



April 28, 2024 **5th Sunday of Easter**

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, “Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you.”

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week’s Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, “**He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit**” (John 15:2) I don’t mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I’d wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God’s love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn’t it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it’s not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ’s body. Jesus’ rising is the brand-new growth. It is God’s promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Father Koomson on receiving Citizenship in the United States of America. He is now a dual citizen in Africa & the USA.



National Day of
PRAYER

Thursday, May 2, 2024

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO:

May volunteers:

Cleaning: Gloria Terrell
Doughnut Sunday Host: Gebben’s
Flowers: McMillan

CHRIST THE KING:

Parish /Finance Council meeting is Monday, April 29th at 6:30pm.

A limited number of *The Word Among Us* (Daily meditations for Catholics) are available at all churches. Pick one up!

Prayer of Fruitfulness

God in Heaven,
Your grace surrounds us every day as we seek to live and move and grow in You. Prune the spaces in our lives that distract us from You! Plant Your word more deeply within us!
Amen. ©LPI



ST. MARY’S:

**PSR: Pre-K to 5th Grade Sunday Morning 9:00-10:00 AM

APRIL:
28th: CLASS

Youth Group:
April 28th—Father's Day gift making

St Charles/ CTK

5/1 Safe Touch Program/Education All Grades
5/8 Class
5/15 Last Class/ Party/ Kick Ball Weather Permitting

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. Mary's, Christ the King and St. Charles Borromeo Prayer List: Michael Callahan, Max Thompson, Clayton Gard, Colston Morrison, Sharon Burton, Ruth Shobe, Ellen Beard Urbanski, Eric Sauer, Clara Wilson, Sherri Farrell, Stacey Spereos, Tiffany Macke, Frederic Shaw, Joyce Orrell, Bobbie Berola, Janet Morecraft, Jerry Beasley, Lisa Bubeck Ashkin, Kinley Nash, Bettie Bounds, Bob Kenzel, Paul Cox, Millie Swalls, Trisha Nave, Martez Virgil, Jamie Clark, Claire Kusterman, Jerry Downey, Mandy Schumacher, Melinda Keefer, Jerry Hauer, Kassandra Shattack, Bob Hoopingarner, Jackson Morris, Mike Delp, Linda Sauer, Pat Morrison, Darren Thompson, Steve Hall, Franklin Wallace, Aman Morgan, Lois Letner, & Mike Saathoff.

NEW PETITIONS: Jane Warner. *Pray for those who no longer have anyone to pray for them.*

HOMEBOUND: AnneToensing, Kenneth Holmes, Sharon Robinson, Barb Igleheart, Sandy Tylka, Joe O'Rourke, Joel Heine, Betty Heine & Buddy Dukeman.

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Sarah Dougherty, Zach Lueken, Jacob Vincent, Loren Smitley, Pete Williams, Brittany Smitley Clymer, Aaron Clymer, Michele Smitley Furmanski, Gage Furmanski, Jordan Ballard, Cotey Thompson, Joshua Thompson, Conner Wehrmeyer, Chase Murphy, Gage Shotts, Curtis Wetzel, Jake Kelly, Trey Montgomery, David Montgomery, Jacob Keller, Aaron Sisson, Justin Claypool, Brandon Claypool, Nathan Claypool, Jacob Heine, Ashley Updegraff, Jacob Duncan, Heaven Rayhel, Alston Keller & Reed Pringle.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list feel free to call or email the parish office.

Mass INTENTIONS

Sat.	Apr 27	4:30PM(G) 6:30PM(M)	*Marilyn Smitley
Sun.	Apr 28	8:00AM(M) 9:30AM© 11:00AM(G)	*Members of the Hoecherl family *Bill Tally
Mon.	Apr 29	7:00AM©	
Wed.	May 1	6:30PM(M)	
Thurs.	May 2	7:00AM(M)	
Fri.	May 3	7:00AM(G)	
Sat.	May 4	4:30PM(G) 6:30PM(M)	*Michael & Jolene Taylor
Sun.	May 5	8:00AM(M) 9:30AM© 11:00AM(G)	*Art Sudkamp & Stacey Carl

COLLECTION: 4/21/2024

St. Charles:	Envelopes:	\$ 475.00
	Loose:	\$ 129.00
	Other:	\$.00
	Total:	\$ 604.00
	Attendance:	55
Christ the King:	Envelopes:	\$ 1,010.00
	Loose:	\$ 162.00
	Other:	\$.00
	Total:	\$ 1,172.00
	Attendance:	77
St. Mary's:	Envelopes:	\$ 1,972.00
	Loose:	\$ 134.00
	Other:	\$ 105.00
	Total:	\$ 2,211.00
	Attendance:	93

Readings for the week of April 28, 2024

Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Observances for the week of April 28, 2024

Sunday:	5 th Sunday of Easter
Monday:	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Pius V, Pope
Wednesday:	St. Joseph the Worker
Thursday:	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer
Friday:	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Saturday:	

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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Saturday, May 4:

Greenup:	LECTOR:	Deb Sherrick
Marshall:	LECTOR:	Rob Wellum
EUCARISTIC MINISTER:		Richard Bernardoni
	CANTOR:	Emma Smitley

Sunday, May 5:

Marshall:	LECTOR:	Susan Guinnip
EUCARISTIC MINISTER:		Leslie Brown
	CANTOR:	CHOIR
Casey:	LECTOR:	Mark Gebben
	GIFT BEARER:	David & Brenda Belt
Greenup:	LECTOR:	Mary Dodson



SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

St. Mary

414 S. 6th St.
Marshall, IL

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	6:30pm
Sunday	8:00am

Weekday Masses:

Mon. & Tues.	7am Com. Service
Wed.	6:30pm Mass
Thurs. & Fri.	7am Mass

Reconciliation: Wed. 6:00pm

Christ the King

110 E. Lincoln Dr.
Greenup, IL 62428

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:30pm
Sunday	11:00am

Reconciliation: 1st Sat. at 4pm

St. Charles Borromeo

300 E. Jefferson St.
Casey, IL

Weekend Mass:

Sunday	9:30am
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Weekday Mass:

Monday	7:00am
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Reconciliation: By appointment

Office Phone: 217-826-2845

Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 8:00am to 12:30pm

New Parishioners: We welcome you! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and parishioners.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the office to make arrangements with the pastor.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Contact the pastor at least 6 months before wedding. Wedding date should not be set until pre-nuptial preparation is completed.

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Debra Sherrick, Collection-Christ the King
Mark Gebben, Collection-St. Charles

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