



*Our Lady of the*  
**WAYSIDE PARISH**

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*Father Gilbert Mashurano delivers a joyous homily at one (of two) First Holy Communion Masses last weekend.*

**April 28, 2024**  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*



# CONGRATULATIONS FIRST COMMUNICANTS!



SCAN THE QR CODES BELOW FOR MORE PHOTOS.

10:00 AM Mass

2:00 PM Mass



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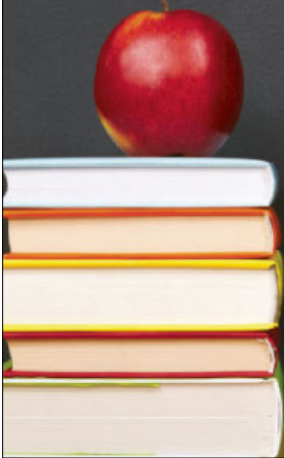
# 2024 Grandparents & Special Person Day

## Classroom Visits, Mass, & Refreshments

Thursday, May 9  
8:30-11:30 am

Arrive in the Gathering Place by 8:30 am

For more info, email Maureen Henry, [mhenry1120@gmail.com](mailto:mhenry1120@gmail.com) or Anne Hodits, [annehodits@gmail.com](mailto:annehodits@gmail.com).



### OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collection for April 21, 2024



	This Week	Budget	Variance
Sunday Masses	\$9,312		
Mail and Walk-up	\$2,295		
eGiving	\$14,029		
Total Sunday	\$25,636	\$34,135	(\$8,499)

	This Week	YTD
Easter Collection	\$4,060	\$88,050

	This Week	YTD
School Support		
Rebek	\$25	\$7,024

Thank you for your generosity!



**e-GIVING is e-ASY-PEASY**

[www.givecentral.org/location/120](http://www.givecentral.org/location/120)

Or... Scan the QR Code with your mobile phone camera.



## Love in Deed

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



*It's a Wonderful Life* is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we

do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18*

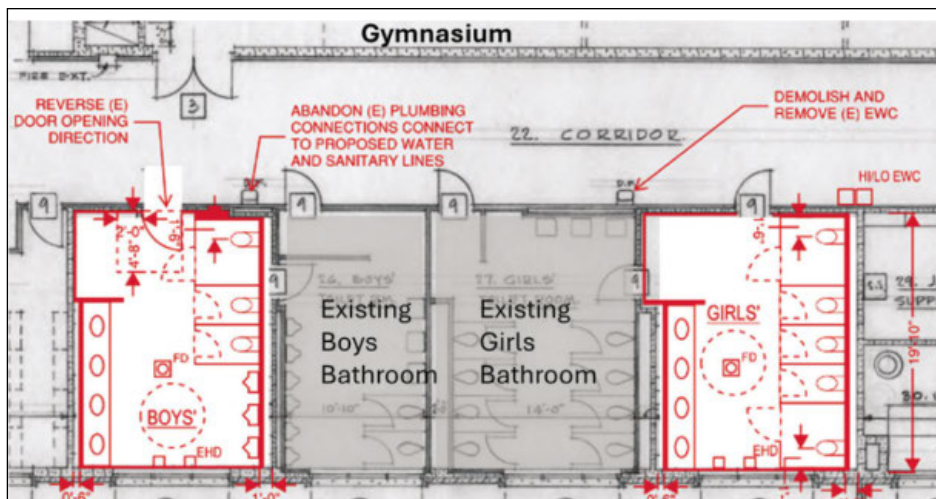
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# MIDDLE SCHOOL BATHROOM PROJECT: Update & Call to Action

The middle school bathrooms have been slated for renovation since 2021. Anyone who has used those bathrooms understands the need to renovate them. Over the past couple of years, many people have put in time to get quotes, decide the scope of the project, etc. This project is now in the final scoping and planning process with the selected contractor and architect. The work will begin in early June and provide much needed improvements in safety, cleanliness, and overall quality. The scope of the project grew significantly after more detailed expert walk-throughs of the existing facilities.

A simple update of the existing bathrooms is no longer possible. The current bathrooms are too small to accommodate ADA compliant facilities, contain asbestos in structural components, and rely on old and constricted galvanized piping that cannot deliver adequate water flow to meet the bathroom's needs.



The new bathrooms will now be built in the current footprint of the larger neighboring locker rooms. The bathrooms will feature all new components, including ADA compliant toilets and new structural plumbing directly from the building's water service. The result will deliver facilities that are equivalent to the high quality of education at Our Lady of the Wayside. These bathrooms are used by the entire parish at events inside the gymnasium and during parish/community gatherings; VBS, Parish Picnic, Oktoberfest, sporting events, Faith Into Action (after Sunday Mass) and CFM events. This is a parish renovation project.

This new scope requires additional, unanticipated funding from the Parish, and we need help from our entire community. Over \$130,000 has already been donated by generous families and parishioners towards the bathroom renovations. **We need an additional \$170,000 to cover the entire project.** We are asking for your prayerful consideration of a donation towards this renovation – in support of our students, faculty and parish community – as we continue to invest in modernizing the campus at Our Lady of the Wayside.

**Our goal is to achieve 80% of our fundraising number by the project kickoff date (June 17th).** We will keep track of our fundraising progress, along with construction progress, and provide updates to the parish through the bulletin and parish website.

Due to the evolving nature and short timelines of this project, we included a list of common questions and answers on the following page. We also launched a dedicated landing page on our parish website to provide updates, including two short videos of the new bathroom design. See: <https://bit.ly/olwbathrooms>

We also encourage you to reach out to Dr. David Wood (Principal), Patrick Fitzgerald (Operations Director), or any member of the Parish Finance Council (listed below) with any further questions about this important project.

- Neal Loughery, [neal\\_loughery@hotmail.com](mailto:neal_loughery@hotmail.com)
- Joe Farwell, [jcfarwell@gmail.com](mailto:jcfarwell@gmail.com)
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- Scott Cassidy, [scottcassidy101@gmail.com](mailto:scottcassidy101@gmail.com)

## **Middle School Bathroom Project – Common Questions:**

### ***Will the bathroom renovation still start on time?***

Yes. Parish leaders are finalizing the project and contract details with a contractor approved by the archdiocese. Work will begin when school ends in June and be complete by the start of the next school year in August. The goal is to completely fund the project to sustain our current financial health and ability to respond to future unknown challenges. The plan allows for school to open on schedule in the event the project takes longer than expected.

### ***Why can't we just replace the fixtures (toilets, sinks) and tile in the existing bathrooms?***

The construction planning and site-review process revealed structural deficiencies with the current bathrooms (that are original to the school and over 50 years old). The older building materials contain asbestos. The galvanized plumbing is constricted from decades of buildup and can't deliver water pressure to multiple sinks and water fountains at the same time. The current bathroom footprint is small and makes it impossible to meet the standards of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). There is no way to properly retrofit the existing facilities to meet the current needs of our school and parish. The new scope is the most cost-effective way to provide proper bathroom facilities for the middle school building.

### ***Why do we need to raise an additional \$170,000?***

The original estimates for this project were lower, but new information and material inflation has significantly changed the financial implications of this project. The new project scope requires \$170,000 above our current funds raised. The Parish Finance Council is targeting \$170,000 to cover any unexpected contingencies that may develop over the course of construction. Once these bathrooms are renovated, the future focus will shift to improving the elementary school bathrooms, which are in a similar condition. Any unutilized funding for this project will be held for additional bathroom renovations.

### ***Are there opportunities to reduce the cost of this project?***

Patrick Fitzgerald (Ops Director) and the planning team (including members of the Finance Council and parishioners with backgrounds in engineering, construction, and other relevant experience) have worked closely with the architects and general contractors to identify and implement cost saving opportunities. We are lucky to have the talent in our community to confidently execute these projects. The current project scope is the result of those trade-off discussions and leveraged considerable savings.

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL BATHROOMS *continued...*

### **What will happen to the current bathroom space once this project is complete?**

The current bathrooms may be used until the new facilities are operational. At that time, the fixtures (toilets, sinks, stalls, etc.) will be removed, the lines will be capped off, and the rooms can be used as storage. Long-term, this space can be available for a future strategic project.

### **How can I support this project?**

If you have the ability, we'd appreciate your financial support of any size. You can donate via check or electronically via GiveCentral by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone or by visiting <https://bit.ly/3UrmJHQ>.

All donations will help to reach our goal! If you would like to discuss a focused gift in support of this project, please reach out to

- Patrick Fitzgerald, [operations@olwparish.org](mailto:operations@olwparish.org) or
- Dr. David Wood, [dwood@olwschool.org](mailto:dwood@olwschool.org)



**Thank you for your consideration and support of Our Lady of the Wayside Parish!**

## HOORAY!!! IT'S A WEED PULLING PARTY!

"When in doubt, yank it out!"

our Lady of the Wayside parishioners - young, old, and everyone in between - are cordially invited to help beautify our campus by yanking some unsightly weeds.

WHERE: Meet in front of Church

WHEN: Saturday, May 4th from 7:30 - 9:30 am

WHY: Because we LOVE & are PROUD of our Parish!

LOTS of volunteers working together makes for light work and will have a great impact on how we present our parish to our community.

BRING YOUR FAMILY! BRING YOUR FRIENDS! HECK, BRING YOUR ENEMIES (IF THEY CAN PULL WEEDS)!

Also, bring gardening gloves, weed pulling tools, garbage bags, a water bottle to stay hydrated, and whatever else you think you'll need.



# Our Lady of the Wayside School Presents

# Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID JR

May 10-11, 2024

7pm at Saint Viator High School!



[bit.ly/4aPNj2T](https://bit.ly/4aPNj2T)

Use the QR code to purchase tickets, candy grams, flowers and well wishes for cast members.



From Mother's Day through Father's Day we will collect donations for **The Women's Center** – a pregnancy care center that supports women with counseling and guidance before, during, and after their pregnancies.

**How You Can Help:** Take a baby bottle home following masses the weekend of May 4 & 5 and return it filled with coins, cash, or a check the weekend of June 15 & 16.

Volunteers are needed to distribute bottles at masses the weekend of May 4 & 5. **To register to volunteer, please scan the QR code.**



[bit.ly/3VW9wYr](https://bit.ly/3VW9wYr)

For more information contact Sara Zimmermann at [saramary7@gmail.com](mailto:saramary7@gmail.com) or Kathy Wilk at [kawilk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kawilk@sbcglobal.net).

## REP 2024-2025



Enroll

NOW!



[bit.ly/3VKb0oS](https://bit.ly/3VKb0oS)

Registration Ends  
July 31



## PARISH PICNIC Save the Date!



The Our Lady of the Wayside Parish Picnic will be held on **Saturday, June 8th.**

Stay tuned to OLW communications channels for more information.

## VBS

June 10-14, 2024

9:30am - 11:45am



Grades: Incoming Kindergarteners - 5th Grade

VBS Camper Registration Form:  
<https://forms.gle/nUzxUuT8kBGZ5gCF8>



Middle School and High School volunteer sign up coming in May!

## GET YOUR FOURSOMES TOGETHER DUST OFF THE GOLF CLUBS AND SAVE THE DATE WAYSIDERS!



The **WAYSIDE OPEN** (formerly the Celebrate 70! Golf Outing and Pastor's Masters) will be held at the Old Orchard Country Club on **FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024.**

More information to follow!

In the meantime, if you have any questions contact Bill Cleary at [cleary1103@gmail.com](mailto:cleary1103@gmail.com)



## Bible Study

*In Person & Online / Friday Morning 9:30*



Join us for lively discussion of next Sunday's readings:

Acts 10

1 John 4:7-10

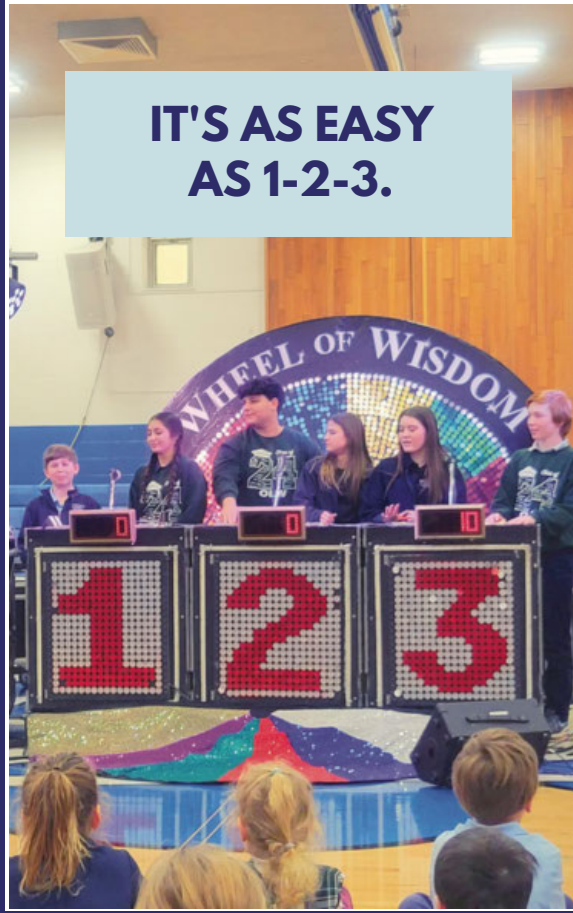
John 15:9-17

Join us in the Cabrini Room of the Parish Center or email [biblestudy@olwparish.org](mailto:biblestudy@olwparish.org) for a sign-in code.

For a sample video, visit: <https://bit.ly/3w3tmXu>



**IT'S AS EASY  
AS 1-2-3.**



## **IMAGINE THE IMPACT TO THE SCHOOL IF MORE PEOPLE INQUIRED ABOUT MATCHING GRANTS!**

- 1** Any donation you make to OLW School - during #GivingTuesday, to Rebek Fund, or a designated or any cash donation - is eligible
- 2** Ask your employer if they have a matching gifts program. We are considered an Educational Institution for K-12 (EIN 36-2275598).
- 3** Contact Danielle Kenney for help via [dkenney@olwschool.org](mailto:dkenney@olwschool.org).

We have received matching gifts from CNA Insurance, CVS Health, Gewalt Hamilton, First Midwest Bancorp, Grainger, Morgan Stanley, Motorola, Nordstrom, Northrop Grumman, Parker Hanifin, Rust-O-Leum, True Value, Tyson Foods, William Blair.

**MANY COMPANIES HAVE SOME  
MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAM.  
DON'T WAIT. ASK TODAY!**

## **BLESSING OF OUR WELCOMING MOTHER STATUE**



Join us on **Sunday, May 12**, following the 9:30 am Mass, as Bishop Jeffrey Grob will bless our new **Welcoming Mother** statue.

We will gather at the newly landscaped Grotto area on Park Street between the Rectory and Church portico entrances.

An honor guard will be provided by the Knights of Columbus.



*Pray with us.*  
**OUTDOOR FAMILY ROSARY**  
**TUESDAYS in MAY @4:00 pm**  
**Mary Grotto on Park Street**

He heals the brokenhearted and binds  
up their wounds.  
Psalms 147:3

## Prayer Service for those who have Lost a Child

~No matter the time since your loss~  
~No matter the circumstances~  
~No matter the age~

You are invited to a special prayer  
service to experience God's comfort.

**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024**

3:00 PM

ST. THERESA CHURCH  
455 N. BENTON, PALATINE

*All Faiths Welcome.*

Sponsored by St. Theresa/St. Thomas  
Respect Life Team

Contact: Maria [marigold1272@yahoo.com](mailto:marigold1272@yahoo.com)



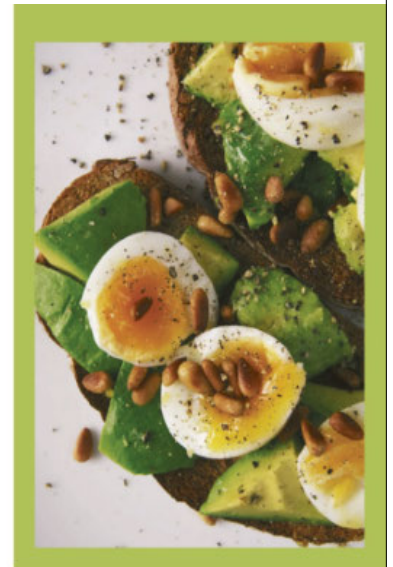
## Break the SUGAR HABIT

Join Health Coach  
Catherine Marsden for  
OLW's 55+ Healthy Eating

*Spring  
Workshop*

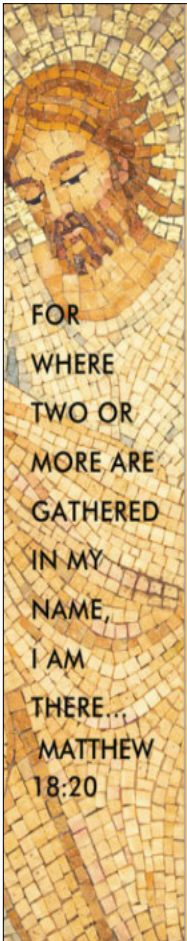
**TUESDAY APRIL 30, 2024  
4:00 PM TO 5:00 PM  
NEUMANN ROOM AT THE  
PARISH CENTER**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: KATHY O'NEILL, RN, BSN AT  
[PARISHNURSE@OLWPARISH.ORG](mailto:PARISHNURSE@OLWPARISH.ORG)



If you're experiencing excess fatigue, joint pain,  
headaches and weight gain, high sugar intake may be to  
blame. Reducing your sugar intake may be the answer to  
helping these conditions.

Join us in this "Break the Sugar Habit" Workshop as we  
explore ways to reduce sugar in our foods, lower stress  
eating and find tasty low-glycemic foods choices.



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MATTHEW  
18:20

### Meeting Mental Health With Grace *A mental health ministry for Our Lady of the Wayside, St. Edna, and St. James*

Please join us...  
**Grace Prayer Circle**

A monthly prayer service featuring music,  
scripture, reflection and prayer on the 1st  
Wednesday of each month to pray for those  
living with mental health concerns and their  
loved ones.

Prayer requests can be submitted to the  
multi-parish ministry via  
voicemail: 847-253-5390  
email: [mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org](mailto:mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org)

All are welcome to join us as we pray:  
**Wednesday, May 1st from 7:00 - 7:30 pm**  
St. James School Chapel

***Won't you join us?***

Find resources and support materials on our  
**[Mental Health Ministry webpage at  
bit.ly/olwmentalhealth](https://bit.ly/olwmentalhealth)**

# LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Join us for  
**A Panel Discussion  
on Teen Anxiety  
and Depression**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**St. Viator Querbes Hall: 1213 E. Oakton St.**  
**Arlington Hts., IL 60004**

Presented by the Grace Mental Health Ministry of St. James,  
St. Edna, and Our Lady of Wayside Parishes in collaboration  
with St. Viator High School and Compass Health Center.



[stjamesah.org/panel-discussion/](https://stjamesah.org/panel-discussion/)



**KATHY O'NEILL, R.N.** 

**COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL HEALTHCARE**

## Is It Time to Hand Over the Car Keys?

You may know that stress is natural, and everyone experiences it to some degree. But you may not know what you can do. As a loved one gets older and their driving skills start to decline, it may be time for them to get out from behind the wheel. It's often a difficult conversation to have since it's a loss of the senior's independence. They may have been driving all their life, it defines them, or they just love cars. At the end of the day, you want what is best for them and that includes keeping them safe.

I recommend starting the conversation early. If you notice any warning signs that a person's driving abilities are impaired, it's best to bring them up to avoid a tragic circumstance. Those signs include:

- Frequent motor vehicle accidents
- Forgetting how to locate familiar places
- Failing to observe traffic signs
- Making slow or poor decisions in traffic
- Driving at an inappropriate speed
- Becoming angry or confused while driving
- Hitting curbs
- Using poor lane control
- Making errors at intersections
- Confusing the brake and gas pedals
- Returning from a routine drive later than usual
- Forgetting their destination during the drive



During the discussion, show empathy, provide alternatives and be there for them. Stress on their positives and strengths.

Once they are aware of your concern, they can discuss the signs you noticed with their primary care doctor who can treat any underlying conditions. They may even refer them to an occupational therapist who can perform a driver assessment and provide recommendations.

Some people start by limiting their driving to daytime and limiting their drive to destinations within the area. This may work for some, but this is a sign that further professional evaluation is needed.

### **Impaired driving isn't just for seniors**

We are made to believe that only seniors lose their driving skills, but aging alone does not put a person at risk for unsafe driving. There are several factors to consider that may affect driving ability including:

- Vision
- Hearing
- Cognition
- Medical conditions, for example epilepsy or sleep disorders
- Dexterity, or the ability to move hands and fingers
- Functional deficits, or the inability to complete daily tasks
- Certain medications, especially ones that make you drowsy
- Substance abuse

Holding everyone accountable for their role in recognizing and addressing driving impairment can help keep people safe on the roads.

*Article contributed by Dr. Ariba Khan, geriatric medicine physician at Aurora Health Care.*



28 April 2024

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Doctor of the Church

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Doctor, from the Latin *docere*, meaning “to teach”; an eminent teacher of the faith, canonized and recognized as such by the pope or church council. Originally eight in number, four were chosen from the Eastern Church and four from the West. To date there are 37 **church doctors**, including four women.

*Pronunciation:* <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-Doctor-of-the-Church>

### CONTEXT

The **doctors of the church** were apostles of the pen.  
—*Homiletics & Pastoral Review*

**Doctor of the church** ... is an honorific reserved for those recognized as superlative sources of great wisdom and holiness.  
—*James Keene in America*

In theological discussion, particular respect is paid to the writings and opinions of those designated **doctors of the church**, because they are deemed to represent the Tradition in a noteworthy degree.  
—*Monika K. Hellwig*

### WHY IT MATTERS

Sometimes in the moral life you need an umpire who has the authority to call it fair or foul. **Doctors of the church** have proven that their careful perspective on matters of faith can be trusted, particularly by their witness of holiness and dedication to learning.

From the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website: "To be declared a **Doctor of the Church** does not imply that all their writings are free from error but rather that the whole body of their work, taken together serves to advance the cause of Christ and his Church."

### RELATED WORDS

Holiness | Church fathers | Saints | Magisterium

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### Who are the doctors of the church?

**Doctors of the church** are always canonized saints, defined by three criteria: eminent learning, a high degree of sanctity, and proclamation by a pope or council. Their naming isn't an infallible decision and doesn't presume their writings are free from error. A doctor's primary significance is as Confessor of the faith. That is why martyrs, such as Ignatius and Cyprian, were originally excluded. Irenaeus of Lyon was added in 2022, however, so doctor-martyrs are now a possibility.

Currently, there are 37 **doctors of the church**, with 17 being from religious orders: Five Benedictines; three each of Carmelites, Dominicans, and Franciscans; two Jesuits; and one Redemptorist. Each doctor reveals an avenue of grace through unique achievements in such areas as apologetics, homiletics, history, education, science, art, music, poetry, catechesis, mysticism, morality, and spirituality.

—*Alice Camille, from Questions Catholics Ask* <http://tinyurl.com/QCA-Doctor-of-the-Church>

## REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH (APRIL 29)

### Follow the doctor's advice

Catherine of Siena transcended the narrow roles to which Medieval laypeople—and women in particular—were subject. She gave wise counsel to popes, negotiated settlements, kept a continuous correspondence with her followers throughout Italy, and composed *The Dialogue*, an account of her conversation with God, which is widely considered a masterpiece of spiritual literature and contributed to her being named a **doctor of the church**. Amazingly she accomplished all this despite being almost completely illiterate! How? She dictated everything.

READINGS: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/042924.cfm>). "*The Advocate, the Holy Spirit . . . will teach you everything.*"

### FAITH IN ACTION

Each one of us has shortcomings. Today, before you feel defeated by a limitation, heed Catherine's advice: "Don't look at your weaknesses. Realize instead that in Christ crucified you can do everything."

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY:

**5:00 pm Saturday, May 4, 2024**

Presider: Father Gilbert Mashurano

**7:30 am Sunday, May 5, 2024**

Presider: Father Gilbert Mashurano

**9:30 am Sunday, May 5, 2024**

Presider: Father Arthur Marat

**11:30 am Sunday, May 5, 2024**

Presider: Father Gilbert Mashurano

**6:00 pm Sunday, May 5, 2024**

Presider: Father Arthur Marat

## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

**April 28, 2024**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "**He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit**" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi



## SACRED LITURGY:

**Monday, April 29, 2024**

8:30 am – Robert J. Epifano, Lorraine Lysiak

**Tuesday, April 30, 2024**

8:30 am – Cecilia Boehm, Joseph Waterloo

6:00 pm – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

**Thursday, May 2, 2024**

8:30 am – David Blazek

**Friday, May 3, 2024**

8:30 am – Sarah Sheridan-Mintey

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

8:30 am – Eleanor Breitfuss

5:00 pm – Lou Panarale, Herb Lorenz, Jean Santangelo,

JoLynne Hannay, Elvino & Josephine Battelli

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

7:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

9:30 am – Eunice Dohra, Betty Crosson, Pat Anderson,  
Connie Ryan, Art Utech

11:30 am – Dolores Baechle, Melvin Rotor, Thomas Kraft,  
Kurt Schuldt

6:00 pm – For the Living & Deceased Members of Our  
Lady of the Wayside

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

**Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/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 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

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

**Friday:** 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:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



### Pray for the Sick

*Gloria White Bonomo, Bill Brewer, Susan Cardinale, Marie DeSanto, Donna Hames, Theresa Hansen, Baby Dominic Leoni, Valerie Lund, Mary Mader, Delores McCloy, Patricia Murray, Frances Pitzer, Marianne Saas, Fr. John Topper, Nick Tsikretsis*



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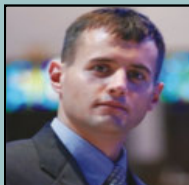
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