



ST MARK PARISH

602 Military Road, Rothschild, Wisconsin

Easter 4
April 25, 2021

Liturgical Schedule

(Masks will be worn for weekday and weekend Liturgies)

Monday, April 26

No Sacrament of Eucharist

Tuesday, April 27

Sacrament of Eucharist, 8:10 am

Wednesday, April 28

Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Sacrament of Eucharist, (Grades K, 1, 2)

No parents or parish members at this time

Thursday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Sacrament of Eucharist, (Grades 3, 4, 5)

No parents or parish members at this time

Friday, April 30

Saint Pius V, Pope

Sacrament of Eucharist, 8:10 am

Saturday, May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker

Easter 5

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 10:30 am

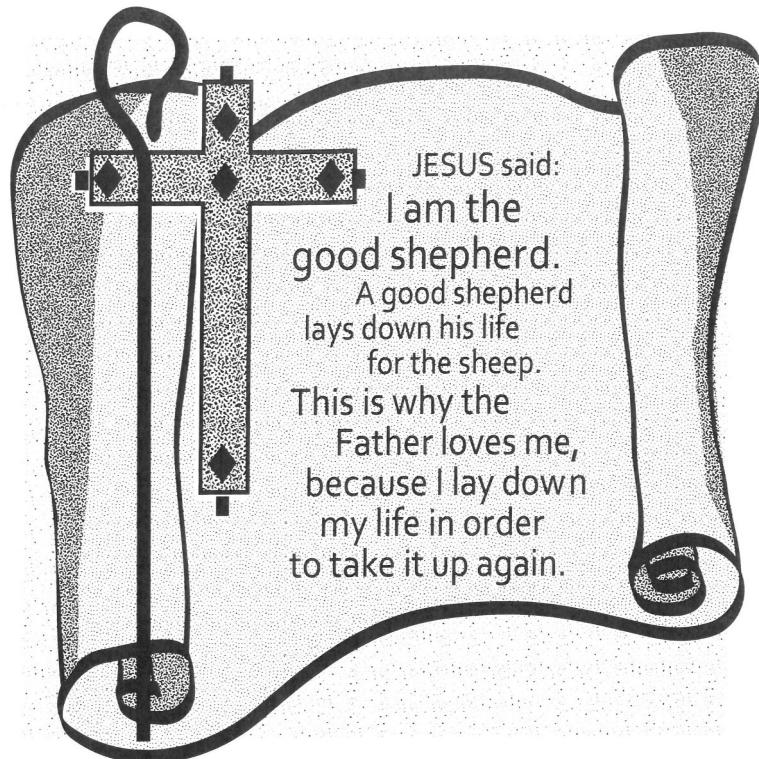
Sacrament of Eucharist, 4:30 pm

Sunday, May 2

Easter 5

Sacrament of Eucharist, 8:00 am

Sacrament of Eucharist, 10:00 am



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Contact the Parish Offices for baptism dates and to register for preparation sessions.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION Saturday - 10:30 am

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING - Celebrated in the Spring and Fall or in the home and hospital.

RCIA - A catechetical process to assist adults interested in becoming Catholic. Contact the Parish Offices.

MARRIAGE - Couples planning to marry are to notify the Parish Offices one year prior to the desired wedding date.

FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH with the parish, Contact the Parish Offices and ask for Father Slowiak.

Parish Offices: 715-359-5206. Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Pastor: (Rev) Allan L. Slowiak, 715-359-5206

Deacon: Patrick McKeough, 715-359-5206

Director of Religious Education: Mary Hart, 715-359-5206

Pastoral Musician: Mary Martin, 715-359-5206

Primary Accompanist: Mikki Fronek, 715-359-5206

Pastoral Care to the Homebound: Susan Soriano, 715-675-3262

Secretary to the Parish: Mary Maly, 715-359-5206

Bookkeeper: Amy Tishken, 715-359-5206

Newman Catholic Schools at St. Mark 715-359-9662. Principal: Tina Meyer

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Bulletin article deadline: Tuesdays by Noon

SACRED WORSHIP



St. Mark Parish Sacrament of the Eucharist Live Stream on Facebook, Sunday, April 25, at 10:00 am.

Visit [St Mark Catholic Parish, Rothschild Facebook page](#)

"Like", "share" and "invite" your friends and family (<https://www.facebook.com/StMarkCatholicParish/>)

Mass Intentions for May

Name	Requested By	Time	Date
Mary Jo Browczyk	Family and Friends	4:30	May 01
Barney and Matilda Brzezinski	Agnes Gliniecki	10:00	May 02
Parish Members - COVID19			May 06
Peter Wawraszek	Mary and Dave Torzewski		May 07
Dorothy Duberstein	Irene Slivicki	4:30	May 08
Joe and Dolores Ogiba	Bob and Leigh Ogiba		May 11
Parish Members - Cancer			May 12
Susan Burger	Debra and Kurt Rekau		May 14
Ann Knoeck	Todd and Diane Treu		May 15
Delorres Loskot	Chris Leitermann	8:00	May 16
Marian Featherman	Friends		May 18
Parish Members - Care Centers			May 19
Yvonne Jessup	H. Thomas Jessup		May 21
Tess Damitz	Mike and Pam Ziemer		May 25
Parish Members - Living Alone			May 26
Parish Members - Assisted Living			May 27
Donald Martin	Rose Martin		May 28
Lillian Lang	Lang Family	4:30	May 29
Philip Yarnes	Patrick and Anne Wierza	10:00	May 30

Reflection of Today's Scripture Texts

—Father Slowiak

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 We hear part of Peter's strong proclamation about the risen Jesus which is causing discomfort among those who would criticize rather than embrace the challenge to deepen their faith, among those who want tidy answers to complex questions, among those who want pious stories.

1 John 3:1-2 A simple declaration to counter the false beliefs of those who regarded themselves as perfect by virtue of their first contact with Jesus. The human writer speaks of perfection as a continuing and dynamic process in communion with Jesus.

John 10:11-18 As a manual of formation for new members, this passage of the gospel assures potential members that Jesus is God who can be relied upon as no hired assistant can be relied upon from protection from the "adversary," the evil one.

Liturgical Ministry

April 24 and 25, Easter 4

4:30 pm

Lector. **Al R.**

Extraordinary Minister. **Margee R.**

Greeter/Usher. **Don B.**

8:00 am

Lector. **William S.**

Extraordinary Minister. **John P.**

Greeter/Usher. **Jerry W., Margaret K.**

10:00 am

Lector. **Nicholas S.**

Extraordinary Minister. **Deacon Patrick**

Greeter/Usher. **Paul D.**

May 1 and 2, Easter 5

4:30 pm

Lector. **Jim M.**

Extraordinary Minister. **Phyllis B.**

Greeter/Usher. **Don B.**

8:00 am

Lector. **William S.**

Extraordinary Minister. **Volunteer Needed**

Greeter/Usher. **Jerry W., Margaret K.**

10:00 am

Lector. **Sara G.**

Extraordinary Minister. **Volunteer Needed**

Greeter/Usher. **Volunteer Needed**

Marian Shrine

Week of April 25, 2021

Bruce Anthony Szarkowitz



Pastoral Music —Mary Martin

The **Handbell Choir** will rehearse on Tuesday, May 4 at 3:45 pm, in the church.

In the Liturgy of the Church —Helen Ackermann

Pope Francis told priests, "This is what I am asking you—be shepherds with the smell of sheep." His challenge to clergy is to know their people in their humanness; not to be separated from them but one with them. Perhaps these words can be applied to all believers, but it is difficult for us when so many are not familiar with sheep at all. We grow up with a sanitized version of the Good Shepherd. Art depicts Jesus carrying a white lamb. Jesus is concerned with us individually but Jesus is also concerned about all people even those not necessarily a part of the fold.

We are not familiar with sheep although in Wisconsin sheep and goats are becoming more popular as economic possibilities. If you watch public television, you might have seen in a new show called, McLeods's Daughters that sheep are quite demanding and need shearing. The episode also indicates that it is only the owners who are committed to the sheep. The hired men who have a conflict with the owners are not committed enough to follow through on the shearing.

Jesus, in John's gospel for this Sunday, indicates he is willing to lay down his life for his sheep and not only those in his fold but others as well. He also indicates that a hired hand does not have this kind of commitment. Because of his relationship with God, he is able to be committed to the extent of laying down his life for others. Are we willing to lay down our life for others? Are we willing to know others, to be one with them, to recognize the divine presence in all humanity enabling us to lay down our lives for others even if they are not of a fold with which we are familiar?

We remember this week, Peter Chanel, priest, martyr, Louis Grignion de Montfort, priest (Wednesday) Catherine of Sienna, doctor of the Church (Thursday) Pius V, Pope (Friday) Joseph the Worker (Saturday)

St. Catherine of Siena, doctor of the Church (1347-1380)

At first Catherine of Siena, could barely read, but by the end of her life, she had written over 400 letters and a book. She has also been named a "doctor of the Church" indicating her great contribution to the Church. She was the 23rd child in her family. In those days, girls were told by their parents whom they should wed. Catherine convinced her parents that she should not wed and instead was the servant in her own home. She became a member of the Third Order of St. Dominic. She prayed and cared for the sick and visited people in prisons. She was considered wise and many priests, politicians and

nobles came to her for guidance. She encouraged all to work together. Italy was filled with quarreling families. Even the Church was divided with two claiming to be popes. Catherine worked for two years in Rome trying to bring peace and order. The stress caused her two strokes and she died in service to the Church. She only lived to be 33 years of age but was able to influence so many.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION/FORMATION

Religious Education —Mary Hart

Lenten Mission Box: Thank you to everyone who returned their mission boxes. If you haven't returned your mission box/donation, bring your box/donation (use an envelope if you can't find your box) to class on April 28.

Attention Grade 9 Parents and Students: A meeting regarding the preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 pm in the school.



2021 High School Graduates – Save the Date: The parish community of St. Mark congratulates you on your accomplishment and would like to celebrate with you at the 10:00 am Liturgy on Sunday, June 6.

This Week in Religious Ed . . .

April 28	6:15 pm, Last Night of Sessions for Grades 1 - 9
May 2	Confirmation Session 8 after the 10:00 am Liturgy

Newman Catholic Schools

The NCS Mission Statement reads:

Newman Catholic Schools provides excellence in education in a Catholic environment and enhances the personal and spiritual growth of our students to meet life's challenges.



NCES: St Mark

April 28	Sacrament of Eucharist Grades K, 1, 2 No parents or parish members
April 29	Sacrament of Eucharist Grades 3, 4, 5 No parents or parish members

FAMILY LIFE



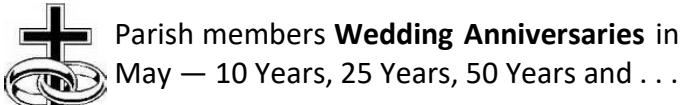
The family of St. Mark extends sympathies to the family of: Bruce Anthony Szarkowitz who passed on April 13, 2021. God, grant Bruce the fullness of Eternal Life.

Preparation for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

May 6, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Parents with their first child or if you have recently joined the parish. Call the Parish Offices, 715-359-5206 to register.

Discussions: God Talk, The Meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism . The Church and Baptism . A Multiple Choice Clinic . The Liturgy of the Sacrament of Baptism . Concerning godparents.



Wedding Date Years

5/9/1953	68	Thomas and Cleo Tyskiewicz
5/3/1958	63	Robert and Donna Konkol
5/18/1958	63	Wilbur and Dorothy Lazotte
5/31/1958	63	Eugene and Kathryn Klasinski
5/2/1959	62	Donald and Virginia Gilray
5/28/1960	61	Harold and Loraine Lyon
5/28/1960	61	David and Joyce Pickering
5/4/1963	58	James and Kay Richards
5/28/1966	55	Ernest and Roseann Soczka
5/4/1968	53	David and Marie Eisenreich
5/9/1970	51	David and Teresa Mandli
5/21/1996	25	Vincent and Jodi La Calamita



Subcommittee on JUNE BUG '21

The JUNE BUG '21 All Cash Raffle Tickets are Here!! **\$11,000 ALL CASH RAFFLE - First Prize is \$3000**

JUNE BUG Your raffle ticket envelope is ready and can be picked up during the week in the Parish Office or in the Church on the weekends.

With your help, last year's raffle netted a profit of \$24,842.00 - and that was during a pandemic! We are looking forward to an even more successful 2021!

With the uncertainty of large group activities yet, it was determined by members of the JUNE BUG Committee and the Parish Council to have the JUNE BUG '21 Raffle again this year without the picnic.

The raffle drawing will be held, Saturday, June 19, at 11:00 am.
All ticket stubs and money must be turned in to the Parish Office by 10:00 am (before the raffle) on Saturday, June 19.

Every dollar raised goes towards the renovations projects for the church and the school building, so every dollar counts. Your ticket sales make a HUGE DIFFERENCE!

Tickets are \$5 each and your envelope contains 25 tickets for you or your family to buy or sell - more tickets are available in the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support of the JUNE BUG '21 Raffle and St. Mark Parish!

SOCIAL CONCERNS



Circle of Joy. The St. Mark **Circle of Joy** facilitates the distribution of staple food items to those with temporary needs within the "area" of St. Mark Parish. If you know a person or family who is in need of assistance, contact the Parish Offices (715-359-5206).

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Budget Committee

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Volunteer/community involvement this week
by parish members, 11 hours.

Mass Attendance

	28-Mar	Easter	11-Apr	18-Apr
4:30	63	0	91	60
8:00	48	87	61	62
10:00	70	75	63	95
Total	181	162	215	217

Operating Income

	18-Apr	1 Jul-18 Apr	2021	Balance
Adult	8,618.00	454,070.80	585,000	130,929.20
Student		0.00	600	600.00
Offering		44.00	4,888.75	23,500
Debt Reduction		62.00	12,581.75	18,611.25
Totals	8,724.00	471,541.30		

Adult Tithe Summary

Tithe Budgeted Per Week	11,250.00
Received this Week	8,618.00
	2,632.00
Avg Contribution this Week	79.80 108 families/individuals
Received Weeks 1-42	454,070.80
Budgeted Weeks 1-42	472,500.00
Budget	(18,429.20)

Other Income/Transfers

Circle of Joy	500.00	5,740.00
Votive Candles	.00	1,021.70
Catholic Life	.00	700.00
Easter	235.00	5,658.00
Student Lent	.00	25.73

We welcome your continued financial support during these uncertain times. Your tithe is appreciated and it can be mailed in or brought to the Parish Office.

Or, go to <https://diolc.org/st-mark-parish-rothschild/> to

use the “Online Offertory” designated to St. Mark Parish, Rothschild, set up for us by the Diocese of La Crosse.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

The 2020-2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal for St. Mark Parish is \$88,760.00. As of 18 April, 207 parish members have contributed 55.33% of the target, \$49,110.54.

The 2020-2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal for St. Mark Parish has reached **50%** of the 88,760.00 target. **Thank You** to those who made this happen!! If you haven't contributed yet, we invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the Appeal this year to help us reach 100% of our goal.

LADIES COUNCIL OF ST. MARK PARISH

Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you would like to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry, gatherings take place Thursdays in the Catechetical Resource Room of the school from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. New members are always welcome to join this ministry; gathering in person (safe distancing - with masks) or knit and pray from home. Finished items can be brought to the Parish Office or members of the group will pick up from your home.

Prayer shawls are available in the Parish Office for anyone who has need of one. Donations of yarn (including partial skeins) are greatly appreciated!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Registration for Celebrating the Lord's Day Liturgies:

We will be increasing the seating capacity in the nave and wings. The East wing will be closed when the Handbell Choir is scheduled to play during Liturgy. Register to attend the weekend Liturgies **by calling the parish office by Noon on Friday.**

FROM THE DIOCESE —Diocese of La Crosse

Diaconate Ordination of Matthew Bowe and Steven Weller will be May 1, 2021 at 10:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse.

Facebook link for this event: <https://fb.me/e/dfNG8zJoe>

Priestly Ordination of Deacons Eric Mashak, Timothy Reither and Arturo Vigueras will be June 26, 2021 at 10:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse. Facebook link for this event: <https://fb.me/e/2bG1R9MWe>

Have you ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to be a priest? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, contact: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La

Crosse, 3710 East Ave S PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608-791-2667.

The Diocese of La Crosse participates in Newman Ministry's high school outreach program, called Newman Connection, that connects high school graduates to college campus ministries across the US. To participate in this program you can send your son/daughter's college information to Newman Connection at hso.newmanconnection.com, who will pass on the information to the college campus ministers in the fall. High school graduates can connect to their college campus ministry by downloading the Newman Connect app. The app is new this year and more than 100 college campuses are already using it.

Be Part of an Amazing Adventure in Faith – Join the Lay Formation Institute! Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in the fall of 2021. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! Complete information, schedule and application form can be found at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

New Leader of Prayer Class Begins in July 2021. Applications are now being accepted for those who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer for the Diocese of La Crosse. This is a three-part course of study. Applicants must have completed the Lay Formation Institute and be sponsored by their pastor. For more information and to apply, visit diolc.org/ministries and click on “Leader of Prayer.”

Remember to Pray for Farming and Rural Life. As the temperatures rise, remember to support those who grow our food and fulfill God's command to “till the earth and keep it.” For more information, contact Father Daniel Sedlacek, Chaplain of the Diocesan Rural Life committee. To learn more about rural life and to find the prayers, go to: diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/.

FAITH ENRICHMENT

St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, for information about retreats and events visit <https://sarcenter.com/retreats-and-events/>. Register by calling 715-443-2236 or email info@sarcenter.com.

2021 Know Your Faith Series: The Social Justice Teachings of the Church | Thursdays from April 22 - October 28, 2021.

Social justice teaching emerges from the truth of what God has revealed to us about who God is and the depth of God's love for us and for all creation. You are invited to join us as we explore the seven tenets of social justice teaching in our 2021 Know Your Faith Series. The presentations will be held

from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of each month from April through October. You may participate via Zoom meeting or by gathering with us at St. Anthony's in the Solanus Center. No cost - free will donations are encouraged.

- May 27: Life and Dignity of the Human Person
Fr. Tom Lindner will explore the "seamless garment" teachings of Pope Francis and Cardinal Bernardin.
- June 24: Care for God's Creation
Fr. Dennis Lynch will talk about *Our Common Home* – Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* challenges the followers of Jesus to an "ecological conversion." Consider how the Pope's vision will remind Christians that the love of God and neighbor is expressed in our love and care for our "earthly" neighbors.
- July 22: Call to Family, Community and Participation
Leo and Janet Jacoby will frame their remarks with the social encyclical by Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (October 4, 2020) and share family stories that helped form the social conscience of their two children.

IN THE AREA

St. Matthew Parish, Wausau, Life in the Spirit Seminar, Preparing for Pentecost. Thursdays, April 15 - May 27, 10:30 am to Noon or 6:30 to 8:00 pm - morning and evening sessions cover the same material. Call with questions or RSVP to Judy, 715-551-3081 or Nancy, 715-675-6796

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Wausau, Sacred Relics of the Saints—Treasures of the Church. A presentation and exposition of Sacred Relics, given by Fr. Carlos Martins of Companions of the Cross, will be held in Holy Name Church on April 28 at 6:30 pm. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as 2000 years. Relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Faustina, a fragment of the veil that belonged to Our Lady, and more.

Court St. Rose #1062 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 1:00 pm at St. Therese Church Hall. The May Crowning will take place. Wearing masks and social distancing will be required.

Plant Sale Marshfield Medical Center, Weston, 3400 Ministry Parkway, parking lot #7, under the big white tent. May 6 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm; May 7 from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; May 8 from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. Masks required and a limited number of persons in the tent at one time. Proceeds benefit the Wausau/Weston Cancer Care Fund. The annuals are provided by Cerny's Greenhouse. For more information, visit marshfieldclinic.org/giving/plantsale.

OPPORTUNITIES

St. Agnes Parish, Weston, is looking for a Religious Education/Youth Minister Assistant. If you are looking for

a positive work environment, somewhat flexible hours, and the great opportunity to help our youth grow in their faith, this job is for you. We need someone who can work 15-20 hours per week with Wednesday being the main workday. If you are interested, have questions, or for a job application email Deb, parish office manager, at deb@stagnescatholicparish.com or stop by the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE

Stay Alert - Email Scams Continue. Just a reminder to keep vigilant regarding your Email communications. Scammers are getting more crafty and schemes are getting more targeted. Things to remember:

- Be cautious about all email communications
- For suspicious email, do not click on any links or open any attachments
- Do not enter personal or banking information on an unexpected pop-up screen
- Make sure your network and email has phishing protection

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



DIOCESE of LA CROSSE



ISAAC PECHA - "We do not pray to change divine decree, but only to obtain what God has decided will be obtained through prayer." — St. Thomas Aquinas



DEACON TIMOTHY REITHER - "Prayer keeps us united to God and it is in prayer that we come to know who God is."



BRIAN WARD - "May the Holy Spirit bring all Christians and even all people together in the world to know God."



STEVEN WELLER - Jesus is the Answer to which every heart is the question.

MATTHEW BOWE - "You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name." (John 15:16, NRSVCE)

JARED CLEMENTS - "The authentic search for silence is the quest for a silent God and for the interior life. It is the quest for a God who reveals himself in the depths of our being" - The Power of Silence, p. 191

JOSEPH GLATCZAK - "But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?" - Romans 10:14. We must constantly ask ourselves, "To who have I proclaimed Jesus to today?"

DEACON ERIC MASHAK - Seven days without prayer makes one weak.

DAVID NOWICKI - "Prayer joined to sacrifice constitutes the most powerful force in human history." - Pope St. John Paul II



KYLE LANG - "When we respond daily and generously, as Mary did, to Our Lord's gentle whisper, then we will flourish in the path God has prepared for us."



MATTHEW SZYMANSKI - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13



ALEX RADTKE - It is ever important to understand different cultures and to pray for those in need. It is just as important to do this for the day but also for the year.

SCRIPTURE TEXTS—Easter 5

Opening Prayer: Lord God, almighty as I meditate on Your Holy Word, allow me to understand what it means to be pruned. Help me to understand my life as rooted in Jesus and only with my relationship to You through Your Son, will I be able to allow myself to be pruned. I make this prayer in the name of Jesus, He who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

ACTS 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

PSALM 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

R. (26a) **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.

The lowly shall eat their fill;

they who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the ends of the earth

shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of the nations

shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

To him alone shall bow down

all who sleep in the earth;

before him shall bend

all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live;

my descendants shall serve him.

Let the coming generation be told of the LORD

that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born
the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1 JOHN 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.



JOHN 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. 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. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Reflection Questions:

1. How willing are you to be pruned so that you can bear fruit in the way of Jesus? What does being pruned mean to you?
2. To bear good fruit, we are to be rooted in the vine that is Jesus. How do we remain close to Jesus?

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, I give you thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ. I know that if I remain close to Him, He will show me the way of bearing good fruit for the sake of others. If I do, I can bring glory and praise to You. I make this prayer in the name of Jesus He who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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