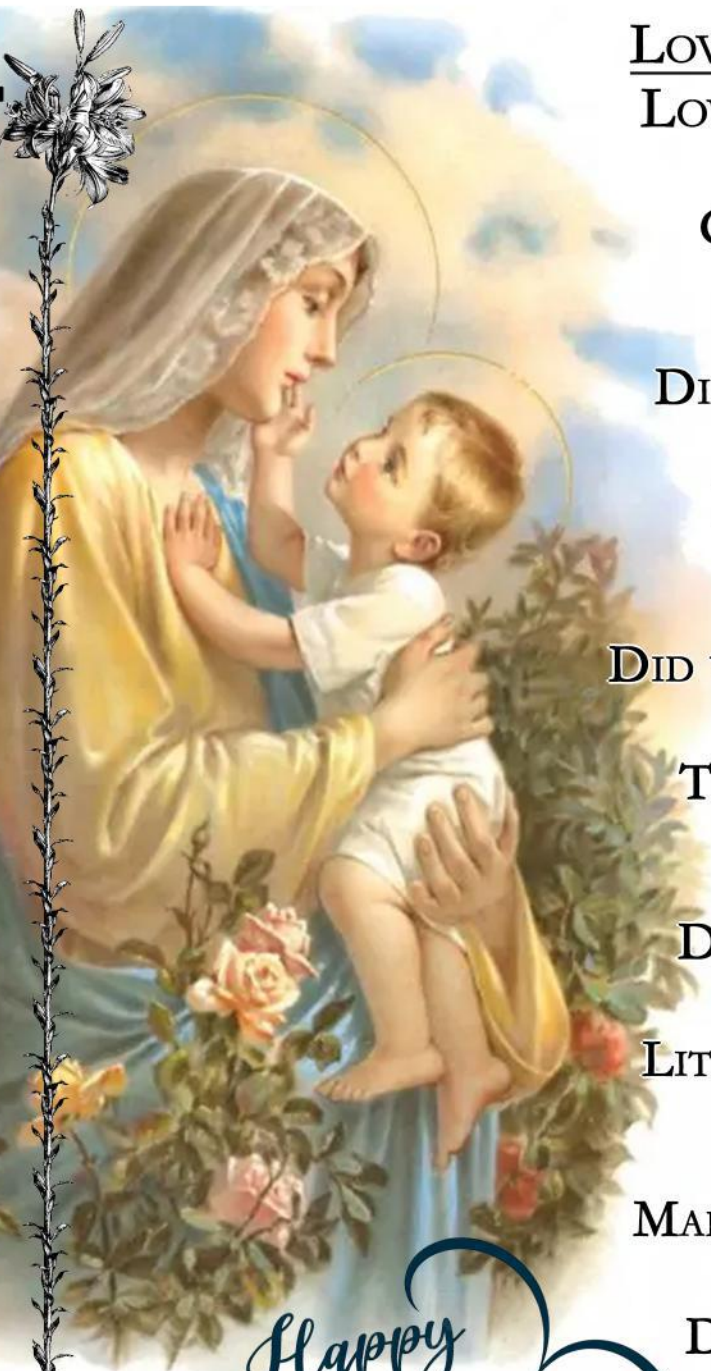


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*Happy*  
**Mother's Day**

LOVELY LADY DRESSED IN BLUE  
LOVELY LADY DRESSED IN BLUE,  
TEACH ME HOW TO PRAY!  
GOD WAS JUST YOUR LITTLE BOY,  
TELL ME WHAT TO SAY!

DID YOU LIFT HIM UP, SOMETIMES,  
GENTLY ON YOUR KNEE?

DID YOU SING TO HIM THE WAY  
MOTHER DOES TO ME?

DID YOU HOLD HIS HAND AT NIGHT?  
DID YOU EVER TRY  
TELLING STORIES OF THE WORLD?  
O! AND DID HE CRY?

DO YOU REALLY THINK HE CARES  
IF I TELL HIM THINGS,  
LITTLE THINGS THAT HAPPEN? AND  
DO THE ANGELS' WINGS

MAKE A NOISE? AND CAN HE HEAR  
ME IF I SPEAK LOW?  
DOES HE UNDERSTAND ME NOW?  
TELL ME, FOR YOU KNOW.

LOVELY LADY DRESSED IN BLUE,  
TEACH ME HOW TO PRAY!  
GOD WAS JUST YOUR LITTLE BOY,  
AND YOU KNOW THE WAY.

*Mary Dixon Thayer*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 13

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. Jerry King +

### Sunday, May 14

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +  
**Monday, May 15**

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, May 16

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

### Wednesday, May 17

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Agnes Herr

### Thursday, May 18

8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +

### Friday, May 19

8:30 a.m. Evelyn Morrissey +

### Saturday, May 20

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. Joseph & Mary Jane Krevda

### Sunday, May 21

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Chris Hartman  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, May 15 - Easter Weekday -**

**St. Isidore** - Acts 16:11-15/ Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday, May 16 - Easter Weekday - Acts**

16:22-34/ Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday, May 17 - Easter Weekday - Acts**

17:15,22—18:1/ Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday, May 18 - Easter Weekday -**

**St. John I, Pope and Martyr** - Acts 18:1-8 /

Jn 16:16-20

**Friday, May 19 - Easter Weekday - Acts 18:9-**

18/ Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday, May 20 - Easter Weekday -**

**St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest** - Acts 18:23-

28 / Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday, May 21 - The Ascension of the Lord -**

Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 14, 2023

*Welcome home to all of our college students returning to the area for summer!*

This weekend (May 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**. Throughout this **Eastertide**, our Lord continues to comfort and encourage His disciples, confirm them in the faith of His resurrection, and instruct them in the mysteries of His kingdom. These acts prepare the disciples to not only accept and understand the glories of the Risen Christ, but to be prepared to go out and preach His name to the world, as they soon will.

This coming Thursday will mark the fortieth day since **Easter Sunday**, when the **Ascension of the Lord** occurred on Mount Olivet (Luke 24:46-53). As our Lord ascends to the heavens, He promises His disciples that He will send His spirit upon them and they will then be ready to go out and preach. Traditionally known as **Ascension Thursday**, this day is celebrated as one of the holiest days of the year. In most dioceses throughout the United States, this celebration is transferred to the following Sunday to allow for greater participation at Mass.

Our nation also marks this weekend with the celebration of **Mother's Day!** We wish a **Happy Mother's Day** to all who are mothers, grandmothers, or godmothers, or who provide motherly care to others in so many ways. Mothers help to provide us with wonderful insights into what humble service and daily self-sacrifice looks like. Thank you for living out your vocation of motherhood. Know of our love, prayers, and gratitude for you.

Throughout the month of May, we also honor Mary, the Mother of God. On this weekend, may we entrust all mothers in a special way to the prayers of Our Lady, the perfect example of motherhood. Mary is not only the Mother of God, but, given to us by her Son upon the Cross (John 19:26-27), becomes a mother to us all and now intercedes for us before the throne of her Son, Jesus Christ.

### NAME THAT BELL CONTEST WINNER

After a very close vote, our Name That Bell Contest Winner is **St. Gabriel the Archangel!** When returned to our campus, the old church bell will now be dedicated under the patronage of this great archangel who serves as a messenger of the Lord and announces good news. In the same way, the bell, when rung for all to hear, will serve as a reminder of how we are called to announce the good news of Jesus Christ to our local community.

### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN—HELPING HANDS

As you leave this weekend, you are invited to take a baby bottle home with you. This yearly campaign helps to support **Helping Hands**, one of our local pregnancy and family resource centers. Baby bottles can be taken home and filled with change, dollar bills, and/or checks. Please make any checks payable to "**Helping Hands**". Please return the Baby Bottles either in the weekly collection basket or the Parish Office by the end of the month to support this good cause.

### SUNG MASS PARTS—KYRIE, ELEISON

During the majority of the liturgical year, save for Advent and Lent, it has been our parish custom to recite the *Kyrie, Eleison* (*Lord, have mercy...*) after the Penitential Rite and before the *Gloria*. Starting this month, we will begin to sing this short, yet beautiful, hymn at all weekend Masses throughout the year. The choir or cantor will first sing each acclamation (e.g. *Lord, have mercy*) which the congregation will then echo in return (*Lord, have mercy*).

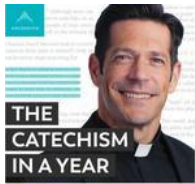
This practice is encouraged by the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM), which helps to guide our approach to liturgy. The GIRM describes the *Kyrie, Eleison* as "a chant by which the faithful acclaim the Lord and implore his mercy" and, as a chant, "it is usually executed by everyone, that is to say, with the people and the choir or cantor taking part in it" (GIRM, Paragraph #52).

Interestingly, the *Kyrie, Eleison* remains as the last remnants of Greek in the Roman Liturgy. Traced back to at least the 4<sup>th</sup> Century, this use serves to remind us that the Mass at Rome was originally offered in Greek, which is the language of the New Testament, before eventually adopting the use of Latin. ~Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Margaret Pogue.





## Catechism Chat

Wednesday, May 17th at 7:45 p.m.  
Parish Social Hall

Bring your questions and insights from your journey through the *Catechism*.

## Mother's Day, May 14th through May 31st



### HELPING HANDS

#### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

- Step 1- May 14th- Take a bottle  
Step 2- Fill it with change, cash or a check made payable to:  
**Helping Hands**  
3- Return it on or before May 31st.

## NAME THAT BELL Winner: St. Gabriel the Archangel



Bell when delivered to the Verdin Company

Bell following repair and restoration work

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., May 13** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 14** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 16** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., May 16** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., May 17** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., May 17** - Catechism Chat - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Sat., May 20** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., May 20** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 21** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 23** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., May 23** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., May 24** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., May 25** - Ask Father - 5:30 PM in the Social Hall
- **Sat., May 27** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., May 27** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 28** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., May 29** - Memorial Day - Mass 8:00 a.m.

## Weekend of May 20/21 Weekend



**5:00** Sam Smith  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Marita Crawfis



**5:00** Glenn Ryan  
**7:30** Barb Ault  
**10:00** John Vanderkolk



**10:00** Rick Singer, Jeff Miller, Diana Cole (Choir)



**5:00** Angel/Zoe Soto, Melanie Bedwell  
**7:30** Spencer McCorkle, Phillip/Jacqueline Mayer  
**10:00** Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Luke Miller

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of May 6/7

Adult Envelopes- \$4,872.00  
Loose- \$140.01

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,914.07

Votive Candles- \$15.00

Ascension- \$12.50

Parish Bulletin Ads- \$1,600.00

**Total- \$8,553.58**

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

We are \$3,437.18 ahead of our budget for the month of May.  
Online Giving for April- \$6,895.00.  
We were \$4,111.63 ahead of our budget for the month of April.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$215.00  
April Online Giving St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$245.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated.*

If you would like to set up Online Giving, please use this website...  
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - April

Utilities- \$384.38

Charitable Donations- \$1,500.00

Total Charitable Donations- \$1,884.38

*Thank you* for helping us help others!



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who packed food bags for the Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today weekend food packs for hungry kids in Wells County. Each week, volunteer groups pack the 100+ bags that are distributed to schools in Wells County.



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you "un-pregnant", it  
makes you the mother  
of a dead child.

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- is it true?  
- is it helpful?  
- is it inspiring?  
- is it necessary?  
- is it kind?



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Friday's: 3pm-8pm  
Saturday's: Noon-8pm

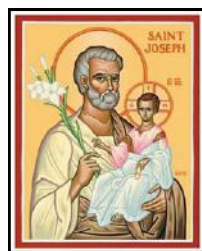
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