



Der Löwe und der Pfeil



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Announcements

May 2, during the 9 a.m. Holy Mass, First Holy Communion and May Crowning will be held.

The CDA will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, 11 May. Holy Mass that day will be at 6:30 a.m., so the meeting will start at 6 p.m. in the Saint Benedict Room. Members are also reminded to wear their badges while attending CDA events or Mass.

The CDA Officers would like to thank all the members who attended the 44th Anniversary Brunch. It was a great success, and all the food that was brought by our members was delicious. To everyone who helped decorate and manage the brunch, thank you. A special thank you to all the charter members who were in attendance. The officers hope to see even more members attending next year at the 45th Anniversary Celebration.



Monthly Saint

Every month the newsletter will feature a Saint or Religious Figure. Many times, a prayer or novena will be featured. For May we feature Saint Isidore, Patron Saint of farmers.

Saint Isidore was born at Madrid, Spain and farming was to be his labor, working for the same landowner his whole life. While he walked the fields, plowing, planting, and harvesting, he also prayed. As a hardworking man, Saint Isidore had three great loves: Almighty God, his family, and the soil of the earth. He and his wife Saint Maria, who is also honored as a Saint, proved to all their neighbors that poverty, hard work, and sorrow (their only child died as little boy) cannot destroy human happiness if we accept them with faith and in union with Christ. Saint Isidore understood clearly that, without soil, the human race cannot exist too long. The insight may explain why he always had such a reverent attitude toward his work as a farmer.

Saints Isidore and Maria were known for their love of the poor. Often, they brought food to poor and the hungry and prayed with them. During his lifetime, Saint Isidore had the gift of miracles. If he was late for work because he went to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, an Angel was seen plowing for him. More than once he fed hungry people with food that seemed to multiply miraculously. He died after a peaceful life of hard labor and charity.

Saint Isidore's goodness continued. In 1211, he helped the King of Castile in Spain during a war. He appeared to the king and showed him a path by which the king surprised and defeated the enemy. In the 1600s when Philip the King of Spain was near death, people processed to his room, carrying Saint Isidore's incorrupt body. By the time they reached the room, the king had recovered.

Today Saint Isidore is honored in Spain as one of the country's greatest Saints. He is also honored especially in the rural United States of America. Not surprisingly, he is the Patron Saint of farmers and of Madrid, the capital of Spain.



Prayer

O God, through the intercession of Saint Isidore, the holy farmer, grant that we may overcome all semblances of pride. May we always serve Thee with that humility which pleases Thee. We humbly ask this through his merits and example. Amen.

Saint Isidore, pray for us.

Events and Holy Days

Any events going on in Roberts Cove and in Branch during the month of the newsletter will be featured in this space. If you wish to have an event for the month listed, then please send all the information to ampdupuis@yahoo.com by the third Sunday of the month before the event is scheduled to take place.

May 1 – Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker

May 2 – May Crowning and First Holy Communion

During 9 a.m. Holy Mass

May 5 – Cinco de Mayo

May 9 – Mothers' Day

Happy Mothers' Day

May 10-12 – Rogation Days

May 11 – CDA Mass and Meeting

May 13 – The Ascension of the Lord

May 23 – Pentecost Sunday

May 30 – The Most Holy Trinity

May 31 – Memorial Day



May's flowers are Lily of the Valley and Common Hawthorn.



The birthstone of May is Emerald. The Emerald is a symbol of rebirth, and it is believed to grant the owner foresight, good fortune and youth.

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Mary Olinger's minutes in 1972 indicate that each Sodalist was to bring "2 dozen dyed eggs and the food" to the hall at 9 a.m. on Easter Monday. The officers were responsible for hiding the eggs and "buying the prizes and presents for Fr. Rez and Clara." The hunt would begin at 2 p.m. on Monday and "anyone caught cheating will be disqualified." Children between 2 years and the 4th grade were eligible to hunt. The hunt remained the same in 1973.

There is no reference in the minutes of 1974-1978 to an Easter Egg Hunt, though presumably the hunt was held. In 1979 the hunt took place at 3 p.m. and Sodalists were to provide one dozen eggs each. By 1981 the time changed back to 2 p.m. (at which time the hunt remained for decades) and Sodalists were to bring one dozen eggs each. In 1989 the use of plastic eggs was instituted and continues still today, with the eggs being reused each year. Each Sodalist was instructed to bring one dozen plastic eggs and officers would start hiding at 10 a.m. for the 1 p.m. hunt.

There are no minutes for 1990-1994, but I recall that the hunt was canceled in 1993 due to a forecast of rain. The rain did not occur and children were very disappointed. This is the only known time in Sodality history (aside from 2020) that a hunt was canceled. About 1995 the custom of the prefect signing one Easter egg began. There is a lapse in Sodality minutes until 2001 when the hunt was noted to be a "success" with a "big turn-out."

Secretary Clair Reynolds recorded in 2003 that children ages 3-5 would search for 99 eggs in the area "out the back door to the hall" and ages 6 through 4th grade would hunt the area that "stretched from the left side of the sidewalk to the chapel and treeline." After the hunt, the newspaper took pictures of the winners with the officers. The Easter Egg Hunt continued in the ensuing years at 2 p.m. on Easter Monday with the Sodalists providing refreshments. Around 2005 a prize was given for finding a "silver" egg in the younger group instead of for finding the least number of eggs. In 2009 secretary Sara Reynolds noted that the annual Easter Egg Hunt was held to "celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and new life." The children hunted for eggs around the chapel and hall, and prizes were awarded to the finders of the golden egg, silver egg, and most eggs in both age categories. Sara recorded that "as always, the hunt was a lot of fun." The egg hunt continued in the same way in the following years, but in 2012 Sara's minutes indicate that only six children attended the event. The decision was made to let all six hunt together and every child received a prize!

In 2015 the time of the Easter Egg Hunt was changed from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to make it easier for working mothers to bring their children and because school children were required to attend school during Easter Week. In 2017 there was a great deal of rain on Easter Sunday and the church lawn was saturated. Not wanting to disappoint the children, the moderator made a quick decision to have an Easter PARTY instead of a hunt. The word went out that there would be not cancellation of festivities and the Sodalists gave out coloring sheets and crayons and engaged the children in games in the parish hall. The six prizes were given as door prizes, snacks were served, and everyone went home happy!

The annual Sodality Easter Egg Hunt went on in usual fashion until the 2020 lockdown. However, in 2021, 19 children participated in the hunt on a beautiful Easter Monday at 4 p.m. They looked for 102 eggs and six winners received prizes which included a bicycle donated by generous benefactors! A picture was taken for the newspaper and refreshments were served.

History compiled by Charlene O. Reynolds

Using Sodality minute books and personal memories

As full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer.

–William Shakespeare

