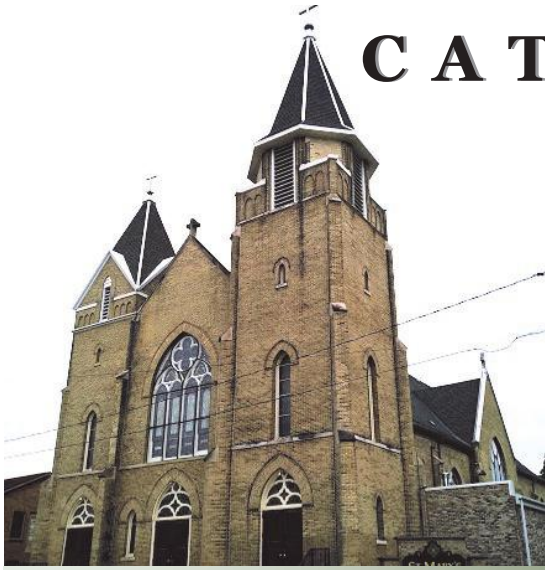


May 17th, 2020 - SIXTH Sunday of EASTER

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Tuesday 5:30 pm  
Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30 am

#### Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am @ Cemetery  
St. Mary's Church & 1:00 pm

#### Adoration

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:30 am

#### Confessions

Tuesday 5:00 pm  
Saturday 6:00 pm

#### Rosary

Before Saturday Vigil Mass and  
Sunday 9:00 am Mass

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***“Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”***



## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, May 19,**

5:30 pm † For the Holy Souls  
In Purgatory  
By: Dziewior Family

**Wednesday, May 20,**

8:30 am † Thomas McGowan  
By: John McGowan

**Thursday, May 21,**

8:30 am † Ed & Frances  
Grygleski  
By: Fr. Clayton

**Friday, May 22,**

8:30 am † John & Sarah Hale  
By: Tom & Sandy Hale

**Saturday, May 23,**

7:00 pm † Merlin Marshall  
By: Jerry & Barb Rogge

**Sunday, May 24,**

9:00 am Parishioners, Memorial  
Mass @ the Church

1:00 pm Bridgett Hall  
By: Jim & Judy Hall



## Upcoming Events

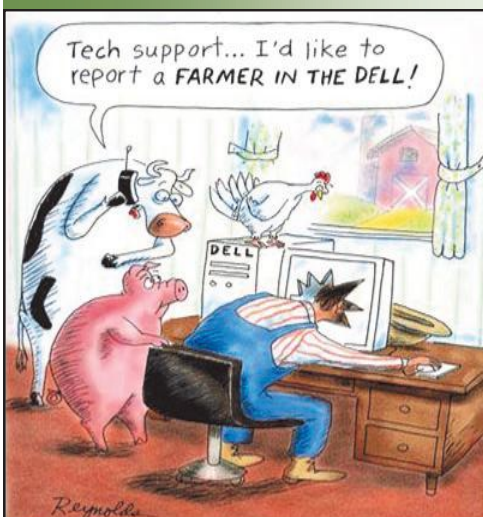
**Farmers Mass at Church**  
May 17th, 9:00 am

**Memorial Mass at Church**  
May 24th, 9:00 am

**Joint Parish Council Meeting**  
May 26th, 6:30 pm

**Pentecost Sunday**  
May 31st, 9:00 am

**First Communion &  
St. Mary's Graduation Mass**  
Postponed till June or July.



## **Within the Word – GOD Bless Our FARMERS!**

Friends, I can't tell you how much I love, care and feel for our farmers. I've lived up north, my whole life, in an almost identical farming community, and I honestly never knew just how much farmers had to put up with in their daily grind. Being the pastor of St. Mary's has given me the most unique perspective on what farming life is like in Wisconsin.

In short, it's not easy! Farming is as difficult as it gets. It's a hit or miss occupation/lifestyle; based on so many factors; most of which are not even under a farmers control. You have economic struggles, unfair prices, price gauging/market manipulation, pesticides, pests & product loss, on so many fronts; you have Wisconsin weather, out of state competition, corporate greed & things like famine & "pandemics." If I didn't know any better, farming is a lot like getting your butt kicked every spring and fall by a bully; and yet a farmer (especially WI ones) always gets back up again no matter what.

I've learned that my 50 hour weeks don't come close to our farmers 70 hour weeks. I've learned that one farm isn't the same as another, I've learned that farming in Wisconsin is so unpredictable, very stressful & at times heartbreaking. I recently read an article about suicide & farmers -how the stress to succeed, to get in the green & out of debt, to re-coop unpredictable losses, compete with pricing, and/or to break even, is a constant when farming.

I've asked myself for many years, why then do farmers farm, if it's so challenging & difficult? I believe that, farmers love to farm for the **love of farming**. It's about so many other things -the land, the herd & doing everything with family. Farmers love what they do, because it's their vocation. (It's their calling) Just like any other calling in life. We're called & invited to do Gods work; for God invites all peoples to help Him in one way or another, especially feeding people of the world. I think, along with tradition & being connected to multi-generational farms...Farmers farm simply for the love of farming. They love to live where they work & work where they live...I ask that you take time to buy local farm goods and products. Please take time to pray through the intercession of St. Isidore, the Farmer. I'll see you at mass!

## **Prayers and Blessings for Rural Life!**

As we come to the time of planting, which ironically coincides with the feast of St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers (May 15), the Diocese of La Crosse, Rural Life Committee would like to share some prayers and blessings with you for your use. Please visit **diolc.org/rural-life**.

*St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers, was himself a farm boy born in the city of Madrid, Spain, about the year 1110; His chief appeal is to those who, as he did, work the land. But his good qualities – his whole-hearted trust in God, his enthusiasm and vigor in doing his job, and his spirit of prayer and devotion to religious practice – these can profitably be admired and imitated by all laboring men, just as his wife Maria, can serve as a model for working men's wives.*

*His feast day is celebrated throughout the United States on May 15*



Friends, if you'd like to stay more connected with St. Mary's, please join, like & follow us on **Facebook**! I update weekly videos & post relevant info pertaining to the parish; news & events. Please look up & join our page.

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For those who don't do "**Facebook**," if you send an email, I can add you to the parish email list. I post the same updates, videos & correspondences via Gmail as well. AND for those who do neither, we have our parish bulletin up & running. You can stop at the church & pick one up in the back. I have plenty...Anyways, please visit, like, share & Enjoy!





## St. Mary's First Farmer's Mass - Sunday May 17th, 2020

Folks, I'm proud to announce our first ever "Farmers" mass. Scriptures teaches, in the book of Genesis, that God gifted man the Earth, to cultivate & make fruitful. The world would go hungry without the U.S. & its farmers. We have some of the biggest & best farms in the world. I want to call everyone's attention to pray & support our local farmers. We have some of the best farmers around, peoples who've farmed through thick and thin. Several of our families are multi-generational, going back to the home-steading days of Wisconsin - when people came from all over came to settle. We've been blessed with our farmers, and I want to take the time to recognize & celebrate them. This Sunday, we'll pray for a great planting season, a good growing season this summer, & hopefully a wonderful harvest come fall. Please pray for our farmers in the U.S. and the Midwest; & keep our farmers in mind when you shop. Please pray & support your local farmers.



**Pentecost Novena:** Folks Pentecost is coming up, and it's the perfect time to do a Pentecost Novena. Many will pray this powerful novena, from Friday, May 22 to Saturday, May 30.

Sunday, May 31, is the great Feast of Pentecost. All one has to do is look up or download the novena online. The Novena Prayer Card and short reading for each of the nine days can be downloaded here: [diolc.org/deeper](http://diolc.org/deeper).



## The Ladies Sodality

I want to thank all our ladies who are working like 'busy beavers' behind the scenes. Several ladies are contributing to the mask-project, many are helping out the parish in so many other ways. I just wanted to reach out and say,

**THANK YOU!!**

For your generosity, your time & talents; from the Ham dinner till now & everything in between. Thank you Ladies for supporting our parish & community. Lastly, we received a check from our insurance Inc. -Catholic Life Mutual, who awarded us \$500.00 for our Floor project. Thank you to them & thanks to all our wonderful mothers and ladies who made this possible. I don't know what we'd do without you...

## The Year of St. Joseph

May 1st, 2020 - May 1st, 2021

St. Pope John XXIII put it bluntly. He wrote: *In the Holy Church's worship, right from the beginning, Jesus the Word of God made man, has enjoyed the adoration that belongs to Him, incommunicable as the splendor of the substance of His Father, a splendor reflected in the glory of His saints. From the earliest times, Mary, His mother, was close behind Him, in the pictures of the catacombs and the basilicas, where she was devoutly venerated as the 'Holy Mother of God.'*

*But Joseph, except for some slight sprinkling of references to him here and there in the writings of the Fathers of the Church, for long centuries remained in the background, in his characteristic concealment, almost as a decorative figure in the overall picture of the Savior's life. It took time for devotion to him to go beyond those passing glances and take root in the hearts of the faithful, and then surge forth in the form of special prayers and of a profound sense of trusting abandonment. The fervent joy of pouring forth these deepest feelings of the heart in so many impressive ways has been saved for modern times!"*



## Financial Stewardship

May 10th, 2020  
Actual

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2298.19
Student Envelopes.....	\$9.00
Offertory.....	\$248.00
Holy Days.....	\$20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2575.00</b>

Weekly Budget \$2,441.23  
(156 registered families)

### Year-to-date\*

Budgeted	\$105,715.35
Contributed	\$120,313.58

**\* Monthly giving has decreased by 35% in the past 8 weeks.**

**Again folks, for those who've fallen behind or can't give, please know that its OK. As a non-profit org., we only need prayers and participation for the parish, not money. I ask everyone to pray & listen to your hearts, and don't worry about stewardship. The diocese is trying to help with many different programs, most of which wouldn't be in our best interest.**

**For those that can should, for those that can't no worries, and for those who're uncertain, again no worries, take it a week at a time and give when your heart invites you to do so.**

**St. Mary's doesn't need funds, as much as it needs PEOPLE to build it up again -to the Fr. Zinkle days. Please pray for that if you can't give at this time. TY & God Bless! -Fr. C**

### Floor Project

Goal: \$75,000  
Total Received: \$64,694.20  
Percent of Goal received: 86.26%

### Annual Appeal

Goal: \$14,380  
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