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[ ] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [ ] We've Moved, here is our new information



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 5, 2024

### Saturday, May 4

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*  
 4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*  
 4:35 p.m. *Rosary*  
 5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Andy Godina  
 60th Wedding Anniversary

### Sunday, May 5

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
 7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
 9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
 10:00 a.m. Raymond & Rose Mary  
 Helm +

### Monday, May 6

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, May 7

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Booth +  
 8:30 a.m. *Confession*

### Wednesday, May 8

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
 6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
 7:00 p.m. Oscar Heyne +

### Thursday, May 9

8:00 a.m. Cole/Wyss Family

### Friday, May 10

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Al &  
 Mary Porrata Family

### Saturday, May 11

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*  
 4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*  
 4:35 p.m. *Rosary*  
 5:00 p.m. Darlene Coulardot +

### Sunday, May 12

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
 7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
 9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
 10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., May 6 - Easter Weekday - Acts**  
 16:11-15 / Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b / Jn 15:26—  
 16:4a

**Tues., May 7 - Easter Weekday - Acts**  
 16:22-34 / Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 / Jn 16:5-11

**Wed., May 8 - Easter Weekday - Acts**  
 17:15, 22—18:1 / Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 / Jn  
 16:12-15

**Thurs., May 9 - Easter Weekday - Acts**  
 18:1-8 / Ps 98:1-4 / Jn 16:16-20

**Fri., May 10 - Easter Weekday - St. John  
 of Avila, Priest, Doctor of the Church; St.  
 Damien de Veuster, Priest - Acts 18:9-18 /  
 Ps 47:2-7 / Jn 16:20-23a**

**Sat., May 11 - Easter Weekday - Acts**  
 18:23-28 / Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 / Jn 16:23b-28

**Sun., May 12 - The Ascension of the  
 Lord - Acts 1:1-11 / Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 / Eph  
 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mk  
 16:15-20**

This weekend (May 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**. In addition, our local parish is also celebrating First Holy Communion and May Crowning. At our 10 AM Mass, our six First Holy Communicants will, for the first time, approach the altar of the Lord's Sacrifice to receive the Holy Eucharist. May we, as a parish family, continue to support and encourage our First Holy Communicants as they continue to grow in the Faith.

Speaking of growth, I was recently asked how many baptisms we have had since the start of the year. While recording last weekend's baptism in our parish's baptismal records, I did a quick count: Our parish has celebrated ten baptisms since January! As of this moment, we are also planning for at least three additional baptisms in the coming weeks and several more to follow in the summer months. Are we as a parish growing? Resoundingly, "Yes!"

When a child is brought forth for baptism, the ritual first acknowledges the joy that comes from their birth and addresses the parents and godparents as follows: "*This community rejoices with you, for today the number of those baptized in Christ will be increased!*" How true it is that every baptism is not only a moment of great joy for each individual family, but also for our entire parish family as another soul is claimed for Christ.

The ritual continues, promising each family that our parish family will offer them "*our support in raising your child in the practice of the faith.*" We see this promise being kept both with our First Holy Communicants today and the warm welcome we show to our many new families at Mass each weekend. As the saying goes: *A parish that isn't crying is dying.* Let us continue to support one another with great charity as we work together to pass on the Faith.

One of the ways we strive to hand on the Faith to our youth is through our Religious Education classes each year. Last weekend, our classes came to a close for the summer. A special "*Thank You!*" to our volunteer catechists, Youth Group team, and Michelle, our Director of Religious Education, all of whom have given so generously of their time and talents throughout this past year. Interested in volunteering next year? Contact the Parish Office.

With the end of our Religious Education classes for this year, our parish campus is beginning to transition into "summer-mode." While we will still have a number of activities offered over the summer, this is also a time for normal upkeep and maintenance for our buildings. In addition to the normal efforts of maintaining our buildings, we will also be looking to put new coats of paint in the parish gym, the sacristy, and the parish social hall and kitchen.

This work is made possible because of your support of our parish, especially through our "Repair / Rainy Day Fund" envelope. Your financial support to this monthly collection helps to ensure the upkeep of our parish buildings for years to come. On behalf of our entire parish family, present and future, who benefits from your support, "Thank you!"

### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN - MOTHER'S DAY TO FATHER'S DAY

Next weekend, we start our annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** to support local **Helping Hands**, a pregnancy and family resource center based here in town. Baby Bottles will be available starting next weekend (*Mother's Day*) through June 16<sup>th</sup> (*Father's Day*). We encourage you to take the Baby Bottles home, fill them with loose change and donations, and then return them to Church. All Baby Bottle donations (100%) are then donated to **Helping Hands**.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS—UPCOMING EVENTS

Next weekend will be our first ever **Bike Blessing on Saturday, May 11th, at Noon in the Parking Lot**. We will be hosting **Totus Tuus for 1<sup>st</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> Graders the week of June 16<sup>th</sup>—21<sup>st</sup>**. Our **Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession** will be **after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, and will go off-campus (~0.6 miles) as we bring Jesus into our local community. After the procession, you're invited to remain for an ice cream social. ~In Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Richard Payne and Ron Dresser.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church,  
and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 PM



# Invite your Friends!

## BLESSING OF THE BIKES



**Saturday  
May 11 - Noon  
St. Joseph Church  
Parking Lot**



### ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

#### Helping Hands Pregnancy & Resource Center

Beginning Mother's Day weekend, May 11th and 12th, through Father's Day weekend, June 15th and 16th, we will be supporting the Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. We invite you to take a baby bottle home and fill with loose change or any donation. Please make checks payable to Helping Hands as 100% of the donations will be donated straight to them. Thank you for your generous support!

### ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

If so, there are many ways to serve the Church and Her members. You can start attending the Knights of Columbus meetings or the GIRL's Night Out Women's group meetings. You can sign up with the new Meal Train Ministry; become a Catechist; volunteer for Totus Tuus Summer Program or serve at any of the various ministries within the Parish. It's a wonderful way to meet new members of your Parish Family. If you are interested in learning more out about the above mentioned opportunities, please call the Parish Office at 260-824-1380.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., May 4** - Confession 4:20-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 5** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m. (May Crowning / First Holy Communion)
- **Tues., May 7** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., May 8** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., May 8** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., May 9** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., May 10** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 11** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 11** - *Blessing of Bikes* - Noon in the St. Joseph Parking lot
- **Sat., May 12** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 12** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 14** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., May 15** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., May 15** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., May 16** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., May 17** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00-6:00 p.m. / Mass 6:00 p.m.
- **Sat., May 18** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.

### Weekend of May 11 & 12



**5:00** Dan Lautzenheiser  
**7:30** Donna Geisel  
**10:00** Youth Schola



**5:00** Dan Geimer  
**7:30** Ben Wagner  
**10:00** Patti Clark-Johnson



**5:00** Volunteer to take Holy Communion to the Choir Loft  
**7:30** Twilla Herr  
**10:00** Monica Harris, Jacque Johnson, Jeff Miller



**5:00** Alex/Audrey Mechling  
**7:30** Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr  
**10:00** Grant Reifsteck, Ellie Coyne, Olivia Hoffacker

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of April 28/29

Adult Envelopes- \$3,122.00  
 Loose- \$217.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-  
 \$2,235.83

Religious Ed. Fund- \$500.00  
 Paper Gator- \$24.86

Memorial Donation- \$50.00  
**Total- \$6,149.69**

### Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$957.62 ahead of our budget for the month of April.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-  
 \$270.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph  
 Parish are greatly  
 appreciated. Thank you!*

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:  
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

### WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Dominic Luke Yagodinski, son of Nate and Veronica Yagodinski, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on Sunday, April 28, 2024 by Fr. David Violi.



### G.I.R.L.'s Night Out

The G.I.R.L.'s Night Out group will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Conference Room.

If you are in need of a ride, please call the Parish Office at 260-824-1380. All women of the Parish are Welcome!



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 - St. John Paul II

Before you speak....

**THINK!**

T - is it true?  
 h - is it helpful?  
 i - is it inspiring?  
 n - is it necessary?  
 k - is it kind?