

Liturgical Schedule for May 18-24, 2015

Mon No Mass St. Pope John 1st
 Tues AB 10am
 Wed SMA 6pm St. Bernardine of Siena
 Thurs SP 7:15am St. Christopher
 Magollanes and Companions
 Intent: d. Fred Schoenfelder
 Fri SJ 7:15am St. Rita of Cascia
 Sat SMA 6pm
 Intent: d. Robert Hughes
 Sun SP 8:30am Pentecost Sunday
 Intent: d. Clarence & Maggie Peters
 SJ 10:30am
 SMi 5:30pm
 Unspecified mass intentions are *for the parish people* (pro populo).

Liturgical Ministers for May 23-24, 2015

St. Mary's
 Greeter - Grace Koch & Doris Andersen
 Lector - Cheryl Dethlfson
 Servers - Abby D., Brenna B.
 Euch Min - Vicki G., Rita S., Cheryl P.
 Gifts - Ries Family

St. Peter's
 Greeter - Ed & Lyn Thiry Family
 Lector - Paige Munsen
 Servers - Chase G., Jaxon C.
 Euch Min - Melva K., Arlene K., Joan S.
 Gifts - Ed & Lyn Thiry Family

St. John's
 Greeters - Tim & Eileen Sorsen
 Lector - Roberta Bruns
 Servers - Dane R., Devin R., Dacey R.
 Euch Min - Leanne P., Justin S., Roberta B.
 Gifts - Tony & Joyce Erpenbach Family
 Rosary - Jan Kristensen

St. Michael's
 Greeters - Ryan Baker, Ron Baker
 Lector - Lynne Schmidt
 Servers - Maria B., Thomas B.
 Euch Min - Deb Baker
 Gifts - Ryan & Rhonda Baker Family

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING

The practice of the Christian assembly dates from the beginnings of the apostolic age. The letter to the Hebrews reminds the faithful "not to neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but to encourage one another" (Heb 10:25).

The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life.

Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost day of obligation in the universal Church. CCC, 2177.

Let us pray for each other to be saints!



May 9-10, 2015

St. Mary's

Envelopes	\$469.00
Youth	\$ 4.00
Loose	\$ 63.00
CFSA	\$100.00
Total	\$636.00

St. John's

Envelopes	\$1305.00
Youth	\$ 17.00
Loose	\$ 27.00
Reimbursement	\$ 7.50
Total	\$1356.50

St. Peter's

Envelopes	\$1290.00
Youth	\$ 2.50
Loose	\$ 101.00
Home Mission	\$ 125.00
Total	\$1518.50

CFSA

	Pledge	Given	Goal Total	% participation
SP	\$17177.50	\$15177.75	\$21400	66
SJ	\$20469.00	\$19101.00	\$15500	47
SM	\$ 5162.50	\$ 4586.25	\$ 6150	65

St. John
Plankinton, SD

St. Mary
Stickney, SD



St. Michael
Mt. Vernon, SD

St. Peter
White Lake, SD

May 16 & 17, 2015

7th Sunday of Easter/Pentecost

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Fr. Bob's Blotting's

On this feast, we celebrate Jesus ascending into heavenly glory! For many years, I have always thought of the Jesus' Ascension as a time when *he went away* from us and left us *alone*. Isn't that what is depicted in the book of Acts? A closer look after a conversation with some brother priests left me and, I hope, you with a different view.

Jesus leaves us his last words in the Gospel: "I am with you always." This is always a consoling *idea* but often lacks the conviction of *experiencing* his presence, a yearning that is deep in each of our hearts. Since Jesus always tells us the truth, let's take a closer look at the experience of the apostles on that Ascension, 40 days after His Resurrection:

The angels say: "men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" Are they doubting still? Are they in awe? They are not frightened of the angels. When Jesus is with you, no thing will frighten you. The Lord is with them!

In the Gospel of Luke, it is more apparent: "he blessed them... and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy." The Christian cannot have joy without the presence of Jesus and His Holy Spirit! Joy is a different way of living. Even in suffering, one can live in joy.

When Jesus passes out of the disciple's sight, he moves from a purely physical way of being to both a full spiritual and physical way of being. Now he is able to appear in his glorified body to certain people (like the Divine Mercy) *and* be with the disciples in a new way so that they return *with great joy*.

The angels are saying to these disciples: you have a new way of being, guys! Don't just stand there, get moving! And if we could weave these two accounts together, they then act and go with *great joy*. They are no longer holding on to Jesus as a merely physical body, but 'they are living in him and he in them and they in the Father,' to adapt John 14:20: "I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" May we each live this new way of being!

TOTUS TUUS - your kids are needed. Would you sign up to help? June 12 or 13.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS



MAY CLEANING COMMITTEE: Eileen Sorsen, Shirley Assmus, Carol Berens, Diana Spinar, Casey Schmidt, Ashley Knigge, Fabiana Guerra. At St. Michaels Church-Donna Deinert, Jean Koch, Katrina Hostler)

HEART & SOLE CANCER WALK:

The Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a team for the 18th Annual Heart & Sole Cancer Walk on June 19th at the Mitchell Middle School (800 W.10th) We will be selling luminaries (\$5.00 each) for this cause in the back of the church on May 17th and May 24th. Luminaries honor individuals who have lost the fight with cancer, and also those individuals who have won or continue to fight the battle. The money raised goes to help individuals with their expenses.



CDA MEETING: Wed., May 20th at 7pm at the Rectory.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

CHURCH CLEANING: May-Cheryl Dethlefsen, Rhonda Schelhaas, Tami Plamp; June-General Cleaning



FR. BOB 10-YRS. OF PRIESTHOOD POTLUCK: Sat., June 6th after the 6pm mass. Parish will grill hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring

a salad or dessert. Everyone is welcome.

ST. PETER'S NEWS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: If you are interested in helping with VBS this summer, please contact Tiff Thiry.

BLOOD DRIVE: St Peter Altar Society at White Lake will have annual blood drive on Wed. June 3 from 2:45 to 7:00pm at the Legion hall in White Lake. Contact Connie Assmus 249-2421 if you wish to donate or go online unitedbloodservices.org to schedule an appointment. Type 0- positive and 0-negative are in demand but others may give also. Thank you.



PRAIRIE PEOPLE NEWS



PRIEST APPRECIATION POTLUCK: Sun., June 7th after the 10:30am mass at St. John's in St. Francis Hall. Everyone is welcome.

DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB? WANT TO PLANT A GARDEN?: Call Fr. Bob for a plot in the community garden.

18TH ANNUAL "BISHOP'S CHARITY FISHING TOURNAMENT": Mon., Jun. 1st at Big Stone City Lake Side Park and again on Mon., Jun. 8th on Lake Oahe at West Whitlock Resort, near Gettysburg. Register online: www.cfsd.org or call: 605-988-3705 or 888-246-3386.



GRIEVING A SPOUSE: Jun. 9th-Jul. 14 on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm at Catholic Fam. Services, 523 N. Duluth, Sioux Falls. Non-denominational, Donations accepted. Call 988-3775 or 800-700-7867 to register. This program is for adults who are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss.

CATHOLIC'S DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE:

For 6 weeks, starting on June 17th at St. Mary School, 2001 S. 5th Ave, Sioux Falls. Sessions are held on Wed. evenings, 6:30-8:30pm. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "personal survival guide", refreshments and all materials. For info call Margi-605-988-3775 or 800-700-7867 or email mculhane@sfcatholic.org



POPE FRANCIS COMING TO USA: Sept. 22nd-28th in Philadelphia, PA. World Meeting of Families Package Includes: Round-trip airfare from Sioux Falls Regional Airport; Hotel for 5 nights at the Holiday Inn Express in Lansdale, PA; breakfast daily at hotel; 2 dinners at restaurants in PA area; Luxury Motor Coach Transportation; Assistance of a Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours Representative while in PA; Sight-seeing in Historic PA as well as visits to the various Shrines. If you would like to see the Pope, please call 800-653-0017 at Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. for further information. Per person cost \$1625.75 (double occupancy) not included in the cost are the following: WMF Conference Registration Fee, anything not listed above.

