

Ministers of the Liturgy April 23 & 24, 2016

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Karen Hebert (L), Flora Maria Be, Rose Marie Greco Federico, George Spaulding, Hubert LaBorde, Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney, Joseph Segari, Mary Cali Kerth & Jacob Kerth, Sr., Walter Haydel, Rosemary Haydel (L), Thanks to Our Lady of Fatima
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
A. A. Quigley, E. Van Hoven
Cantor: Trish Foti

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Ralph Alvarez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
C. Rispoli, B. Soletto, J. Tusa, P. Cifreo
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Sr. Therese Flichtinger, SSND, James Whelan, Rita P. Mullen, Daigle Family, Joseph Donald Bernard, Mary Rosa Esler, Dianne Z. Harrison, James E. Fitzmorris, Jr. (L), Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
C. & T. Pitre, J. Ackermann, J. Wright
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
J. Zeringue, T. Kettenring
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (4/25-29)

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Ed Comer
	5:30 p.m.	Donald Bordelon
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Fernando Bangs (L)
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	George Spaulding
	8:20 a.m.	Hilton F. Daigle, Jr.
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Special Intention (L)
	5:30 p.m.	Henry Bearmann, Sr.
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Paul LaRocca, Sr.



May Mass Schedule

5/7-8		5/21-22
4 p.m.	Fr. Cooper	4 p.m. Fr. H.L.
9 a.m.	Fr. Cooper	9 a.m. Fr. H.L.
11 a.m.	Fr. Cooper	11 a.m. Fr. Cooper
6 p.m.	Fr. H.L.	6 p.m. Fr. Cooper
5/14-15		5/28-29
4 p.m.	Fr. H.L.	4 p.m. Fr. Cooper
9 a.m.	Fr. H.L.	9 a.m. Fr. Cooper
11 a.m.	Fr. Cooper	11 a.m. Fr. H.L.
6 p.m.	Fr. Cooper	6 p.m. Fr. H.L.

Safe Environment Training

All volunteers who have ongoing contact with minors, even one unsupervised contact with minors, and all who participate in an overnight event, **must** attend Safe Environment Training prior to volunteering for the first and **every three years thereafter**. Safe Environment training will be held at St. Benilde on **May 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.** in the cafeteria.

Mother's Day Rosary Crusade for Life

All are invited to the 18th Annual Mother's Day Rosary Crusade for Life on Saturday, May 7, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., at St. Angela Merici, 901 Beverly Garden Dr. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Gregory Aymond and Fr. Beau Charbonnet. It will be followed by adoption testimony, Eucharistic Adoration, recitation of the rosary, and Benediction.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

April 30/May 1

4 p.m.	A. & P. Delaup
9 a.m.	M. Evola, P. Fleming, L. Director, C. Frederick
11 a.m.	N. Bostick, L. Frey, S. Gordon, L. Peters
6 p.m.	A. Calongne, T. Keller



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



Altar Ladies

Week of April 24
M. Seeber, F. Alvarez

Linens

Large - J. Wright Small - F. Cortello

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	\$3,690.00
Loose	2,824.00
Clarion	348.00
Repairs and Maintenance	546.00
Totalling	\$7,408.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection.....	\$1,953.00

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Spiritual Reading

A few months ago, Pope Francis published his encyclical on the environment entitled, *Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home*. Have you read it yet? If not, have you started? If not, do you plan to read it? Odds are that the vast majority of Catholics, including Catholics who read Catholic newspapers and magazines, will respond no to those questions.

The reason is because most Catholics sadly don't read books that will help them grow in faith. An extensive survey of American Catholics done by the group Dynamic Catholic a few years back revealed that only one percent read a good Catholic book each year. *Only one out of 100 reads at least one a year*. And chances are that that Catholic book isn't a papal encyclical. Yet it's pretty difficult to deepen one's faith and grow in the capacity to spread it confidently and competently to others unless one is studying the faith. It's pretty plain, therefore, that one of the most important sources of renewal of one's life of faith, and of the revitalization of our parishes and the Church as a whole, will come through reading. As we continue this series on a Catholic Plan of Life, the various spiritual practices that help us to grow in faith, holiness, and apostolic effectiveness, Lent is a good time for us to focus on the importance of spiritual reading.

Spiritual reading refers to the practice of prayerfully studying or perusing good spiritual literature: the lives of the saints and other important religious figures, books on prayer and the spiritual life, commentaries on Sacred Scripture or the writings of the saints and great spiritual authors, papal encyclicals and exhortations, bishops' pastoral letters, and works of this genre. The Bible, of course, counts for spiritual reading, but because reading the Bible ought to be a given for Catholics, normally spiritual reading refers to other words besides the Bible.

When we think about spiritual reading, we can ponder the life-altering impact it had in the lives of some of the greatest saints. St. Augustine converted when he heard an angel saying, "Take and read," and he picked up the Letter to the Romans and read a passage that spoke to him personally of what God was asking. St. Ignatius of Loyola, having read numerous lives of the saints, was moved to ask why he couldn't do what Saints Francis and Dominic had done. While still an atheist, St. Edith Stein pulled an all-nighter reading the biography of St. Teresa of Avila and in the morning, approached by friends, said, "This is the truth." She was baptized soon afterward.

My own spiritual life began to take wings when I began to do spiritual reading as a freshman in college. My parents bought me Butler's four-volume *Lives of the Saints* for Christmas and for the next year I spent ten to fifteen minutes each night reading about the saints whose feast day would be celebrated on the morrow. I began prayerfully reading the documents of the Second Vatican Council and of St. John

Paul II. I read the spiritual classics written by or about the great saints: I can still remember how much I was changed reading St. Therese Lisieux's *Story of a Soul*, the biographies of Saints Francis Xavier, John Vianney, and Alphonsus Ligouri, the works on prayer by Saints Catherine of Siena, John of the Cross, Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, and Josemaria Escriva, and various others.

One of the great prophets of the importance of spiritual reading today is Matthew Kelly. In his study of the habits that make for dynamic Catholics, one of the most important he discovered is spiritual reading. Highly engaged Catholics read about 14 minutes a day on average of a good Catholic book, whereas most Catholics don't read at all.

One of the challenges Matthew Kelly makes to Catholics is to read five pages of a good Catholic book each day. If that were done, he says, in a given year one would read nine average-size (200 page) Catholic books annually and 241 in a 25-year period. Imagine how much richer and different one's Catholic life and apostolate would be if over the next 25 years, one read nearly 250 Catholic titles. And that can be done by reading simply five pages a day, one page at a time.

To do this, for most American Catholics, it will begin by turning off the television, if even for a half hour or hour, and starting prayerfully to read books that can help us grow in faith. Doing so would be one of the best ways to care for the ecology of our soul. (*Full article on frcooper.info*)

May Calendar

May 1	May Crowning - 11 a.m. Mass
May 2	Safe Environment Training - 6:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
May 3	Parish Council - 7 p.m. - Teen Center
May 5	Radio Rosary - 5:45 p.m. - Library CALM - 7 p.m. - Church
May 6	Praise Rally - 8:15 a.m. - Church
May 7	Rosary & Altar Society Mass and Meeting - P.O. Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office
May 8	Holy Name/Men's Club Mass & Breakfast
May 10	Chers Amis - 7 p.m. - Cafeteria
May 11	Grandparents' Club - 6:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
May 13	Pack Meeting - 7 p.m. - Cafeteria
May 14	Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office
May 14/15	Pauline Book Sale - All Masses
May 15	Summer at Benilde Camp Registration - noon to 3 p.m. - Cafeteria
May 16	Men's Club - 7:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
May 17	SVDP - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Office
May 21	Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office
May 21/22	Hospitality Weekend - Grandparents' Club & Chers Amis
May 24	Advisory Council - 7 p.m. - Faculty Lounge
May 25	Young Adult Group - 7 p.m. - Teen Center
May 26	School Closes
May 28	Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office