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5.4.2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Parish Information

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM HF
Sunday: 8:00 AM SH; 10:30 AM HF; 12:00 PM HF
(Spanish)
Tues: 6:00 PM SH preceded by Adoration & Confessions
Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM at Sacred Heart

Confessions

30 minutes before Weekend and Weekday Masses
Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart
Or by appointment

Baptism: Call Deacon Ed Green 720-550-0356.

Marriage: Call six months prior to wedding date.

Status of Operating Fund

(July 1, 2024 - April 25, 2025)	Sacred Heart		Holy Family	
Weekly Budgeted (April 27)	\$3,333.33	\$208.33	\$1,281.25	\$72.92
Actual Collection	\$4,761.00	\$422.00	\$1,181.00	\$20.00
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	\$1,427.67	\$213.67	(\$100.25)	(\$52.92)
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$133,333.32	Capital	\$51,250.00	Capital
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$93,034.95	Campaign	\$44,548.50	Campaign
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$40,298.37)		(\$6,701.50)	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$154,568.38		\$63,441.70	
Expenses for the year to date	\$145,160.05		\$61,266.09	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$9,408.33)		(\$2,175.61)	

Stewardship of Love

Love is stewardship. When we love someone, we nurture the relationship doing what is good and right, not counting the cost. We develop the relationship through sacrifices, embracing the person we love despite their faults. If our love is true, we do anything for the one we love — anything!

Jesus asks us, Do you love me? Betrayals in love arise easily because our love is not pure. As did Peter so do we, betray Jesus in various ways. Betrayal, however, should not lead to divorce; betrayal should lead to repentance, reconciliation, and restoration.

Repentance is a radical re-orientation of the heart in which we root out the cause of our betrayal: whatever that may be!

To become a faithful steward's of love, Jesus confronts our betrayals. He exposes our failures not to give us a guilty complex, but to heal the cause of our betrayal.

Guilt leads to repentance when we understand its reason: to correct and reconnect. Healed within, we have the strength to restore any broken relationship. We can and we will do it, not by our love, but by the love that dwells within!

**We are witnesses,
as is the Holy Spirit whom God
has given to those
who obey him."**



**"Simon, son of John,
do you love me
more than these?"**

May 4, 2025

Layers of Pain

Be the person who breaks the cycle.

If you were judged, choose understanding.
If you were rejected, choose acceptance. If
you were shamed, choose compassion. Be
the person you needed when you were
hurting, not the person who hurt you. Vow
to be better than what broke you—to heal
instead of becoming bitter so you can act

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat. May 3 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Lori Promenschenkel †
Sun. May 4 Sacred Heart 8:00 AM: Aaron & Mary Ockenfels
Sun. May 4 Holy Family 10:30 AM: Parish Family
Sun. May 4 Holy Family 12:00 PM: Leticia Elias Velazques †
Mon. May 5: No Mass Here
Tue. May 6 Sacred Heart 6:00 PM: Phil & Jeanne Buchholz
Wed. May 7 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Joshua Green
Thu. May 8 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Carl Schellenberg †
Fri. May 9 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: John & Melinda Green
Sat. May 10 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Parish Family
† indicates Memorial Mass

SAVE THE DATE

Parish Family Picnic

Sunday, June 1 2pm

Schey Park, Keenesburg

Sacred Heart families please bring a dessert to
share. Holy Family families please bring a side
dish to share. Please join us!

Upcoming Events

May 4 May Crowning at all Masses
May 5-8 Fr. Tom gone for Convocation
May 6 No Healing Mass-Communion Service Only SH
May 10 SH Spring Maintenance Day 8:30 AM Mass
May 11 Mother's Day Breakfast after 8:00 AM Mass
May 12-16 Fr. Tom gone for Seminar
May 17 Confirmation Retreat 9AM-2 PM SH
May 21 Confirmation Practice 6:30 PM SH
May 22 Confirmation 7 PM SH
June 1-6 Totus Tuus SH
June 1 Parish Family Picnic 2 PM Schey Park,
Keenesburg

Pray for Them

Crystal Crowley, Janet Klausner, Don Bratrsovsky, Jason
Klausner, Bailey Navarro, Fr. John Shedlock, Barb Marty,
Robert McMillion, Sally Bratrsovsky, Fr. Peter
Dinh, Jeanette Neuhaufen, Mary Ockenfels,
Katherine Bowman, Han Bo Eun Ah, Ralph & Jo
Gassman, Gemmah Sell, Bill Epple, Lupe Ybarra,
Kim Carr, Cecilia Aichelmann, Juli Zimbleman



(Please let the parish office know if you or someone you know needs to be
added or removed from the prayer list.)

For most, when we think of
pain, we relate to bodily
pain. And yes, it can be
excruciating, a crucifixion.

Yet, other levels of pain
exist. Talk to someone who
is filled with fear, anxiety,
doubt, and the like.

St. Thomas Aquinas,
explaining our emotions,
states we have 11 base
emotions in two categories.
The first is concupiscible
and the second is irascible.

Concupiscible emotions
are perceived as desirable
with their opposite. The list of concupiscible are:

Love/Hate

Desire/Aversion

Pleasure (Joy)/Pain (Sorrow)

Irascible, meaning 'in anger,' are those emotions
that refer to more difficult and challenging ones:

Hope/Despair

Fear/Daring

Anger (stands alone)

All other emotions are but fine shades of these
primordial eleven as described.

Sadly, emotions are powerful and also painful.
Worse, our culture gives primacy to emotions as
principles for behavior. 'How does it make you feel'
is the root, making emotions the basis for decision
making.

We are taught to do the things that make us
happy — emotionally. Many times what makes us
happy for the moment actually leads to dysfunction
and addiction. St. Thomas tells us Reason - the
power of our intellect that rightly orders - should
temper our emotions.

Reason, or our mind, is also a source of pain. The
mind seeks goodness, justice, and truth, and when
we see evils, injustices and betrayals by lies, it is a
deeper level of pain.

We have heard of the injustices concerning
human trafficking, slavery, political and even
ecclesial cover-ups, and the horror of genocide.
These cause excruciating mental pain, for we know
we are strangled and suppressed, unable to justify
and vindicate the truth.

Finally, we have spiritual pain. This is the deepest
level of pain as seen in depression. A person's life
becomes dark: Judas suffered this! So did Peter.
Yet Judas despaired, Peter hoped. Judas thought he
killed God, Peter believed in God. Today many
despair thinking God is dead. This is spiritual pain,
and sadly is much taught and believed today. What
is the answer to this spiritual pain? Trusting Divine
Love as stated in Psalm 23:

**The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.
In green pastures he makes me lie down;
to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul.**

"HAVE NO FEAR OF MOVING INTO
THE UNKNOWN. SIMPLY STEP OUT
FEARLESSLY KNOWING THAT I AM
WITH YOU, THEREFORE NO HARM
CAN BEFALL YOU; ALL IS VERY,
VERY WELL. DO THIS IN COMPLETE
FAITH AND CONFIDENCE."

POPE JOHN PAUL II

Marian Devotions



Why do Catholics Worship Mary? The simple answer is we don't. What then do we do? We call her blessed, just as Scripture tells us so (Lk 1:48):

"For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name."

Many discussions have led to many misunderstandings concerning Marian Devotion. But if we are going to base our understanding on a literal understanding of Scripture, we must call Mary blessed. Scripture tells us to do so.

The reason we do is not because of what she did, but because of what God did for her. To comprehend what God did for her, we have to understand what God did as the beginning of creation.

The Father created us in his image. We are created to love and be loved. God reveals the depth of this Divine Love by calling us his very own children, for we image Him literally through our relationships.

Adam and Eve have a divine nature — not the Uncreated Divine Nature of the Trinity; but a created divine nature in which they were blessed, for the Lord did great things for them. He made them one with each other and Himself.

Yet, they broke the image. They tainted the relationship in its core. They rejected their divine nature, and so to restore that image and the oneness, God creates a New Adam and a New Eve.

Jesus is the new Adam. (Rom 5:12) If Jesus is the new Adam who then is the new Eve? Mary! Brant Pitre explains Mary as the New Eve writing:

As the new Eve, Mary is created without sin to be a living sign of the righteous life of the new creation that is ushered in by Jesus' life, death and resurrection from the dead. As Jesus himself says in the book of Revelation: 'Behold, I make all things new.' (Rev. 21:5)

(Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary, Brant Pitre p. 39)

Memorial Day Celebration

Please join us for the 17th Annual Memorial Day Celebration at Heart of the Plains Cemetery on Monday, May 26.

- ♦ 8:30 - Sign up family veterans, coffee & doughnuts
- ♦ 9:00 - Flyover by Airdusters, Inc. & program begins

Fr. Tom will give the Invocation. All are welcome & invited to attend.

Hurting People Hurt People

Hurting people need healing; and yet, the hurting person blames others mostly God, for all the problems in their lives.

Peter was hurting. He denied his Friend three times. He was broken inside and out. Yet Peter caused his own suffering by choosing to deny Christ. So too with us.

We hurt ourselves by our own choices and hurt others always when we are hurting. Also, we hurt ourselves if we do not respond nobly to people who hurt us. It is easy for us to become a victim and then victimize others, and the cycle of hurt continues generation after generation.

Who will break the cycle?

Jesus asks us if we love Him more than our hurt or pain. If we do love Him, it will be seen in the way we respond to our pain.

Instead of feeding our hurt and pain with dysfunctional choices: alcohol, drugs, lust, gambling, social media, apathy, avarice, anger, envy, and arrogance, etc. Jesus asks us to seek forgiveness from Him and the power to forgive others. In so doing, so we forgive and are forgiven.

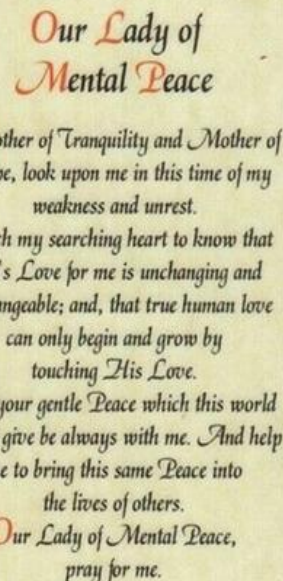
This is the secret to pain. Instead of wallowing in our pain and hurt, we seek healing from Jesus just as Peter did, crying out:

O LORD, be my helper. Change my mourning into dancing. No better model exists to change hurt into joy than Mary. She at the foot of the cross, interceded for us during our cross, revealing the power of intercessory prayer. So we ask her to help us imitate her virtues:

Evangelical Virtues of Mary

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| 1. Most Pure | 6. Most Obedient |
| 2. Most Prudent | 7. Most Simple |
| 3. Most Humble | 8. Most Patient |
| 4. Most Faithful | 9. Most Merciful |
| 5. Most Devout | 10. Most Sorrowful |

Most Joyful



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