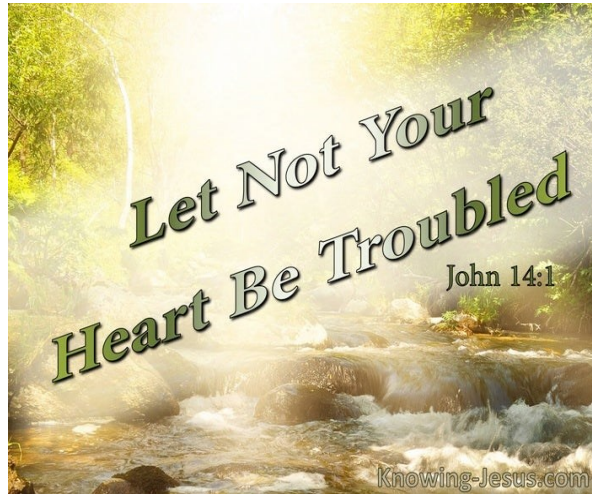


Notes from Barb!

- † Congratulations to our newest member, Jhett James Fagg!
- † Coffee & Donuts today after mass!
- † Parish Council & Finance Committee will meet Monday at 6 in Galvin Hall.
- † Thanks to those who are helping with May Crowning!



Thanks to all who supported our Chick-Fil-A fundraiser. We raised \$82!

Next week five out our young people will join us at the Table. Please keep them in your prayers: Clara Fagg, Vivian Sereno, Waylon Roberston, Johnation Wrin, Ryat Beasley

The dates for **Vacation Bible School** are July 24-28!



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7

Beyond Imagining

It started with an argument about dinner. Three weeks ago we heard the happy story of the blissful teamwork among the early Christians. They loved one another, shared things in common, and their numbers grew. Well, the honeymoon is over. As the numbers increased, so did disagreements. It all started with an argument about dinner.

Greek widows were not getting enough to eat before the food ran out. The Twelve were too busy preaching to manage meals. But they had to have charity at home if they were to preach authentically, so they appointed seven leaders to straighten out the problems with dinner. That is how we first got deacons in the church.

Deacons may have started as table ministers, but they did not end that way. Not long after this story we find them preaching the gospel near and far with all the fervor of the Twelve. The word of God spread because of the work of deacons, but it never would have happened if there had not first been an argument about dinner.

Arguments do not have to lead to anger and broken relationships. They can lead to solutions with better results than anyone ever imagined.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter



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Sacramental Life

Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays 4:00-4:20 at Sacred Heart or before Sunday Mass by appointment.


The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

We welcome new members. To enroll call the Parish Office or contact Barb Black: plc@shjth.org or 812-240-8092.

Ministries		
Date	May 7	May 14
Lector	Steve Norris	Carol Cummins
Gift Bearers	(need volunteer)	1st Communicants
Ushers	Steve Norris & Waylon Robertson	Bob Curley & Nick Savant
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Cummins & Bonnie Warn	Kelly Stafford & Kris Toney
Counters	Patty & Colleen Curley	Tom McKinney & Kay Jatczak
Cleaners	Off week	Carol & Charlie Cummins
Coffee & Donuts	Wyrick Family	Off week


Mass Intentions:
 May 7 St. Mary's Village Parish
 May 14 St. Mary's Village Parish
 If you wish to have a mass said, the suggested stipend is \$10.00.
We are now scheduling masses for through July.

Birthday Blessing to:

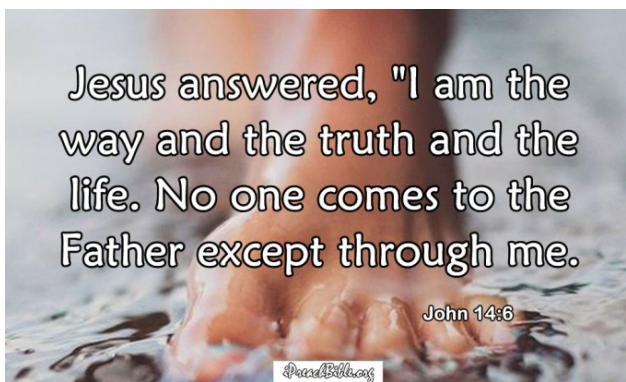


Bronson Thralls 5-7
 Tucker Robertson 5-7
 Marinelli Casios 5-7
 Tony Dubois 5-11
 Scott Rohrbach 5-14

Prayers Please for:
 Louise Arnold, Dick Stultz, Joe Mangia, John Kirkham, Jonnie Hooper, Ray Edwards, Mary Ann Whallon, Lou Ann Wake, Jim Callahan, John Heck, Terry Jatczak, Sr. Jane Iannaccone, Regina Crowell, Jane Frazier, Doug Hand, John Finley.



If you have people on the parish prayer list, please contact Barb to update her on their conditions.



Fundraising
 Thanks to all who supported the Vendors' Fair!
 We are still taking donations for the Gift Card Raffle. You can help by donating a gift card (preferably purchased from our SCRIP program, or getting businesses to donate cards. Final prizes will be set by the end of May. Raffle tickets will go on sale in June..

Finance Report			
	April 30	Budgeted	Additional Donations
Sunday Collection	\$2033	\$2308	Catholic Home Missions \$99
Galvin Fund Donations	\$ 50	\$ 115	

DID YOU KNOW?

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis has only had permanent deacons since 2008? Before that we heard about deacons in other denominations, but not in our local Catholic Church.

What exactly are permanent deacons? They are men over the age of 35 who have gone through a period of preparation (about 4 years) and undergo a vetting process similar to that of the priesthood.

If a deacon is married, their spouse also go through some informational sessions and must give her consent for her husband to become a deacon. If the spouse passes away after a deacon is ordained or if he was single, he may not remarry/marry.

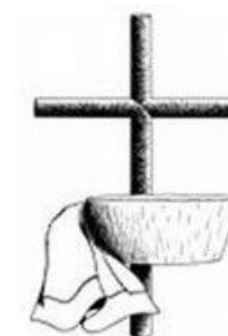
What exactly does a deacon do? These men minister much as the first deacons did in providing charitable works to the people of God. Deacons in our deanery are involved in prison and jail ministry, as well as hospital and nursing home ministry. At Mass deacons are ministers of the Word and Cup. They can preach sermons and would normally be Eucharistic ministers of the Precious Blood. Deacons can also preside at Baptisms, Marriages and funeral services outside of Mass.

What about transitional deacons? Transitional deacons are men on the road to priesthood. Usually in the year prior to their priestly ordination, they are ordained as deacons.

Can permanent deacons become priests? If a single permanent deacon wishes to be considered for priesthood, he would be required to go through training for the priesthood, usually another 4 years. Since many of our deacons are already older, few seek this path.

What are deacons paid?

Unless they are otherwise employed in the church, deacons are paid in the graces they receive from their ministry. That is why most hold other jobs while being deacons.



They must first be tested, and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. 1 Timothy 3:10