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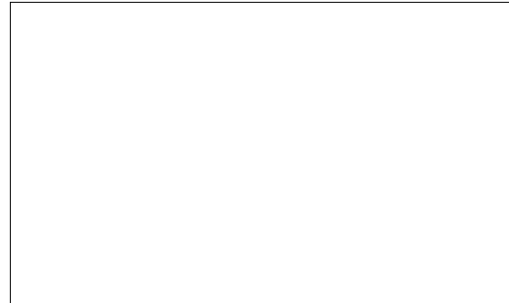
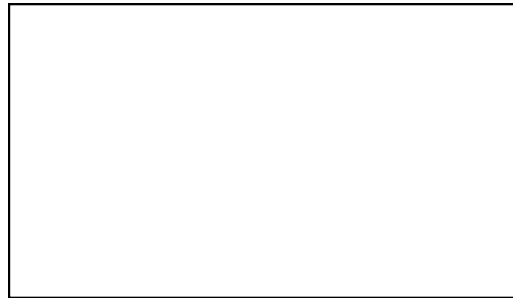
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April 14, 2024

EMMAUS ENCOUNTER

This week we have the story of the “Journey to Emmaus.” This is the second of three major journeys in the New Testament. We have just completed the first journey in a ritual ‘dying to self’ of fasting, praying, and giving alms during Lent in remembrance of Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem where he was willing to die for us. During the Octave of Easter, we recall the multiple resurrection appearances and as we ‘journey’ towards Pentecost we will hear how the early Christians, and in particular Paul, realized Christ not just in themselves or in a small group, but in “all nations of the world.”

What is very significant in the readings of this weekend is the word **recognition**. The disciples do not recognize Jesus as he begins to walk with them. They do not even recognize him as he interprets all that refers to him “in all the Scriptures.” Yet, they are interested; they invited him to stay with them. Then during the meal, which is a celebration of solidarity and identification with, indicating a close relationship, kinship, communion “their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.” This reading should be familiar: “he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.”

This is the language of the feeding of the 5000 and the 4000 and the Last Supper. In this season of Easter, we are called to recognize the risen LORD in our midst. This is not just about Jesus’ real presence in the Eucharist, it is about Jesus’ real presence in each of us. Through the sacraments, and especially through the Eucharist, we are made sacramental; an outward sign of Christ offered to the community to be a grace.

Just as these disciples could not wait until morning and had to return to Jerusalem at once to share Christ with the other disciples, we are sent from the Eucharistic meal to witness Christ for others. We are sent to feed the hungry; not only those who need food, but those who need a smile, a word of encouragement, a word of appreciation. We are sent to clothe the naked; not only those without clothes, but those without self-confidence or self-esteem, or those who do not know they are loved by God. We are sent to shelter the homeless; not only those without homes, but those without tenderness or affection, those without sympathy or understanding, those without love and acceptance. We are sent to free the oppressed; not just those who are bound unjustly, but the stranger and the foreigner, people we have biases and prejudices against, those who are treated unjustly by social institutions that we support, even if it is only by our indifference. “Then God will spring forth his righteousness before you.” (Isaiah 58). Then we will be the resurrection for other people.

It is about recognizing Christ in ourselves and in EVERYONE else. We need to be aware and reflective of what others have been put into and to show them the redeeming Christ in us. As the world becomes ever smaller and more intimate; we need to recognize Christ *in* the world and of being Christ *for* the world by our witness of love.

How do you become Christ to others? And how do you recognize Christ in your close relationships, in your kinship, in your companionship, and friendship? May God bless and encourage you as you continue to bring Easter joy to everyone.

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - April 20th / 21st, 2024

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Ben Boivin	Rhea Woods	Michelle MacIsaac
EMC	Linda Moore	Jo Ann Giesler	Dean Beaudry
Ushers	Marguerite Goodfellow Walter Grys	Lou Luvison Andre Lamy Linda Latour Urszula Lewgowd	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, April 16, 2024	Mary Kudryk	& Linda Latour

Parish Pastoral News

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive / Tuesday, April 16th, will be our Monthly Food Drive. We are in most need of: Kraft Dinner, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Rice, Peanut Butter, Instant Coffee, Tea, Canned Salmon and Tuna, Healthy Cereals (low in sugar) and Beans. The food drive is from 9:30AM to 12:00 Noon at the SVDP Office. Whatever you are able to share is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

There were 89 families and individuals served by the SVDP last month, including 59 children.

The total donations to St. Vincent de Paul during the month of March were \$2,617.10.

We are most thankful for the generosity of our fellow parishioners. It is because of you we can help these individuals. Thank you. Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Mass Intentions / A reminder that we have empty days for Mass intentions if you would like to book a Mass for family or loved ones.

Parish Nurse News / The clinic will be open on **Tuesdays** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm. in the Knights of Columbus room in the Parish Hall. If you would like to see me, I will check your blood pressure, review your medication, discuss chronic disease management, discuss pain management, review your lab and x-ray results, discuss matters of mental health concerns, or any other issues that may be on your mind. I can also help you with your knitting! Please take advantage of this clinic, it is a ministry offered here at St. Mary’s.

The **“Let’s Get Physical” Exercise Class** runs on **Wednesdays** from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome, there is no charge for these classes. We will concentrate on gaining Strength and Balance using a Yoga based program. Please dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat.

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish thank you for your continued and gracious donations to the Food Bank.

Nothing is ever too small or too little.

Peace, Good Will, and Thank you!

SVDP SOCIETY

**Hotline:
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In advance, we thank you for whatever you have been able to share with us in the way of monetary donations. The money we collect from you, helps us to buy some perishable food items that we are able to add to their food hampers. Those coming to our food bank receive not only food, but kindness and the encouragement to remain hopeful. *Shalom*

Parish Group Meetings /Events

Tuesdays	11:30AM -1:00 PM	Parish Nurse Available / Knights of Columbus Room
Tuesdays	12:00 PM - 1:00PM	Hot Lunch / Parish Hall
Wednesdays	9:30 AM	Gentle Exercise Class / Parish Hall
Wednesdays	6:00 PM	Choir Practice / Choir Loft
Thursdays	6:00 PM	Huntsville Community Band Practice / Parish Hall
Sunday	April 14th	Coffee Sunday /Parish Hall/after the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday	April 16th	SVDP Monthly Food Drive / SVDP Office / 9:30 a.m. - 12:00p.m.
Sunday	April 21st	Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner /Parish Hall / 5:00 p.m.

Week of April 15th - 21st, 2024

Readers, Ushers, and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion (EMC) / Perhaps you have considered one of these ministries, especially if you are not presently involved, or you are new to the parish. If you are interested, please contact the office (see cover of bulletin) . Your participation in these ministries helps to bring our community together as we serve one another. We are in particular need of ushers for the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Oremus, Let us Pray / is a prayer book with many beautiful traditional prayers, commentaries, and more. We are selling them for \$20.00 each. Please contact the office by email (office@stmaryshuntsville.ca) or phone (705-789-2348) to get your copy.

St. Mary’s Lending Library / It has been carefully organized with good spiritual reading. You can take a book or books home with you. When you are finished, please return them to the library. Thank you and enjoy.

Welcome To The Area And The Parish / Whether you are new to the area, or here for a short visit, you are most welcome. We hope and pray that the memories that you have created here in the Muskoka area, will bring you all joy in the future. May God’s peace be within you always.



Mass Schedule

Week of April 15th – 21st

Tuesday, April 16th/ 12:00 Noon

+Jack Simioni

(Req. By Sandra Cochrane)

Wednesday, April 17th/

12:00 Noon

SI Anna Maria Ertler

(Req. By : Walter Grys)

Thursday, April 18th / 9:00 AM

SI Eleanor Wolfle

(Req. By: Walter Grys)

Friday April 19th / 12:00 Noon

SI Remi LeGros

(Req. By: Adam & Krystyna Medon)

Saturday, April 20th / 4:00PM

+Garrett Blackwell

(Req. By: Kirsten MacDonald)

Sunday, April 21st / 9:00AM

SI For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 21st / 11:00AM

+Marlene MacIsaac

(Req by: Michelle MacIsaac)

Let us pray for those who have died and for those who have asked for our prayers ...

Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Joe Hanrath, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Ron & Margaret Smith, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Pat Morra, Kirsten MacDonald, Marion Majkot, Peter Poustie, Pam and Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Ian Bruce, Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright, Edward and Claire Hortensius, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike & Loretta Pearson, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Dallas Clarke, Jamie Sef-ton, Tcherina Zylstra, Brian O’Connor, Remi

Sunday Offertory

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