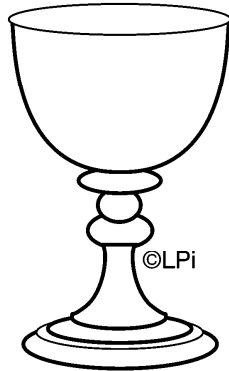




First Communion



FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Dear Jesus,
Through bread and wine at the Last Supper,
and by your holy word,
you gave the Eucharist to your church.
You transformed common food and drink into
your Body and Blood,
and offered us a share in your life
in ways we still cannot fully understand.
Grant now that these young people
will always treasure the gift they have in you.
Give them the grace to be faithful to you
and to remain in communion with your church.
As they receive their first Communion,
the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation,
make them always aware of the hope they have
for eternal life in you.
Amen*

First Eucharist weekends are May 5th and 6th and May 12th & 13th

1st Eucharist students:

**Jordan Berres
Bradley Bodden
Mason Brown
Alex Buss
Felix Chavez
Jarrod Davis
Shelby Fechter
Paul Fieweger
Lisa Flynn
Kyle Geib
Kristina Geydoshek
Adan Gurrola
Krystle Hader
Megan Halberg
Bradley Hamm
Brian Henke
Kaitlyn Hetebrueg
Joseph Hignite
Dylan Johnson
Lexi Keberle
Dylan Kernan
Amanda Koller
Garrison Kozlowski
Julie Kreitzer
Benjamin Kroll
Karly Krueger
Cayla Lepak
Cristian Lepak
Adryon Miller
Connor Perry
Andrew Ries
Gabrielle Rose
Tyler Schellinger
Hailey Schicker
Macy Schlosser
Molly Schulteis
Matthew Simon
Hailey Smith
Maria Stucke
Sarah Vorderbruggen
Hayden Waala
Macie Waala**

Readings for the Week of May 6, 2007

Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Focus Question**In the Spirit of Whole Community Catechesis****Fifth Sunday of Easter**

In what ways is our parish or your home a truly Christian community? In what ways is it not? Where do you fit in? How do you love someone who is very difficult to love?

The History of Immaculate Conception/St. Mary's Parish over the past 150 years Taken from writings by Dr. Richard Driessel

The first services at the new church were held in late June of 1900, although work still continued. The clock from the old church was moved into the new steeple. The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was also moved and the old cornerstone became part of the new edifice. Formal dedication was on December 5, 1900 by Archbishop Katzer of Milwaukee.

From August 1911 until October 1937, Fr. Francis Ruhmann served as pastor. During this time the school was changed from a one room school by the addition of two rooms in 1911, and another in 1913. These rooms are still in use today.

About 1924 a meeting hall on the second floor was converted into another classroom and was used until 1926, Then the original convent, which adjoined the school, was made into another classroom. Those four rooms, with two grades in each, served for a long time. The population of the village had stabilized during those years.

In 1926, the new convent was built and was occupied on November 21, 1926.

To be continued...

Pastoral Moments For Church Chat With Fr. Mike Moran



Heaven on earth seems an impossible contradiction. In the new Jerusalem, John writes in the Book of Revelation, there is no pain, mourning, or tears. But as distant as the pristine holy city appears, Jesus offers us a key to the kingdom of God in his new commandment: As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." To show each other the love that God shows us is to unlock the doors to a new life right in the here and now. "Love," says Jesuit author Mark Link, "is not only a sign of the kingdom's presence, but also the power by which it reaches completion."

- And many thanks to all who have helped our young people "complete" their process of Christian Initiation with the celebration of Confirmation. What a Spirit-filled Liturgy we had last Monday with Archbishop Dolan and our area Catholics!
- We extend a special welcome to all who are with us this weekend to celebrate First Eucharist with our children. May we all experience the unity Jesus prayed for as we come together at the Table of the Lord.
- Speaking of Sacraments, I'd like to extend a general invitation to all of you to join me in celebrating 25 years of Priestly Ministry. If you are able to come to an Open House July 1st from Noon to 4:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, please RSVP by June 1. You can e-mail me at frmikefm@charterinternet.com or call at 338-5600.
- What did one DNA say to another DNA? "Do these genes make me look fat?"

Discernment Process...

Thanks to all who took the time to fill out a nomination form the past two week-ends. The next step is to contact the persons nominated for parish council, school board, and trustee. Discernment of new members will take place on Tuesday, May 29th. The place and the time will be announced in a future bulletin. Please continue to pray for all our parish leaders.



Baptismal Preparation

Belief in sacraments is not peripheral to the Catholic tradition. It is at the very center. Catholics reach out through sacred symbols and rituals to somehow touch and be touched by God. Catholics celebrate his presence and seek a greater share in his life through these symbols. Baptism symbolizes both personal conversion and initiation into the community of believers. To help parents understand and reaffirm their own Baptismal responsibilities the West Bend/Newburg cluster asks the parents, and godparents, to attend a baptismal session prior to the reception of the sacrament of baptism. The session is held on the third Sunday of the odd months from 6:30-9:00 pm. The next session will be **May 20, 2007 at St. Mary's in the Church at 6:30 pm.** Pre-registration is not needed.

Women's Convocation

Ladies-Mark your calendar! Another Women's Convocation is being planned for September 22, 2007. Last year's event was a huge success, so be sure not to miss out on it this year! More information will be available in the summer. If you have any questions, call Margaret Fohr, 414-769-3539. See you then!

Cedar Community Hosts Plant Sale

West Bend—It's spring and time to start thinking about summer plantings. Stop by Cedar Community, 5595 County Road Z, West Bend on Friday, May 11, between 1 and 5 pm or Saturday, May 12, between 6:30 am and 4:30 pm for the spring plant sale. The sale takes place in the pole shed at Cedar Community. A wide variety of bedding plants, vegetables and herbs, patio gardens and flowering baskets are available. All net proceeds from the sale go toward Staff Helping All Residents and Employees (SHARE).

Quadparish Adult Formation/Enrichment (QPAF)...providing opportunities for growth in one's faith life:

- **Separated & Divorced....**group is led by Cheryl Touchett, MS, LMFT, meets every Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Cabrini Education Center, 615 Hawthorn Drive. There is no fee and pre-registration is not necessary. Come any Monday evening and join the group.
- **Following Christ....The Gospel According to Luke...**the sixth session will be held on Tuesday, May 8th. The morning session will be held at St. Mary's in the morning from 9:00 to 10:30 am in the church hall; the evening session will be held at St. Francis Cabrini in the Education Center from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The second part of Luke's gospel, session 7-12, will be held in the Fall of the year. Look for further information at that time. Thanks to all who took the time to share faith with one another as we explored the Gospel of Luke.

Please welcome into our parish community these our newest members: Andrew, Karin and Jessie Kaczmarek; Ed, Shannon, and Lexi Sharkus; & Herb & June Uebelacker.

St. Frances Cabrini Young at Heart

Social Club will meet in St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall on Thursday, May 10th. Dinner will be served at 11:45 am, followed by a program. Members not attending must cancel before 5 pm on the Monday prior to the dinner date by calling our club secretary at 334-4135. Non-cancellation will require that you pay for your dinner.

Life Long Faith Formation Committee

Anyone interested in attending a meeting to form a new committee to enhance on-going faith formation of all ages in the parish, please meet in the church on May 7th at 6:00 pm . Lori Kesh, a representative from the Archdiocese will be present to explain what the responsibilities of this committee will be and how we can bring a new dimension to our entire faith life.

**COMMON MEETING NIGHT ON MONDAY
MAY 7TH, 6:30 PM, MEET IN CHURCH.**

Prayer & Spirituality This Week

Monday,	May 7
8:15 am	Mass + Paul Fieweger
6:30 pm	Common Meeting night
Tuesday,	May 8
	NO MASS
Wednesday,	May 9 All School
9:00 am	Prayer Service
Thursday,	May 10
8:15 am	Mass + Lawrence & Frances Matenaer
Friday	May 11
8:15 am	Mass + Lynda Coffman
	Wedding
3:00 pm	Robert Bucholz & Crystal Graceyalny
Saturday,	May 12
	Wedding
2:00 pm	Dave Stuetngen & Molly Windorski
4:30 pm	Mass + John F. Zettel + Jim Watry
Sunday,	May 13
8:00 am	The people of St. Mary's
10:00 am	Mass + Sue Hron
12:30 pm	Mass in Spanish

WEDDING BANNES

II Jennifer Lang & Jay Beth
 III Robert Bucholz & Crystal Graceyalny
 III Molly Windorski & Dave Stuetngen

Financial Facts

Last Weeks Contributions **\$9,874.46**

Geranium Sale

Friends for Life is sponsoring its annual Mother's Day Geranium Sale. St. Mary's Human Concerns will again be selling geraniums after all the masses the weekend of May 12th and 13th. The regular geraniums come in red, white, pink and salmon and the ivy geraniums come in red and lavender. The 4 1/2 " may be purchased for \$3.00 each. Volunteers are needed to assist in selling after the masses. Call Bonnie Paar at 338-6782 if you have a few minutes to help out, it would be greatly appreciated.

This week at St. Mary's School Grades K3-6 enjoyed the performance of "The Wizard of Oz" on Friday, April 27th. A highlight of the performance was meeting Margaret Williams Pellegrini, one of the Munchkins from the original 1936 film. The students learned more about the artist Gustave Caillebotte as they listened to the Art History presentation on Tuesday, May 1st. The students are busy getting ready for the spring concert. Thursday, May 17th.

Deadline for bulletin items

Monday 10:00 am parish office. Call Nancy at 338-5600.

Religious Education News

Youth Outreach Stock Sale this weekend, please help support our Youth Mission trips by buying stock.

Please congratulate our 1st Eucharist students this weekend and keep them in your prayers: **Jordan Berres, Felix Chavez, Shelby Fechter, Lisa Flynn, Kyle Geib, Adam Gurrola, Megan Halberg, Kaitlyn Hetebrueg, Joseph Hignite, Dylan Johnson, Lexi Keberle, Dyan Kernan, Benjamin Kroll, Karly Krueger, Cayla Lepak, Cristian Lepak, Tyler Schellinger, Macy Schlosser, Hailey Smith, Maria Stucke and Sarah Vorderbruggen.**

Donate your used car!

There are five foreign priests preparing for service in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. When they finish their English as a Foreign Language (ESL) studies in May they will be assigned to parishes in the archdiocese. One thing they will need to minister well is a car. If you are planning to sell your good used or trade it in for a new one please think of a tax exempt donation of your used car to the Church for their ministry. Please call or email: Fr. Bob Stiefvater, Vicar for Hispanic Ministry hspano@archmil.org

Thank You

To all who showed up to help clean the church last Saturday: **Alice Adelmeyer, Betty Fieweger, Kevin Schellinger, Gail Brown, Carol Wetzell, Betty Hupfer, Sharon Scepanski and Nick Habersetzer.** The next church cleaning will be on Saturday May 19, 2007 8:00 am. Please meet in church.

St. Ben's Meal Program

Looking for disciples to help serve a meal and beverages to 300-600 people; then help to clean up. The group meets at Holy Angels School parking lot at 3:30 and would arrive back by 8:00. Anyone is welcome to participate in this wonderful ministry. Call Karen Gresser for more information 626-1791. Up coming dates are: **Friday, May 11th, Monday June 11th, Thursday, June 28th, Tuesday, July 10th, Thursday, July 26th and August 7th & 19th.**