WEEKLY SCHEDULE, READINGS, AND INTENTIONS				
Mon.	5/6	Acts 16:11 − 15 • Ps 149:1b − 2, 3 − 4, 5 − 6a and 9b • Jn 15:26 − 16:4a 8:30AM Coffee & Rosary at Assumption	9AM St. Mary Sarah Goodman	
Tues.	5/7	Acts $16:22-34 ext{ • Ps } 138:1-2ab$, $2cde-3$, $7c-8 ext{ • Jn } 16:5-11$ Adoration at St. Mary 9AM-10PM Bulletin items and announcements due of office by 5PM	9AM St. Columban † Tasha Tarrence	
Wed.	5/8	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1 • Ps 148:1 – 2, 11 – 12, 13, 14 • Jn 16:12 – 15 St. Columban May Birthday Club lunch at Dawn's home at 12 Noon Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)	10AM Care Center † Louis Ward 4PM Assumption † Nick & Dora Hafner	
Thurs.	5/9	Acts 1:1-11 • Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 • Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 • Mk 16:15-20 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)	8AM St. Mary Pro Populo 10AM St. Columban † Monica Young	
Fri.	5/10	Acts 18:9 − 18 • Ps 47:2 − 3, 4 − 5, 6 − 7 • Jn 16:20 − 23 8:30AM Coffee & Rosary at Assumption	9AM Assumption † Don Cremer	
Sat.	5/11	Acts 18:23 – 28 • Ps 47:2 – 3, 8 – 9, 10 • Jn 16:23b – 28	9AM St. Mary † Mike Wheeler 4PM Assumption Pro Populo	
Sun.	5/12	Acts 1:15 – 17, 20a, 20c – 26 • Ps 103:1 – 2, 11 – 12, 19 – 20 • 1 Jn 4:11 – 16 • Jn 17:11b – 19 7:30Am Rosary at St. Mary St. Columban CCW Meeting	8AM St. Mary † Verna LaPlante 10AM St. Columban † Louis Ward	

Liturgy Volunteers for May 12

St. Mary

Ushers: Dan H., Ron H. **Reader:** Julie H. **Communion:** Betty J., Julie A., Kelly M. **Servers:** Mya H., Haley P., Colton P. <u>Homebound</u> Communion: Betty J., Julie A., Kelly M.

St. Columban

Reader: Joni C. Communion: Bill G., Maureen G. Servers: Sam A., Jacob A.

Liturgy Volunteers for May 19

St. Mary

Ushers: Mark L., Joe M. **Reader:** Mary H. **Communion:** Jenny A., Tim G., Rita L. **Servers:** Bjorn G., Parker H., **VOLUNTEER, Homebound Communion:** Colleen A., Maureen L., Tim G.

St. Columban

Reader: Nancy G. Communion: Elliott R., Marilyn H. Servers: Jack R., Jake K.

Bulletin & Mass announcements must be submitted <u>in writing, via EMAIL or DELIVERY</u> to the Parish Center at St. Mary, byt <u>5PM TUESDAY</u> to be included in the weekend publication. Items received after this deadline will be in the next week's bulletin. Due to space limitations, events & announcements for parishes within our cluster are prioritized. Email: parishcenter.hfc@gmail.com Mailing address:

405 SW Bench Street, Chatfield, MN 55923 Attn: Angela Larson

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISHES

St. Mary of Chatfield
St. Columban of Preston
St. Patrick Oratory of Lanesboro
St. Olaf of Mabel
Assumption of Canton



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 (56B)
PSALM 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
1 JOHN 4:7-10
JOHN 15:9-17

Jesus says to us in this Sunday's gospel text, "Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." Two chapters earlier, chapter 13:34, John records Jesus saying, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." And this was after Jesus had shown the meaning of that love when he washed his disciples' feet.

With so much hate being spewed out on our streets and in our culture, it is good to remind ourselves the condition of remaining in discipleship with Jesus to disciples' love one another. That includes our enemies. We must love those who hate us, and wash their feet. What is that? Sometimes it is easier to describe something mysterious by what it is not. Jesus is not talking about love as luv, something romantic and superficial. Jesus is talking about a real and divine initiative to be kind.

Kindness is one of the principal attributes of God. The Hebrew Scriptures speak of God as kind and merciful. His kindness falls on the just and the unjust, as Jesus point out in the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew. So, this love is dispassionate – so it does not depend on our emotional state, but is a fundamental disposition best understood to mean what St. Paul said in Ephesians: speak the truth in love.

The greatest kindness we can do is to speak the truth in love. This is what Jesus is doing in his trial, his crucifixion, and in his death and resurrection: for the sake of the many. Remember the insight to the Centurion who commanded the soldiers who crucified Jesus, "Truly this man was the Son of God." Mark 15:39 In response to hate we simply try to wash feet and speak the truth in love. It is not going to make us happy in the worldly sense, but will make us holy.

St. Thomas More reflected:

"Let us deeply consider the love of our Savior Christ who so loved his own unto the end that for their sakes he willingly suffered that painful end, and therein declared the highest degree of love that can be. For, as he himself says: "A greater love no one has than to give his life for his friends." This is indeed the greatest love that ever anyone had. But yet had our Savior a greater, for he gave his for both friend and foe.

Who can in adversity be sure of many of his friends when our Savior himself was, at his capture, left alone and forsaken by his? But what a difference is there now, between this faithful love of his and other kinds of false and fickle love found in this wretched world. The flatterer pretends to love you because he dines well with you. ...

Let us all in time, then, learn to love as we should, God above all things, and all other things for him. And whatsoever love be not referred to that end, namely, to the good pleasure of God, is a very vain and unfruitful love. And whatsoever love we bear to any creature whereby we love God the less, that love is a loathsome love and hinders us from heaven. ...

For whatever we love that makes us break God's commandment, we love better than God, and that is a love deadly and damnable. Now, since our Lord has so loved us, for our salvation, let us diligently call for his grace that in return for his great love we be not found ungrateful."

A Treatise upon the Passion, Christ's Love unto the End

~Fr. McGrath

FILLMORE COUNTY, MINNESOTA



As our Religious Education year draws to a close, there are many people to thank for their help within our Holy Family Cluster this year: to the Catechists who prepared lessons and worked with your children, to the Aides who assisted in classes, to parents who worked with their children on lessons and activities and made sure their children got to class, to all those who helped prepare and serve meals, to the Religious Education Committee for their ideas and support, to parishioners who prayed for our children. May God richly bless you for all you have done!

If you have any thoughts or suggestions for the Religious Education program or are willing to assist in our 2024-2025 year please email the office at educationdept.hfc@gmail.com Jeanette Fortier, Coordinator



SUNDAY SCHOOL

During 8AM Mass at St. Mary on May 5 & May 19

ST. MARY **GRADUATION MASS & BREAKFAST**

Sunday, May 5 at St. Mary

Junior class parents and students will be serving a pancake & sausage breakfast after Mass. <u>All are invited to</u> celebrate our graduating seniors!.



Sunday. May 19 breakfast will be served in the parish hall, after 10AM Mass. <u>All are welcome</u>. Join us in celebrating our graduating seniors!



St. Mary Women's Group

Some New faces/new roles for St. Mary Women's Group leaders: President: Julie Amy Vice President: Coleen Allen Secretary: Shirley Carlson **Treasure**: Sue Keefe

Other leadership roles: Funeral organizers: June and Mary Hammell

Care Center birthdays: Kelly Manahan Turkey Bingo: Katie Winslow Drewitz Sharing Tree: Mary Hammell Care Center Christmas Gifts: Charlotte Ryan

Kitchen manager: Ilene Lammers

All Women are welcome to come to our Monthly meetings. We would love to have you!

A special thank you to Gina Touhy and Jenny Allen for their many years of service!! Also Marj Martin! To another year of time, treasures and talents!!



Trout Days Rummage Sale

May 17 & 18, 8AM-12 Noon each day. Drop off items to donate starting on May 13. NO electronics, TV's, car seats, or baby furniture.



Harmony Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 22, 1-7PM

at Greenfield Lutheran Church (Enter at rear of building on 1st Ave SW) Share this life saving gift from God. Call Mary at 507-438-4558



ST. MARY

The St. Mary Women's Group will be providing flowers for May Crowning on

Sunday, May 5

Please encourage your child or children to process in with Father and someone will assist them at the altar on the Blessed Mary side.

ST. COLUMBAN

May Crowning on Sunday, May 5 Please bring any fresh flowers that day to donate for the children to bring to the altar.

The Religious Ed students will be ushering, greeting, and reading.

Students will also be serving breakfast in the parish hall, after Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend!



The Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, May 14 at St. Columban 7PM Rosary, 7:30PM meeting, fellowship to follow.



St. Columban CCW

May Birthday Club Lunch Wednesday, May 8 at noon at Dawn Mulhern's home in rural Fountain. This will be a potluck, so please bring a dish

to share. All CCW members are welcome to attend.

CCW Meeting Thursday, May 16 at 5PM

in the church hall. After a brief meeting, we will all help arrange items in preparation for the Trout Days Rummage Sale.

Tune in to Mass

Join us!

Sunday 8AM watch LIVE from St. Mary on our Facebook page, or listen on 91.3FM (in close proximity to St. Mary) Sunday at 7PM & Tuesday at 3PM on CCTV, or anytime at

cctv.chatfieldschools.com

Pray the Rosary

Pray the Rosary with us! Sunday: 7:30AM at St. Mary Monday: 8:30AM at Assumption **Friday**: 8:30AM at Assumption Saturday: 3:40PM at Assumption

Adoration

AT ST. MARY on the First Tuesday of the month 9AM-10PM

AT ASSUMPTION on the First Friday of the month 9:30AM-12:30PM

AT ST. COLUMBAN on the second Tuesday of the month. 10AM-1PM

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OFFICE HOURS CLOSED 5/9 ASCENSION CLOSED 5/27 MEMORIAL DAY

Monday-Thursday 10AM-2PM Closed Fridays, Holidays, and Holy Days

REVIVAL

EUCHARISTIC Sunday, June 2

at Mayo Civic Center, Rochester more information available at www.dowr.org

CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30PM at Holy Spirit, Rochester

St. Joseph's Family Camp For **Catholics Living With** Disabilities

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is offering a "Camp Day" for Catholic families that have a son or daughter (of any age, including adult) with disabilities. This Camp Day, Sunday, **August 18 at Ironwood Springs**

Christian Ranch in Stewartville, is an opportunity for summer faith formation and fun for the whole family. Mass, faith formation, and activities will be tailored to people living with a wide variety of abilities. Ironwood Springs is designed as an open access camp space and is very accessible, with adaptive activities, grounds, bathrooms, and lunch space and food.

www.dowr.org click on <<u>Calendar</u>>, then <<u>August</u>>

For more info:



Timothy Welch

Ordination to the Deaconate Saturday, May 25 at Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Winona, Minnesota

Please pray for two of our seminarians who will be ordained.



Wednesday, May 8 VIGIL

4PM at Assumption--Canton Thursday, May 9

8AM at St. Mary--Chatfield 10AM at St. Columban--Preston

MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

Monday, May 27

10:30AM Mass at St. Columban--Preston

9AM at Christ Lutheran--Preston Fr. McGrath will be offering the invocation and memorial address.

There will **not** be a Mass at the cemetery.

Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

	Parish	Goal	Received 4/26
	Assumption	\$ 3,530	\$ 500
	Nativity	-	\$ 300
	St Olaf	-	\$ 600
	St Columban	\$ 7,322	\$ 2,825
	St Patrick	-	-
	St Mary	\$13,659	\$11,460



Thank you to everyone for the generous donations for our Eagle Scout projects. It is greatly appreciated and we hope to have the projects start soon. ~Max & Sam Ruskell

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