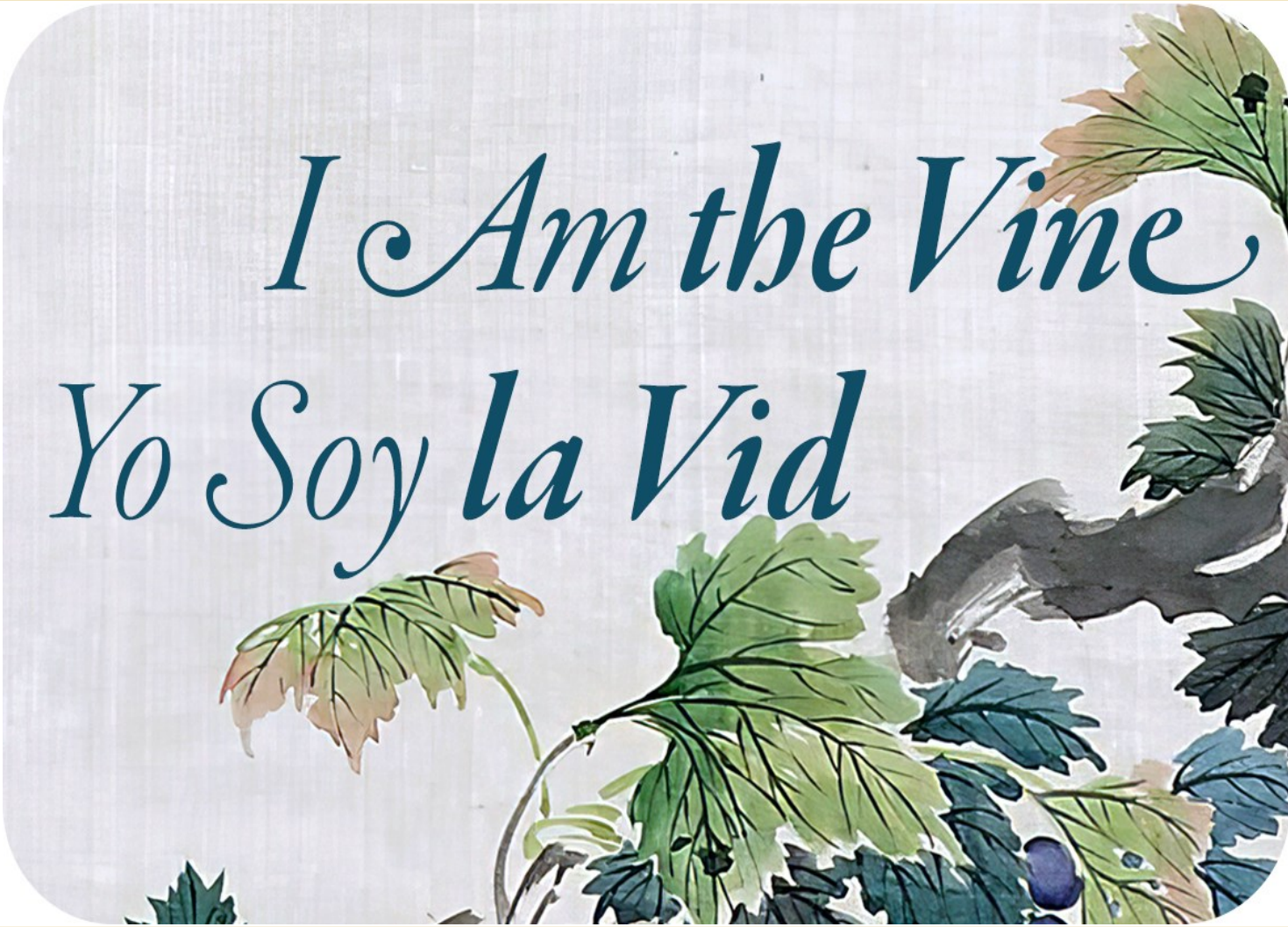


April 28, 2024 • 5th Sunday of Easter



# *I Am the Vine*

## *Yo Soy la Vid*

Welcome to Our Cluster of Catholic Churches • Bienvenido Nuestro rupo Iglesias Católicas

### St. Joseph Church-Wright

18784 8th Ave  
Conklin, MI 49403  
(616) 899-2286

#### Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday.....8:00-4:00PM  
Closed Friday

### St Catherine Parish

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(231) 853-6222

#### Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday.....8:00-4:00PM  
Closed Friday

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Lucille Finkler ..... (616) 899-2367

### St. Joseph Prayer Line

Linda Nowatzke ..... (616) 899-2166  
Theresa Miller..... (616) 899-5561

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, April 27

3:00 PM Confessions until 3:45 PM ..... SFX  
 4:00 PM † Pam May by M/M Jack May ..... SFX  
 5:30 PM † Members of the Cluster ..... SJ

## Sunday, April 28

9:00 AM † Noah Bothe by Family ..... SC  
 11:00 AM † Joanne Kluting by Erwin Kluting ..... SJ

## Monday, April 29

8:00 AM Rosary ..... SFX  
 8:30 AM † James Tomaszewski by Bill, Jim, and Edna May .... SFX  
 5:15 PM Confessions/Adoration until 6:15 ..... SFX

## Tuesday, April 30

8:30 AM † John Paul Umlor by Vivian Armock.. ..... SJ  
 9:00 AM Adoration until 3:00 PM ..... SJ

## Wednesday, May 1

No Daily Mass

## Thursday, May 2

8:30 AM † Chuck Mikos by M/M Don Chappell,  
 M/M Denny Flannery, Dennis & Allen Belka ..... SC

## Friday, May 3

8:30 AM † Ann Vidro by M/M David Armock ..... SJ

## Saturday, May 4

3:00 PM Confessions until 3:45 PM ..... SFX  
 4:00 PM † GERARD BROWN BY JUDY WENSENK ..... SFX  
 5:30 PM † Robert Umlor by Family ..... SJ

## Sunday, May 5

9:00 AM † GALE NUTT & RAY PAPROCKI BY FAMILY ..... SC  
 11:00 AM † Chad Umlor by Wayne Umlor Family ..... SJ

**St Catherine = SC • St Francis Xavier = SFX • St Joseph = SJ**



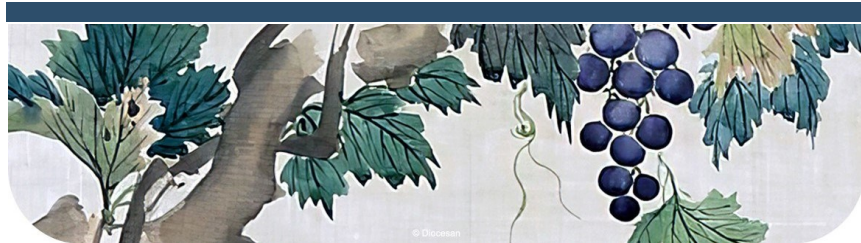
## Please Pray

*It is within the waters of Baptism that we welcome into our communities...*

Mason Coon  
 Palmer Coon

*And in sadness, with hope of the Resurrection we say goodbye to:*

Geraldine Pardon



## A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit".

## Rosary Intention for May

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.



## Ministry Schedules

### Saturday, May 4

#### St. Francis Xavier • 4:00 PM

Sacristan/EM ..... Irene Bosman  
 Lector ..... Vince Schoenborn  
 Usher ..... Anyone Available  
 Server ..... Anyone Available

#### St. Joseph • 5:30 PM

Sacristan ..... Deb Clelland  
 Lector ..... Heather Brown  
 EMHC..... Deb Clelland  
 Ushers ..... Vince Umlor & Tony Rosloinec  
 Servers..... Liam & Esme Beuschel

### Sunday, May 5

#### St. Catherine • 9:00 AM

Sacristan ..... Rich & Judy Knapp  
 Lector ..... Jill Nutt  
 EMHC..... Kathy Besinger  
 Ushers . Andy, Jack, Joel Emery, & Jeff Mabrito  
 Servers..... Everleigh & Oliver Hackenberg

#### St. Joseph • 11:00 AM

Sacristan ..... Mike Host  
 Lector ..... Helen Dietrich  
 EMHC..... Mike Host  
 Ushers ..... Charlie Armock & Tyler Armock  
 Servers..... Mason & Elliot Gleich

### Money Counters for May

#### St Catherine

Mary Patterson & Cheryl Helsen

#### St Francis Xavier

William May

#### St Joseph

Barb Umlor, Marj Williams, Jackie Schoenborn

## Scripture Readings

*For the Week of April 28, 2024*

### Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

### Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

### Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

### Wednesday

Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50

### Thursday

Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

### Friday

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

### Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

### Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

## Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Are you expecting a child soon? In all the planning that goes into having a baby, your child's baptism is one of the most important details in the process! Preparation for baptism is required 3 months prior to your child's baptism in order to complete the necessary paperwork and formation for parents and godparents. Feel free to reach out to Jeannie Sokolowski, [jsokolowski@ourcluster.org](mailto:jsokolowski@ourcluster.org) or call the parish office for more information

## Sacrament of the Sick

## St. Catherine's News

### **MARS Food Pantry Needs:**

We are in need of dish soap, brownie/cake mixes, muffin mixes, taco shells, jelly or jam, canned chicken. Thank you for your continued support!

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets every Monday at 8PM at St. Catherine's Hall.

## St. Francis Xavier News

### **Want to be part of the prayer line?**

St. Francis is looking for more people to join the prayer line. Call Pat Sanford at (231-853-5909 to join.

## St. Joseph's News

**Senior Euchre** will be at St. Joseph's Hall from 1:30-3:30pm. Barrier free entrance, lower side south doors. \$1 gets you an afternoon of fun! Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, **the next date is May 7.**

### **Ministry of Funeral Hospitality**

St. Joseph Parish is in need of volunteers! Responsibilities include: help call for salads and desserts, and to help serve at the luncheon. If you are interested in joining, contact Faith Umlor - (616) 914-4359 or Patty Alt—(616) 262-6942.

Whoever remains  
in me and I in him  
will bear much fruit

John 15:5

## The Cluster News

### **PREGNANCY HELP Baby Bottle Drive**

Beginning Mother's Day weekend, please pick up a Baby Bottle from the back of church and fill it with your "extra change!" (dollar bills and checks are also welcome) Supporting the drive will benefit HELP's ministry in so many ways: Keeping them supplied with some of the most needed baby essentials such as pack-n-plays, diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, baby wash, lotion etc. They provide walk-in hours for a free ultrasound for those who are abortion minded; this service has the cost of providing a qualified ultrasound tech on staff. Please return Father's Day Weekend, Thank You!

### **End of Life Presentation**

Join us **April 30th** at 7:00 PM for an **End of Life presentation** at St. Catherine's hall. Father Andrew and guest speakers will be talking about end of life issues from a Catholic perspective and leaving charitable gifts as part of your legacy. For more information, call the parish office.

**Walking With Moms In Need- community outreach ministry.** The free baby pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays every month at St Joseph Church, **18784 Eighth Ave Conklin.** Anyone in the community seeking a little extra help with baby or toddler necessities are welcome to stop between **9 to 11 am** and select needed items free of charge. We have some baby equipment as well as diapers, ointments, lotions, many baby/toddler clothes, some formula and many more items. Questions? Email us at: [wwminourcluster@gmail.com](mailto:wwminourcluster@gmail.com)

### **Children's Book Bags**

Do you have a busy toddler in the pews? Mass bags are now available in the back of church at each parish of the Cluster. The bags are filled with coloring pages, story books, crayons, and a Rosary to help young children learn more about the Mass and our Catholic faith. Please feel free to take one for your child and return at the end of Mass.

## Divine Providence Academy

We continue to raise money to have a well dug in Nigeria. We have received \$4,810.17 towards our goal of \$5,500.00. Thank you to everyone who has already donated. We will be accepting donations until April 30.

## Religious Education News

**First Holy Communion Practice** First Holy Communion Practice will be held at St. Joseph church on **May 4th** at 10:00AM.

## Cluster Youth Group Ministry

### **Chicago Pilgrimage**

Join the youth ministry on Saturday, **May 4th**, for a day in Chicago as we explore the city's most beautiful churches and catch a game at Wrigley Field. Cost to attend is \$100. Please contact Luke Cunningham (616) 785-3539 or by email [lcunningham@ourcluster.org](mailto:lcunningham@ourcluster.org)

## Outside the Cluster News

### **Diocesan Eucharistic Procession**

Celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on **Friday, June 7** by joining Bishop Walkowiak at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew for Mass followed by a diocesan Eucharistic Procession. All are invited to adore the Lord and proclaim our Eucharistic faith through Mass at 6 p.m. with the procession to follow.

### **ChoirFest 2024**

St. Sebastian Catholic Church in the main Church on **May 12 @7pm**

Featuring:

- ☑ St. Sebastian Adult Choir
- ☑ St. Sebastian Praise & Worship Team
- ☑ Grand Rapids Choral Society
- ☑ Kentwood Community Choir
- ☑ St. Sebastian Praise Band
- ☑ Todd Wilkie, Collaborative Pianist

Admission is free.

### ***We're looking for you!***

Catholic schools, parishes, affiliated organizations, and the diocese are hiring! See available opportunities at:

[grdiocese.org/employment/](http://grdiocese.org/employment/)

## Offertory for April 21

St. Catherine .....\$3,143.00  
St. Francis Xavier .....\$1,362.00  
St. Joseph .....\$4,416.00

St Joseph only. Text (616) 377-2855, enter the dollar amount, Enter your info.

Questions (616) 899-2286

### *Online Giving*

St Catherine ..... [tinyurl.com/5a9jfd6n](http://tinyurl.com/5a9jfd6n)  
St Joseph ..... [tinyurl.com/7ns3j3ya](http://tinyurl.com/7ns3j3ya)  
St Francis Xavier ..... [tinyurl.com/5fep7wr23ya](http://tinyurl.com/5fep7wr23ya)

### ***CSA 2024 Contributions***

St Catherine ..... \$28,869  
(Pledged, \$25,519.....Still Needed \$3,350.00)

St. Francis Xavier ..... \$18,397  
(Pledged, \$10,451.....Still Needed \$7,946.00)

St. Joseph ..... \$46,311  
(Pledged, \$33,510.....Still Needed \$12,801.00)