



St. Dominic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Our Lady of Snows Shrine



April 29, 2018

The 5th Sunday of Easter

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SACRAMENTS

WEEKEND MASSES

5:30 pm Sat. Vigil @ St. Dominic

8:00 am Sun. @ St. Francis Xavier

10:30 am Sunday @ St. Dominic

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue. 8am @ St. Francis Xavier

Wed. 8am @ St. Dominic

Thu. 8am @ St. Francis Xavier

Fri. 8am @ St. Dominic

No Mass Mon. or Sat.. Morning

RECONCILIATION

30 Minutes prior to

5:30 pm and 8:00 am Mass

Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact the parish 9 months prior to preferred wedding date

BAPTISM

Contact the office after birth of the child

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Hearing Jesus' words, "I am the vine, you are the branches," sounds comforting at first. But then comes "and my Father is the vine grower" (John 15:1). The task of the vine grower is to prune and pruning can be tricky. The danger is cutting the main vine and not the branches, or cutting the branches that carry this year's fruit and not the old ones from last year. But Jesus tells us that it is the Father who is out there with the pruning shears, not some careless hired hand. He is cutting away the dead wood, and cutting back the good branches so they bear even more fruit.

Nevertheless, you might think, who wants to be pruned, even metaphorically? Who wants God snipping away? It's hard to be pruned. There is a dying in that. But that is the ongoing story of Easter: dying and rising, pruning and bearing more fruit. God is there pruning us to bring out life, to make us life bearers and life givers. The Father continues snipping away, separating us from our selfishness, our self-centeredness, and all those things we hold on to that do not give us life: resentments, old grievances, desires for getting even.

God is about life, committed to an abundance of life—not just life today but eternal life. That's the divine plan. Are we part of it?

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

April 22, 2018

St. Dominic:

Envelopes*	\$ 1,385.00
Plate	<u>\$ 321.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,706.00

Week of Apr. 15	\$ 2,278.08
Week of Apr. 8	\$ 5,549.20

Average weekly expenses for this fiscal year: \$2,719.11

St. Francis Xavier:

Envelopes*	\$ 1,250.00
Plate	<u>\$ 112.01</u>
Total:	\$ 1,362.01

Week of Apr. 15	\$ 1,320.00
Week of Apr. 8	\$ 1,337.00

Average weekly expenses for this fiscal year: \$1,971.04

**Thank you for your
continued generosity**

Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend of May 5-6th

Homebound: Marceta Reilly

Nursing Homes: Jean Lierz

Ministry Schedule for the 6th Sunday of Easter

St. Dominic <u>May 5th~ 5:30 pm</u>	St. Francis Xavier <u>May 6th~ 8:00 am</u>	St. Dominic <u>May 6th~ 10:30 am</u>
<p>COMMUNION</p> <p>Tom Heideman Barb Heideman D'Ann Decker Volunteer Pat Doyle</p>	<p>COMMUNION</p> <p>Hilda Hrenchir Mary Lou Koch Larry Larkin Mike McClaskey Merlin Nelson</p>	<p>COMMUNION</p> <p>Jenny Lancaster Mary Patterson Gene Schiefelbein Maggie Schiefelbein Keri Bausch</p>
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<p>MUSIC</p> <p>Cathleen Reed B. & C. Meerpohl</p>	<p>MUSIC</p> <p>Joan Hood Joann Walker</p>	<p>MUSIC</p> <p>Cathleen Reed R. Sides, J. Erhardt</p>
<p>GREETERS / USHERS</p> <p>Dan Doyle Pat Doyle Dan Doyle Richard Arnold</p>	<p>GREETERS / USHERS</p> <p>Farrell Holthaus Larry Larkin Ed Hrenchir Steve Broxterman</p>	<p>GREETERS / USHERS</p> <p>Gary Kelly Debbie Kelly Roger McAsey Dan Fiedler</p>

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The 5th Sunday of Easter

SATURDAY, April 28th~
 St. D 5:30 PM Leroy Bloom (D)
 SUNDAY, April 29th~
 St. F 8:00 AM For All Parishioners
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM Gloria Meerpohl (D)
 TUESDAY, May 1st~
 St. F 8:00 AM Laurie Bonsall (D)
 WEDNESDAY, May 2nd~
 St. D 8:00 AM JoRae Korgman (D)
 THURSDAY, May 3rd~
 St. F 8:00 AM Virginia Albright. (D)
 FRIDAY, May 4th~
 St. D 8:00 AM Gloria Meerpohl (D)

6th Sunday of Easter

SATURDAY, May 5th~
 St. D. 5:30 PM James Schermerhorn (D)
 SUNDAY, May 6th~
 St. F 8:00 AM Bud Williams (D)
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM For All Parishioners

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Apr. 30-May 6 Kara Hoffman
 May 6-13 Becky Grollmes, Clara Child
 May 14-20 Reith Family
 May 21-27 Gary & Annette Schreiber
 May 28-June 3 Bertulfo Family

Please contact the office ahead of time and let us know when you are planning on cleaning so that the church will be unlocked and the lights can be turned on for you.

Thank you for your service to your parish. You can still volunteer by calling the office at 364-3262

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Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.

Youth Ministry

ST. DOMINIC ReEd:

- ReEd Classes PreK-HS, Wednesday, May 2nd
- ReEd Classes PreK-HS, Wednesday, May 9th LAST CLASS
- ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
- ReEd:ReEd Classes PreK-8th,Sunday, April 29th
- ReEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, May 6th LAST CLASS

HIGH SCHOOL:

- High School ReEd Classes, May 2nd, Meet at St. Dominic
- High School ReEd Classes, May 9th, LAST CLASS~ Meet at St. Dominic

TOTUS TUUS

JUNE 9-16 St. Dominic Hall

Registration due by May 30th

Extra registration forms available at both church entrances.

Congratulations to our 2018 First Communion Class

St. Dominic

Julieann Marie Bontrager
 Kolby Dean Bowhay
 Stephanie Jo Crawford
 Kason Kenneth DeDonder
 Thayne Christopher Gross
 Dominic Ray Lancaster
 John Frederick Vincent Myers
 Ethan Ryan Noel
 Faith Elizabeth Olberding
 Tristan Wayne Schlodder
 Joely Ann Schupe
 Lillian Ann Stous
 Alexa Grace Warner
 Michael Allan Willcott
 Clete William Wray

St. Francis Xavier

Joshua Charles Berry
 Cooper Ryan Stevens

Please pray for our young people as they continue to grow in their faith.



BLESSED ART

Representatives from Blessed Art will be at both parishes on the weekend of May 5-6th. Religious articles from the Holy Land will be for sale in both parish halls after the weekend masses.

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Kent Askren (nephew of Cletemae Brown); Carol Barton (Friend of Dean & Ramona Robinson); Sonya Bergman; George Bolz; Angela Brewer; Estelle Danner; Deb Davies; Dick DeVader (Brother of Ramona Robinson); Sharon DeVader; Steve Devlin; Kathy Estabrook (sister of Terry Ludvick); Sheila Fernkopf; Brad Fiedler; Dennis Fiedler; Sam Gerry; Ann Glassman (Mother of Mary Wahlmeier); Vivian Gonzalas; Brad Gould; Carly Grant (great granddaughter of Joan Hood); Jenny Harigan; Jared Harris (grandson of Mary Harris); Mary Harris; Pat Hasenkamp; Ernest Haug (Brother of Bill Haug); Jerry Huftles (father of Jackie McAsey); Frank Hulsing (Father of Shannon Henry); Charles Kennedy; Adrian Koch; Rheva Korte; Shari Lott (sister-in-law of Russell Schuetz); Rita Martin; Mary Morford; Don Morris; Lynne Mulroy; Luisa Munoz (sister of Anna Alvarez); Erin Norwood and daughter Bailey (Larkin Family Members); Kristina Oates (granddaughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Gean O'Toole (Mother of Jim O'Toole); Calvin Page; Carolyn Reicherter; Cameron Renfro; Mary Riniker (Sister of Regina Butts); Ronna Rowe (Family Member of Hilda Hrenchir); Shelly Russell (daughter of Karen McClaskey); Virginia Ryan (Grandmother of Scott Bond); Peggy Sanderson (friend of Mary Morford); Lonnie & Helen Sands (brother and sister-in-law of Joan Hood); Chris Schiefelbein (brother of Gene Schiefelbein); Laura (daughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Emma Schirmer; Easton Shelton (son of Eric and Stephanie Shelton); Cliff Spelts (brother-in-law of Terry Ludvick); Special Intentions of Sheila Springer; Nancy Versch Stereit; Evelyn Sullivan; Janie Teetzel; Margaret Waggoner (sister of Kay Ludvick); Laveda Wahweotten (mother of Tina Wahweotten); Gregg Watkins; James Wecker; Max Wichman (Son of Jeanette Wichman)

We pray for those among us who are ill, their families and for their care-giver;, those experiencing a hardship or difficulty; and for those in the Armed Forces protecting our freedom.

To place someone's name on the prayer list or to remove a name, please call the Parish Office (364-3262)

Scripture Insights~

Today's readings continue the previous Sunday's emphasis on the community of the resurrected Christ-living and life giving. The First Reading gives us a thumbnail sketch of the illustrious teacher and missionary Paul, who began as Saul, a zealous Jew and persecutor of the Jesus followers, who experienced conversion, was persecuted by fellow Jews, and for some time was viewed warily by Jesus' disciples. Eventually he became the missionary to the Gentiles.

The reading from the First Letter of John highlights the most important attribute that makes the Church truly alive and authentic-love. But this love is not simply a warm feeling or tender words. Rather, it is love "in deed and truth." If we stay grounded in God's command to believe in his Son and love one another, we remain in him and he remains in us.

In today's Gospel, John gives us another metaphor for understanding what it means to be Church-the vineyard, for wine was considered a necessity of life. First-century vineyards were constructed differently from today's vineyards. They were surrounded by a stone wall to keep animals from trampling the vines, which were allowed to spread along the ground. When the vines were pruned to increase production, the discarded branches were placed on the wall to dry so that they could later be used for fuel. Vineyards also had towers, where the owner and his workers kept watch during harvest time to protect their produce from thieves and marauders. This is the cultural context for understanding the metaphor of the vineyard.

- Carefully analyze today's Gospel and unpack its metaphor. Who is the vineyard owner? The vine and its branches? What does it mean to remain part of the vine? To be cut off from the vine? To bear much fruit?
- The Second Reading invites us to love "in deed and truth." What does that phrase mean to you?
- Today's Responsorial Psalm is the concluding section of Psalm 22, a lament psalm that begins with a complaint and a call for help. This section promises to praise God. For what would you like to praise God?

LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candle-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 1st		Wednesday, May 2nd		Thursday, May 3rd		Friday, May 4th	
St. Dominic	Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm	8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-HS 6:30 pm High School Meets at St. Dominic				8:00 am Mass	
St. Francis Xavier	8:00 am Mass			8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm			
Saturday, May 5th		Sunday, May 6th		Tuesday, May 8th		Wednesday, May 9th	
St. Dominic	5:30 pm Vigil Mass Blessed Art available at Hall	10:30 am Mass Blessed Art available at Hall		Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm		8:00 am Mass Last RelEd Class PreK-HS High School Meet at St. Dominic	
St. Francis Xavier		8:00 am Mass Last RelEd Class~9:00 am Blessed Art available at Hall OLS 8:30 am Mass		8:00 am Mass			
Thursday, May 10th		Friday, May 11th		Saturday, May 12th		Sunday, May 13th	
St. Dominic		8:00 am Mass		5:30 pm Mass		Mother's Day Breakfast 7-10:00am 10:30 am Mass Graduate Sunday	
St. Francis Xavier	8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm					8:00 am Mass Graduate Sunday 8:30 am Mass OLS	

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