

Father Ben Nwosu celebrated Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter at 4:00 PM Saturday April 20, 2024. There were 59 in attendance.

Contributions received in April:

Offertory Collection:	\$	5,964
Other:	\$	20
Building Fund:	\$	
Monthly Budgeted:	\$	5,083
		+901

Monday April 29

Jesus and Coffee meets 10 AM at McCarty Center

Friday May 3

Adoration 3-4 PM

Time is approaching that I need to order Offering Envelopes for the next year. If you would like to be added to the list to receive numbered envelopes or removed from the list, please notify the office.

Thanks Ron

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CELEBRATED MAY 4, 2024

3:30 PM - Rosary
 3:40-3:55 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 4:00 PM – Eucharist
***MILLIE MELTON**

Please pray for our Parishioners residing in Hermitage Nursing & Rehabilitation Center:
 Sally Fleenor and Franz Hallatschek



APRIL PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Sisson, Clif Brooks, Diana Robinson, Kathi Kessinger, Phil Rotert, Mary Berry, Roger Riley, Ed Camp, Jimmie Lee Farmer, Rodney Schaefer, Father Dan, Alice Wepplo, sister of Margaret

Hastings, Teresa Kilkenny, Jeane Gustin and Mike Stevenson, and please pray for the repose of the soul of David Robinson.

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN HARMS WAY



Matthew Bialek, Alex Eisinger, Logan Eldred, Mark Holm, Michael Greenleaf, David Murphy, Houston

Noah, Caitlin Schaefer, Addie Schaefer and Faith Schaefer.

The May issue of "Word Among Us" is available in the basket in Miller Hall. Please pick yours up and consider picking one up for our homebound members.

Bishop McKnight's April prayer intention for our Local Church

For a greater awareness of and respect for our common home in building an authentic human ecology: May we be good stewards of the gift of creation in defending all human life.





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*I Am the Vine
 you are the branches*
JOHN 15:5

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER CELEBRATED

APRIL 27, 2024, AT 4:00 PM

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, & Thurs, 8:30a.m.– 1:30p.m.

Wed. By Appointment

Pastor: Father Benjamin Nwosu

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:40 – 3:55 p.m.

Rosary: 3:30 p.m. Eucharist: 4:00 p.m.

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Christian identity means being a member of the Church, to Mother Church, for apart from the Church it is not possible to find Jesus. The great Paul VI said: it is an absurd dichotomy to wish to live with Jesus but without the Church, to follow Jesus but without the Church, to love Jesus but without the Church. And that Mother Church who gives us Jesus also gives us an identity which is not simply a rubber stamp: it is membership. Identity means membership, belonging. Belonging to the Church: this is beautiful!"

Pope Francis

Mass Intentions - If you would like to offer a mass for a loved one, please contact the office. These are \$10 and there are many available days in the next several months to choose from.

ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

Currently the list of those serving in the branches of the Armed Services of our country has not been updated since 2020 with the exception of one addition. If you know or are related to any of the men and women listed on the back of our bulletin please inform the office of their status. With the exception of the Schaefer sisters, everyone will be deleted from the list in four weeks.

Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

John 15:4

It is from the Lord that we bear fruit as disciples of Christ. Our lives are not our own; yet, when we invite the Holy Spirit into our daily lives, are faithful to his commandments and frequently receive the sacraments, our lives will reflect the love of God to others.



Celebrate Mother's Day
AT THE MOTHERS' SHRINE!

May 12, 2024
INDOOR MASS 8:30 AM
FREE BRUNCH 9:30-11:00 AM
OUTDOOR MASS 1:30 PM

All are Welcome!

176 MARIAN DRIVE, LAURIE
MOTHERSSHINE.COM

Free Event With Food & Fellowship

TACO 'BOUT SISTERS IN CHRIST!

May 18, 2024
10AM-11:30AM
Pomme De Terre
United Methodist
Church

Reflection for John 15:1-8 The world's greatest leaders influence people from the outside in; their speech, their ideas, their example, their presence – they move us and motivate us, they draw us and stir us. Christ, however, goes much deeper. He not only calls us from the outside, but he also unites himself with us so intimately that his very life flows through our veins. "I am the vine, you are the branches." Where does the vine stop and its branches begin? Their union is too complete to tell. The same sap gives life to the vine and to its branches. He is Lord from within, renewing hearts from the inside, as only God can do. Once again, Jesus Christ stands alone among great historical figures; not only does he excel over all others in their own game, but he plays in an entirely different league; he is a leader, but he is also the Lord.

Jesus tells us point blank what the Father wants. God wants us to "bear much fruit" and to "be [his] disciples." God wants our lives to show forth his goodness, to bring lost souls back into the fold, and to fill human society and culture with the justice and beauty they need to flourish. Our desire to do something with our lives is a gift from God; we are created in his image, and he is the Creator – we too yearn to build, to contribute, to make a difference that will last not only in this life, but into all eternity.

Bearing this fruit requires in the first place our own efforts to stay united to the vine, through prayer, the sacraments, and

loving obedience to God's will. And it also requires our being pruned – the purification of our selfishness that comes through suffering and sacrifice. Love and sacrifice, as all the lives of the saints attest to, and as Christ himself exemplifies, keep the sap flowing. They yield the fruit we yearn for most: living a life that resounds with meaning and energy, a life that positively impacts others and exudes joy and enthusiasm, a life that changes this world for the better in as profound a way as Christ's own life did, and a life whose meaning and impact overflow into eternity. This is what God wants for us; this is why Jesus came to earth. Bearing such fruit makes life worth living; without it we are dry, dead branches good for nothing except the fire – pretty simple lesson, pretty dire consequences if we don't learn it well.

Christ goes on to tell us how to how to achieve this fruitfulness: "Remain in me... cut off from me you can do nothing." As long as we stay united to the vine, whatever apostolic activities we engage in will yield a harvest – even a small branch dangling near the ground will produce its fruits as long as it's united to the vine. Separated from Jesus Christ, no one can live in communion with God, the only source of lasting fruit. How much we need to learn how to pray and make this the center of our lives!

*St. Bernadette
Pray for us!*