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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 1

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

### Sunday, May 2

#### - Fifth Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Alice Pearson  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Greg & Patty Gruss 35th Wedding Anniversary  
12:05 p.m. Rosary  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention  
2:00 p.m. First Holy Communicants

### Monday, May 3

No Morning Mass

### Tuesday, May 4

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration  
8:00 a.m. Genevieve Lohmuller +  
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confessions

### Wednesday, May 5

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Jean Steele +

### Thursday, May 6

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Flowers +

### Friday, May 7

8:30 a.m. Susan Colona +

### Saturday, May 8

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

### Sunday, May 9

#### - Sixth Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Janis Lindzy +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +  
12:05 p.m. Rosary  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 2, 2021

Congratulations to our **First Holy Communicants** (*Wyatt, Charlene, Olivia, James, Luke, and Lucas*) on receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend! May the grace of Holy Communion help them to grow in the love of God each and every day of their lives. And, may the joy that they receive in this Sacrament serve as a source of renewal for our own joy in being able to approach our Lord in Holy Communion.

Our **Easter joy** continues! Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen! Entering this weekend (May 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>) into the **Fifth Sunday of Easter**, we are just beyond the midpoint of our celebration. Our joy continues through **Ascension Thursday** (*forty days after Easter Day*) until **Pentecost Sunday**, which falls fifty days after **Easter Day**. Throughout these fifty days, we continue to celebrate that Jesus has conquered death and proclaimed life to the world.

This extended celebration of **Easter** is one that is traced to the first days of the Church. St. Ambrose, the 4th Century Bishop of Milan, states that *"our ancestors have taught us to celebrate the fifty days till Pentecost as a continuation of Easter... All these fifty days are like so many Sundays."* These continued days remind the Christian of that for which they hope: *To share in the resurrection of Jesus Christ for all eternity.*

This extended celebration is reflected even in our church decorations themselves. Though the blooms of our Easter Lilies have faded away and been clipped, peacock feathers have *"sprouted"* amidst the remaining lilies. Both the **Easter Lily** and the **Peacock Feather** have served over the years as a sign to Christians of the resurrection and eternal life. This is why they are seen adorning the Church throughout the **Easter season**.

## PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Our Parish Council will have their monthly meeting this Wednesday. The Parish Council serves as an advisory board to help in the administration and governance of our parish. At our monthly meetings, we discuss upcoming events and the overall life and direction of the parish. For the past three years, our six-member Parish Council has served as a tremendous help to me since being installed as pastor of St. Joseph.

At this time, we are now ready to begin a rotating Parish Council. In this model, **each council member is asked to serve a three-year term**. This means that, **every year, two of our existing council members will retire and two new members will be added**. This both allows a variety of voices to be heard on the council and does not allow the council to become an overly burdensome obligation for its members.

At the end of the month, two of our long-standing council members will be retiring: David Huss and Michael Lautzenheiser. Both have served for the past three years, as well as for a number of years in the past under many of our previous pastors. I thank them for their dedication to our parish and their assistance to me over the past three years.

Later this month, **we will open nominations for the Parish Council**. You may nominate yourself or any other parishioner. Once nominations are received, I will contact all those nominated to ensure that they accept. At the end of the month, we will entrust the decision to the Holy Spirit as we draw the names of our two new Parish Council members. I ask that you discern whether God may be calling you to serve on the Parish Council at this time.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Mon., May 3 - Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

- 1 Cor 15:1-8/ Jn 14:6-14

### Tues., May 4 - Easter Weekday - Acts 14:19-28/ Jn 14:27-31a

### Wed., May 5 - Easter Weekday - Acts 15:1-6/ Jn 15:1-8

### Thurs., May 6 - Easter Weekday - Acts 15:7-21/ Jn 15:9-11

### Fri., May 7 - Easter Weekday - Acts 15:22-31/ Jn 15:12-17

### Sat., Apr. May 8 - Easter Weekday - Acts 16:1-10/ Jn 15:18-21

### Sun., May 9 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day - Acts 10:25-26,34-35 or 44-48/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Jimmy Robbins, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, John Houlihan, Tom Courtney, Nora LaVine and Pete Geels.





First Friday Adoration May 7 - Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Low Mass (Latin) Sacred Heart of Jesus - 6:00 p.m.

How many things Jesus tells us in our heart, when we stand at  
His feet, if we are careful to listen to His voice!  
Bl. Giovanni Maria Boccardo

Come and spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.  
Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, May 4 with recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., May 1 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 1 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 2 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., May 2 - First Holy Communion Mass- 2:00 p.m.
- Tues., May 4 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Tues., May 4 - Knights of Columbus meeting- Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church / meeting at 7:00 Parish Social Hall.
- Wed., May 5 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., May 5 - Parish Council Meeting following 7:00 p.m. Mass.
- Fri., May 7 - First Friday Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Low Mass Sacred Heart of Jesus (Latin) 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., May 8 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 8 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 9 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sat./Sun., May 8/9 Weekend - Please pick up your Mixes in a Jar in the Conference Room before or after all Masses. Thank you for your help with our Bolivian Mission Fundraiser!
- Tues., May 11 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Tues., May 11 - St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.
- Wed., May 12 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., May 15 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 15 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 16 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.



### Mixes in a Jar Fundraiser

Jars will be available for pick up the weekend of May 8/9 after all Masses in the Parish Conference Room. Jars will be arranged in ABC order on the tables and your name will be attached to your filled order. Thank you again for your support in our fundraising efforts. Enjoy your goodies!



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Sunday, June 27  
7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
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### RAISED BEDS UPDATE!

The raised beds are almost ready for plants. Please call the parish office if you are interested in one of the beds.



### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report April 24/25 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$4,284.00  
Child Envelopes- \$3.00  
Loose- \$202.85  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$2,394.67  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$10.00  
Paper Gator- \$31.31  
Votive Candles- \$50.00  
**Total- \$6,975.83**

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

We are \$6,212.36 ahead of our budget for the month of April.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$110.00

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