

St. Richard Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

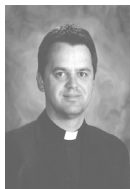
MAY 3, 2015

**I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me
and I in them
will bear much fruit,
because without me
you can do nothing.**

— John 15:5 —



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This weekend of the Fifth Sunday of Easter, we are wondering why does Jesus in the gospel speak of himself as the *true vine*? The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as "*the vineyard of the Lord*" (Isaiah 5:7). Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel "*as his choice vine*" (Jeremiah 2:21). When Jesus calls himself the *true vine* he makes clear that no one can claim their spiritual inheritance through association with a particular people or bloodline.

Rather, it is only through Jesus Christ that one can become grafted into the true "vineyard of the Lord".

Jesus offers true life - the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vinedresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches - those which bear fruit and those which don't. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him - the fruit of "*righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit*" (Romans 14:17).

There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us.

Congratulations to our second grade students who this weekend received Holy Communion for the first time. Please pray for them and for their parents and guardians that they continue to receive Jesus into their hearts very often, so they become more like Him.

I want to thank all of you who participated in our meeting of the To Teach Who Christ Is campaign. It was a very good and fruitful evening last Monday. May God reward you for all your pledges into the campaign and for all you do to make this parish even greater.

This Sunday I will be leaving for Poland to visit my family and participate in my nephew's First Holy Communion. I will be gone for 10 days, so please say a prayer for me. Fr. Tom McQuaid, Monsignor John Canary and Fr. Jan Wachala will be here with you while I am gone. I am so grateful for their help, so I can go and spend some time with my family back in Poland.

I will see you on the weekend of May 16 & 17.

God Bless you all!

Fr. Kris



W Ewangelii na dzisiejszą V Niedzielę Wielkanocy, Jezus określa Siebie mianem „prawdziwej winnicy”. Ziemię izraelską od dawna pokrywały winnice; nie zatem dziwnego, iż dla Żydów roślina ta ma głębokie znaczenie symboliczno-religijne. Prorok Izajasz nazwał Lud Izraela „winnicą Pana Zastępów” (Księga Izajasza 5:7). Prorok Jeremiasz wspomina z kolei, iż Bóg zasadził Izrael „jako szlachetną latorośl winną” (Księga Jeremiasza 2:21). Nazywając siebie „prawdziwą winnicą”, Syn Boży stanowczo podkreśla, że sama przynależność do konkretnego ludu lub rodu nie wystarczy, aby objąć przeznaczone nam dziedzictwo. Wstęp do prawdziwej „winnicy Pańskiej” możemy uzyskać jedynie poprzez Jezusa Chrystusa.

Mesjasz oferuje nam prawdziwe życie – to, które pochodzi od Boga i wydaje obfite owoce. Zanim winorośl wyda dobry owoc, plantator musi ją najpierw odpowiednio przyciąć. Winorośl posiada dwa rodzaje gałęzi – takie, które wydają owoce i takie bez owoców. Ten drugi rodzaj gałęzi trzeba delikatnie obciąć, aby winorośl mogła wydać jak najlepsze owoce. Właśnie takie owoce: „sprawiedliwość, pokój i radość w Duchu Świętym” (List do Rzymian 14:17) rodzą ci, którzy podążają za Chrystusem.

Owa opowieść o winorośli zawiera prostą prawdę – każdy z nas jest taką rośliną, która albo wydaje owoce, albo nie. Winorośl wymaga dokładnej pielęgnacji, jeśli ma wydać doskonałe owoce. Pan Jezus nas oczyści, jeśli tylko będziemy Mu wierni. Dzięki temu wydamy wspaniałe owoce.

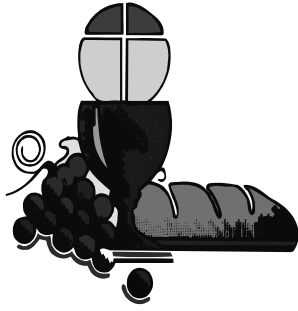
Serdeczne gratulacje dla wszystkich naszych drugoklasistów, którzy w ten weekend przystąpili do swojej I Komunii Świętej. Pamiętajcie w modlitwie o nich oraz ich rodzicach, aby te dzieci jak najczęściej przyjmowały Jezusa do swoich serc i wzrastały w miłości do Niego.

Bóg Zapłać wszystkim tym, którzy w miniony poniedziałek wzięli udział w nadzwyczaj udanym zebraniu dotyczącym archidiecezjalnej kampanii: „Nauczać kim jest Chrystus”. Dziękuję wszystkim tym, którzy już złożyli darowizny i którzy zaangażowali się w tę kampanię. Dziękuję za to, co robicie, aby uczynić tę parafię jeszcze wspanialszym miejscem.

Dzisiaj wylatuję do Polski. Chcę zobaczyć się z rodziną i wziąć udział w I Komunii mojego siostrzeńca. Proszę, pomódlcie się za mnie. Nie będzie mnie 10 dni. W tym czasie, zastąpią mnie tutaj ksiądz Tom McQuaid, Monsignor John Canary oraz ksiądz Jan Wachala. Bardzo im dziękuję za pomoc i wsparcie; dzięki temu mogę spokojnie spędzić trochę czasu z bliskimi w Polsce. Wracam w weekend 16 i 17 maja.

Szczęść Boże!

Ksiądz Krzysztof



*First
Communion
Class
2015*

*Estrella Aguilar
Nayeli Aldana
Christian Alonzo
Sixto Ambriz
Jaden Arroyo
Elijah Ayala
Ava Beamon
Richard Botello
Andre Brown
Samya Brown
Marco Carrasco
Elijah Castillo
Cassandra Centeno
Leilani Contreras
Angel DeLaCruz
Adan Delgado
Mason Fernandez
Angelina Flores
Julian Flores
Julian Fuentes
Hayden Goldstein
Jisele Gonzales
Lilyana Gonzales
Alexander Hernandez*

*Gustavo Hernandez
Kacper Iskrzycki
Valeria Langley
Alina Magallon
Pablo Martinez
Issiah Morales/Chavez
Leonardo Munoz
Eduardo Nevarez
Ethan Ortega
Giselle Ortega
Fiona Ramirez
Jasmin Rivera
Jayden Rodriguez
Joel Roman
Raymond Saleski
Genesis Santiago
Diego Segura
Javier Serrano
Leilani Sierra
Linda Telavera
Jozef Torres
Kaylee Valdez
Kevin Valdez
Viviana Vallecillo
Jessica Velez
Michael Vieni
Fernanda Vilchis
Gianna Wilson
Maximus Yopez*

Congratulations !!

AROUND THE PARISH



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

God of love, ever caring, ever strong, stand by us in our time of need.

Watch over (name) who is sick and grant him/her your healing and peace. Amen.

Joseph Adamek
Jose Francisco Aguilera
Jeff Alter
Cora Ambriz
Diane Barahona
Salvador Beltran
Shanen Beltran
Patricia Burke
Joan Cada
Jesse Elizondo
Maria Elizondo
John Fitzgerald
Katie Frederick
Mary Gessert
Ronald Getches
Rudy Gonzalez
Pearl Goworowski
Sophie Gumber
Wilma Gumber
Terry Glyda
Bernice Jedrysiak
Stella Jeziorny
Helen Kacprowski
Hank Kaluzny
Pat King

Charlene Kowalczyk
Shirl Kucik
Pat Kujuwa
Marcy Leno
Ann Marcis
Steve Marfise
Frank Matusewick
Josephine May
Rosalie O'Sullivan
Dorothy Pach
Pattie Pawlowski
Julia Plude
Cathy Pilny
Florence Rybski
Diane Sal
Hector Salazar
Vince Samaska
Frank Skowron
Helen Slomiany
Jennifer Smith
Dolores Sulima
Jerry Suski
Charlotte Wentla
Helen Wolniak
Marilynn Wolski
Joanna Zieba

To add or delete a name from this list please contact the parish office at 773-585-1221. Also if you would like someone to visit you in the hospital or your home, please call the parish office.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ALL OF OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY ESPECIALLY:

Sgt. Daniel Frost - U.S. Army
Armando Murillo - U.S. Marines - Iraq
Edmundo Erestain - U.S. Navy
Raul Madrigal, Jr., Special Forces - U.S. Navy
Pfc. Armando J. Rios - III National Guard - Iraq
Radek Mazur - III National Guard - Afghanistan
George Harlan - U.S. Air Force
Juan Carlos Mendoza - U.S. Air Force
Angela A. Cervantes - U.S. Navy
Chelsea Botello - U. S. Army



SCHOOL NEWS GET BEHIND THE VEST CAMPAIGN

St. Richard School is participating in the **Get Behind the Vest** campaign for the Chicago Police Department. The goal of this campaign, sponsored by the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation (CPMF),

is to raise \$4 million dollars to help replace 8,000 bulletproof vests. Chicago Police officers are provided with one vest when they join the department. After that, they are responsible for purchasing replacement vests. Bulletproof vests need to be replaced every five years or as soon as they come in contact with a bullet. The cost of a new vest starts at \$500.

St. Richard School feels very passionate about this campaign because police officers work hard to keep all of us safe and protected. Now it is our turn to help and protect them.

St. Richard Student Council is hosting a *Get Behind the Vest* Blue Out and Ice Cream Fundraiser. On May 5th, Students will dress in all blue and purchase ice cream snacks during lunch. All proceeds will be given to the CPMF *Get Behind the Vests* Campaign.

If anyone is interested in contributing to our fundraiser, please send donations to the school or parish office marked *Get Behind the Vest* Fundraiser. St. Richard School is looking to raise \$1,000. Lets work together to achieve this goal.



"21 DAYS TIL SUMMER" RAFFLE IS BACK

St. Richard CCW is sponsoring a "21 DAYS TIL SUMMER" Raffle, which will begin on June 1st and ends June 21st, when summer begins.

You can win \$50, \$100, \$150 or the Grand Prize of \$500. Tickets are \$20 each and odds of winning are 1 in 500. All tickets drawn from June 1st to June 20th will be deposited back into the barrel for the Grand Prize drawing of \$500 on June 21st.

Monday, June 1st	\$250
Each Weekday June 2nd-19th	\$ 50
Saturday, June 6th, 13th & 20th	\$100
Sunday, June 7th & 14th	\$150
Sunday, June 21st (Father's Day)	\$500

Tickets can be purchased at the parish office or by contacting Sharon 773-890-5813, no later than May 31st to be included in the daily drawings.

These can be gifts for Birthdays, Graduation, Mother's Day, Father's Day, or just for the fun of it.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

This year we will **NOT** be distributing Mother's Day envelopes. However, we will be placing a Mother's Day Book in Church for the purpose of individuals to write the names of their loved ones.

This Book is intended for mothers and for all those who may symbolize a mother to you, including friends, teachers and neighbors, whether they are living or deceased. We invite you to join us on this Mother's Day by writing in the name (s) of your loved one on the line (s) of the Mother's Day Book and by attending Mass and possibly praying a Rosary.

The entire parish will pray for your loved ones/prayer intention (s) in the Mother's Day Book during daily mass.

A box will be placed by the Book for you to deposit your donation for the Novena.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE TRUCK - THANKS!!!

A huge heart-filled thanks to everyone who helped fill the St. Vincent De Paul trailer this past weekend by sharing/parting with their 'treasures' and participating in our St. Vincent De Paul Bundle Weekend collection. This is what it means to be "Eucharist" to your neighbor...truly you are living the Gospel.

These items will not only help the community but also reflect the most generous and giving spirit of the parishioners of St. Richard. Every space of the truck was filled and people were asking when the truck was coming back. One parishioner even carried a huge black bag full of clothes on her back for 5 blocks to bring to the truck....truly love has no bounds!!
(I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philipians 4:13)

Thank you once again for all your hard work and support! May God bless you. Hats off to you!



COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, May 6th from 2-4pm in the Parish Office conference room. "Mary, A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother" is the topic of the study - this will be an 8-week program meeting once a week.

If you would still like to register please call the office at 773-585-1221.



ST. RICHARD CCW MONTHLY MEETING

Mary, Queen of the Rosary - Happy Mother's Day is the theme of the May CCW monthly meeting which will be held this **Thursday, May 7th at 1:00 pm** in the church hall.

Chairperson Barbara Dziennik and the ladies of Guild 3 will be hosting the meeting serving us a light lunch which will be followed by an "Afternoon Social" of cards, Bunco and other favorite games you may wish to share.

Crowning Blessed Mother will be part of our celebration and we will be surrounded by flowers as usual in our celebration of May...so come out and socialize, bring a friend along, relax and enjoy a snack or two...we look forward to seeing all our members.

New members are always welcome!



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Sunday, Aug. 30th**, at 2:45pm, at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State St., Chicago.

Couples married in **1965** interested in attending this celebration should contact their parish to register.

For further information, call the Marriage and Family Ministries Office at 312-534-8351 or visit the website: www.marriageandfamilyministries.org



SUPER BINGO RAFFLE

The next Super Bingo Raffle will be held on **Saturday, May 9th**, in the church hall. Doors open at 5:30pm and games begin at 6:30pm. Advance tickets, \$20, can be purchased at the parish office, or \$25 at the door. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

Infant Baptisms

All arrangements should be made at least one month in advance by calling the Parish Office. Baptisms take place normally on the 1st (English) & 2nd (Polish) Sundays of the month. In preparation of the child's baptism, parents must attend a mandatory Parent Preparation Session which both parents must attend. These preparation sessions are held once a month. Families must be registered parishioners of the parish for at least six months prior to the baptism.

Weddings

Weddings are celebrated at 1:00PM and 2:30PM on Saturday afternoons. No arrangements should be made before first meeting with the parish priest. Arrangements should be made by calling the Parish Office for an appointment with one of the priests. According to Archdiocesan policy, arrangements are begun at least six months in advance.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

We ask that you please help us remain informed about parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound or in a nursing home.

Our Ministers of Care will gladly bring Communion to anyone who is sick or homebound at a time that is convenient for you. If you would like to receive Communion at home, please call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements.

Religious Education Program/C.C.D.

Our Religious Education/C.C.D. Program enhances and supports the Christian values taught and lived within the family. We provide formal religious education and sacramental preparation classes for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Saint Richard School

Saint Richard School is a vital Catholic School which provides an excellent Catholic education for the children of the community.

St. Richard School is an integral part of our parish community. We provide an environment for 3 year old preschool through grade 8 that encourages

each child to learn to the best of his or her ability. We are committed to educating the whole person - through an excellent academic curriculum and the practice and teaching of Christian values. The education of the children is also done in conjunction with parents, who are the primary educators of their children.

Saint Richard School also offers a before and after school program from 6:30AM until 6PM. to meet the needs of working parents. For more information about our school, please call the school office at 773-582-8083.

The Rite of Christian Initiation-Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process by which those who are not baptized, those who are baptized into a Christian tradition other than Roman Catholic, and those Catholic who were baptized as infants but have not celebrated either Confirmation or First Eucharist are invited to complete their adult Christian initiation. The program begins in September and runs through April. The RCIA is an engaging, dynamic, respectful, challenging and enjoyable journey. If you are interested in registering for this program, or if you know someone who is interested in this program please call the Parish Office at (773) 585-1221.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:15PM or by appointment whenever desired. Contact the Parish Office.

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Richard's Parish. Moving into a new parish, like anything new, is always a little uncertain. If you have been seeking a parish community in which to learn, to pray, to join in social activity and to be of service to others, our doors and hearts are open. We are thankful that God has sent you to us, and we welcome you to our parish family of faith.

To become a registered member of our parish family we ask that you please come to the Parish Office to register. Registration can also be taken over the phone if that would be more convenient. Please call the Parish Office at 773-585-1221.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Krzysztof (Kris) Janczak, *Pastor*
Larry Chyba, *Deacon*
Sr. Mary Francine Lagocki, *CSSF*
Pastoral Minister
Mrs. Mary Kathryn Warco, *Principal*
Robert Neal, *Music Director*
Sister Eunice Olbrantz, *CSSF*
Director of Catechesis
Kim Osowiec, *Business Manager*
Sharon Skala, *Bulletin Editor*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY at 4:30 PM (English)

SUNDAY

**6:45, 9:30 & 11:00AM (English),
8:00 AM (Polish)**

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

8AM in English - Monday - Saturday

Weekday Mass is celebrated in the Chapel
located off the Kostner Avenue Lobby

PARISH OFFICE:

5030 S. Kostner Ave
773-585-1221— Fax 773-585-4959
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday. 9AM-8PM
Saturday 9AM-3:30PM

SCHOOL

5025 S. Kenneth Avenue
773-582-8083
strichard.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

773-582-8083x23

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

773-582-8083x22

Mass Intentions for the Week of May 4th - May 10th

Monday, May 4, 2015
 8:00 AM † Joseph Turrise (Tom Baliga)
Tuesday, May 5, 2015
 8:00 AM - W.I.ntenci Bogu Wladomej
Wednesday, May 6, 2015
 8:00 AM † John Adams (Daughter)
Thursday, May 7, 2015
 8:00 AM † Frank Dzielak (Rich & Winnie Sinnott)
 8:30 AM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN CHAPEL**
 7:00 PM **BENEDICTION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Friday, May 8, 2015
 8:00 AM † Jan Marion Borowy
Saturday, May 9, 2015
 8:00 AM † Alicia Chavez
 4:30 PM † Sophie Lisowski - In Loving Memory (Family)

Sunday, May 10, 2015
 6:45 AM *The Mass Intentions on Mother's Day are*
 8:00 AM *for all Mothers, both Living & Deceased*
 9:30 AM *and for all Mothers enrolled*
 11:00 AM *in our Mother's Day Novena*



Liturgical Ministers for May 9th - May 10th

4:30PM	M. Ladd	Fr. John Canary	C. Zarach, S. Rademacher, T. Poineau, T. Kash, S. Moy	T. Glyda	Angela M., Natalia T., Cristina G.
6:45AM	J. Dellorfanello	Fr. John Canary	L. Kaluzny, F. Gatan, L. Quevedo, B. Mrozek, E. Sauleiko	D. Gonzalez	Vanessa P., Tadhg K., Mairead Kennedy
8:00AM		Fr. Jan Wachala	K. Macias, A. Bobak		
9:30AM	A. Cervantes	Fr. Tom McQuaid	M. Dusza, G. Rybakowski, L. Martinez, M. Escobar, C. Trujillo, B. Headtk	R. Ordzowialy	Emiliano M., Joey C., William Cambria
11:00AM	K. Duddleston	Fr. Tom McQuaid	G. Burke, J. Adamek, B. Dziennik, M. Chyba, L. Bejar, W. Kucik	V. Munoz	Kamil C., Erik Vargas

Tabernacle Lamps



In Loving Memory of Frank (Diana)
In Loving Memory of Lucille Skowron
(Frank, Frank, Jr., Dan)
In Loving Memory of Joan Mancari (Fred)
In Loving Memory of Bernice Vescovi (George)
God's Healing Love on Pat Burke
(Burke, Pratl & Valkenburg Families)
In Loving Memory of Mark Minonne
(Minonne Family)
In Loving Memory of Cardinal Francis George
(Roxanne Ordzowialy)
In Loving Memory of Francis Cardinal George

(Angelita & Family)
May You Always Remember the Importance of this Day as
You Receive Christ Into Your Life - Congratulations
(The Vilchis Family)
Congratulations Fernanda Sophia on Your First Holy
Communion. May God's Love and Blessings Be With You
Today and Remain With You Always (Mom & Dad)
Fernanda Sophia, Happy First Holy Communion!
God Bless You Always. We Love You Very Much!!
(Mama Lety & Papa Chano)

Sharing of our Time, Talents and Treasure

5th Sunday of Easter

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

Do you "walk the talk?" Does your action reflect what you say? If not, spend time every day in prayer, give some of your talent to help one of your parish's ministries and give some of your money to support the work of the Church.

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Actual Sunday Gifts—Envelopes	\$ 5,467.00
Loose	\$ 802.86
Children	\$ 21.00
Total	\$ 6,290.86

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