

Brothers and sisters, rejoice.  
Mend your ways, encourage one another,  
agree with one another, live in peace,  
and the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:11



June 7, 2020  
Trinity Sunday

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As I sit down on Tuesday evening to write this message, there is way more sorrow in my heart than joy. My heart feels like it is being held down, against my will, into the muck of something that is very dark and terrifying. The very fabric of democracy in our nation is being torn in two. The divisiveness in our nation has reached a breaking point. None of us lived through the Civil War, but if we don't address the issues, put forth by people who are in pain and people who are righteously angry, we will find ourselves on the brink of a precipice that could send us hurling over the edge. I am terrified, my friends, for our future.

Make no mistake about it: the majority of protesters are peaceable and have a legitimate grievance. We have watched the very life breath of a human being, pinned to the pavement on a street in Minneapolis, being squeezed out of him, as he begged to be given air - as he cried out for his dear Mom. No human being can witness such inhumanity and not be shaken to her or his core.

I know I was and I'm sure you were, too. You and I would never have done such a terrible thing to anyone, no matter who they were. But how do we contribute to racism in this country whether knowingly or unknowingly?

I believe that my life is easier because I am white. I believe that my brother priests who are African American, or Asian, or Hispani in this land have a tougher go of things than I do. I don't like to think of myself as privileged but I am privileged. I have never had to fear getting on an elevator because the color of my skin might be a problem. I have never feared being stopped by the police and treated differently solely because I am white. I have never felt discriminated against. Many of our sisters and brothers cannot say this. For they live every day in fear for their very lives or the lives of their children. How can you and I conceive of an African American brother, birdwatching in Central Park, kindly asking a young white woman to leash her dog, which is the law, and she accosts him, calls 911, and reports that he is attacking her? Would she call the police on you or me? These situations of oppression of a brother or sister take my breath away! I cannot begin to imagine the fear or ignorance or whatever that would cause someone to treat a fellow human being in such an unloving and unjust way.

Sadly, some of our Catholic Bishops have been reluctant to address this issue that is plaguing our society. I have always looked to Cardinal Blase Cupich, the Archbishop of Chicago, in the hope that he will touch my heart. His reflection entitled, "It's Time for a National Reconciliation," is profound, balanced, and challenging. I cannot encourage enough to ponder the entire message.

Here is the link for you: <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/chicagoland/-/article/2020/05/31/it-s-time-for-a-national-reconciliation-1>

These words from the Cardinal got my attention:

*"We." It is a difficult word for white Americans to use in these days when searing anguish, simmering anger and existential sorrow explode into protest, some of which descends into violence. White people must never pretend that our place is to narrate the experience of non-white Americans, let alone feel justified in simply condemning the violence against black*

*people, or the violence that has sparked from that justifiable outrage. No one should allow themselves to dismiss the aims of peaceful protestors because some among them exploited the anger by engaging in criminal acts. Nor should we dismiss the legitimate work of first responders and law enforcement, despite the dangerous overreactions of some against protesters and journalists reporting on these demonstrations.*

*The responsibility of any neighbor, any citizen, especially those of us who profess belief in Jesus Christ, is to do the work of accompanying their brothers and sisters who carry this pain every day of their lives.*

*That work begins by understanding that when such feelings erupt they do not come from nowhere. They are the consequence of centuries of national racial injustice that began with the inhuman practice of slavery, was re-institutionalized during the Jim Crow era, and continues today with the myriad ways people of color are treated as less-than, or worse. People of color suffer discrimination and indignities not only from racist individuals, but from the very structures erected by our society that were meant to protect the vulnerable.*

*Americans must realize that beneath the outrage is the same aspiration all people have to freely pursue a life of meaning and flourishing. The death of George Floyd was not the sole driver of the civil unrest our nation is witnessing today. It just ignited the frustration of a people being told repeatedly in our society: "You don't matter"; "You have no place at the table of life" – and this painful frustration has been building since the first slave ships docked on this continent.*

*This is where our conversation about healing should begin, not with simple condemnations, but with facing facts. We need to ask ourselves and our elected officials: Why are black and brown people incarcerated at higher rates than whites for the same offenses? Why are people of color suffering disproportionately from the effects of the novel coronavirus? Why is our educational system failing to prepare children of color for a life in which they can flourish? Why are we still asking these questions and not moving heaven and earth to answer them, not with words, but with the systemic change it will take to finally right these wrongs?*

*These questions should be particularly troubling to people of faith. As the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops put it in its recent statement on the death of George Floyd and the resulting protests, "We cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities and yet still try to profess to respect every human life. We serve a God of love, mercy, and justice."*

May a cry for healing and hope, for justice, love and mercy well up from deep in your heart and my heart. May the Lord hear the cries of agony across our land. May the Lord give us the courage we need to face the facts and to begin to truly love one another as brothers and sisters in the Lord! Now is the time before it is too late! Our hopes for our nation must be grounded in the Gospel of Jesus. For me, it is always about Jesus and His Gospel. The Word of God is not like a sword to be brandished. The Word of God is a clarion call to a change of heart and is a healing balm to those living in anguish and fear.

I thank you so much for taking the time to read this In Joy and Sorrow. Let us pray for our nation, for those in agony, for those, who by their violent and unlawful destruction, are breaking the law and drowning out and desecrating the cries for justice coming from righteous people who feel powerless, and for one another! LORD JESUS, make haste to help us!  
Father Bill +



June 7, 2020

## THIS WEEK'S VIRTUAL EVENTS AT ST MARY

Thur., June 11- 1pm Story Hour with Father Bill

## PARISH OFFICE AND CHURCH HOURS

The parish office will be open from 8:00 am-1:00 pm Monday-Thursday, **closed on Friday**. The church will be open from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. Please call Fr. Bill at 920-422-4316 with any needs.

## PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (920-734-1182 or 920-843-1249) or Laurie Richter (laurierichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

## PRAYER CHAIN

We have an active prayer chain, and recognize that right now, prayers are of the highest importance. Please contact Deacon Gerry at the parish office or click on the Prayer Chain link on our parish website to be included as one of the people who pray for requested prayers, or to submit a prayer request.

## PUBLIC MASSES

We will start having public Masses next weekend, June 13 & 14. Stay tuned for details and sign up information.

## COMMUNION SERVICE UPDATE \*\*No need to sign up for June 7

The distribution of Holy Communion went very smoothly last Sunday. Thanks to all who helped and participated.

Communion distribution will be between 11:00 am and 12:15 pm. Please watch a live stream or TV Mass before coming.

Social distancing is expected for those not living in the same household. Please arrive wearing a mask, if you don't have one we will have them available. Hand sanitizing stations will be in place.

You will sign in and have your temperature taken before receiving communion.

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Our scheduled intentions will be prayed during our online Masses at [www.stmaryparish.org](http://www.stmaryparish.org).

Tue., June 9	8:30 am Parishioners of St. Mary
Wed., June 10	8:30 am For all who are battling cancer
Thur., June 11	8:30 am Emmett & Mary Clark
Fri., June 12	8:30 pm Harold & Audrey Duprez
Sun., June 14	9:45 am Luis Carlos Lopez Ramirez, Harold Hanson, Ruth Carew

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for those who have lost a loved one. May fond memories comfort you at this time. If you have lost a loved one and would like him or her to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 739-5119.

### ST MARY PARISH SUPPORT

May	Budget	Received	Variance
received 5/18-5/22		\$5,082	
May month-to-date	\$56,500	\$70,688	\$14,188
7/1/19-5/31/20			
Fiscal Year To Date	\$782,700	\$728,448	\$-54,252

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## A LETTER FROM MARY ANN OTTO

*My Dear Siblings in Christ,*

*At this time, I think it is important for you to know that I have informed the beautiful people of St. Joseph Parish that I will not be returning as their Adult Formation Director. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have ministered to them and especially with them in the past two and one-half years. Their love is real and their faith is strong.*

*At the end of 2019, I carefully took time to pray and seek council about this important decision. I have watched St. Mary and St. Joseph parishes grow in a time when our Church is going through a tremendous cultural shift. It is a blessing no doubt but with it also comes the great responsibility of defining who you are in your community and in your generation. Though St. Mary and St. Joseph parishes fall under the umbrella of Catholicism, each of you brings your own unique gifts to your neighborhoods and mission field. In my ministerial position of 20 hours for each community, I have found it difficult to meet the important, growing needs of each unique parish family. I want so much for both of you and for our Church.*

*I will gratefully continue in my role at St. Mary Parish as Minister for Missionary Discipleship and look forward to the blessings and challenges that lie before us in our efforts to become missionary disciples in our generation.*

*May the St. Mary and St. Joseph families be energized by the powerful embrace of the Holy Spirit as you strive to bring the Good News of Jesus to a world much in need.*

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Mary Ann*

## ARE YOU CURIOUS?

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Perhaps you've been thinking of becoming a member of St. Mary Parish or perhaps you are just curious about what Catholics believe. If you'd like more information, please give Nadine a call at 920.659.1337 or drop her an email at [nduncan@stmaryparish.org](mailto:nduncan@stmaryparish.org).

## FACE MASKS AVAILABLE

Cloth face masks have been donated by members of our parish sewers for those who need them. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements to get one. Thank you to those who provided them!

## MASS INTENTIONS

There are open Mass intentions for this month and beyond. Please contact Julie in the parish office to schedule.

## UPDATE TO COMMUNION SERVICE: NO NEED TO SIGN UP

June 3, 2020

The distribution of Holy Communion went very smoothly last Sunday. We thank all who assisted and all who participated.

We will distribute between 11:00 am and 12:15 pm. Please watch a live stream or TV Mass beforehand.

We will rotate small groups to come into the church for a short prayer service and receive Holy communion.

- When you arrive register at the table outside of the doors. Entry will be through the main church doors, #7. In case of inclement weather, entry will be through the Parish Center doors, #1.
- Take your temperature before leaving home. If your temperature is 100.4 or greater, please stay home. If your family is coming, please stay home if *anyone in your family* has a temperature of 100.4 or greater.
- Bring and wear a mask. We will have masks available if you do not bring one.
- There will be a collection box in church for those who would like to bring their offering with them.
- Enter with your mask on, covering your nose and mouth. We are observing social distancing guidelines and ask that you keep a distance of 6 feet. Members of the same household do not need to social distance from each other. If you have special needs to enter, please see a Hospitality Minister and they will assist you.
- The hospitality minister will direct you to enter the building, and where to be in the queue
- In case of inclement weather, people will enter through the doors by the main office (door 1).
- A hand sanitizing station is located at the entrance and in the center aisle near the altar. When you reach the station, sanitize your hands.
- Father Bill will have a brief prayer service and distribute Communion.
- Keep your mask in place when you receive Communion.
- Walk to the right, pause in front of the St. Joseph statue briefly to place the host in your mouth, reposition your mask and exit through the side door and down the ramp.
- Go directly to your car, do not congregate with others.

We will begin having public Masses on the weekend of June 13 & 14. Please watch for a letter next week for details.

Please continue to pray for the health and safety of all.

God bless,  
Deacon Gerry and the response team

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