Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, May 4th
8:00 AM...Mass..For the People of St John Parish
10:30 AM...Mass..Fr Howard Murray
by Bill & Liz Kearney

Monday, May 5th
No Mass

Tuesday, May 6th
No Mass

Wednesday, May 7th
Noon.....Mass....Bonnie Nugent *by James*

Thursday, May 8th
9 AM... Mass....Special Intention
7PM....KC Mtg

Friday, May 9th
9 AM...Mass....Andrew Jaskiw *by Pete*

Saturday, May 10th
3:30 PM...Confessions
4:30 PM...Mass...Adel Vafiadis
by Bernard & Katie Konkle

Sunday, May 11th Mother's Day
8:00 AM...Mass..Mr & Mrs Thayron Stephenson
by Bill & Liz Kearney
10:30 AM...Mass..Deceased Members of the
Altar Rosary Society

Note: We will have a reception for Fr. Gordon Greene after the Masses May 3rd and 4th. In addition, we will have an Open House for Father on Sunday, May 4th from 2 - 5 pm in the Family Center Multi-Purpose Room. Come & wish him well!

The Sponsor of the week is Gordon Martin Builders, Ins

Please Pray For: Marge Bommarito, June Carver, Sharon Bommarito, Cris Solis, Jr; Margaret Richardson, Pilar Rivera, Edna Sheldon, Virginia Karmalski, Irene Campbell, Kathy Matson, John Owdziej, Liz Wilson, Lee Worden, Marian Koledo, Eusebio Solis, Sr, Lucille Lerma, Jerry Sacharski

Liturgy Team Two

Saturday, May 10th 4:30 PM
Commentator: Bob Kochinski
Lector: Nikki Kochinski
EM: Chris Calvert, Dave & Jenny Nearnberg
Altar Servers: Megan & Sarah Carr
Ushers: Bill Zenoniani, Sr; Steve Zenoniani

Sunday, May 11th 8:00 AM
Commentator: Dave Farley
Lector: Sue Farley
EM: Sue Harden, Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Server: Caroline Dobbins
Ushers: Steve Konkol, Lester Stark

Sunday, May 11th 10:30 AM
Commentator: Sally Jackson
Lector: Aimee Fedore
EM: Kathy Matson, Martin & Shelagh Holmes
Altar Server: Carl Weiskittel, Alicia Botello
Ushers: Tom Hickey, Bill Blight

Our Return to God Of His Gifts to Us
April 26 & 27

Adult & Loose	$3,798.05
Children	$20.00
Parish Development	$65.00

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

As I continue what I began in Lent, I now do this with another dimension added to the equation. As you remember we began to unclutter our lives, making more room for Jesus. I have been continuing the process. Now with my up coming move to Watervliet, it has also become a trip down memory lane as well and to some degree this is happening as I sort, pitch, and save. It is amazing what you can accumulate over ten and a half years. Sometime I have asked myself why did you even keep that?

As I reflect back to when I first arrived here at Saint John's, we began a long range planning process. We did an assessment of the physical plant, we assessed the spiritual life, we began to plan, looking at our mission for the parish and putting all things in context of that mission. Over the years the plan has served us well. Five years ago we revised the plan and just last year we updated it again. We have achieved many things over the life of the plan. Some are on going meaning that they are just as true today as when we first penned the plan. Some have grown in scope and some pieces have been added to the plan. Presently, we are working on the upgrade of the family center buildingt. When these three projects are completed, two have already been approved by the Diocese and one has been submitted for approval, we will be ready to move onto the next phase being the hiring of a director for the Day Care program and funding the program through grants, State dollars, and parish subsidy and fees for services provided in the program. We have been working with the Department of Human Services, Department of Health, Department of Education and the State Fire Marshall's office to cover all code requirements. A great need exists in the community for another child care provider. While filling this gap we also serve our families, as well. We also follow our plan.

Another area of need is for a Saint Vincent De Paul Society. At one point in the history of our parish we had a very active Saint Vincent De Paul Society. To my knowledge Hank Pasket is the last living member of that group. The organization would work hand in hand with Albion Interfaith Ministries and provide a spiritual base for its work. As I prepare to leave and as Fr. Carl comes in, things will be in place for your new Pastor to pick-up and carry on what we have begun. Remembering "Together we Achieve More."

Blessings in the coming week.

Fr. Gordon

Knights of Columbus News

The **Knights of Columbus** are selling Raffle Tickets...1st prize $300 for groceries, 2nd & 3rd prizes $100 for groceries; drawing will be held May 8th at the KC Hall; cost - $1 ea or 6 for $5. Please return all tickets and/or money.

Knights will be golfing Monday nights at Tomac Woods. The League will start May 5th. If you would like to join the Golf League, please contact Carl Weiskittel (517) 629-6705.

Right to Life

Roses for Mother's Day will be available after all the Masses next week.

Membership Campaign is underway. It is through building a strong and viable membership at the local level that we can best be a voice for the value of all Human Life. **Renew** your Membership ($15.00) or join if you are not already a member.

We remember Mother's with a signature ad in the local ad-visor. Ad your name to this publication and give witness to the gift of life that mother's give to us. A small donation is welcome to defray the cost of the ad.

Family Perspective

Parents should read today's gospel as: "Make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am with you always." Parents are appointed by Jesus to represent Him to their family.