

# SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

**May, 2024**

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:14

For whatever reason, we have several blanks in our Sunday morning schedule. Can you please help by filling in a blank or two?

## **Schedule for readers for May:**

**May 5-Jessica**

**May 9-Ascension Day \_\_\_\_\_ (6 pm)**

**May 12-Elisabeth**

**May 19-Braden**

**May 26-Sylvia**

## **Schedule for coffee hours in May-**

**May 5 - Graham**

**May 12 - Langfords**

**May 19 – Bispings**

**May 26 – Swegles**

**May promises to be a special** month of celebration at St. Mary's. Take a look at what is coming up:

May 5 – Happy anniversary to Dan and Kathy Hahn

May 10 – Happy birthday to Sylvia

In addition, there are some special liturgical holidays coming up:

May 9 – Ascension Day (40 days after Easter). We will have mass at 6 pm.

May 19 – Pentecost (50 days after Easter). Regular Sunday Mass at 10:30 am.

May 26 – Trinity Sunday. Regular Sunday Mass at 10:30 am.

## ***Thoughts from the Vicar***

**God willing**, Father Tom will be traveling to Wisconsin from May 20-23 for the annual Diocesan Clergy Retreat. I say "God willing" because last year, I was unable to attend due to the death of my sister. Anniversaries can be tough.

I was honored on Good Shepherd Sunday to bless gifts donated to St. Mary's in memory of Diane McCoy. Over the years, various memorial gifts have been presented and blessed. The only time we scale back the ceremony is when the giver asks not to be identified.

This morning (4/30), I made a trip to Memorial Hospital to visit Deacon Tom who, as of this moment is a patient in Room G353. I promised him that we would continue to pray for his quick recovery; he has been suffering from this condition for 2 months and the doctors say it may be another whole month before they can operate.

It is always a joy to hear from parishioners who have moved away since they will always be in our hearts. Sometimes, that communication brings sadness. We were all very sad to hear of the tragic early death of Zachary Stevenson, Tressie Kemp's 32-year-old son.

I also had the opportunity to speak to Debbie Brown on Monday evening. She told me that she is still in the process of unpacking but she has found an Anglican church in her new hometown.

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### **Parish Prayer List**

**For those fighting cancer:** Donald, Sandy, Cindy, Karen, Carol, Malia, Richard, Barb, Mark Heys, Judy, Bishop Wencelas, Kate, Charles

**For those in need of uplifting prayer:** Tressie and David Kemp, John Kemp, Deacon Tom, Elisabeth, Kathy, Dan, Sylvia, Shannon, Susan, Jon, Luke, Jerry, Jonas, Tim, Gary, Stuart, Madeleine, Owen, Brenda, Jordan, Daniel, William, Kris, Donna, Terry, Jennifer, Fr. Fabián Castillo, Rob K,

**For those in long term care:** Gabriel, Grace, Danielle, the residents at Holly Brook, Reflections and South Park

**For the Church's ministry in Nepal:** Purna+, +Mahendra, Dipendra+, Prakash+; the Transformation Spiritual Church

**For the growth of St. Mary's Anglican Mission**

**For those affected by the war in the Middle East and the war in Ukraine**

**For the repose of the soul of Zachary Stevenson**