sound exactly like JP II? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, “**You are my friends if you do what I command you**” (John 15:14). In Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you’ll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you’ve suffered together a great deal.

— *Father John Muir*

Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you’ve ever loved anyone, you know it’s also the hardest.

I’m man enough to admit it. I’ve seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they’re coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I’m not sure if it’s accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you’ve ever forgiven someone who’s hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant’s night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It’s something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI*

Relentless Prayer; United

Altar Server Schedule Weekend of May 11-12

Sat. 4:30pm	Sun. 8:00am	Sun. 10:00 am
C. Bialke	E. Pond	K. Roark
S. Beukema	T. Pope	B. Simetkosky
S. Beukema	L. Flatlery	L. Simetkosky
		J. Rosandich

Sacristan Schedule Weekend of May 11-12

5/11 Sat. 4:30pm D. Haapala
5/12 Sun. 8:00am B. Scinto
5/12 Sun. 10:00am J. Milton

Lector Schedule Weekend of May 11-12

5/11 Sat. 4:30pm M. Potts
5/12 Sun. 8:00am G. Ulman
5/12 Sun. 10:00am D. Scultz



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.

CCW MEETING The Council of Catholic Women will meet Wed., May 8 at 9:15am, in the Holy Spirit social hall. All women of the parish are invited to join us.

DONUTS AND COFFEE

There are 2 more weekends we will be serving coffee and donuts after masses. That means only 2 more opportunities for YOU to serve until the fall. If you are able to help, look for Team Reach, the bulletin board, or text/call

LET'S CONGRATULATE OUR 2024 GRADUATES

Marquette Catholic School will be honoring this years 2024 8th Grade Class on Sun. May 19 at 10am Mass at Holy Spirit.

The 2024 High School Graduation Mass will be Sun. June 2, at the 10am Mass at Holy Spirit.
Please keep all of these young people in your prayers!

Formed.org Feature

Faith Prevails: The Miracle of Bolsena (37 min) An inspired retelling of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena-Orvieto, it follows the journey of Fr. Peter of Prague, a priest doubtful of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. When the Host begins to bleed during Mass, he must come to terms with his own disbelief while the witnesses of the miracle experience changes in their own faith. The film is based on the real event of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena-Orvieto, which was the catalyst for the institution of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (also known as the Feast of Corpus Christi).

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.



Monday	May 6
8:30 AM †	Joan Johnson
10:45 AM	MCS 8th grade class in DC
Tuesday	May 7
8:30 AM †	Kathleen Kishel
10:45 AM †	Millard & Leone Kendrick
Wednesday	May 8
8:30 AM †	Kathy Kelly
10:45 AM †	Nathan Lappi
5:30 PM †	Our Parish Family
Thursday	May 9
8:30 AM †	Judy Stapleton
10:45 AM †	Tom Ringhand
Friday	May 10
8:30 AM †	Steve Hecimovich
Saturday	May 11
4:30 PM †	Mary Brady
Sunday	May 12
8:00 AM †	Mark Falkowski
10:00 AM †	Robert & Christine Springhetti; Odette Hukka