



April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter
St. Norbert's Parish
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Weekly Mass ~ Sunday 10:30 am
Administrator ~ Fr. Anil Polumari

Mass Intentions

April 28th ~ Matthew LeFever May 5th ~ Open

Parish Support 4/21/24 - \$243.00

Announcements

Confessions after Mass

Parish Council Meeting today after Mass, all are welcome!

Cake & Coffee after Mass next Sunday

Trustees & Parish Council Members

Rick Roberts 715-966-6112

John Touchett 715-674-5339

Darlene Gilligan 715- 889-6232

Francie Gilligan 715- 889-2151

Bonnie Lewis 715-889-1043 (Sec.)

Servers, Lectors, Cantor, Greeters

John Rodaer, Francie Gilligan, Maline Enders, Mary Counard & Amy Curti

Additional Area Masses

St. Leonard's Church (Laona) Mass Schedule

Sun 9:00am, Tues - Fri 7:30am, Sat 4:00pm

St. Hubert (Newald) Saturday 4:00pm

*******Mass Stipends as set by the Diocese of Green Bay*******

Wedding - \$75.00 Funeral - \$50.00 Mass - \$10.00 Baptism - \$10.00

(Payable to St. Norbert's Church - Contact Parish Bookkeeper)

Baptism - By Appointment/Confessions - Last Sunday of the month following mass

Mass Hymns

Entrance Hymn:

#185

Jesus is Risen

All Verses

Final Hymn:

#562

All the Ends of the Earth

All Verses

Inherit QUIETNESS before breaking your SILENCE: There is so much ‘noise’ around us that disturbs the equilibrium of our everyday lives. We witness the endless cacophony through media and social media, and people constantly challenge and pollute our quietness. As a result, many negative influences reach us as we become part of such noises without being aware of them. I witness people around me who are anxious and restless about everything that doesn’t appeal to their taste. Some people would like to move out of situations in silence. But what is the solution for those seeking peaceful living? Should we stay passively silent? It would mean that it stems from fear and lack of awareness. Quietness is different. It is something we need to inherit before we break our silence. It is associated with introspection, careful observation, and thoughtful communication. It manifests in deep listening, measured responses, and impactful actions driven by reflection. We need to make that kind of distinction between silence and quietness, like knowledge and wisdom. It is said that knowledge is knowing a tomato is classified as a fruit, but wisdom is not dumping it in the fruit salad. Quietness acts on wisdom rather than knowledge. Knowledge makes us break our silence frivolously. Quietness helps us not open our mouths and dump everything out. We don’t tell people everything we know, emotionally and irrationally. As we see on social media, being agitated and rabble-raising all the time is terrible. If you have something to say, that is good, but it is also beneficial to say it at the proper time. In between, be that quiet person. Breaking silence to everybody and for everything does not indicate being wise. Quietness is the voice within. The significant reminder in the face of finding truths is not anyone outside us but the voice within us. And it is the most accessible tool that all of us have. It is the voice which tells us whether everything else is true or false, right or wrong, good or bad, as each one has defined it. That is the power of quietness. Quietness is the radar that sets the course, steers the ship, and guides the journey. As Neale Donald Walsch would write in his *Conversations with God*, it is the quiet voice which tells you right now whether the very words you are reading here are words to heed or ignore. The quiet individuals can be powerful advocates for change, often contributing in unique ways: Quiet people often excel at listening attentively to diverse perspectives, which can inform their advocacy and build strong alliances. Their reflective nature can lead to well-planned and impactful actions rather than impulsive reactions. Their thoughtful insights and careful communication can resonate deeply with others, inspiring action and change. However, some quietness can also mask indifference or even complicity. It’s essential to consider the context and individual actions to differentiate between a quiet but engaged advocate and someone choosing silence on important issues. In quietness, we make strong connections with people, acquire strong focus, and respect the privacy of self and others. We have to ensure that our quietness is not merely a sign of fear of battles but of choosing the right battles and allowing inner growth. It’s about finding our own authentic balance between speaking and listening, action and reflection. *By A. Raj Mariasusai, SDB*

"The month of May, with its profusion of blooms was adopted by the Church in the eighteenth century as a celebration of the flowering of Mary's maidenly spirituality." With its origins in Isaiah's prophecy of the Virgin birth of the Messiah under the figure of the Blossoming Rod or Root of Jesse, the flower symbolism of Mary was extended by the Church Fathers, and in the liturgy, by applying to her the flower figures of the Sapiential Books—Canticles, Wisdom, Proverbs and Sirach. The world is resplendent with Spring's increased light and new growth. It is Mary’s month in the Easter season and all of nature rejoices with the Queen of heaven at the Resurrection of the Son she was worthy to bear. During the remainder of Easter time, let us endeavor through the prayers of the Holy Liturgy and the Holy Rosary to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ. Let us sign up to receive the statue of the Blessed Mother Mary for the month of May and take time to sit at the feet of the mother to pray for the families and for our building project.

Bulletin Connection - In Christ, we are “grafted” to God and to one another. The Risen One calls us to community, to be branches on the same vine, to realize our life in Christ is also life in one another. We cannot live our faith in a vacuum: Unless Jesus becomes the center of our lives, the faith we profess is doomed to wither and die in emptiness. The Easter season speaks to us of the eternal presence of Christ in our midst, present to us in the Word we have heard and has taken root in our hearts. Our faithfulness to the call to discipleship demands that we work to enable that Word within us to produce a “yield” of compassion, forgiveness, justice and reconciliation. In the “fruit” we bear as “branches” of Christ do we glorify God the “vine grower.”

Bishop’s Appeal: *So far 46 families from our parish have donated \$10,090. The total assessment for our parish is \$12,171. If you have not sent in your donation yet, please pray about what God is calling you to give to help support the Church. Please know that whatever you are able to give we are very grateful for. (Please note that whatever amount we fall short in reaching our goal our parish does get billed for.) So far 8 families have contributed \$600. St. Hubert Mission Station goal is \$1,465. So far 15 families contributed \$1,825 St. Norbert’s goal is \$1,735.*

Entrust Retreat: We have the Entrust Retreat at St. Leonard Church, on Friday, May 17 at 6pm to 9pm & on Saturday, May 18 at 8am to 4pm. We need 35 people to conduct this retreat. So far 10 people have registered. Kindly register at www.gbdioc.org/Entrustlaona. Or call the parish office: 715- 674-3241.

We have 8 Second grade students who will make their First Confession on Wednesday, May 1st, and their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5th. They are **Vance Albrecht, William Belland, Jonny Cleereman, Charlotte Connor, Conrad Connor, Knox Lafferty, Olivia Schmelling and Calvin Wagoner.** The First Communicants have name cards at the entrance of the Church. Please take one and pray for the students in these next two weeks as they study and prepare to receive these two Sacraments.