

APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I AM THE VINE,
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES
HE WHO ABIDES
IN ME AND I IN HIM,
HE BEARS MUCH FRUIT,
FOR APART FROM ME
YOU CAN DO NOTHING.

—JOHN 15:5 NASB



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*Congratulations & Best Wishes
to our Graduates!*

"The Lord bless you and keep you!

The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace

Catholic Youth Bible, Numbers 6:24-26

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Wednesday, May 8 ~
7:00pm Ascension Vigil
& Confirmation Mass

Thursday, May 9 ~
7:00am Mass & 12:05pm Mass
Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B April 28, 2024

Look at what happened to Paul through his conversion experience. So much happened to the poor guy; you have to wonder why. Perhaps the Gospel gives us a clue. Maybe everything Paul went through throughout his conversion and the following three years was a sort of pruning. God pruned Paul so that he could bear more fruit!

Wouldn't you agree that Paul's life is an example of someone who kept the commandments and remained in God and God in him?

My brothers and sisters, by our baptism, we are part of the vine. So, we have the same opportunity to be pruned by God so that we too can bear much fruit for the Kingdom! That's one way to think about discipleship. But not all discipleship is fruitful. So, we are warned that if we don't bear fruit, bad things will happen!

So, how can we cooperate with God, or in what ways can we help God with our own pruning so that we bear fruit? I'm so glad you asked!

We've talked a lot about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, virtues, fruits of the Holy Spirit, and even sin. We've learned that we can evaluate where we stand concerning these through self-examination, speaking with someone close to us like our spouses or close friends, or meeting with a spiritual director. But, we can be much more deliberate about the process.

For example, let's say we want to grow in prudence. Well, of course, we can look up what that means and search the internet for church teachings or writings from the saints or spiritual masters about prudence. We might learn that some virtues related to prudence include circumspection, docility, and foresight. But learning alone doesn't guarantee that we will grow in prudence. So, we need to bring prudence to prayer.

One way to do that is through the daily examen. To do the daily examen doesn't require much time at all – perhaps 5-7 minutes – indeed 10 minutes max. Why not bring prudence or one of its related virtues to the daily examen? You could prayerfully reflect on it over several days, a week, or longer. It's up to you. You could do the same thing with a bad habit or with something that's bothering you. It might be helpful to keep some notes as you try to grow in prudence or overcome a bad habit.

This is one example of what it means to remain in Christ. We don't try to do it by ourselves. We can turn to God in prayer and invite pruning in concrete ways – like overcoming a specific bad habit or growing in a particular virtue. If we are mindful about growing in our spiritual life, then our lives will bear much fruit.

Homework! Nourished by the fruit of the vine through the Word and Eucharist, I invite you to reflect on the following questions. First, what are one or two virtues I want to grow in or one or two bad habits I want to overcome?

Second, turn to God in prayer and ask for specific help to increase in that virtue or overcome that particular bad habit.

Fr. Vincent L. Parsons

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	4/29	No Daily Mass
Tuesday	4/30	8:30 am Mass (SPP) † Matthew Parsons By Calvert Family
Wednesday	5/1	8:30 am Mass (SPP) † Barbera (Dugan) McIntyre By Vange Obermiller
Thursday	5/2	8:30 am Mass (SPP) † Harold Swanson By Luke & Alice Benes
Friday	5/3	9:00am Service (Matelyn) † Roger Nowak By Marilyn Placke Family
Saturday	5/4	4:30 pm Reconciliation (SPP) 5:00 pm Mass (SPP) People of the Parishes 7:00 pm Mass (SA) † Dorothy Bonczynski By James & Dianne Rice
Sunday	5/5	8:00 am Mass (SPP) † Francis Mrkvicka 10:00 am Mass (SPP) † Colleen Brouillette By Monte Brouillette & Family
Wednesday	5/8	7:00 pm <i>Ascension Vigil</i> Mass (SPP) † Anna Dedic By Family
Thursday	5/9	7:00 am <i>Ascension</i> Mass (SPP) † Matthew Parsons By Todd & Cindy Peters 12:05 pm <i>Ascension</i> Mass (SPP) † Norbert Turek By John & Sandi Mudloff

MINISTRY SCHEDULE MAY 4TH - 9TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

SACRISTAN: Michael Happ / Kevin & Cindy Sestak / Julie Baquet

GREETERS: Sharon & Kenny Tibbetts / Joe & Paulette Hansen

LECTOR: Cindy Sestak

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Joe & Paulette Hansen

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SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREETERS: Leo & Gina Haggerty Family

LECTOR: Jaylee Haggerty

EM: Glen & Michele Killion / Kelsey Scheer

SERVERS: Layla Bowder / Kendyl, Reise, & Jaxen Fowler

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki / Neil Baquet

GREETERS: Dan & Carrie Vech Family

LECTOR: Reegan Reilly

EM: Reese & Tami Reilly/ Carrie Vech/ Chris Townsend/ Crissy Bader

SERVERS: Blake Reilly / Volunteer

WEDNESDAY 7:00PM CONFIRMATION MASS

SACRISTAN: Neil Baquet **MUSIC:** Betty VanDyke

GREETERS: Family of Confirmation Candidates

LECTOR: Jack Thede

EM: Christopher Thomas / Shane Kosmicki

SERVERS: Paisley Call / Ike Gawrych

THURSDAY 7:00AM & 12:05PM MASS Volunteers



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Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center Classrooms

DREs ~ Becky Knox 308-571-0430 & Judi Baker 308-750-8418

Confirmation ~ Wednesday, May 8th 7pm Mass

Candidates please plan to be at Church by 6pm that evening.

Dessert reception for Candidates & their families

Immediately following Mass at Parish Life Center!

Congratulations

on your Baptism

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WALCH**

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April 21, 2024

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



TOTUS TUUS CATECHETICAL PROGRAM

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JULY 28TH - AUGUST 2ND

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CURRENT GRADES FIRST TO SIXTH

DAYTIME PROGRAM - 9:00AM TO 3:00PM BRING SACK LUNCH,

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CURRENT GRADES SEVENTH TO TWELFTH

EVENING PROGRAM - 9:00PM TO 8:15PM MEAL PROVIDED

Bulletin Folders Needed

Please consider helping fold bulletins
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Rosary during May

THE MONTH OF
MARY

9AM MONDAY-THURSDAY SPP



SPP CCW Awards Summer Retreat Support!

\$100 checks presented to each student:

Kaia Douthit - Higher Ground Extreme Faith Retreat,

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SPP CCW Meeting - Sunday, May 19

9:05AM Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center

All women of the Parish are welcome to attend!



KNIGHTS Council 1918 Meeting: Tuesday, May 14,

OF COLUMBUS 7:00 PM at SPP Parish Hall NW classroom

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

STS. PETER & PAUL 10AM-5PM

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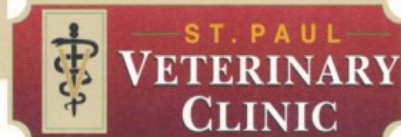
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Pray without ceasing 1 Thessalonian 5:17