

Families and the Gospel

John 15:1-8

Like the vine grower in today’s gospel, parents must “prune and cleanse” the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits, and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and “bear fruit.”

The CDA Family Activity Committee invites you to join us at Reservoir Park Pond and Playground for a **Family Fishing Event** and Picnic. This be will be on **Saturday, May 11th at 5:30 pm**. We will picnic fist at the pavilion. Picnic food will be provided. Bring a side dish if you want. Fishing gear and fishing assistance will be provided. There will also be games. Sign up by texting or calling Amy Brisbin 814-931-4702.

Carmelite Community of the Word Golf Tournament will be held on **Friday, June 7, 2024** at Scotch Valley Country Club beginning at 8:30 am. Registration begins at 7:00 am. Continental breakfast in the morning and a BBQ picnic lunch will be served followed by awards and an auction. Cost is \$450 for a foursome; \$150 for individual golfers. If you would like to attend the lunch and auction but not golf, that is \$20. Final deadline for registration is **May 29th**. To register, or for more information, please contact Kelli Murphy to register or to make a donation by the following: phone: 814-886-4098 email: communityofficeccw@gmail.com

Saint Joseph Parish Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle will be held on **Sunday, May 19th from 11 am to 2 pm** dine in or take out. Meal includes: Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, Italian bread, and dessert. Tickets can be purchased by calling the St. Joseph Parish office 814-742-7075 or Sister Linda at 814-742-7894. If you would like to donate a basket for the raffle, please call the numbers above.

Join us for the Spring Fling at St Bernardine Monastery, **Saturday, May 18th from 10 am to 4 pm**. The event will feature craft vendors, food trucks, and children’s activities, The Friar’s Nook Gift Shop will be having a Spring Fling Sidewalk Sale that includes many spring and summer items! The blessing of the SSVDP Monastery Community Gardens will take place at 11 am, the Rosary will take place at 3:30 pm and Catholic Mass at 4 pm. Please bring a lawn chair. Parking and entry are free for the festival. Location is: 793 Monastery Rd., Hollidaysburg

Fruit, or Fuel for the Fire?



“The vinedresser takes away every branch that does not bear fruit.” John 14:21

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” -1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

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Saint Matthew Catholic School
“serving our community since 1869”
Principal: Pauline Wiley
School Phone: (814) 684-3510
School web-site: www.stmatthew-school.org

We welcome all visitors. If you live in the area, please call the Parish Office to register and become an active member of our parish family.

If you would like to have a MASS celebrated for the deceased members of your family, or friends, or for special intentions, please stop by or call the parish office.



April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday at 7:30 am
Sunday at 10:30 am
Weekday Mass Schedule: Wed., Thurs. & Friday at 8:00 am
Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule: 9:00 am & TBD
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 12:30 pm or anytime upon request.
Please remember if these times do not allow you to attend Mass you can do so at Saint Joseph Church in Bellwood either on Saturday at 4:00 pm or Sunday at 9:00 am and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday at 3:30 pm.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
April 27, 2024 – May 5, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm Megan Fortney – Virginia Frantz
Sun. 7:30 am Charles Huffman – Greg and Casi Huffman

Sun. 10:30 am For the People - Pastor
Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph - Bellwood
Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph - Bellwood
Wed. 8:00 am Colleen Mertiff – Patrice & Mike DelBaggio

Thurs. 8:00 am Doug Jones – Zarkzwski Family
Fri. 8:00 am Renee Rimbeck - Family
Fri. 8:30 – 9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

Sat. 5:30 pm Lois Cassidy – Chris, Steve, & Michael Stoner

Sun. 7:30 am Carl Isenberg _ Rose & Bill Long
Sun 10:30 am Paul Pollara – Scott & Sand Hoover

Sanctuary Candle for the week of April 28th is in memory of Colleen Mertiff requested by Patrice and Mike DelBaggio.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays R Long

Lectors – May 4/5, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm R Bunch, S Burkholder, T Jeffries

Sun. 7:30 am A Lynn, S McNelis

Sun. 10:30am S Cowher, MJ Gunter, A Langenacher

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist May 4/5, 2024

Sat. 8:00 pm † P Lambert, C Golden, P DelBaggio

Sun. 7:30 am † M Rozick B Rozick, L Grove

Sun. 10:30am † D Castagnola, S Thomas, J Terosky

Altar Servers: May 4/5, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm G Vaughn, H Narehood

Sun. 7:30 am TBD

Sun. 10:30 am E Lake, A Lake

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND

Elizabeth Adler, Sandy Ashcroft, Margaret Baker, Clinton Bisenger, Matt Bland, Lauren Bochart, Carol Brantner, Larry Brisbin, Jaxon Brown, Michael Brown, Anna and Charles Cannistraci, Sue Chambers, Jordan Coffman, Nancy Damico, Sharon Dannaway, Ryan DelBaggio, Harrison DeVore, Sharon Dick, Ed Dionis, Nate Dorman, Sergio Echeverria, Dorothy Fleming, Jack Futrick, Catherine Garland, T.C. Gheer, Perry Glace, Bob Grimarml, Mike Gurekovich, Dan Hahn, Sharon Hahn, Dieter Hartsock, Dorothy Heaton, John Herist, Peggy Hickman, Bill Hunter, Peg Irvin, Kitty Johnston, Steve Johnson, Dennis Kasic, Brian Kelley, Alexis Kensinger, Michael Long, Jerry Lynn Jr., Bob Macie, Mel & Carter MacMillin, Shawn Marie, Suzan Martindale, Colette McCaffrey, Tucker McCloskey, Mike & Sue McKean, Erik McMulloch, Michael McNelis, Donald Miller, Frank & Pam Moore, Donna Miller, Sarah Miller, Tracy Miller, Helen Molnar, Robert Molnar, Ailani Myers, Alberta Naylor, Peggy Nelson, Patty Norris, Lawrence Papi, Adam Perry, LeeAnn Spangler Price, Halee Ridgeway, Shannon Riley, Gary Ritchey, Joel Rivera, Donna Romano, Lucille Romano, Suzanne Ross, Delores Schreffler, Sue Scordo, MaryJane Shank, John Scott, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Evelyn Stever, Mike Stack, Chris Stoner, Mark Turiano, Dale VanHome, Ethan Vila, Patty Walsh, Mary Ward, Stephanie Wage, Frank White, Bob White, Sam Whitesill, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Kimberly Hovis-Williams, Liam Wirtner, George Wolfe, Roberta Woomer, Crystal Wright, Ann Yaniello, Esther Zane.

This weekend (April 28th) we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to find the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs which include religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on **Monday, May 13th, 2024 at 6:30 pm** at the Mount Assisi Sunken Gardens in Loretto, PA or in case of inclement weather at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Stewardship Reflection Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives. And Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel, as He says, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

Let us begin this week reflecting on these questions ‘how is God bearing fruit in my life?’ and ‘have I invited the Holy spirit to work in my life?’ Then let us consider the areas of our days that we can more fully invite the Lord into. May we strive to stay connected to the Vine.

He Promises to Restore and Renew His People

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The book, **Beautiful Eucharist**, published by Dynamic Catholic, serves as an invitation to encounter the life-giving presence of Jesus in the Eucharist so you can be a life-giving presence in the world. Several anonymous donors have provided the funding so that each family in our parish may have a copy. Please pick yours up in the gathering space.

Rest in Peace - Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Colleen Mertiff, daughter of Harry Sickler. May God grant her eternal peace in His kingdom and her loved ones comfort and strength.

HEALING MASS: Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on **Tuesday, May 7th, 2024, at 7 pm, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. Come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!**

Monica’s Tears: Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, hosts an hour of adoration with the recitation of the rosary *every Thursday night from 6 pm to 7 pm* to pray for our loved ones who have left the practice of the Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, please join us.

Can you help? The second Cash Bash, whose entire proceeds benefit our school, have sold out all tickets, but they do need items for the auction. If you have a basket or individual items or certificates that you could donate, could you please drop them off to the Church or School office by Monday, April 29. Thanks for helping.

Save the Date: SUMMER BIBLE CAMP will be held at St. Joseph Parish on June 17 - 21, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Saint Joseph Social Hall. Registration forms are in the gathering space. Please consider registering early so that the proper supplies can be purchased. TEEN HELPERS are needed for Summer Bible Camp. Please contact Sister Linda at (814) 742-7075

May is Mary’s Month For the month of May anyone wishing to remember all the *Mothers* in their lives can donate towards flowers that will be placed on the altar for the Month of May. There is a collection box in the *gathering space* or you may place an envelope in the collection basket. You may place your loved ones name on a heart (available in the gathering space) that will be placed on the altar.

<u>Financial Report – April 21, 2024</u>	
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection	\$4,551 \$26(children)
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$5,700
<u>Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024</u>	
Year to date Sunday Collection Income	\$ 227,452
Year to date Sunday Collection Goal	\$ 246,100
Yearly Collection Goal for Sundays	\$ 296,400
2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 12,700
Second Collection	\$ 216
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 50
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 0
Good Samaritan	\$ 10
2024 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET	\$ 29,219
CMD Donations for 2024	\$ 22,207
<i>THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!</i> Please remember that one can have a lot of money but still live a really poor life and one can have no money at all and live a really rich life, that's because <u>what makes a person truly rich</u> is not how much they have but how much they give.	



Altar flowers this weekend are in memory of Mary Lou Hughes requested by Mary Jo Gunter and family.