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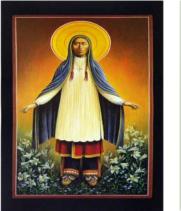




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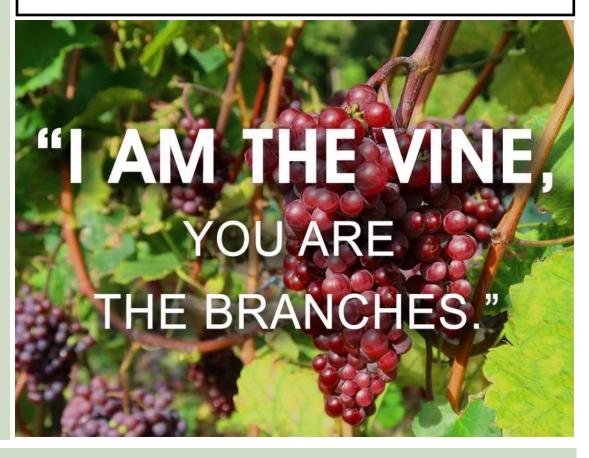
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5th Sunday of Easter



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April 28, 2024

Mass Schedule Week of April 29th– May 5th

Tuesday, April 30th/ 12:00 Noon

+Pia Ray (Req. By : Nadine Diplock)

Wednesday, May 1st / 12:00 Noon

SI Emily Warman (Req. By: Michael & Catherine O'Mara)

Thursday, May 2nd/9:00 AM

Friday, May 3rd / 12:00 Noon SI Rosemary & Family (Req. By: Joan Ranson)

Saturday, May 4th / 4:00PM

SI Fr. Andrew Broda (Req. By: Walter Grys)

Sunday, May 5th / 9:00AM SI For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 5th / 11:00AM

SI Jim & Diane Poling (Req by: The Friends of St. Kateri)

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 Sefton, Tcherina Zylstra, Brian O'Connor, Remi LeGros, and Emily Warman

Sunday Offertory
April 21, 2024 \$4,260.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES – ALIVE WITH THE LIFE OF GOD

The Gospel on the 5th Sunday of Easter (Jn 15:1-8) brings us to contemplate the face of Jesus who loves us and teaches us how to love. The Father is the origin of this love from Whom the Son is begotten. Jesus reveals to us the inner life of God which is nothing but pure love beyond description. As Christians we learn many things from Jesus and try to imitate him so that we can be at peace with God, with others, and with ourselves.

'Love,' they say, 'is life.' Love is ever active and never dull or unproductive. Jesus teaches us something of his love and how to love through the metaphor of the vine and the branches which characterizes the intimate nature of the relationship between him and his followers. In fact, the vine is made up of its branches. The life of the vine is the life of the branches. Jesus lives in his branches, and his branches live in his life. The vine bears fruit through its branches, and the branches bear the fruit of the vine. This is an apt metaphor for describing the intimacy of such union. The vine is not totally dependent on any one branch or group of branches. Therefore, it can endure pruning without withering and dying. The basis of the union is acceptance of the fidelity to the words of Jesus, not ethnic or national identity. The importance of allegiance to Jesus' words, his teaching, cannot be overemphasized. It is his message that shapes the religious identity of the disciples. The bond that is the source of our union with him is FAITH. It joins one to the vine - to Jesus and to the other branches - all the faithful. It also entitles one to have access to the blessings of God, since the prayers of the branches can be seen as the prayers of the vine, and God is attentive to the vine. The vine and the branches are alive with the life of God. This union is offered to all who would listen to the words of Jesus, accept his divine claim, and live in union with him and his other branches.

The other aspect of our root in God's love and life is that of our knowledge of God. Knowing who God is and who we are in relation is the basic meaning of the metaphor of the vine and the branches. Two things very characteristic of lovers are presence and the voice of each other. Knowing God and his presence in our lives is our calling. Knowing his words is more important. His words tell us what he wants us to do. His words serve as our daily guide in this life's journey. His words lead us to produce a good and fruitful life. His words keep us in touch with him. He does not only watch over us; he is with us and remains with us forever.

What role do you see yourself playing as a branch of the vine which is Christ?

Fr. Dominick

	Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - May 4th / 5th, 2024		
	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Rhea Woods	Mary Towson	Diane Poling
EMC	Diana Snowden	Jo Ann Giesler	John MacInnis
Ushers	Ben Boivin Walter Grys	Maureen McIntyre Doug Neigel Linda Latour Mike Pearson	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, April 30, 2024	Mary Kudryk &	Gisele Neigel

Parish Pastoral News

The Parish would like to congratulate the children of St. Mary's Parish who made their

First Communion today. You are welcome to our Father's table with us.



Taizé Prayer Service / As we approach the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, let us gather together as the early Christians did in prayer, praise and song. Please come and join in a Taizé Prayer service centered on the Holy Spirit on Wednesday, May 15th from 7-8 pm at St. Mary's Church.

Come Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of Your love.

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 Parish Nurse Ministry

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.

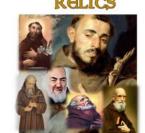
The "Let's Get Physical" Exercise

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.



Week of April 29th - May 5th, 2024

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Mass: Wed @ 12 pm & Thur @ 9 am
Wednesday, 08 May 2024 12 pm ~ 6 pm
Thursday, 09 May 2024 9 am ~ 6 pm

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On the following Wednesdays
May 1, 7 & 29, 2024 1pm ~ 8pm
June 5, 2024 1pm ~ 8pm

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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.

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Parish Group Meetings / Events

11:30AM -1:00 PM Parish Nurse Available / Knights of Columbus Room Tuesdays Tuesdays 12:00 PM - 1:00PM Hot Lunch / Parish Hall Wednesdays 9:30 AM Gentle Exercise Class / Parish Hall 6:00 PM Choir Practice / Choir Loft Wednesdays Thursdays 6:00 PM Huntsville Community Band Practice / Parish Hall Friday May 3rd Confirmation Class / Parish Hall / 7:00 p.m. Sat.- Sun. May 4th/5th CWL Conference / Parish Hall